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HIGHLIGHTS

The Minnesota Miracle

Addressing state legislators at the Minnesota Horizons Legislative Conference on Jan. 15, Dr. Julia Friedman, professor, Macalester College, St. Paul, said Minnesota doesn't need to abandon its 1970s tax policy goals to achieve tax reform in the 1980s. Proposed tax reform legislation would give Minnesota a fair tax policy and good economic growth.

In the early 1970s the "Minnesota Miracle" set up progressive tax policy goals to:

- increase state funding for public education;
- decrease imbalance among local property taxes; and
- base tax burden on person's ability to pay.

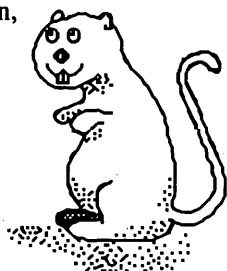
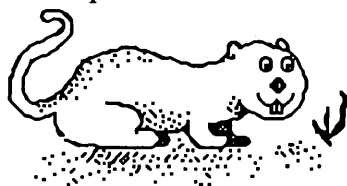
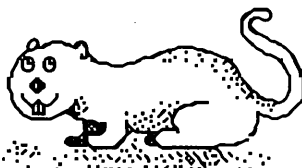
To keep these goals and achieve tax reform, Friedman says the state needs to take a targeted approach to tax reform. Some of this targeting would involve state assistance for communities with insufficient tax funds to provide local services, such as law enforcement. Other targeted areas involve helping low income people pay their taxes and seeing that the wealthy pay a higher percentage of income tax than the poor.

Friedman assured legislators that the goals of the Minnesota Miracle are well in reach. She also emphasized the need for Minnesota to commit to focus and target its areas of tax reform, so the state doesn't jeopardize these goals.

It's a fact!

Minnesota is known as the "Gopher State." Why?

Not because Minnesota has a lot of gophers, but because a famous 1857 political cartoon lampooned the Legislature for passing a \$5 million bonding bill. The cartoon depicted rail leaders as gophers pulling the "gopher train" over the bending backs of taxpayers. From this cartoon, came Minnesota's nickname, the "Gopher State."



Learners at risk

Students in Minnesota's education system are "at risk," because they face difficulties in learning, growing, and developing due to interruptions, distractions, or disturbances. Many of these obstacles occur because of absent parents, unstable homes, poverty, drug or chemical use, and teen pregnancy, according to conference presentors at an education conference for House and Senate members Jan. 14.

Speakers from education and corporate organizations talked about these issues to help policymakers understand the situation Minnesota's education system faces with students who are "at risk," and the future implications of this problem.

Conference workshops encouraged state legislators to speak and voice their concerns and intentions to introduce and support legislation that would help reduce

the number of "at risk" Minnesota children. As educators see it, a few of the issues facing legislators this session include designing legislation to:

- create better licensing procedures that will ensure high quality before and after school daycare;
- increase the number and quality of pre-school agencies to help children from birth to five years--the most vulnerable age group for learners at risk;
- create more care centers to decrease the number of "latch-key" children who are at home after school without adult supervision;
- create an adult literacy campaign; and
- create programs to lower the rate of teenage mother dropouts.

Because many "at risk" students are from low-income families, the issue corresponds with those of welfare reform. Proposed legislation in the Minnesota House usually goes to the House Health and Human Services Committee, chaired by Lee Greenfield (DFL--Mpls), for study and public hearing.

Minnesota's economy

Minnesota's economy tends to track national cycles of growth and decline. But by 1990, forecasters expect the Minnesota economy will outrun national figures in number of jobs and per capita income.

This information and more came at the fourth Minnesota Horizons Legislative Conference, "Turning Point to the '90s," in St. Paul, Jan. 13.

Briefing legislators on economic trends, Prof. James Houck of the U of M, said national economic policies and international trade strongly influence the state's economy.

Says Houck, "International trade not only affects the state's mining, manufacturing and agriculture industries, it also rips the social fabric Minnesota is made of."

