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Wastewater treatment facilities

As many as 189 Minnesota municipalities are in need of new or improved wastewater treatment facilities, and some don't have much time, said Tim Scherkenbach of the Pollution Control Agency (PCA). They must meet federal water quality standards by July 1, 1988.

Scherkenbach, at the Local and Urban Affairs Committee meeting Jan. 29, updated lawmakers on PCA's 10-year plan to get the state in compliance with federal regulation.

He says 468 municipalities are in compliance, but many small communities on the national policy list are waiting for funding to complete first-time sewage-control projects. Also, Scherkenbach says, 20 percent of the sewers in St. Paul, Minneapolis, and South St. Paul are separate.

Scherkenbach estimates the state and its municipalities will have to pay out \$400 million over the upcoming years to complete the 10-year plan. Eighty-four million dollars would come

from the federal government, he says.

After the federal compliance deadline, Scherkenbach says a revolving loan fund will replace state and federal grant programs. Municipalities would use the fund to upgrade wastewater treatment facilities.

Education budget

Commissioner of Education Ruth Randall says she's delighted that the governor has kept his promise and made education number one in his proposed budget.

Randall and members of the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee took their first look at the governor's new budget proposal on Jan 28.

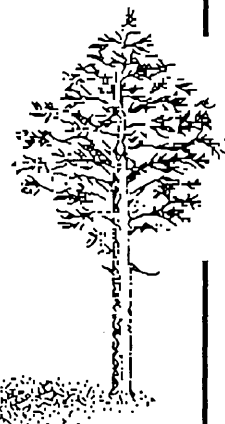
Education programs are the biggest budget winners. Under the governor's plan, education funding would go up \$570 million, an increase of 14 percent.

Twenty-six percent of state money would go directly to school districts as foundation aid. The state would also give school districts another 20 percent to help reduce school

It's a fact!

In 1953, the Legislature adopted the Norway or Red Pine as Minnesota's official state tree.

The tree takes its name, Red Pine, from the pale red color of the heartwood and the reddish color of the bark. More often, Minnesotans call it the Norway Pine. Minnesota's record Norway, 120-feet tall and 116-inches around, grows in Itasca State Park. Tall and straight, the Norway Pine is the state's outstanding timber producer.



property taxes.

Randall said the governor, through his plan, hopes to challenge school districts with incentive programs, and not mandate action. Money would be available to schools that start improvement programs such as staff development and open enrollment, she said.

Crime victim emergency aid

"We receive several calls each week from victims who are in need of immediate, small types of cash assistance to provide them with immediate safety needs, shelter needs, or needs that cannot be met through other sources of assistance," says Fern Sepler-King.

Sepler-King, who is the executive director of the Crime Victim and Witness Advisory Council, spoke in favor of HF144 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul) before the Judiciary Committee Jan. 27.

The bill would create a special fund that would allow law enforcement officials to offer on-the-spot assistance to people who've suffered personal or property damage.

According to Sepler-King, the money could be paid directly to victims, or wherever possible, directly to those providing goods or services to a crime victim.

The Judiciary Committee recommended the bill to pass. It goes next to the Appropriations Committee.

Day care

Student representatives from state colleges, universities and AVTIs called for affordable, quality on-campus child care during their meeting with the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee members Jan 27.

Students say the increasing number of non-traditional students places a greater burden on campus day care.

University of Minnesota students compete for space in three on campus facilities, according to University representative Bob Trewartha. He said the system serves only 300 children of the estimated 2,600 students who need to find day care. The limited space leaves 400 to 500 students on waiting lists each semester, he said.

AVTI student Jon Olson told committee members that less than one-third of Minnesota's 34 AVTI campuses currently have child care facilities. He said affordable, dependable child care is an especially important issue to students who attend AVTI classes in rural areas of Minnesota.

Students stress the fact that available child care is an access issue for older students who must find affordable day care services before they can return to school. They urge legislators to strengthen state-funded child care facilities on campuses throughout the state.

Environmental issues

Environmental groups made their legislative priorities known at an Environment and Natural Resources Committee meeting Jan. 27. People representing the Audubon Society, Clean Water Action Project, Izaak Walton League, Minnesota Public Interest Research Group, League of Women Voters of Minnesota, The Nature Conservancy, RIM Coalition, and Sierra Club presented background information on their organizations and voiced concerns such as:

- additional funding for the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) project;
- pollution issues, including storage and disposal of hazardous wastes (both low-level radioactive wastes and household hazardous wastes); and
- a mandatory deposit on beverage containers.

Mail order sales tax

Direct marketing sellers could begin collecting sales and use tax for states in which they sell.

A proposed resolution, HF 135 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls), would allow Minnesota to collect substantial revenue from mail order purchases in the state that it can't collect under a 20-year-old Supreme Court ruling. The Taxes Committee recommended passage of the resolution Jan. 27.

Chief author McLaughlin says, "Minnesota businesses are at a significant disadvantage because the mail order companies don't charge sales tax. There's a significant loss of state revenue--revenues that are rightly due the state."

According to Dorothy McClung, director of legal and legislative affairs, Department of Revenue, Minnesota is losing about \$30 million a year from sales tax revenue due to mail order business. She says the resolution would require companies to collect taxes for all states in which they sell.

If the Minnesota Legislature passes the resolution, it will go on to Congress.

Funding for State Departments Agencies

Legislative analyst Lisa Larson presented the 1987 House Research guide "Funding for State Departments Agencies" to the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee Jan. 27.

The guide gives sources of funding for the nearly 50 state agencies that receive funding through House and Senate State Departments Divisions. "The guide shows the relationship between the type of funding structure the Legislature selects for an agency and the extent of control the Legislature has over that agency," Larson says.

It's the first such guide the research department has produced, and Chair

Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) says, "It is one of the most useful documents I've ever seen."

Less money for states

Attorneys Jim Holmes of Holmes and Graven, Tim Marx of Briggs and Morgan, and Jim Solem, director of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, explained the effects of new federal tax laws on bonding to the Economic Development and Housing Committee Jan. 27.

The U.S. Congress cut the amount of money states can use per year for private activity bonds in half, from \$150 per capita in 1986, to \$75 per capita in 1987. In 1988, bonding amounts will further decrease to \$50 per capita.

With less money for private activity bonds, and new restrictions on the use of government activity bonds, competition for bonds will increase.

Minnesota's Legislature, says Solem, will need to decide how much bond money to use for manufacturing, housing, and student loans, and how much authority state, county, and city governments will have in granting bonds.

Open enrollment

Most high school students want to represent their hometown or neighborhood in school activities and probably wouldn't use the open enrollment option if they had the chance, according to a representative of the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals.

