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State Courts' budget

Minnesota's court system needs more money to buy computers and hire staff, according to Sue Dosal, state court administrator. She told the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 5 the system needs both to give the public faster court service.

State Courts' budget requests include \$1.5 million to expand the computer service Trial Court Information System to 28 additional counties. Under the proposal, computer center headquarters would be in Beltrami, Blue Earth, Itasca, Kandiyohi, Lyon, and Winona counties. Dosal says the computer system improves financial and records management, makes court administration more efficient, and helps the courts respond better to public need.

Dosal also asks legislators to grant funding for six additional Supreme Court clerks. Dosal says that even though the Supreme Court's caseload has decreased since the establishment of the Court of Appeals in 1983,

the Court's workload has increased because only the most difficult cases make it to the Supreme Court.

In addition, the judiciary asks that legislators continue the 1986 Family Farm Legal Assistance Program, offering legal advice to Minnesota farmers in financial trouble.

Investment board

The State Board of Investment will have greater investment flexibility if the Legislature approves HF186 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley).

Howard Bicker, executive director, presented the board's recommendations in HF186 to the Governmental Operations Committee Feb. 5.

Bicker says HF186 would give the board the authority to purchase certain high-yield debt obligations and foreign securities. He says this would allow the board to enhance investment returns without adding to investment risk.

It's the board's bill, says Bicker, and "we're requesting additional flexibility that we believe in the long run will enhance our ability to

It's a fact!

Minnesota's Legislature is in its Diamond Jubilee session (75th). A look back at an early dilemma gives us reason to celebrate.

On Dec. 2, 1857, the first Legislature, 37 senators and 80 House members, met. But they had no governor to approve their legislation and no state to legislate for, because under the new state's Constitution, the governor couldn't take office until Congress approved statehood. That didn't happen until May 11, 1858. The solution? See "Do you know?" (back page of this issue).



maximize the total rate of return."

The bill would also require the board to adopt an investment policy statement. Bicker says the statement would provide guidelines to assure that any future changes in either the make up of the board or staff would maintain the policies the board has in place.

The committee recommended the bill to pass. It goes next to the full House.

Interest buydown program

Farmers who qualify may pay only half the interest on their loans again this year. HF1 (Olson, K., DFL-Sherburn), the interest buydown bill, won approval in the Appropriations Committee Feb. 4.

The interest buydown program goes back to 1985. That year, over 1,000 farmers got operating loans. Changes to the program came in 1986, and its popularity grew. Farm borrowers exhausted its \$5 million appropriation in 10 days, and as a result, the Department of Commerce returned hundreds of loan applications. Later, when the program reopened, more than 6,000 farmers got loans. The higher-than-expected demand for farm loans ran the state \$14 million in the hole.

Under HF1, as amended in the Agriculture, Transportation, and Semi-State Division Feb. 2, the commissioner of commerce could not accept loan applications after the program has spent its \$20 million in appropriated funds. Legislators say this should prevent future deficits. Other provisions in the bill would extend the buydown program for another year and provide for payment of the program's \$14-million deficit. It also sets a \$12,500 cap on the total interest subsidy a farmer can get.

Representatives will vote on the bill next week on the House floor.

Farm mediation program

The Minnesota farmer-lender mediation program works according to farm mediators who testified at the Agriculture Committee's Agriculture Finance Division meeting Feb. 4.

"Farmers and lenders are meeting at the table to restructure debts to head off foreclosures. It's my job to even out the sides of the table," says Ward Nefstead, a volunteer mediator from Waseca.

Nefstead says he has settled 90 percent of his cases. He says mediation works if people make a commitment to the process. The mediation program allows farmers facing foreclosure to meet with lenders for up to 60 days to settle debt problems. Mediators schedule these meetings and guide the discussion.

According to a status report from the University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service mediation has settled over 1,000 cases. As of Jan. 2, some 3,000 farmers requested mediation statewide. Fifty-one percent of the requests came from farmers in Southwestern Minnesota.

Higher ed teamwork

The Education Division of the Appropriations Committee looked at the Higher Education Advisory Council (HEAC) plan to improve student education while strengthening state institutions. At the division's Feb. 4 meeting, questions focused on transfer of credits, educational access, and state funding.

Gerald Christenson, HEAC Chair, says the Council's mission differentiation plan would still provide educational access to students in the state, but not at every institution. He says the University, state universities, community colleges, and AVTIs would each have an area of specialization. He says changes would more fully use Minnesota's community college and state university systems.

The plan to decrease University of Minnesota enrollment would really serve undergraduate students better, according to Christenson. "I don't see where it serves the people of the state to have 2,500 students sitting in an auditorium at the University of Minnesota watching a video tape," he says. "Is that quality? We think the vast majority of freshmen and sophomores would receive as good an education, and in many cases a better education at a community college or state university."

Christenson says joint admission could better serve students who want to attend the University. A proposed plan would automatically admit students to upper division courses at the University after completing general course requirements at a community college or state university.

