**Trust fund/lottery bill**

The House defeated several bipartisan attempts April 6 to separate the question of a state-run lottery from the question of an environmental trust fund on voter ballots in November.

The proposal before the House would ask Minnesota voters to amend the state constitution to authorize a state-run lottery and divide its proceeds among an environmental trust fund, the Greater Minnesota Corporation, and a budget reserve in the state general fund.

The House voted down proposals to remove the lottery question and provide money for the environmental trust fund from either additional cigarette tax receipts, or a temporary increase in the state sales tax. The body also defeated an attempt to remove the environmental trust fund question and use the lottery proceeds for homestead property tax relief.

Long-time environmentalist and senior House member Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth) sponsors HF2182. He says he reluctantly agreed to add the lottery proposal to his environmental trust fund bill to guarantee the needed long-term funding he seeks.

After more than five hours of debate, the House passed the bill 69-63.

**Capital budget bill**

On April 6, the Appropriations Committee spent three hours putting the finishing touches on HF1826, a bill that carries committee and division recommendations for capital improvements in the state.

The bill, as amended, recommends $188,627,600 in capital improvement spending this year and $11 million for a school loan fund. Committee recommendations and appropriations include:

- nearly $125 million to technical institutes, community colleges, state universities, and the University of Minnesota for capital improvements, such as creating child care facilities (See "Higher Education");
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On March 6, the Appropriations
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pass.

Milk in schools

Kindergarten children may receive a
half-pint of milk each day under provi­
sions in the 1988 agriculture omnibus
bill. HF1000 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)
passed the House April 6.

The school milk provision having
failed final passage for four years, has
undergone a number of changes.

The intent of the 1987 bill was to
establish a program requiring school
districts to provide one half-pint of milk
to all kindergarten, elementary, and
secondary pupils attending public or
nonpublic schools in each district.
The 1987 bill also sought $5 million
dollars from the general fund to reim­
burse each school district for the milk,
but it met defeat in the Senate Education
Committee.

A 1988 version provided milk
distribution only to children in kindergar­
ten through grade three and requested $3
million to reimburse participating school
districts.

House passage of HF1000 reduced
the proposed $3 million to $600,000, and
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graders to kindergarteners. In addition,
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Fund to make changes in some existing
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• increase effective enforcement of rules
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Despite cuts in the bill, Rep. Steve Wenzel (DFL-Little Falls) says he’s pleased that the program passed the House. “The program is two-pronged,” he says. “It helps both children and the Minnesota dairy industry. We’re going to continue to build on it.” Wenzel chairs the Agriculture Committee.

The bill now awaits action on the Senate floor.

**Capital improvement bonds**

Minnesota counties may soon be able to levy taxes and issue bonds for capital improvements without voter approval. They would, however, need approval from their county boards and the Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED).

On April 6, the House passed HF1796 (Rest, DFL-Mpls) which would allow counties that have a five-year capital improvement plan to sell bonds with a three-fifths vote of the county board. In counties with seven-member boards, the bonds would need a two-thirds vote. The bill would call for a reverse referendum if 5 percent of the voters sign a petition requesting a vote.

Counties would have to submit their plans to the DTED for approval before selling any bonds. If the commissioner approves the plan, the county must then hold a public hearing on the bond sale.

HF1796, now on its way to the governor for his signature, would also give counties a second option to finance their capital improvement plans through use of a building fund. Counties could then make building fund levies outside of levy limits.

The bill would limit bonding and building funds in most counties to a maximum of one mill. The Senate added an amendment to HF1796 that would lower Hennepin County’s bonding authority from one mill to one-half mill.

**Contraception**

After lengthy floor debate on April 5, the Minnesota House amended a school health services bill to stop elementary and high schools from dispensing contraceptives.

Rep. Allen Quist (IR-St. Peter) proposed the amendment, saying that parents, not schools, should have major influence over whether their children use birth control devices.

“There are two issues here,” said Quist. “The first is parental rights. The second is whether educational institutions ought to be in the business of giving out contraceptive devices. It’s my position that educational institutions exist to provide education.”