Education experts and members of the Education Finance Division of the Appropriations Committee discussed questions surrounding open enrollment at their Jan. 26 meeting. Brooklyn Center High School principal Dennis Morrow said that given the chance to decide, students usually pick the school closest to home that offers the greatest chance

for involvement.

Morrow said an agreement between Brooklyn Center and Anoka school districts allows 10th graders to change schools. He said 86 percent of the students who made the one-time move during the past two years made the decision on their own, without the influence of parents.

Legislators say they're concerned that students might switch schools strictly for athletic programs without considering the educational effects.

But, Morrow said 55 percent of students in his district chose to participate in extracurricular activities after deciding to transfer.

Morrow said offering enrollment choice to Brooklyn Center and Anoka students has worked very well. "I think students who want to be at a certain school are going to be less of a disciplinary problem and they're going to like school more," he said.

Winona State University

Winona State University officials say they need to take advantage of Winona's high-tech business climate to establish a new engineering program. Several companies in the area make composite materials for aerospace, medical, and recreation industries. Composite materials are durable, light-weight compounds made from resins and fibers.

At the first meeting of the new Future and Technology Committee Jan. 26, Dr. Thomas Stark, Winona State University president, told lawmakers that the school needs a composites science engineering program. According to Stark, the proposed program is an effort to make the state an industry leader in composite materials.

Stark says, "We think that students who would be in this engineering program would have an unusual educational experience being in a laboratory setting in these industries. We want to carve out a niche in the state and support the surrounding industries."

Committee Chair Rep. Leo Reding (DFL-Austin), says one of the goals of the new committee is to move high technology into greater Minnesota, and keep promoting it in the metro area.

Smaller classes in elementary schools

Minnesota educators are calling for smaller classes in elementary schools to help improve the remedial education of students.

Bob Arnold, executive director of Minnesota Elementary School Principals, told the Education Committee that students' reading skills will keep getting worse if elementary classrooms stay the way they are now.

Arnold says a combination of factors are responsible for declining reading and writing skills such as: changing family structure, increased classroom size, and greater diversity of skill levels within a single classroom.

Arnold urges legislators to consider programs that would limit class sizes to 18 to 20 students. He says smaller classes with more one-on-one teaching could help raise school achievement levels.

Arnold spoke at the Education Committee's Jan. 26 meeting.

Restructuring the DNR

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) needs to be more responsive to local concerns, says Aaron Reynolds of Touche Ross and Co. accounting firm. The Legislature hired the firm to do an organization and management study of the DNR.

Reynolds told the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee Jan. 26 that the DNR often responds to local concerns from behind the scenes, without consulting or informing the community. The DNR's isolation

from the public causes resentment, hostility, and suspicion, he says.

To solve this problem, Touche Ross and Co. recommends that regional administrators develop plans addressing local concerns, and act as spokespersons for the DNR commissioner.

But the firm also says the DNR needs to balance local problems with statewide policies and goals. And the department needs to more clearly define responsibilities of DNR divisions and bureaus.

While Touche Ross and Co. didn't present a budget, structural changes in the DNR would cost money. House members on the State Departments Division, faced with no increases in the governor's budget proposal and an overall budget shortfall, said they're concerned about the cost, practicality, and effectiveness of the firm's recommendations.

Farm loan interest buydown

The farm interest buydown bill jumped another hurdle Jan. 26 when the Agriculture Committee unanimously voted to extend the program for one year.

As it stands now, HF1 provides \$20 million for program extension and \$14 million to pay off the program's present deficit. It also sets a cap of \$12,500 on the total interest subsidy a farmer can get. The cap, according to the bill's author, Rep. Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn), will limit participation and stretch program dollars.

Some committee members questioned the cap. Among them was Rep. Allen Quist (IR-St. Peter) who said the cap may hurt farmers most in need of the program.

An attempt to do away with the cap failed by legislators who favor raising the debt-to-asset ratio to limit participation.

The bill goes next to the Appropriations Committee.

Youth in government

More than 750 youth from about 125 high schools and YMCAs across the state got a firsthand experience running state government. They took part in a four-day YMCA Youth in Government event at the State Capitol Jan. 22-25.

During the four-day mock session, students assumed roles in the three main branches of state government. At a special convention last November, the youth elected judicial, constitutional, and legislative officers, and appointed about 50 cabinet-level positions.

Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault), director of the program, says the program helps youth work with and respect people. He says it also helps them to better understand and appreciate the legislative process and to be responsible voters and citizens.

Some students took roles of media personnel; television and newspaper reporters, anchors, and technical personnel. Some were pages, some lobbyists for mock sessions of the House and Senate.

They met with actual lobbyists, drafted bills, and determined lobbying strategy. Most participants had opportunities to meet their real-life counterparts.

Proposed budget plan

The Ways and Means Committee recommended adoption of a plan Jan. 22 that would give the House until March 31 to set state tax and spending limits for the next two years.

Committee Chair and Speaker of the House Fred Norton (DFL-St. Paul) says the new budget plan would allow time for deliberation and public testimony, and a more accurate budget proposal.

Norton says, "The proposal is a coming together of the taxing ability and the needs of the taxpayers."

The plan comes later in the session than a similar budget plan did two years ago. It goes next to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee, and then to the House floor for consideration.



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YMCA Youth in Government program began in Minnesota in 1946--nationally in 1936. Forty-two states have youth in government programs, with 33 states reporting 14, 209 participants. (See Highlight: "Youth in government")

House members from Minneapolis invite legislators to tour "blighted" Minneapolis and St. Paul neighborhoods Friday, Jan. 30 at 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon to get first-hand information on inner city economic development proposals.

Unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, and minimum wage were the topics of Jan. 26 Labor-Management Relations Committee meeting. Business and labor leaders from Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Independent Business Association of Minnesota, National Federation of Independent Businesses, Minnesota AFL-CIO, and Minnesota Teamsters Union testified.

"DAV is financially sound. Therefore, we are withdrawing our request of \$25,000," John Merthan told the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division Jan. 26. Merthan's state adjutant for Minnesota's Disabled American Veterans Department (DAV). Merthan says successful thrift store and members' support has made DAV self-sufficient.

Minnesota and other Great Lakes states lose tourists to southern states, especially in the winter, said Hank Todd at Jan. 27 Commerce Committee meeting. To even the score, Todd says in July and August, when blistering heat hits southern states, Great Lakes states may team up and push their "natural

air-conditioning." Todd's director of the Office of Tourism, recent winner of 1986 National Travel Marketing Award for its Explore Minnesota promotional packet.

The State Departments Division of Appropriations toured the Department of Employee Relations Jan. 27.

