Non-traditional students

Non-traditional students (mothers, displaced workers, older adults, and breadwinners) make up about half the 1988 student enrollment in Minnesota's community colleges. But, according to the chancellor of Minnesota's community colleges, these students do not receive enough financial and program assistance.

Speaking to the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 25, Chancellor Gerald Christensen criticized the state’s message to these students. “In this state, we almost force people to make a choice,” he said. “Our policies tell them to either go on welfare and you’ll be taken care of. Or, if you try to make it out there, don’t expect much help.”

Currently, says Christensen, tuition for Minnesota’s community colleges costs nearly twice as much as the national average. Funding per student for Minnesota’s community schools ranks in the bottom third. Twice as many students as the system expected have enrolled in Minnesota’s community colleges for 1987-88.

“We’re facing serious problems,” Christensen says.

He asked the committee for an additional $16.3 million to help meet the needs of the state’s community college students.

State mandates

When the Legislature or state agencies mandate local units of government to carry out programs or rules, they would have to supply the funds for them if HF518 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley) becomes law. The Local and Urban Affairs Committee recommended HF518 to pass Feb. 25.

The bill would set up a system for the state to reimburse local units of government for carrying out program or financial mandates. Local governments would report mandate costs to the newly created division of state and local funds.

It’s a fact!

Every state has official symbols which unite citizens and make them feel proud. And Minnesota, widely known for the state pride of its people, also has a common unofficial symbol: the state license plate.

Minnesota plates display the words “10,000 lakes.” Yet, in 1975, state officials tried to remove the familiar slogan. They said it cluttered the plates and made the numbers hard for police officers to read. Minnesotans were not happy with the decision. State officials got over 700 angry phone calls with messages like: “You can’t do that! We like our license plates! We’re proud of our 10,000 lakes!” Today, the slogan, “10,000 lakes” travels with all Minnesotans.

For a complete list of Minnesota’s official state symbols, see “Do You Know?” on the last page.
mandates. After receiving a cost report, the division would determine the local financial effect of the state mandate or agency rule and submit a report to the commissioner of finance for review and payment.

Local governments would not get reimbursement for every state mandate. HF518 would make exceptions for laws that impose a mandate to hold an election or to notify or conduct a public meeting.

In addition to setting up a reimbursement system, HF518 would require all agency rules or bills the Legislature introduces after Dec. 31, 1988 that impose a program or financial mandate to state mandate goals and expectations, outline how local governments should carry out the mandate, and include information on its effectiveness. It would also require the division of state and local mandates to review state mandates and rules every five years to determine financial impacts.

The bill goes next to the Governmental Operations Committee.

Higher education bills

About 200 university students, from as far as Duluth, lobbied in support of two education bills at the Higher Education Committee meeting on Feb. 24.

The proposals were: HF2146 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids), a bill that would give student council members of the Higher Education Coordinating Board voting privileges; and HF1989 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul), a bill that would create a task force to study child care needs in higher education.

To show their commitment to form the child care task force, representatives from student associations made an offer that would save the state money. They agreed to pay mileage, gas, and incidental expenses the student task force member would incur while traveling to meetings.

Students represented five organizations: Minnesota State University Student Association, Community College Student Association, University Student Senate-University of Minnesota, Vocational Technological Student Association, and the Duluth Technical Institute.

The committee recommended both bills to pass as amended. HF2146 now goes to the Appropriations Committee; HF1989 goes to the full House.

Recycling proposals

Local recycling programs would get a boost from the state under a proposal the Environment and Natural Resources Committee recommended to pass Feb. 23. HF2031 would require owners of newly built or remodeled buildings to provide 100 square feet to collect and temporarily store recyclable materials.

"Hennepin County's trying to get a handle on their solid waste problem," says author Rep. Darby Nelson (DFL-Champlin), "but they run into big blocks of buildings, of waste generators, in which there simply is no space." According to Nelson, building owners and tenants say they'd like to participate in a recycling program, but have no space to collect and store such materials.

Nelson says the proposal would allow recycling planners across the state to develop programs calling for large commercial buildings or apartment complexes to participate in recycling programs.

HF2031 would make several changes to the Minnesota Waste Management Act; the proposal for recycling space is only one of those changes.
### U of M remodeling

On Feb. 23, University of Minnesota officials came to the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee to ask for $24.4 million in extra operating money. But just before their hearing ended, a barrage of questions faced them.

In the wake of additional newspaper reports about the costs of remodeling U of M President Ken Keller's offices and home, committee members asked Rick Heydinger, a university vice president, about the high price tag, apparently loose procedures, and lack of communication about the renovations.

"These newspaper headlines are obviously troubling," said Rep. Howard Orenstein (DFL-St. Paul). "I'd like to know if these stories are accurate, and if they are, how this happened and where the money came from."