Reviewing U.S. trade activity, Houck says imports are more evident in the 1980s. Prior to that, he says imports and exports closely paralleled. Today, imported goods make up 21 percent of the domestic market. This, along with the federal budget deficit and the high dollar, undercuts economic growth, Houck says.

He also says the move from manufacturing to a service-based economy is a continuing trend.

Statistics from the State Planning Agency show service-producing industries such as retail trade, professional services, finance, transportation, and communications, have dominated the state's employment growth and earnings for the last 15 years.

Houck predicts national economic policies and international events will remain prominent in the Minnesota economy. State legislatures, he cautioned, must try to provide a cushion (e.g. retraining,

relocating, and early retirement) for those who feel the impact of economic change in the job market.

Government and state economy

How is a changing economy affecting Minnesota industry, jobs, families, and the workforce? Dr. Philip Raup, professor emeritus in agricultural and applied economics, University of Minnesota, gave legislators an overview of the problems and talked about government's role in the solutions at the Minnesota Horizons Legislative Conference Jan. 13.

Raup says service industries are growing fast in Minnesota, among them communications. He says, to accommodate that growth, state government should build telecommunication systems as it once built roads and brought electricity to rural areas.

However, he says social and economic change inevitably will cause unemployment and displace people, and government often creates problems when it tries to stop these effects. For example, he says government rent subsidies keep people living in areas that can't support them economically. So he suggests legislators use caution in creating jobs and assistance programs.

Raup says, too, that urban and rural economies are very similar, that technology, the changing family, and the changing nature of work affect them both. He pointed to growing numbers of people who work part time, more women in the workforce, and more people changing jobs and careers.

In families, Raup says, young people leave home and move into their own apartments at an earlier age than they did a decade ago. More elderly people live alone in their own condominiums or homes, he said.

These family changes cost more and add to individual debt. Government debt increases as government creates programs to help single-person households, Raup says.

According to Raup, when baby-boomers came of age in the '70s, some agricultural family businesses took out mortgages to help their children take over or expand. But land values plummeted in the '80s and many had to go out of business.

In the face of all of this, Raup says labor laws aren't keeping pace. Modern technology makes it possible for people to work at home, but Raup says laws often prevent it. He says the minimum wage is too high in many rural areas where the cost of living is lower than in cities, and small businesses can't afford to hire. He also says strict bonding and licensing laws stifle small businesses.

Low-level radioactive waste site

Low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) comes in many forms, including contaminated lab equipment, luminous dials, sealed radiation sources, wiping rags, protective clothing, hand tools, vials, needles, test tubes, animal carcasses, filter and liquid resins, and internal components for reactors. Radioactivity levels are considered relatively small, but potentially harmful. LLRW is not considered as dangerous as high-level wastes, so it requires less rigorous isolation from the environment for a shorter period of time.

At a University of Minnesota conference, Jan. 12, Minnesota state legislators, staff, and others discussed choosing an LLRW storage site. Speakers from the Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the State Attorney General's Office contributed information on the topic.

Minnesota, with six other states (Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin), formed the Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact in response to laws the federal government passed in the early 1980s. In turn, the compact appointed the Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission to:

- develop policies for reducing the amount of LLRW the region produces;
- determine the type and number of facilities needed to manage the waste; and
- identify a host state(s) responsible for those facilities.

Minnesota faces two federally set milestones (deadlines) this year. On Feb. 27, the commission will name four possible host states, using as criteria the amount of waste each state generates and its radioactivity level. Then a 90-day "withdrawal clock" begins, when the four states can decide whether to remain in the compact. At the end of May (the second milestone), if no state has volunteered to host the facility, the commission will make the decision.

If Minnesota is one of the four states the commission names in February, legislators face a number of questions in the coming months. The issue is likely to come before the House and Senate Environment and Natural Resources committees.

Education needs

Educators from around the state called for stable, sufficient, and fair funding as they told Education Committee members of their needs for the next two years.