Rep. John Rose (IR-Roseville) says encouraging college transfer brings back an across the board problem involving transfer of credits.

"I think the problem is that there are some people out there that are either ill advised, misinformed, or they assume too much," he said. "When they go to school, they think the whole state system is intermingled and that if they take classes here or there they'll transfer anywhere."

Christenson says it's a problem that will never go away, but the systems are working to bridge credit transfer gaps. A recent agreement will make transfers between community colleges and state universities easier, he said. Also, he said a similar agreement is in the works between community colleges and the University of Minnesota.

Aging veterans

The national American Legion commander says current state and federal veterans programs are dragging behind the needs of aging veterans.

Commander James P. "Jimmy" Dean shared his personal

observations and concerns about veterans programs at a joint meeting of the House General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, and Gaming Committee and the Senate Veterans Committee Feb. 4.

Dean says federal program dollars have been shrinking for the past 10 years, while needs for hospital and nursing home care have grown quickly. Although Congress keeps passing veterans' legislation, he says, they know the Veterans Administration will tighten its belt if there isn't enough money to back the services.

"We cannot continue to shrink the services offered to 2.7 million veterans in the United States," says Dean. He hopes Minnesota can help fund programs needed by veterans.

Pipeline Safety Act

The Minnesota Pipeline Safety Act got a favorable recommendation from the Environment and Natural Resources Committee Feb. 3. HF91 addresses safety issues that arose after the gas pipeline explosion in Mounds View last summer.

The bill would create a statewide notification center that excavators could call to locate underground lines before digging. Supporters say this will help cut down on accidents and damage to underground lines.

Another provision in the bill would create the Office of Pipeline Safety. One of the duties of the office would be to promote the 9-1-1 telephone system to notify emergency responders of pipeline releases. It would also work with local emergency management and civil defense groups to train personnel and develop emergency response plans.

No one opposed the bill at this hearing. It goes next to the Transportation Committee.

Welfare reform

One welfare reform goal in Minnesota is to help people on welfare rolls become self-sufficient, says Randy Johnson, co-chair of the Governor's Commission on Welfare Reform. Johnson, who is also Hennepin County Commissioner, spoke to members of the Health and Human Services Committee Feb. 3.

He says the system should encourage welfare recipients to get out of the poverty cycle. He says, "Instead of a system that asks, 'How comfortable can we make you while you're on it?', the focus has to be, 'How can we help you get off the system?' or 'How can the system help you become as self-sufficient as possible?'"

Johnson says reform would focus on young mothers and long-term recipients. Reform would also create greater case management and require recipients to take self-sufficiency programs and develop self-sufficiency plans.

Drunk driving

Drunk driving on Minnesota roads has been cut in half in the past 10 years. That's the good news, Forst Lowery, state alcohol safety coordinator, told the Judiciary Committee's Crime and Family Law Division Feb. 2.

Multiple offenders are the hard-core problem, according to Lowery. More than 20,000 Minnesota drivers have been arrested three or more times for DWI. Lowery says Minnesota probably does the best job of any state in meeting the DWI problem through good laws, enforcement, and getting problem drinkers into treatment.

But, he says, that's not enough. Minnesota should do a better job of preventing drunk driving instead of just catching, punishing, and treating one out of 100 people. Lowery suggests the state consider efforts to:

- encourage or require commercial

licensed sellers and private social hosts to serve alcohol responsibly;

- promote and encourage efforts to deglamorize heavy drinking;
- increase social acceptance of not drinking;
- provide drug and alcohol education for children in early grades;
- find ways to separate drinking occasions from driving occasions; and
- consider public or alternative transportation in locating and licensing drinking places.

The division expects to hear prevention proposals soon.

Criminal trials

The prosecution and defense lined opposite sides of the room, as a bill proposing changes to criminal trial procedure had its first hearing Feb. 3. HF137 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul), drew some 30 people to the Judiciary Committee to testify for and against it.

The bill would allow the court, in most cases, to jointly try two or more defendants in court for the same crime. It would also allow the prosecution a chance to respond to the defendant's closing argument. And, in certain cases, it would give the prosecution and defense the same number of chances to challenge and remove a juror without explaining why.

Supporters claim the bill is one way to head off increasing crime rates and to better respond to crime victims' needs. Opponents claim the legislation's not needed--that the courts should have the right to set their own rules and procedures.

Testimony will continue at the next Judiciary Committee meeting, Feb. 10.

Minimum wage

Joe Samargia, commissioner of jobs and training, says Minnesota lawmakers should raise the minimum wage. He discussed jobs and training

with the Economic Development and Housing Committee Feb. 3.

When asked about his position on minimum wage, Samargia said, "I think it's really difficult for anybody that's sitting in this room to say they could work for \$3.35 and make a living. I don't think any one of us could." He pointed out that the minimum wage has been the same for six years, even though cost of living has gone up. "The issue should be debated in Washington," Samargia said.