And if parents want their children to use contraception, “there is no difficulty at all in obtaining it for them,” he added.

As part of his amendment, students would be able to give contraceptive devices to other students. But school employees who do so would be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

Opponents to the amendment argued that condoms play a large role in AIDS prevention, that the amendment would harm health programs geared to reduce teen pregnancies, and that sexually active teens need access to trustworthy information and help.

The House approved the Quist amendment to SF2137 (House author: Kelso, DFL-Shakopee) on an 87-36 vote. The bill itself passed 101-14.

**Workers’ compensation**

Workers’ compensation talks resumed in the House when Rep. Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples) brought a new proposal to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee April 5.

Krueger offered his proposal as an amendment to Rep. Joe Begich’s workers’ comp bill, HF2761 which has been on hold in the Rules Committee for several weeks now.

Like HF2761, the proposal would call for stiffer insurance regulation, freeze most medical costs, and cap rehabilitation and attorney’s fees. It would penalize employers who don’t rehire injured workers without good cause.

The estimated cost cuts would be 10.5 percent of the $1 billion system.

Begich’s bill would make minor benefit cuts, while Krueger’s proposal would limit temporary partial benefits. It would also restrict permanent total benefits to those who are physically unable to work. And lastly, the Krueger proposal would coordinate supplementary benefits with social security benefits and delay cost-of-living increases for three years.

After three hours of debate, Krueger withdrew his proposal. He says he’ll offer it again if the Begich bill reaches the House floor.

**College savings bonds**

On April 5, the Minnesota House voted 120-1 to set up a bond program for parents who want a college nest egg for their children.

HF2396 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal) would establish a Minnesota college savings bond program similar to one in Illinois.

“By investing relatively small amounts in state bonds when their children are young, parents can build up a significant tax-exempt savings by the time their children are ready to start college,” says Carlson.

The plan would make a portion of the state’s general obligation bonds available as low-denomination, zero-coupon bonds. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds would go to finance construction in higher education institutions.

**Used car ‘lemon law’**

A consumer protection bill for used car buyers is on its way to becoming law after the House gave it final approval April 5.

HF85, the so-called “lemon law for used car buyers,” would require automobile dealers to provide an express warranty at two levels—first, for cars having fewer than 36,000 miles, a warranty for 60 days or 2,500 miles; and second, for cars having between 36,000 and 72,000 miles, a warranty for 30 days or 1,000 miles. The warranty would require dealers to repair or replace parts
it covers, or allow them to take the car back and refund the buyer's money.

The bill would exempt from warranty those vehicles that: sell for less than $3,000; use diesel fuel; weigh more than 9,000 lbs. (just slightly larger than pickup trucks); are custom-built or modified for show or racing; are eight years or older; or don't comply with federal emission standards.

According to the bill's author, Rep. Joe Begich (DFL-Eveleth), a dealer wouldn't have to handle problems the car buyer knows about and agrees to fix. And, Begich says, dealers wouldn't have to repair problems the car owner causes after buying the car.

The bill would also set up licensing requirements for automobile dealers, but would allow an individual to sell up to five cars a year without a dealer's license. HF85 would exempt auctioneers from licensing.

Most people think the law requires their employers to give them coffee or work breaks. Currently, Minnesota has no law that requires employers to provide breaks. But the House has passed SF1958 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul), a bill that would put mandatory breaks during the work day into state law. Employers who don't honor the law would be guilty of a misdemeanor. The bill goes next to the governor.

Police officers will have to report so-called "bias crimes" under a bill now on its way to the governor for his signature. The Department of Public Safety will collect the data on crimes where officers believe motivation for the crimes are a victim's race, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or sexual orientation. The bill also requires the Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board to provide training to help officers understand and assist victims, and accurately report on such crimes.

