HIGHLIGHTS

Housing trust fund

The interest that's accrued on real estate trust accounts could help house the homeless if SF1462 (House author: Clark, DFL-Mpls) becomes law.

The bill, which is waiting action in a House and Senate conference committee as of April 14, would set up a low-income housing trust fund for deposit of interest from real estate accounts. SF1462 would allow buyers and sellers of real estate to receive interest from their deposits if they agree to that in writing.

Alexa Bradley of the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, says the fund would go for the development and/or preservation of much-needed affordable housing for very low income people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Bradley says the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency would make loans and grants for low income rental and cooperative housing units with funds in the housing trust account. She says 5 percent of the funds would provide for real estate education and research, and a recovery fund.

Sixteen other states have similar funds, but they differ in funding sources, Bradley says. Minnesota's fund, which could raise up to an estimated $1 million dollars a year, is patterned after Washington state's fund, she says.

Airport noise

On April 13, lawmakers attached environmental stipulations to SF1900 (House author: Simoneau, DFL-Fridley), a bill that grants the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) $150 million in new capital bonding authority. House provisions would subject projects the bonds would finance to environmental scrutiny. In addition, MAC would be duty-bound to promote the overall goals of the state’s environmental policies and minimize the public’s exposure to noise and safety hazards around airports.

It’s a fact!

The first voting machine in the House of Representatives Chamber began operating in 1939. Prior to that, members voted by voice. The clerk would call the roll and tally members' votes by hand. Today, electronic voting buttons on each member's desk replace voice votes of the past.

Although years ago the House dealt with fewer bills each session, we're told that calling the roll orally took between 15 and 20 minutes per bill. This may have increased the length of sessions more than anyone realized.

The 1905 Journal of the House reports more than 700 roll calls that year. Multiply that number by 20 minutes and you'll find that voting that session took 233 hours or 9.7 days.

Given today's greater number of bills and amendments, using a voice vote in the House would be as burdensome as sending a friend a lengthy letter, one word at a time.
MAC plans to use the $150 million to build new hangers for Northwest and Mesabi airlines, improve the ground traffic system to the main terminal, and extend Runway 422 so that fully loaded 747 jets could land and take off.

During floor debate, legislators proposed amendments that would block or postpone the runway extension, saying that expansion will worsen noise problems. But supporters maintain that Minnesota’s economic development depends on reliable, updated air service.

“The noise issue you’re hearing about really is a symptom of a capacity problem at the airport that the Legislature will have to deal with soon,” said Rep. Jean Wagenius, (DFL-Mpls).

The House passed its version of SF1900 on a vote of 128 to 3.

### Interstate banking

On April 13, the House passed a bill, 89 to 32, which would add the states of Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Washington, and Wyoming to Minnesota’s reciprocal interstate banking region. (An interstate banking region consists of a group of states, each of which allow participating states to buy and operate banks within their boundaries.)

Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls), House sponsor of SF203, said a bill two years ago added North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin to the Minnesota region. But only the Wisconsin Legislature enacted interstate banking legislation. And, Skoglund says, the addition of Wisconsin did little to enhance Minnesota’s reciprocal banking region.

According to Skoglund, the bill would allow the Minnesota banking system to grow outward and develop strength. This would enable the area to remain a financial center and prevent takeover by large New York banks when the federal government makes interstate banking nationwide.

Forty states and the District of Columbia have already adopted interstate banking legislation. All of the remaining states are currently considering similar legislation.

### Campaign funding, spending

The Rules and Legislative Administration Committee defeated a bill April 13 that would have prohibited political candidates for state offices from holding campaign fund-raisers or accepting campaign contributions during a legislative session. SF2021 (House author: Ogren, DFL-Aitkin) would have provided a $500 fine for any candidate, registered lobbyist, political committee, or political fund that violated the provision.

The original proposal would have limited the fund-raising prohibition to legislative candidates, but the committee amended the bill to make it apply to all candidates for state office.

The bill would also have added a provision to the law that regulates political campaign spending limits. It would release a candidate who agrees to stay within the state-prescribed limit from that promise, if the candidate’s opponent refuses to accept the same limitation. Supporters said the provision would encourage all candidates to stay within legally prescribed spending limits.