Workers' rights

Jay Benanav, assistant commissioner of labor and industry, says his department is primarily concerned with protecting workers' rights.

At the Unemployment Compensation and Workers' Compensation Division of the Labor-Management Committee meeting Feb. 2, Benanav explained the process of making a worker's compensation claim.

The Department of Labor and Industry not only helps workers, but also employers, insurance companies, and doctors understand workers' compensation laws. But, Benanav says, the department spends most of its time helping workers because they often don't know the laws.

Technology development

Executives from high-tech corporations and experts in technology development told the new Future and Technology Committee Feb. 2, that Minnesota needs to position itself for future technology-intensive industries.

Don Sullivan, president and CEO, MTS Systems and member of the Minnesota High Tech Council, says the state needs to strengthen education in science and technology, starting in kindergarten. He also says the state needs to put heavier

emphasis on research programs in state universities. "For the state to develop technology-intensive industries in greater Minnesota, we need to invest in our universities. Industry in greater Minnesota will not grow unless there is a university around," says Sullivan.

Herbert Johnson, president of the Minnesota Technology Corridor Corp., says the objective of the corridor is to encourage and foster the development of technology-intensive industry in the state. And corridor supporters want to spin off technology-intensive companies in greater Minnesota.

The corporation is a joint effort including Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota, the state, and private industry. The corridor is an area between the University of Minnesota and the Minneapolis downtown business district. It hosts and helps develop high-tech companies. The corridor's first major development came in 1986 with the completion of the Supercomputer Center.

Attorney General's Office

Attorney General Skip Humphrey requests a \$2.5 million budget increase for his office in 1988-89. He presented his proposal to the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 2.

Humphrey says his top priorities include computerizing the Attorney General's Office for greater efficiency, and increasing attorneys' salaries.

Also, he says, starting salaries at the Attorney General's Office are \$4,000 less than other public law firms, and \$15,000 less than private firms. Elected public lawyers in metropolitan counties and at the University of Minnesota make \$5,000-\$15,000 more than lawyers in the Attorney General's Office. Humphrey says the Legislature needs to correct these salary disparities so the office can attract and keep top lawyers.

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notes

Sixty-five percent of state's poor live outside the seven-county metropolitan area, according to Governor's Commission on Poverty report. The report says number of people living in poverty in the state has gone up 100,000 since 1979 to about 475,000.

New commissioner of energy and economic development, David Speer, presented department's program to the Economic Development and Housing Committee Jan. 29.

Members of the Future and Technology Committee will take a high technology tour Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. Tour sites include Pillsbury Co., Life Corporation, and University of Minnesota Super Computer Institute. For transportation, members will meet at front entrance of the State Office Building.

Artists from across the country (60 Minnesotans) will showcase and sell their work for five days in April, Sam Grabarski told members of the Agriculture, Transportation, Semi-State Division Feb. 4. Grabarski, executive director of the Minnesota State Arts Board, says American Craft Enterprise selected Minnesota to sponsor one of four national craft fairs. Show's at the St. Paul Civic Center April 8 - 12.

On a scale of zero to 10, Minnesota farmers give AVTIs a rating of 8. According to John Ostrem that's because AVTIs have beefed up agricultural programs--adding 19 management programs to their curricula. Ostrem from the State Board of Vocational Technical Institutes says farmers who take the

programs better their chances of staying in business. He spoke to the Agriculture Committee Feb. 2.

Department of health commissioner, Sister Mary Madonna Ashton, brought her department's budget to the Health and Human Services Division/Appropriations Feb. 2 and 3.

Some of hottest issues this session are minimum wage, prior notice of plant closings, workers' compensation, and unemployment compensation, said members of the Labor Management Relations Committee. Discussion came at Feb. 3 meeting when leaders from Minnesota Retail Merchants Association, Minnesota AFL-CIO, Department of Employee Relations, and Department of Labor and Industry gave overviews of their organizations.

Revenue Commissioner Tom Triplett presented the Governor's budget and tax initiatives to the Taxes Committee Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. Committee discussed income tax, property tax, and corporate tax reform. Triplett urged action on income tax reform legislation in '87, in accordance with '86 federal reform.

Drunk driving costs Minnesota taxpayers \$40 million a year--\$1,000 for each drunk driving arrest. Cost is \$3,000 to \$7,000 for the average person who finds him/herself under arrest on a DWI charge. Drunk drivers spend nearly 200,000 days in jail per year, an average of about five days each. Repeat drunk drivers take up 11 percent of Minnesota jail capacity at a average cost of \$38 per day. (Statistics from committee testimony by Minnesota Department of Public Safety).

Last week the DAV withdrew a request for \$25,000 in state funds. (see "Notes," *Session Weekly*, Jan. 30, 1987). Feb. 4, the House recognized DAV action by adopting House Resolution 14 commending the Disabled American Veterans Department "for outstanding service and their willingness to continue this service without financial aid from the state of Minnesota for this biennium."