At the Jan. 12 meeting, speakers for metro education groups and groups from greater Minnesota put in their bid for legislative programs and financial support. They pointed to larger decreases in funding compared to other states and said making school programs work takes a stable source.

"We cannot operate schools well when funding is going up and down as it has in the past few years," said Bob Astrup, president of Minnesota Education Association. "It's impossible for administrators to put together programs and have any kind of coordinated effort. It's tremendously difficult unless the funding is stable," he said.

Legislators say they'll look for ways to improve the quality of Minnesota education without increasing funds, but they'll also ask educators to make suggestions for improving programs.

Department of Finance report

Jay Kiedrowski, commissioner of finance, presented the Department of Finance's (DOF) Proposed Fiscal Agenda (1987-91) and Budget Stability Report to the Appropriations Committee Jan. 12.

The Proposed Fiscal Agenda includes six recommendations for state budgeting:

- maintain or improve credit rating;
- halt short-term borrowing;
- sustain budget stability;
- slow state spending;
- redesign public services to make them more effective and accountable; and
- reform tax structure.

The Budget Stability Report, subtitled *The Limits of Forecasting--Creating a Manageable Budget*, explains why state budget forecasts are wrong, leaving the state with unexpected shortfalls or surpluses. Since 1979, biennial forecasts have had a nine percent (or \$900 million) average error, the report says. Dealing with these errors often means changing public services and commitments to taxpayers. According to the report, incorrect forecasts result from complicated, changing relationships among the national economy, the state economy, the tax system and state spending.

Kiedrowski says because forecast errors are inevitable, DOF makes two recommendations for achieving budget stability. First, the legislature and administration should have a budget plan that anticipates budget deficits or surpluses. Second, DOF recommends budgets for annual, rather than biennial, cycles.

Glenn Nelson, state economist (DOF), and Nellie Johnson, deputy commissioner (DOF), went over the Minnesota Quarterly Financial Report for the Committee, and Brian Roherty, assistant commissioner (DOF), presented this session's budgeting calendar.

Rep. Glen Anderson (DFL-Bellingham), committee chair, said the Appropriations Committee will discuss the capital budget and sale of bonds for state construction projects at its next meeting.

Notes

Resolution protesting use of Minnesota National Guard in Central America was before the House Rules and Legislative Administration Committee Jan. 13. The committee recommended the resolution to pass. It goes next to the House floor.

Lottery issue's back on the legislative agenda in HF4. Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) introduced the bill Jan. 12 and says, "It would be beneficial if people would tell their representatives and senators that they want the right to vote 'yes' or 'no' on the lottery."

"Minnesota Horizons--Turning Point to the '90s," a legislative conference for state policymakers, focused on three policy areas: the rural and urban economy; human needs and the human services system; and the state's tax and finance structures. Speakers talked about emerging trends at local, national, and international levels that will shape Minnesota state policy in the 1990s. (See Highlights)

Learners at risk include: 8,790 school dropouts in 1984-85; 5,235 child-bearing girls age 19 and under in 1983; 23,649 abused or neglected children reported in 1984; and 15,608 cases of delinquency and status offenses involving children and youth processed through Juvenile Court in 1984. (See Highlight)

Minnesota observes the 200th anniversary of the U.S.

Constitution this year. Delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the constitution on Sept. 17, 1787, and the necessary nine states ratified it by June 21, 1788. It went into effect March 4, 1789, nearly 13 years after the nation's founding by the Declaration of Independence. During most of the interim, the Articles of the Confederation governed the country.

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BILL INTRODUCTIONS

January 9-15, 1987

House Bill Introductions Monday, Jan. 12

HF1--Olson, K (DFL)-- Agriculture

Agriculture; extending and financing the mediation and interest rate buy-down programs; appropriating money; amending laws.

HF2--Schoenfeld (DFL)-- Economic Development/Housing

Economic development; rural development; renaming and providing powers to the agricultural resource loan guaranty board; establishing a mineral resources program; establishing a 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 department of energy and economic development; 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; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF4--Osthoff (DFL)--General Legislation, Veterans Affairs/Gaming

Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIII, section 5; allowing the legislature to authorize certain lotteries.