Unable to win a majority in the committee, the bill met defeat on a tie vote.

### Child protection

A bill that passed in the House April 12 could grant protection to children or young adults under the age of 18 who have suffered criminal sexual or other abuse by a parent or person with whom they have frequent contact.

SF2266 would appoint a child intermediary to young victims of sexual abuse, says Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), House author.

“I’m a prosecutor,” he says, “and I have experience with child abuse cases. It seems everyone is represented [in pre-trial and trial proceedings] but the child...and as a result the child is often verbally assaulted. Now, finally, someone may pay attention to the child’s psychological welfare.”

The bill would establish a pilot program, allowing the appointed intermediary access to records applicable to the child’s welfare, and the right to petition the court to appoint an attorney to protect the child’s interests.

The intermediary would also protect the child from further trauma, advise the court of the child’s special needs during court proceedings, and of the child’s ability to assist in prosecuting the offender.

### Seat belt penalty

Two months ago, the House voted down SF121 (House author: Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul) by a vote of 62 to 65. But on April 12, through a motion to reconsider, the House voted 68 to 62 to pass the bill.

During debate on the floor, opponents said the proposed law oversteps personal freedom and won’t save many lives.

But supporters point out that only one-third of all Minnesotans comply with the current seat belt law. And only 11 percent of Minnesota’s teenage boys use seat belts.

“In states that fine people for not using seat belts, compliance is much higher,” said Rep. Kathleen Vellenga.

Rep. Ernest Larsen (DFL-Ramsey) pointed out legislation the House passed that would fine duck hunters who don’t have proper flotation devices in their duck boats.

“You sent a message loud and clear to our state’s duck hunters,” said Larsen. “Now you’ve got an opportunity to take a look at a much greater number of people driving than duck hunting.”

Last year, the Senate sent SF121 to the House with a $25 fine attached. The House dropped the fine to $10.

On April 13, the Senate concurred with the House amendments and repassed the bill. If the governor signs the bill, Minnesota will join 29 other states in penalizing motorists who don’t use seat belts.
High speed chases

Drivers involved in high speed chases may have to forfeit their vehicles if a bill moving through the legislature becomes law.

Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park) drew up the proposal after a seven-year-old boy's death. "A car is as lethal a weapon as a gun," Segal says, "yet there's no requirement in Minnesota for reporting high speed chases."

Segal's bill, SF1821, would require law enforcement agencies to report such chases to the commissioner of public safety, and adopt written procedures and training requirements for police officers in cases where they may pursue a fleeing suspect.

The bill would also expand the forfeiture law to include violators who flee from a police officer. Under this provision, a court could require a person accused of fleeing a police officer, who also owns the vehicle involved in the chase, to forfeit the vehicle. Borrowed or stolen vehicles would not be subject to forfeiture.

The House amended the bill April 12 to remove a provision that would have made trailers, snowmobiles, airplanes, and vessels subject to forfeiture if they're involved in police chases. The provision would also have allowed Department of Natural Resources enforcement officers to report crimes under the bill's pursuit provisions.

The House passed the bill and returned it to the Senate, where the Senate author refused to accept the amendments. The bill now goes to a conference committee where legislators will work out the differences.

Lifetime license plates

The six-year license plate bill suffered a setback April 11 when members of the Minnesota House voted 128 to 1 to return the state to lifetime license plates.

The switch to lifetime plates came by way of an amendment from Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park).

She says the average life expectancy of a car in Minnesota is seven-and-a-half-years, and it makes no sense to buy a new plate for a vehicle that people will get rid of in another year.

Opponents of the switch say older plates are hard to read and that new plates would help law enforcement officers do their jobs.

Rep. Tony Bennett (IR-Shoreview), a St. Paul police officer, says the reflective material that covers the plates has a life expectancy of five to seven years. He says it would cost motorists 33 cents a year for a good set of reflective plates that'll last up to seven years.