Local government aid may take a cut if legislators back the governor's budget recommendations, says Steve Hinze, a House researcher. Hinze spoke at the Feb. 5 Local and Urban Affairs Committee meeting. He says the governor's recommendations call for across-the-board cuts of about 1.5 percent, and a phase-out of the aid program by 1988.



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COMMITTEE ACTION

APPROPRIATIONS

Agriculture,
Transportation, &
Semi-State Division/
Appropriations

Monday, Feb. 2

Interest buydown program extension

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

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Pipeline Safety Act

HF91/SF90 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Transportation Committee. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and Energy Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Thursday, Feb. 5

Investment board--new authority

HF186 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass.

JUDICIARY

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Criminal trial procedures--changes

HF137/SF220 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--heard; amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

FLOOR ACTION

CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 29

Corporate directors liability--modified

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

Uniform Trade Secret Act--revised

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

GENERAL ORDERS

Monday, Feb. 2

Adoptive parents--access to records

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

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Monday, Feb. 2

Save the Family Farm Act--resolution

HF 83/SF95* (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)--passed (92-38).

Key

HF--House File

SF--Senate File

HF#/SF#--companion bills

*--version of the bill under consideration

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COMMITTEES Committee action during interim

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House Agendas

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BILL INTRODUCTIONS
January 30-February 5, 1987

House Bill Introductions Monday, Feb. 2

HF208--Minne (DFL)-- Judiciary

Human rights; defining marital status discrimination to include actions against an individual because of the spouse's political status; amending statutes.

HF209--Sparby (DFL)-- Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; allowing one deer to be taken by each method of hunting in any year; amending statutes.

HF210--Schoenfeld (DFL)-- Agriculture

Agriculture; clarifying and amending the farmer-lender mediation act; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF211--Wenzel (DFL)-- Governmental Operations

Retirement; including compensation paid for managing extracurricular activities in benefit computation; amending statutes.

HF212--Wenzel (DFL)-- Transportation

Transportation; traffic; providing for a ten mile per hour reduction in the speed limit for construction zones; amending statutes.

HF213--Bauerly (DFL)--Taxes

Taxation; income; modifying the exclusion for pension income; amending statutes.

HF214--Begich (DFL)-- Commerce

Commerce; modifying the maximum periodic rate of finance charge on open-end loan account arrangements and consumer credit sales; amending statutes.

HF215--O'Connor (DFL)-- Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; authorizing agreements with other states for reciprocal resident fishing license fees; amending statutes.

HF216--O'Connor (DFL)-- Judiciary

Highway traffic regulations; requiring a driver involved in an accident resulting in death to submit to chemical testing; amending statutes.

HF217--Bennett (IR)-- Transportation

Traffic regulations; providing for the operation by certain police departments and sheriff's offices of specially marked vehicles for highway traffic law enforcement; amending statutes.

HF218--Johnson, R (DFL)-- General Legislation/Veterans Affairs/Gaming

Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIII, section 5; allowing the legislature to authorize lotteries operated by the state if the net revenues are dedicated to education and lotteries operated by nonprofit organizations for charitable purposes.

HF219--Bishop (IR)-- Judiciary

Statutes; providing that selected statutes shall be subject to judicial modification in limited circumstances; proposing coding for new law.

HF220--Bishop (IR)-- Judiciary

Law enforcement; providing for management of records relating to certain liquor law violations; amending statutes.

HF221--Bishop (IR)-- Judiciary

Human rights; providing that human rights investigative data in an open file case is accessible to certain persons; amending statutes.

HF222--Bishop (IR)-- Judiciary

Human rights; clarifying that certain provisions relating to discrimination in the extension of credit because of sex or marital status; amending statutes.

HF223--Beard (DFL)--General Legislation/Veterans Affairs/Gaming

Veterans; appropriating money for use by the Military Order of the Purple Heart in assisting veterans to make claims against the United States government.

HF224--Sparby (DFL)-- Health/Human Services

Health; changing eligibility requirements for catastrophic health expense protection; including insurance premiums; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF225--Dauner (DFL)--Taxes

Taxation; changing the distribution of property tax interest and penalties; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF226--Battaglia (DFL)-- Local/Urban Affairs

Towns; providing for powers of town boards and board members; providing for elections; providing conditions for ownership of town cemetery lots; amending statutes.

HF227--Nelson, D (DFL)-- Education

Education; requiring districts receiving tobacco use prevention aid to have smoke-free buildings by the 1989-1990 school year; amending statutes.

HF228--Rodosovich (DFL)-- General Legislation/Veterans Affairs/Gaming

Firearms safety; increasing the age under which a firearms safety course and certificate are required; amending statutes.

HF229--Milbert (DFL)--**Transportation**

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

HF230--Tunheim (DFL)--**General Legislation/Veterans Affairs/Gaming**

Elections; authorizing combination of certain municipalities for election purposes; amending statutes.

HF231--Rodosovich (DFL)--**Taxes**

Taxation; sales and use; exempting sales of United States and Minnesota flags; amending statutes.

HF232--Rodosovich (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.