The House voted April 5 to ratify a "Memorandum of Agreement" between the commissioner of natural resources and three Chippewa Indian bands. Under the agreement, the state would pay just over $5 million annually to the Grand Portage, Bois Forte, and Fond du Lac bands of Chippewa Indians to give up some hunting and fishing rights in northeastern Minnesota. The House amended the bill to give any party to the agreement a chance to pull out.
If one of the property tax relief provisions in the tax bill becomes law, the administration of certain public assistance programs, such as the food stamp program, would transfer from counties to the state. If this happens, Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls) is ready with a contingency bill. The pending legislation is House File 2685 a bill that would establish a compliance system for certain public assistance programs if the tax bill provides county property tax relief by increasing state funds for income maintenance programs. Greenfield says the contingency plan is needed because though the tax bill would allow a state takeover of public assistance programs, it presently does not clarify administration or accountability.

Drivers involved in high speed chases would have to forfeit their vehicles under a bill the House laid over April 7. Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park) drew up the proposal after hearing of a chase last year involving police and a shoplifter that lead to a 7-year-old’s death. The bill would require reports of chases and written procedures and training requirements for police officers. It would expand the forfeiture law to include violations of fleeing from a police officer. Borrowed or stolen vehicles would not be subject to forfeiture, but a driver who also owns the vehicle involved in a chase would have to forfeit the vehicle.

On April 7, the House learned that the Senate will not repass a school health service bill because of a House amendment on contraceptives. The House attached the amendment during its April 5 regular floor session. The amendment would prohibit high school employees from selling or prescribing birth control devices, including condoms, to students. The bill and the amendment will go to a conference committee.

Those who work in, or visit the Capitol complex during session know parking is at a premium. But if the capital improvement bill, HF1826, makes it through the process, the state will build a new parking facility near the State Office Building which is across the street from the Capitol.

Farm debtors who own or lease fewer than 60 acres of land and have had less than $20,000 dollars in sales of agricultural products during the preceding year will soon be ineligible for foreclosure mediation under the Farmer-Lender Act. SF1622 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls) would prevent hobby farmers from taking advantage of the act’s mediation proceedings to evade the terms of their loans. Mediation is to provide serious farmers with financial analysts and mediators who work with creditors to find a solution to impending insolvency.

Luring or baiting bears with bones, bottles, cans, plastic, paper, or metal, or any other materials that are not readily biodegradable, and that may cause the bear harm, would be against the law under a bill the House and Senate have passed. Rep. Doug Carlson (IR, Sandstone) is House sponsor of the bill which would require hunters to tag and register, with the commissioner of natural resources, all baits they intend to use to lure bears to their deaths.

Christopher Anderson, 19 months, uses two columns of the railing above the rotunda as a head rest to get a better look at the action below. He is the son of former Rep. Buzz Anderson, now a lobbyist for United Power of Elk River, Minnesota.
### COMMITTEE ACTION

**APPROPRIATIONS**

**Wednesday, April 6**

Capital improvements—bonding

HF1826/SF1886 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)—recommended to pass as amended; referred to Rules & Legislative Administration.

**Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS**

**Tuesday, April 5**

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HF1826/SF1886 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)—sections 12-15 recommended to pass as amended; referred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)

**RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**Tuesday, April 5**

Workers’ compensation law—changes

HF2761/SF2540 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—heard; laid over.

(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

### FLOOR ACTION

**CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE**

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

**Wednesday, March 30**

**Parental rights deprivation laws—changes**

HF2059*/SF1820 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate (114-0).

**Contracts for deed—recording assignments**

HF2134*/SF2023 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—repassed as amended by the Senate (111-0).

**State park road account**

HF1277*/SF1141 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)—repassed as amended by the Senate (130-0).

**Vehicles—transporting firewood**

HF1469*/SF1336 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—repassed as amended by the Senate (126-4).

**Robbinsdale—surface water regulation**

HF1585*/SF1427 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—repassed as amended by the Senate (132-0).

**Municipal liquor stores—profit exemption**

HF1731*/SF2033 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)—repassed as amended by the Senate (127-3).

**MIGA—regulations**

HF1897*/SF1802 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—repassed as amended by the Senate (129-1).

**Sanitary districts—Waste Management Board aid**

HP2092*/SF1952 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—repassed as amended by the Senate (127-0).