Heydinger told the committee that no state funds went directly into the $198,000 office remodeling. Rather, the university mainly used income from short-term cash investments.

Although Heydinger said the money could perhaps have funded student programs, he said that the remodeling fell under a much-needed, but undocumented plan to spruce up the university.

The Legislative Audit Commission asked for an investigation into the two controversial remodeling projects and a report by March 16. Legislative Auditor Jim Nobles spearheads the audit which will address costs, contract-letting responsibility, approval procedures, project scope, and various financial practices, including procedures on the transfer of money from one account to another.

The University recently hired an accounting firm to conduct its own investigation. "But I think legislators and the public need to have someone working on their behalf in this issue," Nobles said.

### Carbon monoxide testing

The death of a Columbia Heights couple in their home last year from carbon monoxide poisoning prompted Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park) to introduce HF1805. The bill would require people who repair or inspect furnaces to safety-test them for carbon monoxide gases.

Carbon monoxide is odorless, tasteless, and colorless. The silent killer results from incomplete combustion of natural gas in a furnace.

Johnson says the carbon monoxide problem is showing up more than ever before because of faulty heating systems and a lack of ventilation in many homes. She recommends that people have their furnaces checked at least twice a year, and that when they weatherize their homes they allow for enough oxygen so the furnace gases burn completely.

HF1805, which the Commerce Committee recommended to pass Feb. 23, would require furnace inspectors or repair persons that don't do the carbon monoxide test, to notify the homeowner in writing that the repair or inspection did not include a safety-test. It would also require them to take steps to eliminate any carbon monoxide gases they find.

### Out-of-state taxation

Out-of-state mail order and telemarketing companies sell to Minnesotans without paying sales or corporate taxes to the state. Collecting revenue from these companies is one of the governor's tax initiatives this year.

Commissioner John James, Department of Revenue, told the Taxes Committee Feb. 23 that collecting those taxes could mean $41 million for the state in fiscal year 1988.

Should the governor's proposal become law, he says, the state would notify out-of-state companies doing business in Minnesota of their tax obligation by registered mail.

According to James, the state could enforce the law through the 1987 changes to income tax laws, the expansion of the sales tax nexus laws (laws that deal with taxes on companies in other states that do business in Minnesota), and the recently established out-of-state auditing offices.

Under the proposal, the Minnesota Department of Revenue could sue those states not complying with payment of corporate and sales taxes.

James says Minnesota may be among a dozen states which have already enacted similar legislation.

### Minnesota's refugee program

Minnesota's refugee program will lose over $1 million in federal funding, according to Deputy Commissioner Charles Shultz of the Department of Human Services. Shultz told members of the Health and Human Services Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 23 that the federal cuts are retroactive and the state will have to absorb them during this fiscal year.

"Refugees living in Minnesota will continue to receive cash assistance for the first 18 months after their arrival in the U.S.," says Shultz, "but the federal government cut cash extension programs from 31 to 24 months." Most of the cuts are administrative and may affect departments that work solely to help refugees with their cash assistance and medical programs.

Rep. Mary Forsythe (IR-Edina) questioned John Petraborg, assistant commissioner, on the numbers of refugees migrating to the U.S. and Minnesota.

"The problem on the national level is somewhat discouraging. The numbers of refugees released from the camps in Thailand to immigrate to the U.S. last year, was about equal to the birth rate in just one of the camps. So the problem has international scope," said Petraborg.

Both Shultz and Petraborg anticipate more than 2,000 refugees will migrate to Minnesota this year.

The federal cuts in the refugee program are a direct result of the Gramm-Rudman budget resolution Congress passed in December.
Surrogate parenting

Paying a woman to bear a child under a surrogate parent contract would be illegal in Minnesota and contrary to state policy if the Legislature passes a bill that a Judiciary subcommittee recommended to pass Feb. 22.

HF1701 (Rest, DFL-New Hope) would make it illegal for anyone to pay a surrogate mother, or for the surrogate mother to receive money for giving up her child for adoption. The bill would not forbid the practice of surrogacy if it involves no payment. But advertising in Minnesota for a woman to act as a surrogate mother for pay would be illegal.

Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) favors the bill and says legislators should consider the needs of the child first. "I think the worst start for a child is to have a confused identity," she says. "In adoption, we at least have a child who knows that, for whatever reason, the birth parents decided to terminate rights, and that they did not originally make a choice to conceive that child with the intention of giving it up..."

Vellenga says the difference between adoption and surrogate parenting is a question of finding the best home for the baby, rather than the best baby for the home.

Animal disease control

Custom livestock feeding businesses and farmers may find it difficult and costly to illegally move quarantined animals into and within the state if HF2018 (Dille, IR-Dassel) becomes law.

The Agriculture Committee amended the bill Feb. 22 and recommended it to pass as amended. The bill would broaden existing law, and give the Board of Animal Health and its executive director more power to deal quickly with violations of the law.