HF233--Valento (IR)--**Commerce**

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

HF234--McLaughlin (DFL)--**Labor-Management Relations**

Employment; establishing unpaid leave of absences for new parents; setting conditions on return from leave; creating a cause of action; prohibiting cost of parental leave from increasing unemployment insurance experience rating; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF235--Hartle (IR)--**Education**

Independent school district No. 763; permitting the district to mail certain information instead of publishing it.

HF236--Scheid (DFL)--**General Legislation/Veterans Affairs/Gaming**

Elections; requiring fair campaign practices; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF237--Uphus (IR)--**Environment/Natural Resources**

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

HF238--Bennett (IR)--**Governmental Operations**

Retirement; removing age limits on commencement of membership in firefighters relief associations; amending statutes.

HF239--Minne (DFL)--**General Legislation/Veterans Affairs/Gaming**

Elections; requiring school district elections to comply with the Minnesota election laws; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF240--Sarna (DFL)--**Commerce**

Commerce; prohibiting surcharges on credit card sales; prescribing a penalty; proposing coding for new law.

HF241--Sarna (DFL)--**Governmental Operations**

State employees; permitting certain employees to donate vacation time to a union representative; amending statutes.

HF242--O'Connor (DFL)--**Commerce**

Commerce; modifying the maximum finance charge on certain open end credit sales; authorizing additional charges; amending statutes.

HF243--Wynia (DFL)--**Health/Human Services**

Human services; authorizing a change in license fees that fund educational programs for resident and family advisory councils; appropriating money; amending statutes.

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HF244--Jennings (DFL)--**Environment/Natural Resources**

State lands; providing that notice of sale of state lands state weather ingress and egress is publicly or privately owned; amending statutes.

HF245--Simoneau (DFL)--**Governmental Operations**

Occupations and professions; architects, engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects; making certain technical changes related to certain licensing exceptions; amending statutes.

HF246--Kelly (DFL)--**Education**

Education; establishing chemical abuse pre-assessment teams and community advisory teams; requiring teachers to report possession; use, and transfer of chemical substances by students; providing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF247--Ogren (DFL)--**Environment/Natural Resources**

Crimes; prohibiting placing docks on public waters adjacent to dedicated public accesses; prescribing penalties; amending statutes.

HF248--Rodosovich (DFL)--**Health/Human Services**

Health; appropriating money for the WIC program.

HF249--McDonald (IR)--**Governmental Operations**

Legislature; extending the provisions of the Minnesota open meeting law to the legislature; exempting the legislature from certain provisions of the open meeting law where constitutional provisions prevail; amending statutes.

HF250--Kludt (DFL)--**Regulated Industries**

Intoxicating liquor; authorizing the city of Moorhead to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the Red River Valley Center-Hjemkomst Heritage Interpretive Center.

HF251--Olsen, S (IR)--**Health/Human Services**

Health; changing eligibility requirements for catastrophic health expense protection program; authorizing the commissioner of commerce to regulate the program; appropriating money; amending statutes.

**HF252--Olsen, S (IR)--
Health/Human Services**

Health; requiring licensure of home care agencies; providing a home care bill of rights; providing a complaint procedure for home care clients; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**HF253--Bishop (IR)--
Transportation**

Traffic regulations; requiring motorcycle riders born after July 31, 1969 to wear protective headgear; amending statutes.

**HF254--Wenzel (DFL)--
Local/Urban Affairs**

Local government; granting the city of Brainerd the authority to establish a port authority; authorizing the port authority to exercise the power of a municipal housing and redevelopment authority; authorizing the city to impose restrictions and limitations upon the powers and procedures of the port authority; permitting the city to choose the name of the port authority; providing for removal of port authority commissioners; requiring local approval.

**HF255--Jacobs (DFL)--
Regulated Industries**

Alcoholic beverages; premises which may be issued on-sale licenses; amending statutes.

**HF256--McDonald (IR)--
General Legislation/Veterans
Affairs/Gaming**

Horse racing; authorizing the commission to issue more than one class A license in the seven-county metropolitan area; amending statutes.

**HF257--Simoneau (DFL)--
Governmental Operations**

State employees; providing that certain state employees who are eligible to retire are eligible for state-paid life insurance and other benefits; amending statutes.

**HF258--Bauerly (DFL)--
Governmental Operations**

Retirement; increasing the retirement formula for covered correctional service; amending statutes.

**HF259--Bishop (IR)--
Education**

Missing children; requiring schools to develop policies on notifying parents whose children are absent from school; requiring that certain documents be provided to schools when new students enroll; proposing coding for new law.

**HF260--Schafer (IR)--
Education**

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.

**HF261--Stanis (IR)--
Education**

Education; removing the second tier levy fund balance ceiling of \$500; repealing statutes

HF262--Haukoos (IR)--Taxes

Taxation; income; providing an exclusion for income of persons over 65; limiting the pension exclusion; amending statutes.