Annual Minnesota highway deaths are down from 610 to 570 Paul Tschida, commissioner of public safety reported Jan. 28 at a Transportation Committee meeting. Tschida says the state's made progress with DWI offenders who are social drinkers, but a lot of hard-core drunk drivers are still on the roads.

The House unanimously approved a resolution Jan. 26 urging Congress to free up federal highway money. Congress adjourned last year without reauthorizing the federal-aid highway program. The program gives federal aid to states for road work. For Minnesota, this means over \$250 million.

House appointees to the Commission on the Economic Status of Women are: Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls); Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn); Sidney Pauly (IR-Eden Prairie); Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope); and Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park).

Minnesota and five other Great Lakes states put retailers on notice to voluntarily register by March 31 to collect sales and use tax from out-of-state customers or they'll be subject to audits. States will exchange the names of customers. Action's part of the Great Lakes States Interstate Sales Compact. Purpose: to enforce sales and use tax laws. Other states in the compact: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

The Health and Human Services Committee will tour St. Paul Children's Hospital Thursday, Feb. 5. A bus will leave from the front of the State Office Building at 10:05 a.m.

Legislators will have to keep Minnesota's competitive situation in mind when determining tax reforms, said House Minority Leader Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) at Jan. 29 Taxes Committee meeting. He says lawmakers must look at what other states are doing because Minnesota's in a competitive environment.

Three bills that would reject the recommended salary adjustments for legislators, constitutional officers, and the judiciary were on the agenda for Governmental Operations Committee Jan. 29. Discussion will continue at the committee's meeting early next week on HF39 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata), HF40 (MCPherson, IR-Stillwater), and HF68 (Vanasek, DFL-New Prague).

Environment and Natural Resources Committee heard testimony favoring HF91, the Minnesota Pipeline Safety Act (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton) Jan. 29. The committee plans to hear opponents of the bill Feb. 3.

About 475,000 Minnesotans live in poverty, an increase of 100,000 since 1979, according to a new report by the Governor's Commission on Poverty. Sixty-five percent of the state's poor live

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COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Monday, Jan. 26

Interest buydown program extension

HF1/SF93 (Olson, K., DFL-Sherburn)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture Committee)

Save the Family Farm Act--resolution

HF83/SF95 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture Committee)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Thursday, Jan. 29

Pipeline Safety Act

HF91/SF90 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--heard. (SF in Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee)

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Thursday, Jan. 22

Pull tabs--tax collection

HF64/SF60 (Kostohryz, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass. (SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Thursday, Jan. 29

Salary adjustments--rejected

HF34/SF35 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)--heard. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Salary adjustments--rejected

HF40 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)--heard.

Legislative salary adjustments--rejected

HF68 (Vanasek, DFL-New Prague)--amended; laid on the table.

JUDICIARY

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Adoptive parents--access to records

HF41/SF37 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Crime victims--emergency aid fund

HF144/SF152 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass and rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

TAXES

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Mail order sales tax resolution

HF135 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass.

FLOOR ACTION

CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 26

Highway funding resolution

HF66/SF8 (Johnson, A., DFL-Spring Lake Park)--passed (129-0). (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

GENERAL ORDERS

Monday, Jan. 26

Corporate directors liability--modified

HF34/SF35 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Uniform Trade Secret Act--revised

HF45/SF104 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Key

HF--House File

SF--Senate File

HF#/SF#--companion bills

*--version of the bill under consideration

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BILL INTRODUCTIONS

January 23-29, 1987



House Bill Introductions Monday, Jan. 26

HF124--Quinn (DFL)--

Regulated Industries

Utilities; trade practices; restricting use and connection of automatic dialing-announcing devices to telephone lines; proposing coding for new law.

HF125--Skoglund (DFL)--

Financial Institutions/ Insurance

Financial Institutions; permitting interstate banking with an additional reciprocating state; amending statutes.

HF126--Ozment (IR)--

Transportation

Transportation; school bus safety; providing for amber proceed-with-caution signal for driver-activated student control warning systems; amending statutes.

HF127--Krueger (DFL)--

Commerce

Nonprofit corporations; adoption services corporations; providing that pledges to make contributions to reimburse the corporation for expenses shall be voidable at the option of the person making the pledge and payment of expenses shall not be a prerequisite to providing adoption services; amending statutes.

HF128--Olson, E (DFL)--

Taxes

Taxation; permitting counties to impose a special levy for payments to soil and water conservation districts; amending statutes.

HF129--Ozment (IR)--

Economic Development/ Housing

Industrial development bonds; requiring the refund of application deposits to the city of Hastings; appropriating money.

HF130--Voss (DFL)--

Local/Urban Affair

Ramsey county; authorizing the county to use certain land dedicated as open space for highway purposes; amending statutes.

HF131--Lieder (DFL)--

Transportation

Transportation; increasing amount authorized for state transportation bonds for bridges; amending laws.

HF132--Onnen (IR)--Taxes

Taxation; providing for payment of property tax refunds if the taxes are delinquent; amending statutes.

HF133--Reding (DFL)--

Economic Development/ Housing

Economic development; creating an enterprise zone to be designated by the city of Austin.

HF134--Price (DFL)--Labor-

Management Relations

Employment; requiring an employer to notify employees and job applicants of bankruptcy proceedings; providing a penalty; proposing coding for new law.

HF135--McLaughlin (DFL)--

Taxes

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to adopt legislation permitting state and local governments to require out-of-state sellers to collect sales and use taxes.

HF136--Sviggum (IR)--Labor-

Management Relations

Labor; creating an employee's social responsibility act; providing penalties; proposing coding for new law.

HF137--Kelly (DFL)--

Judiciary

Criminal procedure; providing a presumption favoring joinder of multiple felony defendants in a single prosecution; permitting the prosecution to offer a rebuttal closing argument; allowing the prosecution and the defense an equal number of peremptory challenges when the offense charged is not punishable by life imprisonment; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF138--Rose (IR)--Education

Education; restoring to school districts the authority to decide when to start the school year; repealing statutes.

HF139--Sviggum (IR)--Labor- Management Relations

Unemployment compensation; benefit requalification after voluntary quit or discharge for misconduct; amending statutes.

HF140--Sarna (DFL)--Taxes

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

HF141--Ogren (DFL)--

Judiciary

Commerce; exempting certain directors, members, and agents of certain commercial bodies from civil liability; amending statutes.

HF142--Blatz (IR)--Judiciary

Drivers' licenses; permitting limited license for homemaker; amending statutes.