The Minnesota Legislature has pondered the move from lifetime plates to six-year plates for the past three years. In 1985, the Legislature authorized the switch, but a Hennepin County judge issued a temporary restraining order halting the sale of the plates after a lawsuit challenged the constitutionality of the law.

Some say that if the Legislature doesn't take some action this year, the court may reinstate the 1985 law and motorists would have to purchase new plates every six years, even if the plates are not six years old.

Vehicle inspections

By a 78-40 vote, the House okayed yearly pollution inspections for cars, vans, and small trucks in the seven-county metropolitan area.

The action came late on April 7 after a lengthy floor debate.

Currently, the Twin Cities area is violating federal clean air standards, says the House sponsor of SF1983, Rep. Darby Nelson (DFL-Champlin). And if lawmakers don't begin to correct the problem, he says Minnesota could face severe—and expensive—penalties from the U.S. government as early as September.

Under the legislation, each vehicle owner would pay no more than $10 for a yearly inspection, beginning in 1991. But if the car is a 1976 or later model, and it doesn't pass inspection, the owner would have to foot the repair bill to bring it up to compliance.

The Senate concurred with the House action and repassed SF1983. The bill now awaits the governor's signature.

Comparable worth

Minnesota cities and counties that haven't submitted a comparable worth status report to the Department of Employee Relations by Oct. 1 this year would face penalties under an amendment the House added to a public finance bill April 11. The 1985 Legislature required municipalities to submit such reports by Oct. 1, 1985.

Representatives Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls) and Sidney Pauly (IR-Eden Prairie) offered the amendment which would also require political subdivisions to begin equitable pay practices by Dec. 1, 1991. Failure to meet these deadlines would mean a city or county could not increase its levy limits above current levels. And beginning in 1991, a municipality that continues to not follow the law would face a 5-percent reduction in local government aids. According to Skoglund, the Legislature imposed a similar law on school districts last year.

Rep. Terry Dempsey (IR-New Ulm) opposed the amendment's severity saying, in some cases, it's simply an oversight that some smaller communities may not have complied with the 1985 law.

But Skoglund and Pauly say it's a fairness issue. Most communities already have their plans in place, Pauly says. And Skoglund says employees who work in one city should expect to receive the same treatment as their neighbors who work in another city.

Money's an issue, too, says Skoglund. State law prohibited comparable worth lawsuits until Aug. 1, 1987. Unless the Legislature acts to encourage communities to begin comparable worth programs, Skoglund says, they're going to get sued, and it'll cost all Minnesotans a lot more money.
Veterans homes

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs would regain control of the Minneapolis and Hastings veterans homes under a bill that's moving through the State Legislature. The measure, which Rep. Dick Kostohryz (DFL-North St Paul) sponsors, would create a board of directors and give them the responsibility to govern, manage, and administer the homes.

The bill would also require the commissioner of health to issue licenses for the homes upon the board's application whether or not the homes comply with state nursing home regulations.

However, Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), chair of the Health and Human Services Division of the Appropriations Committee, thinks this sets a bad precedent. He proposed an amendment on April 8 which would require the commissioner to issue licenses after determining that the homes have met all appropriate rules. But Kostohryz said veterans fear that such language would prevent transferring control back to the veterans department.

The House voted down Greenfield's amendment, and later passed the bill unanimously.

HMO bill of rights

On April 11, the House passed SF1388 requiring Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) to establish a consumer bill of rights: a statement of the enrollee's rights on the cover page of the contract. The bill of rights would clearly define exclusions, limitations, and responsibilities of HMOs. It would also explain covered services and require HMOs to give a 30-day notice before changing fees or benefits.

Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) offered an amendment that would have increased consumer membership on HMO boards. He told members that HMO boards should significantly reflect the public they serve.

The amendment would have required at least a 51-percent consumer representation on HMO boards. Currently, the bill requires HMO boards to have a 40-percent consumer representation and a 60-percent provider representation.

The amendment, unopposed by the House author Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls), was not adopted.

National health insurance

Providing basic needs like food, shelter, and clothing for low-income, underprivileged Minnesotans and Americans may not be enough, according to Rep. Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth). He says the list of basic needs should include health insurance.