HF5--DeBlieck (DFL)--Taxes

Taxation; individual income; expanding the exclusion for pension income; amending statutes.

HF6--Milbert (DFL)--Taxes

Taxation; individual income; expanding the exclusion for pension income; amending statutes.

HF7--O'Connor (DFL)--Taxes

Taxation; property; providing for delayed assessment of valuation increases due to the rehabilitation of buildings; proposing coding for new law in statutes.

HF8--Wenzel (DFL)--Judiciary

Crimes; imposing a mandatory minimum sentence on persons who commit criminal vehicular operation resulting in death; amending statutes.

HF9--O'Connor (DFL)--Taxes

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

HF10--Wenzel (DFL)-- Judiciary

Crimes; providing for life imprisonment without parole for persons convicted of premeditated murder in the first degree; eliminating juvenile jurisdiction over minors 14 years old and older accused of murder or manslaughter; expanding the crime of murder in the second degree to cover the unintentional killing of certain young children; increasing penalties and imposing mandatory minimum sentences for certain homicides and other crimes; clarifying the elements of manslaughter in the first degree; prohibiting waiver of certain mandatory minimum sentencing provisions; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF11--Begich (DFL)-- Governmental Operations

Tax forfeited land; providing for the sale of a certain tract.

HF12--Rukavina (DFL)-- Governmental Operations

Retirement; increasing retirement and survivor benefits for certain retired members of the Virginia firefighters' relief association and surviving spouses of deceased members.

HF13--Rukavina (DFL)-- Local/Urban Affairs

Alcoholic beverages; authorizing St. Louis county to issue one off-sale license.

HF14--Begich (DFL)--Labor- Management Relations

Unemployment compensation; regulating the receipt of benefits; providing that wages for volunteer firefighter services not be deducted for benefit calculation purposes; amending statutes.

HF15--Sviggum (IR)-- Local/Urban Affairs

The city of Red Wing; directing the department of energy and economic development to refund a certain bond deposit; appropriating money.

HF16--Redalen (IR)-- Transportation

Traffic regulations; specifying colors of slow moving vehicle emblems; amending statutes.

HF17--McEachern (DFL)-- Education

Education; making a technical correction to the compulsory attendance law; amending statutes.

HF18--Ogren (DFL)-- Health/Human Services

Human services; allowing recovery of medical assistance payments upon the death of recipient; amending statutes.

HF19--Ogren (DFL)--Judiciary
Probate; including certain agencies as successors who may collect personal property by affidavit; amending statutes.

HF20--Ogren (DFL)--Commerce

Commerce; modifying the maximum finance on certain open end credit sales; amending statutes.

HF21--Carlson, D (IR)--Governmental Operations

State employees; permitting direct deposit of pay in financial institutions; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF22--Forsythe (IR)--Governmental Operations

Retirement; authorizing certain members of the public employees retirement association to elect a benefit conversion.

HF23--Kahn (DFL)--Health/Human Services

Health; requiring a hospital administrator to request an organ or tissue donation for purposes of the uniform anatomical gift act; proposing coding for new law.

HF24--Simoneau (DFL)--Transportation

Drivers' licenses; requiring certain notice on uniform traffic ticket; providing penalty for failure to respond to summons and complaint on uniform traffic ticket; prohibiting issuance of warrants on persons failing to pay fines for parking violations; establishing system for collecting unpaid fines; providing for and allocating drivers' license reinstatement fees; amending statutes.

HF25--Simoneau (DFL)--Transportation

Traffic regulations; requiring motor vehicle operators to use child passenger restraint system when transporting child under age of four; imposing penalty; amending statutes.

HF26--Simoneau (DFL)--Labor-Management Relations

Workers' compensation; providing for the organization and powers of the state compensation insurance fund; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF27--Simoneau (DFL)--Commerce

Corporations; regulating control share acquisitions; delaying the effective date of certain amendments; amending laws.