HF143--Kelly (DFL)--

Judiciary

Public safety; establishing state reimbursement program for purchases of soft body armor by and for peace officers; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

**HF144--Kelly (DFL)--
Judiciary**

Crime victims; creating a fund to be used by local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of meeting certain emergency needs of crime victims; providing for administration of the fund by the crime victims reparations board; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

**HF145--Stanis (IR)--
Environment/Natural
Resources**

Game and fish; imposing a minimum length requirement on walleyed pike; proposing coding for new law.

**HF146--Stanis (IR)--
Environment/Natural
Resources**

Game and fish; removing restrictions on the commissioner's power to close lakes to spearing and reduce limits on the number of fish taken by spearing; repealing statutes.

**HF147--Kelly (DFL)--
Judiciary**

Crimes; expanding the crime of witness tampering to include the act of intimidating a witness to make false statements; amending statutes.

**HF148--Blatz (IR)--
Transportation**

Motor vehicles; providing that personalized license plates originally issued before July 1, 1985, are issued for the life of the holder; appropriating money; amending statutes.

**HF149--O'Connor (DFL)--
Governmental Operations**

Retirement; extending for two years the rule of 85; amending statutes.

**HF150--Neuenschwander
(DFL)--Environment/Natural
Resources**

Wild animals; liability of state officials for damage caused by beaver dams; amending statutes.

**HF151--Kelly (DFL)--
Judiciary**

Crime victims; permitting the crime victims reparation board to file a claim for reparations; altering the manner of determining reparations claims; requiring law enforcement agencies to aid the board; permitting an offender's dependents to receive some proceeds of a commercial enactment of a crime; providing for the classification of various data; providing penalties; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

**HF152--Begich (DFL)--
Regulated Industries**

Utilities; providing that utilities provide location for customers to pay utility bills; amending statutes.

**HF153--Krueger (DFL)--
Agriculture**

Education; establishing a program to require school districts to provide milk to all elementary and secondary pupils in public and nonpublic schools; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

**HF154--McEachern (DFL)--
Education**

Education; eliminating declining pupil unit aid and levy; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

**HF155--Begich (DFL)--
Transportation**

Highways; ensuring that costs of road relocation for mining purposes are paid for by owner; amending statutes.

**HF156--Krueger (DFL)--
Transportation**

Traffic regulations; requiring rumble strips before signs reducing speed on truck highways approaching cities and towns; amending statutes.

**HF157--Krueger (DFL)--
General Legislation, Veterans
Affairs/Gaming**

A resolution memorializing the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the electoral college and replace it with direct popular election of the President.

**HF158--Ozment (IR)--
Appropriations**

State historic sites; appropriating money for the William G. LeDuc House.

**HF159--Olsen, S (IR)--
Regulated Industries**

Utilities; trade practices; restricting automatic telephone dialing-announcing devices; proposing coding for new law.

Thursday, Jan. 29

**HF160--Morrison (IR)--
Economic
Development/Housing**

The city of Burnsville; providing for refund of the bond application deposit paid by the city; appropriating money.

**HF161--Vellenga (DFL)--
Judiciary**

Human services; requiring the court to consider involuntary outpatient treatment before ordering commitment; defining involuntary outpatient treatment; establishing court procedures for treatment of people with chronic mental illness; establishing standard proof for treatment order; determining length of treatment and procedures for further treatment orders; amending guardianship and conservatorship law to define necessary care of a person with mental illness; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**HF162--Kludt (DFL)--Higher
Education**

Education; restoring earlier cuts in appropriations to post-secondary education systems; appropriating money.

**HF163--Schoenfeld (DFL)--
Judiciary**

Children; regulating paternity determinations; regulating support and maintenance obligations; providing for withholding of support; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

**HF164--Wenzel (DFL)--
Financial**

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46B Carlson, Lyndon (DFL-Crystal)
 Appropriations--Educ. Div. (Chair)
 Economic Development/Housing
 Financial Institutions/Insurance
 Ways/Means

47B Carruthers, Phil (DFL-Brooklyn Center)
 Financial Institutions/Insurance
 Governmental Operations
 Judiciary--Crime/Fam. Law (Vice Chair)
 Metropolitan Affairs

60A Clark, Karen (DFL-Mpls)
 Economic Development/Housing
 Governmental Operations
 Health/Human Services
 Regulated Industries

48A Clausnitzer, Dale (IR-Maple Grove)
 Financial Institutions/Insurance
 Health/Human Services
 Judiciary--Crime/Family Law Div.
 Labor-Management Relations
 Metropolitan Affairs

21B Cooper, Roger (DFL-Bird Island)
 Agriculture
 Economic Development/Housing
 Governmental Operations
 Health/Human Services

9B Dauner, Marvin (DFL-Hawley)
 Agriculture--Ag. Fin. Div.
 Health/Human Services
 Taxes--Property Tax Div. (Vice Chair)
 Transportation

27A DeBleck, Norman (DFL-Milroy)
 Agriculture--Ag. Fin. Div. (Vice Chair)
 Governmental Operations
 Local/Urban Affairs
 Transportation

23A Dempsey, Terry (IR-New Ulm)
 Judiciary--Crime/Fam. Law Div.
 Taxes--Property Tax Div.
 Transportation
 Ways/Means

21A Dille, Steve (IR-Dassel)
 Agriculture
 Economic Development/Housing
 Governmental Operations
 Labor-Management Relations

24A Dorn, John (DFL-Mankato)
 Appropriations--Educ. Div.
 Future/Technology
 Health/Human Services
 Local/Urban Affairs

42B Forsythe, Mary (IR-Edina)
 Appropriations--Health/Human Serv. Div.
 Commerce
 Higher Education
 Judiciary
 Ways/Means

24B Frederick, Sal (IR-Mankato)
 Agriculture--Ag. Fin. Div.
 Financial Institutions/Insurance
 Future/Technology
 Local/Urban Affairs

32A Frerichs, Don (IR-Rochester)
 Economic Development/Housing
 Future/Technology
 Taxes--Property Tax Div.
 Transportation

61A Greenfield, Lee (DFL-Mpls)
 Appropriations--Health/Human Serv. Div.
 Health/Human Services (Chair)
 Judiciary
 Local/Urban Affairs

17B Gruenes, Dave (IR-St. Cloud)
 Education
 Future/Technology
 Health/Human Services
 Higher Education
 Regulated Industries

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40B Riveness, Phil (DFL-Bloomington)
Agriculture
Appropriations--Health/Human Serv. Div.
Economic Development/Housing
Future/Technology
Rules/Legislative Administration
(Vice Chair)

25B Rodosovich, Peter (DFL-Faribault)
Appropriations--Health/Human Serv. Div.
(Vice Chair)
Financial Institutions/Insurance
Health/Human Services
Regulated Industries

63A Rose, John (IR-Roseville)
Appropriations--Educ. Div.
Environment/Natural Resources
Future/Technology
Regulated Industries

5A Rukavina, Tom (DFL-Virginia)
Economic Development/Housing
Environment/Natural Resources
Future/Technology
Governmental Operations
Higher Education

58A Sarna, John (DFL-Mpls)
Appropriations--Ag./Trans./Semi-State Div.
Commerce (Chair)
Labor-Management Relations
Local/Urban Affairs

35A Schafer, Gary (IR-Gibbon)
Economic Development/Housing
Education--Educ. Fin. Div.
Environment/Natural Resources

47A Scheid, Linda (DFL-Brooklyn Park)
Financial Institutions/Insurance
General Legislation/Veterans Affairs/Gaming
Labor-Management Relations
Regulated Industries
Taxes--Property Tax Div.