**HF263--Greenfield (DFL)--
Health/Human Services**

Human services; extending eligibility of all work readiness registrants to a maximum of six months during any consecutive 12-month period; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

**HF264--Bertram (DFL)--
Governmental Operations**

State government; regulating the salary of constitutional officers.

**HF265--Bertram (DFL)--
Governmental Operations**

State government; regulating salaries of judges.

**HF266--Ogren (DFL)--
Regulated Industries**

Intoxicating liquor; prohibiting discrimination in sales; amending statutes.

**HF267--Onnen (IR)--
Governmental Operations**

Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, changing article IV, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26; article V, sections 3 and 5; article VIII, section 1; article IX, sections 1 and 2, and article XI, section 5; providing for a unicameral legislature of 101 to 135 members.

**HF268--Kinkel (DFL)--
Transportation**

Snowmobiles; authorizing certain operators possessing a motor vehicle operator's license to cross a highway; amending statutes.

**HF269--Kahn (DFL)--
Transportation**

Traffic regulations; extending prohibition against wearing headphones while operating motor vehicle to include bicycles; amending statutes.

**HF270--Vellenga (DFL)--
Judiciary**

Adoption; providing for notice of an adopted child or genetic parent's death; proposing coding for new law.

**HF271--Welle (DFL)--
Environment/Natural
Resources**

Game and fish; setting a staggering opening date for the pike season; amending statutes.

**HF272--Forsythe (IR)--
Education**

Education; increasing the foundation aid second tier levy fund balance ceiling for certain districts; amending statutes.

**HF273--Segal (DFL)--
Transportation**

Motor Vehicles; establishing system of lifetime motor vehicle license plates; refunding certain license plate fees; providing that personalized plates be reissued to previous holders under certain circumstances; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF274--Otis (DFL)--Financial Institutions/Insurance

Financial institutions; providing for acquisition through merger of banks for operation as detached facilities; amending statutes.

HF275--Brown (DFL)--Agriculture

Agriculture; establishing a commercial fish raising program; proposing coding for new law.

HF276--Olsen, S (IR)--Judiciary

Marriage; adopting the uniform marital property act; providing conforming amendments to existing state law; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF277--Solberg (DFL)--Judiciary

Child abuse reporting; requiring mandated reporters to report certain past occurrences of child abuse or neglect; amending statutes.

HF278--Forsythe (IR)--Judiciary

Civil liability; granting volunteer managers, coaches, umpires and referees, and the nonprofit associations for whom they provide services, immunity from liability for negligent acts or omissions; proposing coding for new law.

HF279--Osthoff (DFL)--Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; providing for leave of absences for county employees when elected to the office of county commissioner; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF280--Osthoff (DFL)--Local/Urban Affairs

City of St. Paul; repealing bonding authority and a sunset provision relating to the port authority; amending laws; repealing statutes.

HF281--Steensma (DFL)--General Legislation/Veterans Affairs/Gaming

Elections; providing for experimental mail elections; proposing coding for new law.

HF282--Bauerly (DFL)--Education

Education; increasing the capital expenditure revenue allowance; decreasing the capital expenditure levy; amending statutes.

HF283--Johnson, A (DFL)--General Legislation/Veterans Affairs/Gaming

Elections; requiring confidentiality of certain matters before the ethical practices board; raising certain campaign contribution disclosure limits; changing the method of calculating certain campaign expenditure limits; amending statutes.

HF284--Welle (DFL)--Labor-Management Relations

Unemployment compensation; regulating benefits and contribution rates; providing for the administration of the unemployment compensation law; providing penalties; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF285--O'Connor (DFL)--Judiciary

Statutes; reenacting certain amendments to the dram shop act.

HF286--Vellenga (DFL)--Judiciary

Witnesses; removing the presumption against the competency of certain witnesses; amending statutes.

HF287--Olsen, S (IR)--Education

Education; clarifying that arts education aid may be used only for arts education programs; amending statutes.

HF288--Dempsey (IR)--Governmental Operations

State; designating an official state beer; proposing coding for new law.

HF289--Kelly (DFL)--Local/Urban Affairs

City of St. Paul; setting the maximum amounts and other conditions for the issuance of capital improvement bonds; amending laws.



COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

February 9-13, 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.

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Monday, Feb. 9
8:00 a.m.

EDUCATION DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: 1) MN High Technology Council, Barbara Quinn. 2) MN Job Skills Partnership, Monica Manning, Executive Director.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

ROOM 400S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: Commerce Department - Commissioner Michael Hatch and Finance Director Tammy Wetterling.

8:30 a.m.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget hearings: Courts (continued): Family Farm Legal Assistance Program; Board on Judicial Standards; Board of Public Defense; Public Defender's Office.

EDUCATION

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern. Agenda: Report of the MN Adult Literacy Campaign.

9:00 a.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: Larry Martin, Director and Jim Heidelberg, Asst. Director, Legislative Commission on Pension and Retirement. Presentation on state retirement plans.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Stephen Wenzel. Agenda: Joan Growe, Secretary of State, and Tom Durand, Task Force Chairman - overview of Centralized Farm Product Liens proposal.