Provisions of the bill would:
- allow board representatives to stop vehicles they believe carry diseased or quarantined animals;
- allow board agents access to livestock sites for inspection purposes, and require those agents to give livestock owners receipts for test samples they take, and results of the tests;
- authorize board agents to bring criminal, civil, or injunctive action for the prevention and control of animal diseases; and
- set a penalty at $10,000 per violation rather than $10,000 per day of violation.

Horse racing

A Feb. 18 meeting at Canterbury Downs attracted more than 400 people from Shakopee and surrounding areas. At the meeting, the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee heard from farmers, business owners, neighbors, horse owners, and union representatives, all of whom support HF740 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul). The bill would reduce the parimutuel tax on horse racing businesses.

The community wants the state to lower the tax on horse racing. Not lowering the tax, they said, may force businesses in Shakopee, Blaine, and Little Falls to close. That could cost thousands of jobs.

Rep. Richard Kostohryz, committee chair, stressed that the proposed bill is not a Canterbury Downs bill. "It is a bill that helps all agri-businesses and horse racing in the state," he says.

Kostohryz also says that the horse racing industry should pay the same tax rate as other businesses in the state. Currently, he says, Minnesota taxes horse racing businesses higher than other states and higher than other businesses.

At another meeting on Feb. 22, the committee recommended the bill to pass as amended, then rereferred it to the Taxes Committee.

Ethics Committee

The Minnesota House of Representatives created a Select Committee on Ethics under a resolution the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee adopted Feb. 19. Speaker of the House Robert Vanasck (DFL-New Prague) proposed the measure, and appointed a six-member committee, consisting of three members each from the DFL and IR caucuses. Committee members include Representatives Dee Long (DFL-Mpls), chair, Loren Solberg (DFL-Bovey), Leo Reding (DFL-Austin), Bob Anderson (IR-Ottertail), David Bishop (IR-Rochester), and Sidney Pauly (IR-Eden Prairie).

The resolution directs the select committee to develop guidelines and procedures to deal with any House member's misconduct, and requires the committee to base its recommendations on constitutional and statutory provisions, and House precedent.

According to a House Research analyst, 23 states have established legislative ethics committees. Their sizes, purposes, and responsibilities vary, as well as investigation procedures, and disciplinary authority.

The resolution directs the committee to report its recommendations back to the Rules Committee by March 25.

Committee deadlines

On Feb. 22, the House adopted a series of deadlines to help move bills through the legislative process.

- After Thursday, March 10, the House must refer committee reports on House Files to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee before the bills can go to the House Floor for action.
- After Friday, March 18, the House must refer committee reports on Senate Files to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee before the bills can go to the House Floor for action.

These deadlines don't apply to committee reports from the Taxes or Appropriations Committees, or to the education finance bill.

- After Wednesday, March 30, the House can act on only conference committee reports, bills that the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee report (Special Orders), and bills in messages from the Senate or governor.

The deadlines are part of the 1988 Permanent Rules of the House.
A $301 million budget resolution came out of the Ways & Means Committee Feb. 24 and passed the full House Feb. 25 on a 93 to 32 vote. The proposal rejects portions of the governor's budget and allocates more money for education, tax relief, the elderly, highway and transit improvement, and refunds to renters and homeowners. The budget totals $217.4 million for state programs and $83.8 million for tax relief.

Ely, Minnesota will soon be the new home for the phone power unit of the Department of Revenue. “The telephone collections area is a high turnover area. It’s a very difficult, high stress job. We’re guessing we’ll have a stable work force when we’re in a labor market where there is much greater demand for jobs,” says Arni Armajani, deputy commissioner. Other Revenue Department employees from 12 locations will consolidate into one facility in the Metro area on Nov. 1.

Gas wars, sale volumes, transportation costs, wholesale prices, and state gas tax differentials influence what Minnesotans pay for gas. At a joint meeting of the Transportation and Commerce Committees Feb. 24, legislators questioned industry representatives on fluctuating gas prices. Brian Ettesvold, Minnesota Service Station Association, says, when an aggressive retailer sells gas for a cheaper price, it drives the price down for everyone in the marketplace. A Minnesota State Planning Agency report shows vigorous competition at wholesale and retail levels of the industry. The report states that competitive behavior of refiners drives market behavior at this level.

National Guard re-enlistments are on a down trend, legislators heard Feb. 23 at the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee. The guard has a three-fold incentive program to attract and keep people which: restores the $2,000-$3,000 tax exclusion to every member; allots an annual $250 bonus to each member, captain and below in rank; and offers a 50 percent tuition reimbursement to all members.