30B Schoenfeld, Jerry (DFL-Waseca)
Agriculture--Ag. Fin. Div. (Chair)
Appropriations--Educ. Div.
Judiciary
Rules/Legislative Administration

48B Schreiber, Bill (IR-Brooklyn Park)
Rules/Legislative Administration
Taxes--Tax Laws Div.
Ways/Mean

38B Seaberg, Art (IR-Eagan)
Appropriations--Ag./Trans./Semi State Div.
Judiciary--Crime/Fam. Law Div.
Transportation

44B Segal, Gloria (DFL-St. Louis Park)
Education
Health/Human Services
Local/Urban Affairs
Transportation

45A Shaver, Craig (IR-Wayzata)
Environment/Natural Resources
Future/Technology
General Legislation/Veterans Affairs/Gaming
Governmental Operations

51B Simoneau, Wayne (DFL-Fridley)
Environment/Natural Resources
Governmental Operations (Chair)
Labor-Management Relations--
Unemp. Comp./Wkrs. Comp. Div.
Metropolitan Affairs
Rules/Legislative Administration

61B Skoglund, Wes (DFL-Mpls)
Environment/Natural Resources
Financial Institutions/Insurance (Chair)
Metropolitan Affairs
Taxes--Property Tax Div.

3B Solberg, Loren (DFL-Bovey)
Appropriations--State Dept. Div.
Commerce
Judiciary--Crime/Fam. Law Div.
Labor-Management Relations

1B Sparby, Wally (DFL-Thief River Falls)
Agriculture--Ag. Fin. Div.
Appropriations--State Dept. Div.
Commerce
Economic Development/Housing

53B Stanius, Brad (IR-White Bear Lake)
Appropriations--Health/Human Serv. Div.
Health/Human Services
Metropolitan Affairs
Regulated Industries

27B Steensma, Andy (DFL-Luverne)
Agriculture
Appropriations--Ag./Trans./Semi-State Div.
General Legislation/Veterans Affairs/Gaming
Transportation

26A Sviggum, Steve (IR-Kenyon)
Education
General Legislation/Veterans Affairs/Gaming
Health/Human Services
Labor-Management Relations--
Unemp. Comp./Wkrs' Comp. Div.
Taxes--Tax Laws Div.

55A Swenson, Douglas (IR-Forest Lake)
Education
Health/Human Services
Judiciary--Crime/Fam. Law Div.
Metropolitan Affairs

13A Thiede, Paul (IR-Pequot Lakes)
Economic Development/Housing
Education--Educ. Fin. Division
Environment/Natural Resources
Rules/Legislative Administration

40A Tjornhom, Chris (IR-Richfield)
Economic Development/Housing
Governmental Operations
Metropolitan Affairs
Regulated Industries

37A Tompkins, Eileen (IR-Apple Valley)
Education
Health/Human Services
Higher Education
Local/Urban Affairs

67B Trimble, Steve (DFL-St. Paul)
Education
Environment/Natural Resources
Future/Technology
Higher Education

1A Tunheim, Jim (DFL-Kennedy)
Agriculture
Education--Educ. Fin. Div.
Local/Urban Affairs
Transportation

15A Uphus, Sylvester (IR-Sauk Centre)
Agriculture--Ag. Fin. Div.
Financial Institutions/Insurance
Governmental Operations

54A Valento, Don (IR-Little Canada)
Local/Urban Affairs
Metropolitan Affairs
Rules/Legislative Administration
Taxes--Tax Laws Div.
Transportation

25A Vanasek, Robert (DFL-New Prague)
Rules/Legislative Administration (Chair)
Taxes--Property Tax Div.
Ways/Means

64A Vellenga, Kathleen (DFL-St. Paul)
Education--Educ. Fin. Div.
Health/Human Services
Judiciary--Crime/Fam. Law Div. (Chair)

52A Voss, Gordon (DFL-Blaine)
Financial Institutions/Insurance
Rules/Legislative Administration
Taxes (Chair)--Property Tax Div.
--Tax Laws Div.
Ways/Means

62B Wagenius, Jean (DFL-Mpls)
Education
Environment/Natural Resources (Vice Chair)
Judiciary--Crime/Family Law
Metropolitan Affairs

26B Waltman, Bob (IR-Elgin)
Agriculture
Environment/Natural Resources
Governmental Operations
Transportation

15B Welle, Alan (DFL-Willmar)
Health/Human Services
Judiciary--Crime/Fam. Law Div.
Taxes--Tax Laws Div. (Vice-Chair)
Transportation

13B Wenzel, Steve (DFL-Little Falls)
Agriculture (Chair)--Ag. Fin. Div.
Education
Financial Institutions/Insurance
Labor-Management Relations

28A Winter, Ted (DFL-Fulda)
Agriculture--Ag. Fin. Div.
Financial Institutions/Insurance
Governmental Operations
Local/Urban Affairs (Vice-Chair)

63B Wynia, Ann (DFL-St. Paul)
Appropriations--Health/Human Serv.
Div. (Chair)
Financial Institutions/Insurance
Health/Human Services
Ways/Means

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**HF165--Clark (DFL)--
Financial**

Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; establishing rates for cooperative housing and neighborhood real estate trust insurance within the Minnesota FAIR plan; proposing coding for new law.

**HF166--Battaglia (DFL)--
Governmental Operations**

Real property; authorizing conveyance of state interest in certain land in St. Louis county.

**HF167--Orenstein (DFL)--
Judiciary**

Crimes; eliminating vicarious criminal liability for the employer of an individual who violates a liquor law; amending statutes.

**HF168--Peterson (DFL)--
Taxes**

Motor vehicles; taxation; providing for taxation of pickup trucks with a carrying capacity of 2,000 pounds or less; amending statutes.