CRIME & FAMILY LAW DIVISION/JUDICIARY

Room 500 State Office Building. Chr. Kathleen Vellenga. Agenda: HF151 (Kelly) Crime victims; permitting crime victims reparation board to file a claim for reparations. HF163 (Schoenfeld) Children; regulating the paternity determinations.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Room 10 State Office Building. (Permanent room change) Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs. Agenda: HF266 (Ogren) Intoxicating liquor; prohibiting discrimination in sales.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMP. & WORKERS' COMP.

DIVISION/LABOR-

MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Room 500S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy. Agenda: Presentations by Qualified Rehabilitation Consultants; David Patten, Larry Mansfield, Vic Schultz, Division of Rehabilitation Services on Workers' Compensation and Vocational Rehabilitation.

12:00 noon

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/EDUCATION

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

FUTURE & TECHNOLOGY

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Leo Reding. Agenda: Overview of Governor's Office of Science and Technology.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich. Agenda: HF3 (Kelly) Labor; changing the minimum wage.

2:00 p.m.

The House will meet in Session.

After Session**JUDICIARY**

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly. Agenda: HF137 (Kelly) Criminal procedure; providing a presumption favoring joinder of multiple felony defendants in a single prosecution; permitting the prosecution to offer a rebuttal closing argument. Testimony only.

Tuesday, Feb. 10
8:00 a.m.

**AGRICULTURE,
TRANSPORTATION &
SEMI-STATE DIVISION
/APPROPRIATIONS**

Room 400S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: MN Science Museum, Dr. Wm. Peterson, President. Board of Animal Health, Dr. Thomas Haggerty, Executive Secretary.

**EDUCATION DIVISION/
APPROPRIATIONS**

Room 300N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: 1) Brief overview of budget book format - Judy Borgan, Tom St.Martin, Department of Finance. 2) Continuation of Governor's Budget Overview, Ron Hackett, Department of Finance.

**HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES DIVISION/
APPROPRIATIONS**

Room 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Department of Corrections Budget Hearing, Commissioner Orville Pung.

**STATE DEPARTMENTS
DIV./APPROPRIATIONS**

Room 300S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget hearings: Office of Administrative Hearings; Tax court.

**GOVERNMENTAL
OPERATIONS**

Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: Larry Martin, Director and Jim Heidelberg, Asst. Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement. Continuation of presentation on state retirement plans.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building. Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: HF127 (Krueger) 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.

**ENVIRONMENT &
NATURAL RESOURCES**

Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: Overview on the Legislative Commission on MN Resources. (LCMR)

**PHYSICAL/MENTAL
HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE/
HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES**

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal. Agenda: HF23 (Kahn) Requiring a hospital administrator to request an organ or tissue donation for purposes of the uniform anatomical gift act.

**SOCIAL SERVICES
SUBCOMMITTEE/HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES**

Room 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich. Agenda: HF 18 (Ogren) Allowing recovery of medical assistance payments upon death of recipient. Legislative Auditor's report on the AFDC program in MN by Roger Brooks, Deputy Legislative Auditor for Program Evaluation.

12:00 noon

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly. Agenda: HF137 (Kelly) Criminal procedure; providing a presumption favoring joinder of multiple felony defendants in a single prosecution; permitting the prosecution to offer a rebuttal closing argument. HF222 (Bishop) Clarifying certain provisions relating to discrimination in the extension of credit because of sex or marital status.

ST. PAUL DELEGATION

Room 400S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga. Agenda: School District Proposal bill - Mary Gilbert; Joint Debt Advisory background - Greg Blees; Property Tax Postponement - Rep. Gordon Voss, Tax Committee Chair.

Wednesday, Feb. 11
8:00 a.m.

**AGRICULTURE,
TRANSPORTATION &
SEMI-STATE DIVISION/
APPROPRIATIONS**

Room 400S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: Department of Agriculture; Dr. Rollin Dennistoun, Deputy Commissioner; Joseph Komro, Accounting Division Director; Gerald Heil, Planning Division Director.

**EDUCATION DIVISION/
APPROPRIATIONS**

Room 300N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Budget overview - Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES DIVISION/
APPROPRIATIONS**

Room 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Department of Corrections Budget hearing continued, Commissioner Orville Pung.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget hearings: State Planning Agency; Capitol Area Architectural Planning Board.

EDUCATION

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern. Agenda: Report on the MN Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: 1) James Hacking, Executive Director, PERA. 2) Paul Groschen, Executive Director, State Retirement System.

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 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros. Agenda: Presentation by Kenneth Keller, U of MN President, on Commitment to Focus; Commissioner Ruth Randall, MN Department of Education, and Dr. Leo Abbott, Director of Admissions, U of MN, response to proposed Commitment to Focus entrance requirements at the U of MN.

TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE/ METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Room 500S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin. Agenda: Metropolitan Council on transportation matters; Metropolitan Transit Commission.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

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

TRANSPORTATION

Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: HF91 (Knuth) Pipeline regulations.

2:00 p.m.

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/EDUCATION

Room 300N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson. Agenda: Presentation on the states' role in desegregation efforts from David S. Tatel, civil rights attorney.

TELECOMMUNICATION SUBCOMMITTEE/ FUTURE & TECHNOLOGY

Room 500N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger. Agenda: Telecommunications as an inner structure. Presentation by the Department of Administration on current equipment use and purpose.

HIGHWAYS & MOTOR VEHICLES

SUBCOMMITTEE/ TRANSPORTATION

Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bernie Lieder. Agenda: MN/DOT will be giving an overview of the funding process for MN highways.

Thursday, Feb. 12
8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: Department of Agriculture will continue their presentation.

EDUCATION DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Continuation of budget overview - Higher Education Coordinating Board.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: 1) Department of Corrections budget hearing continued; Commission Orville Pung. 2) Sentencing Guidelines Commission, budget hearing

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget Hearings: Department of Administration, base level review on "A strategy for Funding and Managing DOA Activities"; and "Hiring and Firing in State Government", Department of Administration and Department of Employee Relations.

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: Continuation of overview: Pollution Control Agency. Overviews on Legislative Commission on Waste Management; Metropolitan Council; and Citizens for a Better Environment.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield. Agenda: Report of the Governor's Mental Health Commission by Norma Schleppegrell, Chair.

12:00 noon

**VETERANS AFFAIRS &
MISCELLANEOUS
LEGISLATION
SUBCOMMITTEE/GENERAL
LEGISLATION, VETERANS
AFFAIRS & GAMING**

Room 500S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Joe Quinn. Agenda: HR6 (Johnson, B.) Congratulations to Bemidji on 50th Anniversary of arrival of Paul Bunyon and Blue Ox, Babe, to city waterfront. HF96 (McKasy) State high school league, requiring league to arrange certain conference memberships. HF117 (Hugoson) Resolution memorializing governments of U.S. and Socialist Republic of Vietnam determining fate of MIA's and POW's in Asian nations.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Room 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Dave Battaglia. Agenda: Presentations by various county and city representatives of their legislative agendas.

1:00 p.m.

**ELECTIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE/GENERAL
LEGISLATION, VETERANS
AFFAIRS & GAMING**

Room 500S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid. Agenda: HF239 (Minne) Requiring school district elections to comply with the MN election laws.

2:00 p.m.

**The House will meet in
Session.**

**Friday, Feb. 13
8:00 a.m.**

TAXES

Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss. Agenda: Public responses to the Governor's tax initiatives.

12:00 noon

**ENVIRONMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE/
METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

Room 500N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Darby Nelson. Agenda: Regional Parks and Metropolitan sewer rate structure.

1:00 p.m.

**CIVIL LAW
SUBCOMMITTEE/
JUDICIARY**

Room 400N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein. Agenda: HF201 (Orenstein) Marriage; setting out the requirements and effects of premartial agreements; enacting the uniform premarital agreement act. HF206 (Orenstein) Probate; providing for the disposition of certain community property; enacting the uniform disposition of community property rights at death act.



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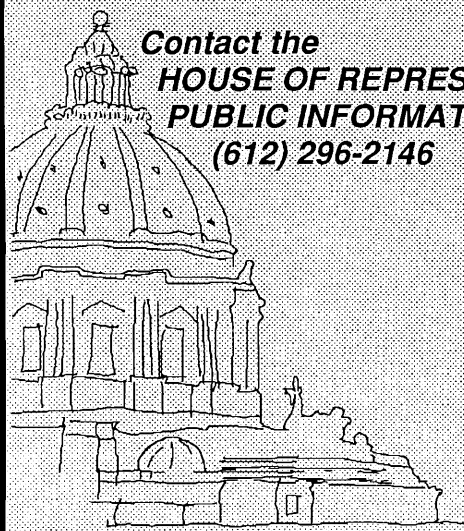
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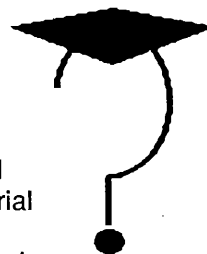
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Do You Know



When the first Legislature found itself without a governor and without a state, members solved the problem by declaring Territorial Governor Samuel Medary both *de facto* (existing, but not by legal establishment) and *de jure* (by right or legal establishment) governor of Minnesota.

They also declared they would legalize their acts upon admission of the state into the Union. On March 25, 1858, they recessed until June 2, and finally adjourned Aug. 12 after passing some important measures. Among those, the famous, much-protested, \$5 million loan bill to aid the construction of railroads and provide a basis for banking in Minnesota.

Although the first Legislature had solved its governorless, stateless dilemma, the duly elected first governor of the new state of Minnesota, Henry H. Sibley, never signed the first 124 bills the Legislature passed. He signed his first bill into law June 10, 1858.

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