Other states have bigger hills, taller trees, bluer lakes, and better climates than Minnesota. Given geographic drawbacks, the state needs to compete in today’s marketplace on other fronts, say Bill Blazar, Dayton Hudson Co., and Ted Kolderie, University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. Speaking to the Economic Development and Housing Committee Feb. 25, they said Minnesota needs to maintain excellence in quality of life (roads, education, and health care), and encourage businesses that export services to national and worldwide population centers.

About 35,000 injured workers qualify for workers’ compensation indemnity benefits every year. Of these, half return to work within two weeks; 95 percent within a year. The five percent out of work after a year account for a major share of the system’s cost Ray Bohn, commissioner of labor and industry told the Labor-Management Relations Committee Feb. 22. Bohn says Minnesota’s workers’ compensation premium rates are the fourth highest in the country. He says from 1983 to 1986, the state’s total premium cost rose 97 percent in Minnesota, but went up only 54 percent in the rest of the nation.

Future vitality of Minnesota’s economy needs cooperation among diverse interests in public and private sectors, says Ed Hunter, Minnesota Wellspring’s president. The state should recognize the importance of a balanced investment in research, development, and technology, he says. “If the state wants to build their economic future and create jobs on the great potential that new technology has to offer, it really has to be prepared to invest and to allocate scarce resources to all of these kinds of initiatives,” Hunter says. He made his comments at a Feb. 22 meeting of the Future and Technology Committee.

Minnesota Wellspring, a non-profit organization, is an alliance of leaders from agriculture, business, education, government, and labor.

Quotes on trends in future and technology: “The national crisis in manufacturing, due primarily to foreign competition, has arrived in Minnesota—even in rural Minnesota,” according to the State Manufacturing Task Force for AVTs. And “while high-tech jobs will be expanding faster than overall employment during the next decade, they will account for only 14 percent of the total U.S. work force by 1995,” according to labor economist Richard Belous. Quotes are from the Feb. 1988 special edition of Future Scans, Minnesota State Planning Agency’s newsletter.
| AGRICULTURE | Education Finance Division/EDUCATION | HAZARDOUS WASTE—cleanup for economic development |
| Monday, Feb. 22 | Wednesday, Feb. 24 | HF1815/SF1754 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass as amended; referred to Economic Development & Housing Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee) |
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| Animal disease control—Board of Animal Health | Education financing—technical changes | |
| HF2018/SF1786 (Dille, IR-Dassel) recommended to pass as amended; referred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture Committee) | HF2029/SF1911 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls) adopted as amended; referred to Education Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture Committee) |
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| APPROPRIATIONS | ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES | FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE |
| Monday, Feb. 22 | Tuesday, Feb. 23 | HMO consumer protection |
| | | HF2012/SF1861 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass as amended; referred to Health & Human Services Committee. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee) |
| Pine County/Wilder Foundation—property sale | Duck boats—personal flotation devices | GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING |
| HF1211/SF1184* (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone) recommended to pass as amended. | HF1817/SF1698 (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake) recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee) | |
| Highway funding—fuel tax increase, MVET transfer | Willard Munger Trail—designation | Monday, Feb. 22 |
| HF1749/SF1592 (Kalis, DFL-Walters) referred to pass. (SF in Senate Taxes & Laws Committee) | HF1858/SF1731 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham) recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee) | Horse racing—purse, tax reduction |
| | | HF740/SF724* (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul) recommended to pass as amended; referred to Taxes Committee. |
| COMMERCE | Waste Management Act—amendments | |
| Tuesday, Feb. 23 | HF2031/SF1891 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin) recommended to pass as amended; referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee) | Veterans—outreach center, new home |
| | | HF1596/SF1463 (DeBlieck, DFL-Milroy) recommended to pass; referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Veterans Committee) |
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| Furnaces—carbon monoxide test | | Veterans Home—control |
| HF1805/SF1737 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park) recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee) | | HF1746/SF1595 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul) laid over. (SF in Senate Veterans Committee) |
| | | |
| Service stations—alteration payments | | |
| HF1979/SF1885 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey) recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee) | | |
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| Thursday, Feb. 25 | | |
| Rainy River—fishing season closing date | | |
Animals—motor vehicle transportation
HF1880/SF1815 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—heard; laid over.
(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Monday, Feb. 22

Mille Lacs County—land sale
HF1761/SF1572 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Fire protection systems, licensing
HF1780/SF1883 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Public employees—fringe benefits
HF718/SF970 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Public employees—retired elected officers’ insurance
HF1648 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—amended; not recommended to pass.