**HF169--Reding (DFL)--
General Legislation/Veterans
Affairs/Gaming**

Lawful gambling; increasing the percentage of profits that may be used for necessary expenses; regulating distributor licenses; authorizing the board to determine distributor licensee fees, manufacturer certificate fees, and the price of the gambling equipment registration stamp; regulating the warehousing of gambling equipment within the state; regulating the leasing of premises for lawful gambling; authorizing the board to adopt rules restricting the amount of rent charged; prohibiting lessors from any involvement in lawful gambling; removing the board's authority to adopt a schedule of compensation; making various technical changes; amending statutes.

**HF170--Blatz (IR)--General
Legislation/Veterans
Affairs/Gaming**

Firearms; permitting certain licensed dealers and manufacturers to own or possess machine guns and short-barreled shotguns for certain purposes; amending statutes.

HF171--Reding (DFL)--Taxes

Lawful gambling; repealing the special tax on pull-tabs and providing for the taxation of pull-tabs in the same manner as other lawful gambling; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

**HF172--Bishop (IR)--
Transportation**

Traffic regulations; requiring motorcycle passengers to wear protective headgear; amending statutes.

**HF173--Thiede (IR)--General
Legislation/Veterans
Affairs/Gaming**

English language; making it the official language of the state; proposing coding for new law.

**HF174--Kalis (DFL)--
Transportation**

State transportation system; authorizing the issuance and sale of Minnesota state transportation bonds; authorizing the expenditure of the proceeds for grants for construction and reconstruction of certain bridges and for certain preliminary studies; appropriating money.

**HF175--Bertram (DFL)--
Financial**

Institutions/Insurance

Sureties; providing conditions for corporations to act as sureties; providing conditions for corporations to act as sureties or guarantors; amending statutes.

**HF176--Clark (DFL)--Higher
Education**

Education; providing for model programs in adult vocational occupational literacy training; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

**HF177--Clark (DFL)--
Health/Human Services**

Human services; reducing state aid for general assistance to counties that fail to provide literacy training; requiring certain recipients of general assistance to attend adult literacy training; amending statutes.

**HF178--Clark (DFL)--
Health/Human Services**

Health; providing for special grants to conduct community-wide pilot programs to reduce the prevalence of risk conditions or behaviors related to osteoporosis; appropriating money; amending statutes.

**HF179--Waltman (IR)--
Education**

Education; providing equity revenue to raise foundation and tier revenue in all school districts to state average; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

**HF180--Rukavina (DFL)--
Environment/Natural
Resources**

Natural resources; protecting the environment; prohibiting below grade deposition of hazardous waste or radioactive waste; amending statutes.

**HF181--Ogren (DFL)--
Commerce**

Liens; personal property; establishing a lien on personal property held in self-service storage facilities; providing for the enforcement of these liens; regulating rental agreements and advertising; proposing coding for new law.

**HF182--Jaros (DFL)--
Education**

Education; requiring that income from some of the permanent university fund be used for scholarships; amending statutes.

**HF183--Haukoos (IR)--
Education**

Education; restoring to school districts the authority to decide when to start the school year; repealing statutes.

**HF184--Kostohryz (DFL)--
Education**

Education; increasing the mill levy for secondary vocational education in certain intermediate school districts; recognizing in the statutes that districts 12 and 16 of Anoka county are members of district 916; amending statutes.

**HF185--McLaughlin (DFL)--
Taxes**

Individual income taxation; modifying the computation of the alternative minimum tax; adopting new federal definitions; amending statutes.

**HF186--Simoneau (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.

**HF187--Otis (DFL)--
Education**

Education; providing for a school site responsibility option; proposing coding for new law.

**HF188--Ogren (DFL)--
Health/Human Services**

Health; requiring a study and report to the legislature on the effects of exposure to low level ionizing radiation.

**HF189--Jacobs (DFL)--
Regulated Industries**

Utilities; deregulating certain telecommunication services; proposing coding for new law.

HF190--Onnen (IR)--Taxes

Taxation; income; imposing a tax for individuals, estates, and trusts computed as a percentage of federal income tax liability; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article X, by adding a section permitting state tax laws to adopt future federal tax law amendments by reference; proposing coding for new law.

**HF191--Omman (IR)--
Local/Urban Affairs**

The city of St. Stephen; authorizing the issuance of bonds for the construction of a city civic building.

**HF192--Johnson, V (IR)--
Transportation**

Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIV; dedicating motor vehicle excise tax proceeds to highway and transit purposes.

HF193--Krueger (DFL)--Taxes

Taxation; sales and use; providing an exemption for certain sales by certain nonprofit organizations; amending statutes.

**HF194--Peterson (DFL)--
Taxes**

Taxation; income; abating penalty for late filing in certain cases; amending statutes.

**HF195--Peterson (DFL)--
Taxes**

Taxation; eliminating the penalty on delinquent income tax refund returns; amending statutes.

**HF196--O'Connor (DFL)--
Economic**

Development/Housing
Public safety; manufactured homes; requiring manufactured home park owners to provide underground shelter for residents during severe weather; amending statutes.

**HF197--Frederick (IR)--
Judiciary**

Real property; providing for transfer of owner's duplicate certificate of title to owner; amending statutes.

**HF198--Battaglia (DFL)--
Regulated Industries**

Liquor; authorizing the city of Grand Marais to issue three additional on-sale licenses.

**HF199--Welle (DFL)--
Transportation**

Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIV; dedicating motor vehicle excise tax proceeds to highway and transit purposes.

**HF200--Vellenga (DFL)--
Judiciary**

Child abuse reporting act; providing a standard for the disclosure of the reporter's name; amending statutes.

**HF201--Orenstein (DFL)--
Judiciary**

Marriage; setting out the requirements and effect of premarital agreements; enacting the uniform premarital agreement act; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

**HF202--Carruthers (DFL)--
Judiciary**

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

**HF203--Johnson, A (DFL)--
Education**

Education; raising the age for compulsory school attendance to 18; making conforming changes; amending statutes.

**HF204--Greenfield (DFL)--
Health/Human Services**

Health; prohibiting deceptive pregnancy counseling practices; providing a penalty; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**HF205--Carlson, D (IR)--
Local/Urban Affairs**

Local government; permitting the establishment of fire protection districts by cities and towns; proposing coding for new law.

**HF206--Orenstein (DFL)--
Judiciary**

Probate; providing for the disposition of certain community property; enacting the uniform disposition of community property rights at death act; proposing coding for new law.

**HF207--Begich (DFL)--
Transportation**

Traffic regulations; mandating that state patrol vehicles used in traffic regulation must be clearly marked and not concealed to the traveling public; amending statutes.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2-6, 1987



All rooms are in the State Office Building unless otherwise indicated. This schedule is subject to change. For up-to-date information, call House Calls at (612) 296-9283 (recording) or House Information at (612) 296-2146. All meetings are open to the public.