HF28--Skoglund (DFL)--Financial Institutions/Insurance

Financial institutions; extending the EFT law to terminals located on the premises of a financial institution; amending statutes.

HF29--Skoglund (DFL)--Transportation

Traffic regulations; requiring motor vehicle operators to use child passenger restraint system when transporting child under age of four; assessing court costs to violator under certain conditions; imposing penalty; amending statutes.

HF30--Skoglund (DFL)--Commerce

Consumer protection; requiring certain disclosures regarding the quality of replacement parts used in certain repairs and appraisals; amending statutes.

HF31--Skoglund (DFL)--Labor-Management Relations

Labor; prohibiting the charging of a fee in connection with a job application; providing penalties; proposing coding for new law.

HF32--Skoglund (DFL)--Health/Human Services

Consumer protection; prohibiting vending machine sales of tobacco and tobacco products; providing remedies; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF33--Skoglund (DFL)--General Legislation, Veterans Affairs/Gaming

Elections; changing the time for holding precinct caucuses; amending statutes.

HF34--Carruthers (DFL)--Judiciary

Corporations; providing for modification of liability of directors; amending statutes.

HF35--Thiede (IR)--Governmental Operations

A resolution memorializing Congress of ratification of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for a delay in an increase in compensation to members of Congress until an intervening election of representatives has occurred.

HF36--Olsen, S (IR)--Transportation

Motor vehicles; establishing fees for personalized license plates; allowing credit for certain fees paid; amending statutes.

HF37--Redalen (IR)--Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; requiring refunds on agricultural leases; proposing coding for new law.

HF38--Olsen, S (IR)--Taxes

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

HF39--Shaver (IR)--Governmental Operations

State government; rejecting salary adjustments for legislators and constitutional officers recommended by the compensation council.

HF40--McPherson (IR)--Governmental Operations

State government; rejecting salary adjustments for legislators and constitutional officers recommended by the compensation council.

HF41--Milbert (DFL)--Judiciary

Data privacy; providing for the classification of data in certain adoption reports; amending statutes.

Thursday, Jan. 15

HF42--Pappas (DFL)--Labor-Management Relations

Employment; regulating substance abuse testing of employees and job applicants; establishing certification program of substance abuse testing facilities; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF43--Bauerly (DFL)--Transportation

Motor vehicles; providing for special license plates for Vietnam era veterans; amending statutes.

HF44--Simoneau (DFL)--Judiciary

Nonprofit corporations; authorizing the elimination or limitation of a director's personal liability to the corporation or its members; proposing coding for new law.

HF45--Orenstein (DFL)--Judiciary

Commerce; revising the Uniform Trade Secret Act; clarifying remedies; amending statutes.

HF46--Jacobs (DFL)--Regulated Industries

Alcoholic beverages; permitting certain transactions by brewers and wholesalers; authorizing cities to issue temporary off-sale licenses for the sale of vintage wine at auctions; amending statutes.

HF47--Krueger (DFL)--Education

Education; allowing a school district to use a state compatible financial reporting system without going through a regional center and without state board approval; amending statutes

HF48--Begich (DFL)--Taxes

Taxation; requiring recomputation of certain corporate taxes; providing for purchase of health insurance policies for certain employees; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF49--Begich (DFL)--Taxes

Taxation; income; regulating certain trade or business expense deductions of corporations; requiring the posting of a bond to protect employee benefit plans; amending statutes.

HF50--Begich (DFL)--Labor-Management Relations

Employment; requiring employers offering certain benefit plans to maintain bonds sufficient to guarantee those benefits; proposing coding for new law.

HF51--Wenzel (DFL)--Education

School districts; changing the qualifying percentage of agricultural valuation for minimum aid from 60 to 55; amending statutes.

HF52--Ogren (DFL)--Labor-Management Relations

Labor; removing an exception from overtime and minimum wage laws for certain ski facility employees; amending statutes.

HF53--Ogren (DFL)--Commerce

Historical preservation; directing to archaeological site assessment and tourism study of the Fond du Lac area; appropriating funds.