Thursday, Feb. 25

Fire protection systems, licensing
HF1780/SF1883 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—heard. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Probation officers—state employment
HF2039/SF1939 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

State lands—Basilica of St. Mary deed
HF2036/SF1920 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, Feb. 25

Pharmacies—licensure
HF812/SF0752 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Service dogs—access, definition
HF1748/SF1972 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Hospital care—polio patient(s)
HF1772/SF1637 (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Nurse midwives prescriptions—certification
HF1784/SF1663 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Day care building code—task force
HF1795/SF1617 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Hearing impaired—telephone assistance
HF1812/SF1809 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Regulated Industries Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Hemoglobinopathy testing—infants
HF1847/SF1988 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Blind services—federal, state law clarification
HF1876/SF1583 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Hospitals—payments, rates
HF1887/SF1658 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

AFDC/GA—eligibility
HF1889/SF1650 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Welfare reforms
HF1891/SF1857 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

MA case management—pilot project
HF1927/SF1825 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

SILS—additional grant
HF2040/SF2012 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Epilepsy—demonstration project
HF2062/SF1870 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
Regional treatment centers—work activity programs
HF2080/SF1620 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

School immunizations—technical changes
HF2083/SF1588 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Cloquet—health screening
HF2084/SF1935 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Human Services Licensing Act—modifications
HF2123/SF1594 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

GA recipients—drug dependency
HF2132/SF2018 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

HMOs—resolution
HF2180 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

HECB—student voting privileges
HF2146 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Crime & Family Law Division/JUDICIARY

Monday, Feb. 22

Open bottle law—liability clarification
HF1755/SF1613 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

DWI, 'implied consent' law—clarification
HF1808 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass.

Shoplifting—civil liability
HF1923/SF1668 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Workers' compensation benefit—changes
HF2061 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass as amended.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, Feb. 25

Local governments—state mandates
HF518/SF433 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Morrison County—building fund levy
HF1602/SF1473 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee.
(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

TAXES

Thursday, Feb. 25

County bond election—exemption requirements
HF1796/SF1877 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Local & Urban Affairs Committee.

White Bear Township—economic development authority
HF1865/SF1473 (Starius, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Taxes Committee.
(SF in Senate Taxes Committee)
FLOOR ACTION

CALENDAR

Bills on the Calendar may be considered for final passage by the House. Each bill has had two or more readings, and has been acted upon by one or more standing committees, and has been printed. Each bill has been favorably recommended by the House acting as a Committee of the Whole. Pursuant to the Rules of the House, bills on the Calendar cannot be amended without unanimous consent of the members except to fill blanks or to amend titles. Each bill on the Calendar will be given a Third Reading when the bill is reported to the House.**

Monday, Feb. 22

Obscene materials, performances—prohibition
HF402/SF236* (Reding, DFL-Austin)—passed (120-4).

Health Dept. subpoenas—authority
HF421/SF951 (Orgen, DFL-Aitkin)—passed (118-0).
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Crime victims laws—amendments
HF1754*/SF1693 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (123-0).
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Thursday, Feb. 18

Seat belt law—violation penalty
HF1228/SF121* (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—amended, not passed (62-65).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Bills on the Consent Calendar may be considered for final passage by the House. Each bill has had two prior readings and has been acted upon by one or more standing committees. Each bill has been printed and copies have been placed on the members' desks for at least one day. Bills on the Consent Calendar did not appear on General Orders and therefore were not considered by the Committee of the Whole. Bills on the Consent Calendar were placed there by a recommendation of a standing committee which considered the bill to be noncontroversial. Pursuant to the Rules of the House, bills may be removed from the Consent Calendar and referred to General Orders if ten members object to the bill because it is controversial. Amendments may be offered to bills on the Consent Calendar without unanimous consent of the members and each bill is given a Third Reading prior to final roll call.**

Thursday, Feb. 18

Minnesota statutes—chapter number assignments
HF1773 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (122-0).

Monday, Feb. 22

Criminal sexual conduct—consent definition
HF1740*/SF1738 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (121-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Town special meeting—lodging tax vote
HF1766*/SF1634 (Bataglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—passed (122-0).
(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Key
HF—House File
SF—Senate File
HF#/SF#—companion bills
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GENERAL ORDERS

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Thursday, Feb. 18

Health Dept. subpoenas—authority
HF421/SF951 (Orgen, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Crime victims laws—amendments
HF1754/SF1693 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Obscene materials, performances—prohibition
HF402/SF236* (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass.

Monday, Feb. 22

Waste facilities—records inspection
HF1846/SF1725 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Nursing practitioners—health plan payments
HF1853/SF1758 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Cable communications—authorized connections
HF1886/SF1694 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)
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fiber telecommunications system and related
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HF2065—Dempsey (IR)
Taxes
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contingent tax increase upon forecast of a
revenue shortfall; repealing laws.

HF2066—Dempsey (IR)
Education
Education; providing for reporting of
consumption of alcohol by minors; amending
statutes.

HF2067—Rest (DFL)
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issuance and use of public debt; amending
statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2068—Orenstein (DFL)
Health/Human Services
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products on public property; proposing
coding for new law.