TO ALL COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION CHAIRS: The deadline for all committee and commission meeting notices is NOON ON THURSDAY OF EACH WEEK. Please send notices to Dorothy Sawyer, House Information, 175 State Office Building.

Monday, Feb. 2
8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: Peace Officers Standards and Training Board; Charitable Gambling Board; Ethical Practices Board; and Transportation Regulation Board.

EDUCATION DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: 1) Ken Keller, President of U of MN, Commitment to Focus. 2) Chancellor Gerald Christenson, Chairman, Higher Education Advisory Council.

EDUCATION

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern. Agenda: Department of Education presentation on School District Financial Condition and Legislative Commission on Public Education staff report on Equalization Trends in MN Education Finance, 1972-1987.

8:30 a.m.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget hearing: Department of Finance.

9:00 a.m.

CANCELLED-- GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS--CANCELLED--

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Stephen Wenzel. Agenda: Overview of AVTT's involvement in farm mediation program.

CRIME & FAMILY LAW DIVISION/JUDICIARY

Room 500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga. Agenda: Background on driving while intoxicated from Forst Lowery, Alcohol Safety Coordinator of the Department of Public Safety, Major Ralph Church, MN State Patrol and Dr. Lowell VanBerkom, Director of the Forensic Science Laboratory Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Room 400N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs. Agenda: Tony Perpich, Director dept of Public Service, overview of DPS functions. Darrel Peterson Commissioner Public Utilities Commission overview of PUC. Randy Young, Director Telecommunications Policy Planning State Planning, overview of report of inter-agency Task Force on Telecommunications.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION & WORKERS' COMPENSATION DIVISION/LABOR- MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Room 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy. Agenda: Ray Bohn, Commissioner, Labor & Industry to discuss worker's comp claims and how Departments of Labor & Industry assists employee in processing claims.

12:00 noon

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/EDUCATION

Room 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson. Agenda: Department of Education budget.

FUTURE & TECHNOLOGY

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Leo Reding. Agenda: High Technology Council presentation; Technology Corridor presentation.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich. Agenda: 1) Francis Fitzgerald-MN Retail Merchants Assoc. 2) Bernie Brommer-Sec., Treasurer MN AFL-CIO. 3) Toby Lapakko-Consumer Affairs Director Mn AFL-CIO. 4) Nina Rothschild-Commissioner, Department of Employee Relations. 5) Lance Teachworth-Deputy Commissioner, Labor Relations.

2:00 p.m.

**The House will meet in
Session.**

3:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON RULES

Room 400N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Robert Vanasek. Agenda: Permanent Rules of the House.

4:00 p.m. or after Session

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: HF1 (Olson, K.) Agriculture; extending and financing the mediation and interest buy-down programs.

Tuesday, Feb. 3
8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: Overviews from the Academy of Science and Racing Commission.

EDUCATION DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: MN Jobs Skills Partnership - Overview and budget hearing - Monica Manning.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Department of Health budget overview - Sister Mary Madonna Ashton, Commissioner.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget Review: Attorney General's Office (Hubert H. Humphrey III, Attorney General); Auditor's Office (Arne Carlson, State Auditor); and Treasurer's Office (Mike McGrath, State Treasurer).

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Room 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: Department overviews to be announced.

10:00 a.m.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE/ COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor. Agenda: HF65 (Lasley) Consumer protection; requiring cash refunds for goods returned on certain retail sales.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Room 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: HF91 MN Pipeline Safety Act Continuation.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield. Agenda: Report of the MN Commission on Welfare Reform from Rev. Monsignor Jerome Boxleitner, Co-chair.

12:00 noon

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Todd Otis. Agenda: Agency overview of the Department of Jobs & Training from Commissioner Joseph Samargia and overview of the MN Jobs Skills Partnership from Director Monica Manning.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly. Agenda: HF137 (Kelly) Making changes to criminal procedures on joinder of multiple felony defendants, closing arguments, peremptory challenges.

2:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL DELEGATION

Room 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga. Agenda: 1) George Latimer, Mayor - St. Paul. 2) City issues; property tax reform, and combined sewer separation. 3) Rep. Gordon Voss, Chair, Tax Committee. 4) City legislative package; Urban RAP, Smoke detector ordinance reauthorization, CIB authorization, Housing technical amendment, and property tax postponement.

Wednesday, Feb. 4
8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400S Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: Overview from the State Arts Board.

EDUCATION DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: 1) Higher Education Coordinating Board - David Longanecker, Director, presenting review and comment report on higher ed. systems' strategic plans. 2) Higher education systems' comment on HECB report.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 200S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: 1) Department of Health budget hearings, cont. Sister Mary Madonna Ashton, Commissioner. 2) Hazardous Substance Injury Compensation Board budget overview - Virginia Reiner, Executive Director.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget review: Secretary of State's office (Joan Growe); Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Trial Courts (Lawrence Yetka, Associate Justice, Supreme Court; Associate Justice, Supreme Court; Judith Rehak; Personnel and Budget Director).

EDUCATION

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern. Agenda: Overview of the MN Department of Education.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Room 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: To be announced.

9:30 a.m.

JOINT GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Room 400N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz. Agenda: Address by James P. "Jimmy" Dean, National Commander of the American Legion.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE FINANCE DIVISION/AGRICULTURE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. Jerry Schoenfeld. Agenda: Farmer-Lender Mediation Program.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Room 500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros. Agenda: Presentations by Higher Education Faculty Groups: 1) U of M Faculty Assn. - Twin Cities. 2) U of M Duluth Education Assn. 3) State University Inter-Faculty Organization. 4) MN Community College Faculty Assn. 5) MN Education Assn. (AVTI) Presentations by Higher Education Student Representatives: 1) U of M State Student Assn. 2) MN State University Assn. 3) MN Vocational Technical Student Assn. 4) MN Community College Student Assn.

TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE/METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Room 500S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin. Agenda: MN/DOT and Transit.

12:00 a.m.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund. Agenda: To be announced.

TRANSPORTATION

404 Transportation Bldg. (note Change) Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: 1) Tour of DOT/Presentations. 2) Referral of bills to subcommittees.

2:00 p.m.

APPROPRIATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson. Agenda: HF1 (Olson, K.) Interest buy down.

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/EDUCATION

Room 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson. Agenda: Department of Education budget.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY DELEGATION

Room 500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy. Agenda: 1) Continuation of 1/20 agenda. a. "Commitment to Focus" strategy. b. Establishment of procedures for electing Regent. c. Complete discussion of St. Louis County legislative proposals. 2) Bob Zeleznikar, St. Louis Co. Social Service Supervisor. 3) Other.

3:00 p.m.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Room 400N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Robert Vanasek. Agenda: Permanent rules of the House.