HF54--Ogren (DFL)--Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; appropriating funds for control and removal of beaver.

HF55--Carlson, D (IR)--Taxes

Taxation; extending the pension exclusion to recipients of federal law enforcement officers' pensions under age 65; amending statutes.

HF56--Nelson, D (DFL)--Environment/Natural Resources

Health; requiring mosquito research and management activities to be ecologically nondisruptive; amending statutes.

HF57--Gruenes (IR)--Transportation

Highways; abolishing restrictions on disposition of right-of-way of trunk highway No. 15 in St. Cloud; repealing laws.

HF58--Gruenes (IR)--Appropriations

Appropriations; providing for a payment for certain improvements in the city of St. Cloud.

HF59--Price (DFL)--Environment/Natural Resources

Watercraft; requiring titling for certain watercraft; regulating perfection of security interests in watercraft; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF60--Tjornhom (IR)--Governmental Operations

State government; rejecting salary adjustments for legislators and constitutional offices recommended by the compensation council.

HF61--Beard (DFL)--Health/Human Services

Health; requiring a hospital administrator to request an organ or tissue donation; proposing coding for new law.

HF62--Ogren (DFL)--Local/Urban Affairs

Libraries; permitting the joint financing of their construction among government units; allowing cities and counties to levy above limits for library construction; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF63--Krueger (DFL)--Environment/Natural Resources

Environment; providing for the recycling of beverage containers; establishing a minimum redemption value for certain beverage containers; establishing recycling centers; providing for the payment of incentives to promote recycling of beverage containers; providing for administration by the pollution control agency; requiring reports; establishing the beverage container recycling fund; establishing the beverage container recycling advisory committee and providing for its duties; providing penalties; and appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF64--Kostohryz (DFL)--General Legislation, Veterans Affairs/Gaming

Charitable gambling; changing the effective date for collection of certain taxes by distributors; amending laws.

Bill Introductions Cont. Thursday, Jan. 15

HF65--Lasley (DFL)-- Commerce

Consumer protection; requiring cash refunds for goods returned on certain retail sales; providing an exception; proposing coding for new law.

HF66--Johnson, A (DFL)-- Transportation

A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact an extension of the federal highway program at the earliest possible date.

HF67--Begich (DFL)-- Governmental Operations

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to adopt amendments to the Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE January 19-23, 1987



Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, is an official holiday for the House of Representatives and there will be no business conducted on the day.

Tuesday, January 20

8:00 a.m.

• AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations

Room 400S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: Overview from the Board of Boxing and the Minnesota Trade Office.

• EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations

Room 300N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: General orientation of Higher Education Systems: 1) State Board of Vocational Technical Education; 2) Higher Education Coordinating Board (includes overview of Average Cost Funding).

• GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: Departmental overviews; Jobs & Training-Joe Samargia and Administrative Hearings-Duane Harves.

• TAXES

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss. Agenda: 1) Organizational matters. 2) Overview of Minnesota's major taxes; Individual-Corporate and Sales.

10:00 a.m.

• COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room. Chr. Rep. John

Sarna. Agenda: Overview of the Department of Commerce by Commissioner Mike Hatch.

• ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: Introductory meeting; overview by Jack Ditmore, Deputy Director of the State Planning Agency and Chairman of the Environmental Quality Board.

• HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield. Agenda: Overview of issues affecting the Department of Human Services by Commissioner Sandra Gardebring.

12:00 noon

• ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Todd Otis. Agenda: 1) Introductions. 2) Procedures. 3) Overview of the state economy from Professor Wilbur Maki, Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Minnesota.

• JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room. Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly. Agenda: HF34 (Carruthers) Corporations; providing for the modification of liability of directors. HF41 (Milbert) Data privacy; providing for the classification of data in certain adoption reports. HFxxx (Orenstein) Commerce; revising the Uniform Trade Secret Act; clarifying remedies.

• LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Room 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. David Battaglia. Agenda: Presentation by Gary Currie of House Research on cities, counties and state/local relations.

3:00 p.m.

• The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

After Session

• ST. LOUIS COUNTY DELEGATION

Room 500N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy. Agenda: John Ongaro-proposes 1987 legislative agenda. 2) Strategy for Commitment to Focus. 3) Other.

4:30 p.m.

• AGRICULTURE FINANCE DIVISION/Agriculture

Basement Hearing Room sob. Chr. Rep. Jerry Schoenfeld. Agenda: HF1; Interest Rate Buy-Down Program.

Wednesday, January 21

8:00 a.m.

• APPROPRIATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson. Agenda: Overview of Capital Budget requests for Judicial Building and State Historical Center.

• EDUCATION

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern. Agenda: 1) Public affairs presentation-WCCO. 2) Historical summary of state education policy trends, Dan Loritz, State Planning Agency. 3) Governor's visionary plan for education, Ruth Randall, Commissioner of Education.

ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE January 19-23, 1987

• GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: Department overviews from Brian Roherty, Budget Director of the Department of Finance; Maryanne Kirby from the Legislative Commission for Review of Administrative Rules; and Administration.

10:00 a.m.

• HIGHER EDUCATION

Room 500N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros. Agenda: Dave Longanecker, Executive Director of the Higher Education Coordinating Board, an overview of higher education; Presentation on the University of Minnesota from U. of M. President Kenneth Keller.

• METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Room 500S sob. Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff. Agenda: To be announced.

12:00 noon

• FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Wes Skoglund. Agenda: Presentation from the Department of Commerce; banking/insurance overview.

• TRANSPORTATION

Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: HF66 Johnson, A.) Memorializing Congress to release highway monies; introduction to Department of Transportation personnel; Presentation of Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) biennium budget; and discussion of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax.

2:00 p.m.

• EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education

Room 300N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Kenneth Nelson. Agenda: Members of the Governor's Discussion Group on Education will respond to the Question, "How might the education system in Minnesota be improved without the expenditure of additional money?"

• LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich. Agenda: Overview of the Department of Labor & Industry

from Commissioner Ray Bohn and other representatives.

Thursday, January 22

8:00 a.m.

• EDUCATION

DIVISION/Appropriations

Room 300N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: General orientation of higher education systems-Community Colleges, State Universities, and the University of Minnesota.

• HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION/Appropriations

Room 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Report from Welfare Reform Commission.

• STATE DEPARTMENT

DIVISION/Appropriations

Room 300S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: General overview of Joint Legislative Commissions/Agencies from Janet Lund, Director, Legislative Coordinating Commission; Presentations from Joint Legislative Commissions/Agencies.

• GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: Nina Rothschild, Employee Relations; Howard Bicker, State Board of Investments; and Joan Growe, Secretary of State.

• TAXES

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss. Agenda: Continued from 1-20-87; The property tax system and state-local fiscal issues.

10:00 a.m.

• ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: Overview by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Pollution Control Agency (PCA).

• HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield. Agenda: Department of Human Services mental health proposal by Assistant Commissioner Allyson Ashley.

12:00 noon

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

After Session

• ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Todd Otis. Agenda: Overview of the state economy from 1) Glenn Nelson, State Economist, Department of Finance. 2) Deputy Commissioner Lee Munnich, Department of Energy and Economic Development.

1:00 p.m.

• GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Room 500S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz. Agenda: 1) Organizational meeting, naming of sub-committee chairs and members. 2) Remarks from Commissioner William Gregg and Deputy Commissioner Jeff Olson, Department of Veterans Affairs; Roger Frank, Charitable Gambling Control Board; Individuals and/or groups as affected by Charitable Gambling laws.

2:00 p.m.

• ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Todd Otis. Agenda: Overview of the state economy from 1) Glenn Nelson, State Economist, Department of Finance. 2) Deputy Commissioner Lee Munnich, Department of Energy and Economic Development.

Friday, January 16

No meetings scheduled

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