**Pheasant Ridge Music Center—liquor license**

HF2254*/SF2357 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—repassed as amended by the Senate (110-15).

**School District No. 710—revenue use**

HF2317*/SF1817 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-1).

**Bias crimes—reporting, training requirements**

HF2340*/SF1786 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate (125-1).

**Debtor exemption—employee benefits**

HF2242*/SF2278 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—repassed as amended by the Senate (127-1).

**St. Louis County—board, administrator duties**

HF2446*/SF2299 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—repassed as amended by the Senate (127-1).

**Cook County—land exchange, sale**

HF2489*/SF2216 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—repassed as amended by the Senate (128-0).

**St. Louis County—private sales, tax-forfeited land**

HF2551*/SF2215 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors).
Harbors—repassed as amended by the Senate (128-3).

Wednesday, April 6

Lake improvement districts—meeting notice
HF521/SF2445 (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)—repassed as amended by the Senate (129-0).

County bond election exemption—requirements
HF1796*/SF1877 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—repassed as amended by the Senate (94-32).

Shoplifting—civil liability
HF1923*/SF1668 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate (122-0).

Sentencing issues study
HF1983*/SF2125 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate (128-1).

Education finances—technical amendments
HF2029*/SF1911 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—repassed as amended by the Senate (129-0).

Motor carrier housekeeping bill
HF2192*/SF1876 (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)—repassed as amended by the Senate (129-0).

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 30

HMO consumer protection
HF2012/SF1861* (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)—repassed as amended by conference committee (120-0).

Motor vehicles—salvage dealer licensing
HF1130/SF1121* (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—passed (121-0).

Transportation study board—creation
HF1750*/SF1593 (Kalis, DFL-Watertown)—pass (125-0).

State claims bill
HF1981*/SF1863 (Kalts, DFL-Watertown)—passed (82-42).

Waste Management Act—amendments
HF2031*/SF1891 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)—passed (123-0).

Environmental Quality Board—amendments
HF2087/SF2286* (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)—passed (125-0).

Corporate filing—simplification
HF2095/SF1788* (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—passed (125-0).

HMO solvency—requirements
HF2127*/SF2008 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—passed (127-0).

State employees—certain salary ranges
HF2250/SF2003* (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—passed (127-0).

State advisory councils, committees
HF2292/SF2226* (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)—passed (123-5).

Voter registration—computerization, account establishment
HF2536*/SF2398 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (126-0).

Energy policy task force—low-income persons
HF2667/SF2456* (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (85-35).

SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Wednesday, March 30

School milk substitutes—lactose intolerant children
HF1849/SF1882* (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—passed (124-0).

Landlord repairs—tenant rights
HF1872/SF1819* (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—passed (125-0).

Minneapolis—trade, craft service contracts
HF2115/SF1875* (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—passed (126-1).
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| SF1815—Dicklitch (DFL) |
| Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1880 |
| Animals; prohibiting transportation of certain animals in open vehicles; prohibiting leaving animals unattended in motor vehicles in an unsafe or dangerous manner and authorizing their removal by peace officers and fire and rescue officials; providing penalties; proposing coding for new law. |

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COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

April 11 - 15, 1988

Do you know?

Demands of growth and government have shaped Minnesota’s tax system throughout history. Early territorial settlers knew about property taxes because land was a visible measure of wealth in the countries they came from. So, in 1849, while Minnesota was still a territory, those early decision makers levied the state’s first property tax, one-fourth of 1 percent.

In 1858, when Minnesota became a state, an amendment to the State Constitution put into place a uniform property tax that required "...all taxes on property remain uniform and equal." However, between 1858 and 1913 when the economy shifted from agriculture to commerce and industry, people gained other wealth such as stocks and notes.

This wasn’t as easy to value as land and other property, and the uniform property tax didn’t do the job constitutional planners meant it to. So, in 1906, an amendment to the State Constitution allowed a classified property tax, and the state placed a three-mill "money and credit" tax on certain financial assets which the income tax replaced in 1945.

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