HF2069—Kahn (DFL)
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solid waste reduction and recycling program
through county programs, a waste reduction
initiative fee on containers, a recycling
deposit on beverage packages, and public
education; appropriating money; proposing
coding for new law.

HF2070—Dempsey (IR)
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beds; amending statutes.

HF2071—Greenfield (DFL)
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resident personal allowance; changing
nursing home property-related costs and
operating costs and operating costs provi-
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HF2072—Nelson, K. (DFL)
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innovation programs; appropriating money;
proposing coding for new law.

HF2073—Olson, K. (DFL)
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revenue; authorizing a levy; appropriating
money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2074—Trimble (DFL)
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programs; appropriating money; proposing
coding for new law.

HF2075—Neuenschwander (DFL)
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controlled burn coordinator; appropriating
money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2076—Orenstein (DFL)
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personal care assistant to a ventilator-
dependent person; proposing coding for new
law.

HF2077—Voss (DFL)
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taxes; appropriating money; amending
statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2078—Ottis (DFL)
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amending statutes; proposing coding for
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HF2079—Carruthers (DFL)
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additional restrictions; authorizing a levy to
make up for the levy not made in 1987;
amending statutes.

HF2080—Dorn (DFL)
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certain services for adults with mental
retardation and related conditions; providing
protection for the mentally retarded; provid-
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ing medical assistance utilization review
appeals; regulating child support; amending
statutes.

HF2081—Nelson, K. (DFL)
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teaching, student and teacher choice, and
school based management; appropriating
money; amending statutes; proposing coding
for new law.

HF2082—Ogren (DFL)
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full for services provided to Medicare
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HF2083—Orenstein (DFL)
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HF2084—Ogren (DFL)
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experts; requiring a report; appropriating
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HF2085—Bauerly (DFL)
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HF2087—Knuth (DFL)  
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HF2088—DeBlieck (DFL)  
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HF2089—Wenzel (DFL)  
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HF2305—Olsen, S. (IR)
Education
Education; making changes in the training and experience revenue and the minimum allowance aid formulas; amending statutes.

HF2306—Long (DFL)
Taxes
Bonds; authorizing the Minnesota public facilities authority to issue revenue bonds and make loans to or purchase the bonds of municipalities for wastewater treatment and water supply systems; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2307—Nelson, D. (DFL)
Environment/Natural Resources
Health; establishing a safe drinking water account; prohibiting the use of certain lead pipe and pipe fittings; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2308—Quinn (DFL)
Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; establishing the insurance consumers board; giving the board authority to collect and disseminate information; establishing a surcharge on insurance contracts; appropriating money collected by the surcharge to the board; proposing coding for new law.

HF2309—Sparby (DFL)
Commerce
Commerce; regulating and governing business relations between manufacturers of agricultural equipment and independent retail dealers of those products; proposing coding for new law.

HF2310—Carruthers (DFL)
Judiciary
Probate; providing for the award of sentimental property to the decedent’s children; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2311—Nelson D. (DFL)
Environment/Natural Resources
Water resources; recodifying and clarifying water law; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2312—Ozment (IR)
Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to sell certain lands in Itasca County.

HF2313—Clark (DFL)
Judiciary
Domestic abuse; requiring recording of all domestic abuse protection hearings; amending statutes.

HF2314—O’Connor (DFL)
Metropolitan Affairs
City of St. Paul; establishing a program setting aside a portion of services and materials for small businesses.

HF2315—Kostohryz (DFL)
Education
Education; re-enacting the capital expenditure levy for leased buildings; amending statutes.

HF2316—Long (DFL)
Environment/Natural Resources
Health; requiring certification of certain environmental laboratories; establishing an environmental laboratory certification account in the state treasury; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2317—Begich (DFL)
Education
Education; providing for use of certain revenues in the Independent School District No. 710 bond redemption fund; amending laws.

HF2318—Gruenes (IR)
Health/Human Services
Health; authorizing the public facilities authority to make health care planning grants and capital equipment loans available to small hospitals; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

House Advisory Bills

Monday, Feb. 22

HA62—Pappas (DFL)
Education
A proposal to study corporal punishment in Minnesota public schools.

HA63—Kalis (DFL)
Transportation
A proposal to study fluctuations in retail gasoline prices.

Senate Files/
First Readings

Monday, Feb. 22

SP1575—Berg (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Game and fish; clarifying when a trout and salmon stamp is required and responsibility for road-kill deer; amending statutes; repealing statutes.
This schedule is subject to change. For information, call House Calls at (612) 296-9283 or contact Dorothy Sawyer at (612) 296-2146. All meetings are open to the public.

Monday, Feb. 29

8:00 a.m.

**APPROPRIATIONS/ Education Division**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: State Board of Technical Institutes operations and maintenance budget overview.