During the House session on April 7, Jaros presented HF2176, a bill requesting the President and Congress to enact a program of national health insurance.

Jaros says that nearly 50 million Americans do not have any health insurance and the state should take a lead to address this national problem. He says the U.S. is one of two industrialized nations that doesn't have national health care insurance.

Representatives K.J. McDonald (IR-Watertown) and Tony Onnen (IR-Cokato) called the resolution a socialized health insurance system. Jaros said, "I've looked at this issue and studied other national health insurance systems and one country we may use as a model is Canada."

The House passed the bill on a roll call vote, 74 to 47.

Caboose bill

According to Rep. Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls), many tragic train derailments involving hazardous materials could have been less serious and may not have happened at all if the law had required trains to have manned cabooses.

During the April 8 floor session, Rice presented SF449, a bill that would require manned cabooses on freight trains of 2,000 feet or longer, that travel without signal systems, or that haul hazardous materials.

"I have document after document from train derailments involving the spill of hazardous materials in: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Austin, San Antonio, and Roundrock, Texas; Miami, Ohio; and Annandale, Minnesota. One thing was common in all these train derailments: they did not have a caboose on the train," said Rice.

Opponents of the proposal, including miners and farmers, contend that the bill would raise shipping costs, even though it exempts trains carrying taconite and grain.

Opponents also insist that the bill does nothing for improving safety on traveling trains. They see it as a labor issue that unions, not legislators, should debate and settle. Attempts to amend the bill with a provision exempting any agricultural product or empty grain trains failed.

The Senate passed the bill last year, and after two hours of debate, the House approved it on an 81 to 44 roll call vote.

Clarification

In Session Weekly (Vol. 5, No. 10, Pg. 1, "It's a fact!") paragraph 3 should read: In 1849, Minnesota's territorial governing body established a property tax. But, as the territory grew to statehood and financial needs increased, legislators would unsuccessfully consider an income tax to increase revenues and relieve the burden on property taxes.
Walleye fishing on the Rainy River, the Minnesota-Ontario border, would extend from March 1 to April 14 with limits on numbers and size of fish under a bill the House passed April 14. The 1987 Legislature moved the closing date to Feb. 28 because environmentalists claim fishing in the spawning season hurts the walleye population. Local citizens say the earlier closing harms tourism business because anglers go to the Ontario side of the river where the season ends April 15.

Seizure and forfeiture laws may toughen as a result of SF1937 that passed the House April 13. House sponsor, Rep. Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls), says the toughened laws, which would permit seizure and forfeiture of property without a conviction, would target drug manufacturers and traffickers. Under the bill, he says, all items officers find near a drug operation—in some cases even the house—would be subject to forfeiture.

After three days of hearings, House and Senate conferees stripped the contraceptive amendment from the school health services bill. Under the amendment the House attached to the bill last week, school health clinics couldn’t distribute or prescribe birth control devices for students. Author Rep. Becky Kelso (DFL-Shakopee) urged passage to avoid delaying needed health service provisions in the bill. The bill passed, without the contraceptive amendment, on a 131-0 vote.

"The needs of children and adolescents and their need to be dealt with by professional, trained staff is not only overwhelming, but very evident," says Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park), author of HF2561. April 12, the House unanimously passed Segal’s bill to establish a crisis intervention and suicide prevention project for children and adolescents in response to high suicide and drop-out rates.

Driving-while-intoxicated (DWI) arrests in 1986 accounted for 25 percent of all arrests and for 20 percent of jail time offenders served in Minnesota. Repeat offenders made up 37.5 percent of the DWI arrests, says Rep. Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope). Rest is chief sponsor of a bill, now in conference committee, that would impound license plates of DWI drivers with multiple arrests.

A resolution that condemns violent protests at reproductive health care facilities gained unanimous support in the House Rules Committee April 13. Since Jan. 1987, about 265 acts of violence—including two bombings—have occurred at Minnesota clinics and hospitals that perform abortions.

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HF1938/SF1834* (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—passed (125-2).

Child abuse—false allegations
HF1956/SF1871* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed as amended (131-0).

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Cemeteries, mausoleum, funeral services—regulation
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