Thursday, Feb. 5
8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400S Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: Overviews from the Public Utilities Commission and the Public Service Commission.

EDUCATION DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Department of Finance, Commissioner Jay Kiedrowski.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Public testimony on agency budgets, dept of Health and Hazardous Substance Injury Compensation Board.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget review: Family Farm Legal Assistance Program; Board of Judicial Standards; Public Defender's Office (Paul Jones, State Public Defender).

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Room 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: To be announced.

TAXES

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss. Agenda: Continuing overview of Governor's Tax Initiatives.

10:00 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Room 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: presentation by Touche Ross & Co. on management and organization study of the dept of Natural Resources.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield. Agenda: Maternal & Child Health: A tour of St. Paul Children's Hospital. (Bus leaves the front of the State Office building promptly at 10:05 a.m.)

12:00 noon

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Todd Otis. Agenda: Overview of the MN Housing Agency from Director Jim Solem; Overview of the Metropolitan Council from Steve Keefe, Chair and Nancy Reeves, Director of Human Services.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Room 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz. Agenda: Overview of legislation from Secretary of State's office and election matters.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. David Battaglia. Agenda: Presentation by Steve Hinze, House Research, on Local Government Aids.

2:00 p.m.

The House will meet in Session.

After session or 5:00 p.m.

TAXES

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss. Agenda: HF92 (Minne) Providing for expenditure of proceeds of the taconite production tax; Economic Protection Fund (2002) fund for economic development.

**Friday, Feb. 6
10:00 a.m.**

CIVIL LAW SUBCOMMITTEE/ JUDICIARY

Room 400N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein. Agenda: HF19 (Ogren) Probate; including certain agencies as successors who may collect personal property by affidavit. HF141 (Ogren) Commerce; exempting certain directors, members and agents of certain commercial bodies from civil liability. HF44 (Simoneau) Nonprofit corporations; authorizing the elimination or limitation of a director's personal liability to the corporation or its members. HF123 (Bishop) Probate; changing the size of estates subject to collection by affidavit. HF202 (Carruthers) Corporations; providing for modification of liability of directors.

JOINT FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE & GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE/

METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Room 500S State Office Building Chrs. Rep. Ann Rest & Rep. Phil Carruthers. Agenda: Presentation on Metro Agencies Financial Advisory Committee Report.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

A bill is an idea for a new law, or an idea to abolish or change an existing law. Several thousand bills enter the legislative process in Minnesota each time the Legislature meets.

Minnesota has a bicameral Legislature, or two groups of elected citizens (senators in the Senate, representatives in the House of Representatives) who study, discuss, and vote on bills, acting for the people of Minnesota. Bills begin their legislative journey in either the House or the Senate, or both. To become a law, all bills must pass in both the House and Senate, and be approved and signed by the governor.

The idea

Anyone can propose an idea for a bill - an individual, consumer group, corporation, professional association, governmental unit, or the governor. Most ideas come from members of the Legislature. The revisor of statutes puts the ideas for bills into proper legal form as a bill for introduction. Only legislators can introduce bills into the lawmaking process.

Chief author

The legislator who sponsors and introduces the bill in the Legislature is the chief author. The chief author's name appears on the bill with the bill's file number for identification as it moves through the legislative process. The chief author may select up to four other authors, whose names also appear on the bill.

Introduction in the Legislature

When the author introduces a bill in the House, it gets a House File (HF) number (HF264, for example), indicating the chronological order of the bill's introduction. In the Senate, the bill gets a Senate File (SF) number (SF224, for example). Each HF in the House usually has a companion SF in the Senate. All revenue-raising bills must begin in the House.

Committee consideration

At introduction, the bill has its first reading. (The Minnesota Constitution requires three readings on three separate days for all bills.) The presiding officer of the House or Senate refers the bill to an appropriate committee for action. All committee meetings are open to the public. A committee may: recommend passage of a bill in its original form; recommend passage of a bill after it has been amended by the committee; or make no recommendation, in which case a bill may die when the session ends. After acting on a bill, the committee sends a report stating its actions and recommendations to the House or Senate.

General orders

After approval of the committee report in the House and Senate, the bill has its second reading and goes onto General Orders--a list of bills waiting House action. House members, acting as the Committee of the Whole, discuss bills, debate the issues, adopt amendments, and present

arguments. They may recommend that a bill "do pass," be postponed, or have further committee action.

Calendar

The calendar is a list of bills the Committee of the Whole recommends to pass. At this point, a bill has its third reading. Amendments to a bill on the Calendar must have the unanimous consent of all House members in this final vote. By committee recommendation, non-controversial bills may bypass General Orders and go directly onto a Consent Calendar, usually passing without debate. Every bill requires a majority vote of the full membership of the House and Senate to pass.

Conference Committee

If the House and Senate do not agree on a bill, a conference committee of three or five senators, and an equal number of representatives, meets to reach an agreement. If both bodies then pass the bill in compromise form, it goes to the governor.

Governor

When a bill arrives at the governor's office, the governor may: sign it, and the bill becomes law; veto it (return it with a "veto message" stating the objections); pocket veto the bill (take no action and let adjournment of the Legislature, in effect, veto the bill); or line veto portions of appropriation bills. If the governor does not sign or veto a bill within three days after receiving it, and the Legislature is in session, the bill automatically becomes law.



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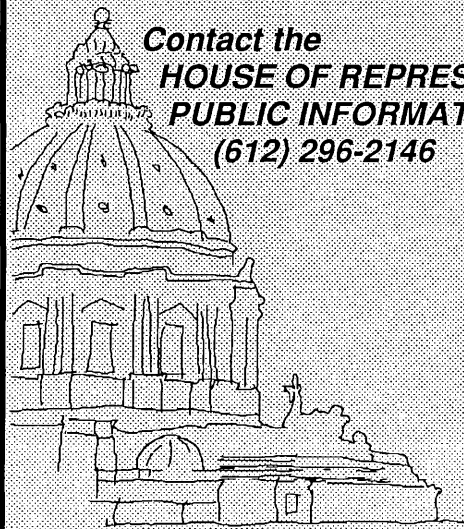
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Do You Know



To "progress" a bill on the House floor means to *delay* its consideration-- temporarily.

Even though a member requests progress, a bill on General Orders (a list of bills that have been reported out of committee and had a second reading) keeps its place. But on the third request, the bill loses its place and goes to the end of General Orders, unless the member requests that it retain its place.

"Progress" originated in English Parliament and meant to "pass over or around." This definition, though no longer found in most contemporary dictionaries, has been in use in the Minnesota legislative process for over 100 years. To progress a House bill on the floor, means to pass over.