**EDUCATION**
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HF2029 (Nelson, K.) Technical amendments; HF1838 (Sviggum) Permitting certain school districts to become members of an intermediate school district. HF1674 (Bauerly) Chemical dependency assessments of suspended pupils. HF1813 (Nelson, K.) Adult basic education programs.

**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: HF2045 (Minne) State lands; tax-forfeited land in St. Louis County. HF1750 (Kalis) Transportation; creating a transportation study board. HF1884 (Johnson, R.) State lands; tax-forfeited land in Beltrami County. HF1943 (Ogren) State lands; tax-forfeited lands that border public waters in the City of Aitkin. HF2046 (Harle) State lands; conveyance of certain state-owned lands to the City of Owatonna. HF2109 (Begich) State lands; tax-forfeited land in St. Louis County. HF2025 (Begich) State lands; tax-forfeited land in St. Louis County. HF322 (Clark) Retirement; highway patrol formula.

8:30 a.m.

**APPROPRIATIONS/ Health & Human Services Division**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

10:00 a.m.

**AGRICULTURE**
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel
Agenda: HF2057 (Bertram) Agriculture; providing penalties and liability for damages for unauthorized release of domestic animals. HF2041 (Brown) Agriculture; limiting ownership of agricultural land by certain corporations and limited partnerships; requiring certain reports; prescribing a civil penalty.

**JUDICIARY/ Crime & Family Law Division**
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF1701 (Rest) Family law; making surrogate mother agreements void and unenforceable. HF2059 (Pappas) Crime; children; clarifying the defenses to a charge of deprivation of parental rights; requiring defendant to prove elements of defenses.

12:00 noon

**EDUCATION/EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

**FUTURE & TECHNOLOGY**
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Presentation by Minnesota High Technology Council on their legislative agenda.

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS/Unemployment Insurance & Workers’ Compensation Division**
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: HF1791 (Riveness) Unemployment insurance; defining the term “wages.” HF1902 (Riveness) Unemployment insurance; requiring notice of completion of job assignment by employees of temporary employment service. Presentation on Legislative Auditor’s recommendation for workers’ compensation by project manager Elliot Long.

**REGULATED INDUSTRIES**
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: HF2232 (Jacobs) Cable TV. HF2050 (Jennings) Changes in telephone deregulation legislation. HF1627 (Kahn) Extending on-sale hours for sale of liquor.

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joe Begich
Agenda: HF1913 (Pappas) Prohibits
employer reprisals against employees who decline to participate in charitable fund. Others to be announced.

**METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS/ Affirmative Action Task Force**

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin

**Agenda:** Continuation of testimony from metropolitan agencies on affirmative action plans.

2:00 p.m.

The House will meet in Session

**After Session**

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES**

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

**Agenda:** HF2101 (Nelson, D.) Prescribing criminal penalties for violation of certain statutes. HF1244 (Carruthers) Providing reciprocal access to courts and administrative agencies for injuries caused by trans boundary pollution. HF1992 (Rukavina) Authorizing PCA to train personnel involved with sewage treatment system. HF1949 (Munger) Authorizing a loan to the Wester Lake Superior Sanitary District. HF2092 (Ogren) Allowing sanitary districts to apply for Waste Management Board Grants.

7:00 p.m.

**JUDICIARY/Child Support, Custody & Maintenance Subcommittee**

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers

**Agenda:** HF1658 (Dempsey) Marriage dissolution; providing shared care of minor children. HF2118 (Vellenga) Family law; modifying and clarifying provisions for collection and enforcement of child support. HF1896 (Jennings) Marriage dissolution; providing for child support enforcement.

**REGULATED INDUSTRIES**

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

**Agenda:** Continuation of morning meeting.

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**APPROPRIATIONS/ Education Division**

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

**Agenda:** State University System operations and maintenance supplemental budget overview.

**APPROPRIATIONS/Health & Human Services Division**

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

**Agenda:** Department of Corrections by Commissioner Orville B. Pung. Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Mental Retardation by Shirley Hokanson.

**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simonneau

**Agenda:** HF1804 (Simonneau) Retirement; Fridley volunteer firefighter’s relief association. HF2125 (Otis) Retirement; funding of certain retirement fund deficiencies. HF1855 (Simonneau) State employees; purchase of insurance coverage by retired legislative employees.

**TAXES**

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss

**Agenda:** HF2096 (Voss) Technical corrections to miscellaneous and sales taxes. HFxxx (XXX) Technical changes to individual income taxes.

| 8:30 a.m. |

**APPROPRIATIONS/ State Departments Division**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

**Agenda:** Department of Administration budget requests by Deputy Commissioner Jeff Zionis. State Planning Agency budget requests by Director Lani Kawamura.

10:00 a.m.

**COMMERCE**

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna

**Agenda:** SF187 (Ogren) Liens; personal property; establishing a lien on personal property held in self-service storage facilities; providing for the enforcement of these liens; regulating rental agreements and advertising.

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES**

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

**Agenda:** HF2182 (Munger) Creating an Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/ Physical/Mental Health Subcommittee**

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal

**Agenda:** HFxxx (Greenfield) AIDS prevention. HF2012 (Nelson, C.) HMO replacement. HF1498 (Clark) HMO consumer rights. HF2138 (Greenfield) Mental Health Ombudsman. HF1721 (McEachem) Hearing aid insurance. HF2269 (Carruthers) Access to chiropractic services.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/ Social Services Subcommittee**

200 State Office Building

**Agenda:** HF2214 (Rodosovich) ICF/MR reimbursements. HF1291 (Heap) Courage Center. HF1810 (Clark) Children grants. HF1634 (Blatz) Child care. HF2166 (Rodosovich) WIC rebates. HFxxx (Rodosovich) RTC mission statement. HF2143 (Greenfield) Collection proceeds. HF1556 (Clark) Cultural opportunities for children. HF2318 (Gruenes) Small hospital grants.
12:00 noon

JOINT MEETING
SENATE EDUCATION/HOUSE
EDUCATION/Permanent School
Fund Advisory Committee
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: Discussion of changes in legislation dealing with the sale of lakeshore lots on PSF land.

JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly
Agenda: HF704 (Rest) Public safety; providing for mandatory surrender of registration plates and certificates of motor vehicles operated by repeat DWI offenders. HF1589 (Olsen, S.) Real property; providing a restriction on the duration of conditions affecting certain real property. HFxxx (Orenstein) Law enforcement; requiring the reporting of crimes motivated by bias. HF1957 (Wagenius) Marriage dissolution; providing for parties to disclose assets and liabilities. HF2036 (Carruthers) Possession of fireworks; increasing penalties for selling or possessing certain quantities of fireworks. HF2018 (Dille) Agriculture; clarifying and imposing penalties for violations related to diseased animals. HF1923 (Kelly) Civil actions; imposing civil liability for the theft of merchandise and shopping carts. HF1895 (Pappas) Sentencing guidelines commission; requiring the commission to estimate the effect of proposed criminal legislation on prison populations.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: HF1752 (Kelso) Real property; Savage. HF1868 (Nelson, K.) Providing for reports on certain improvements in cities of first class. HF1926 (Olsen, S.) Emergency services. HF1950 (Price) Watershed districts; setting limit on certain borrowed authority. HF1966 (Blatz) Zoning; filing requirement of variances to real property. Further items may be added.

2:00 p.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Education Division
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Complete unfinished system overviews.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: HF2127 (Greenfield) HMO solvency.

JUDICIARY/
Crime & Family Law Division
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: Continuation of Tuesday, March 1 agenda if necessary. HF2059 (Pappas) Crime; children; clarifying the defenses to a charge of deprivation of parental rights. HF1848 (Jefferson) Crime; requiring a neighborhood impact statement to be submitted as part of the presentence investigation report for controlled substance offenses. HF2006 (Vellenga) Crimes; providing for the admissibility of certain evidence in domestic violence cases; requiring prosecutors to notify domestic violence victims of a decision to decline prosecution or to dismiss criminal charges. HF1070 (Rest) Crimes; criminal sexual conduct; creating a crime of fifth degree criminal sexual conduct.

TRANSPORTATION/
Safety Subcommittee
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alice Johnson

7:00 p.m.

JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly
Agenda: HF1922 (Pappas) Repeal of the prohibition against sale of articles relating to prevention of conception or disease. HF1755 (Lasley) Traffic regulations; broadening criminal liability of passengers under open bottle law. HF1844 (Vellenga) Courts; prescribing when a referee’s orders become effective. HF93 (Neuenschwander) Right to keep and bear arms. Forty-five minutes for opponents and forty-five minutes for proponents.

Wednesday, March 2

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/
Education Division
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: To be announced.

APPROPRIATIONS/
Health & Human Services Division
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION/Minnesota State
High School League
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joe Quinn
Agenda: HFxxx (Quinn) Minnesota State High School League.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: HFxxx (Knuth) Boards and commissions. HF1777 (Sarna) City of Minneapolis; post-retirement payments for Minneapolis police officers and firefighters.

8:30 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/
State Departments Division
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Budget requests from Lt. Governor’s office by Chief of Staff Ken Bresin; Board of Public Defense by Judge Kevin Burke and Chief Administrator Dick Sherman; Department of Trade and Economic Development by Assistant to the Commissioner Jayne Khalifa.
10:00 a.m.

HIGHER EDUCATION
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros
Agenda: HFxxx (Carlson, L.) College savings bonds. HFxxx (Otis) Establishing the university center at Rochester; establishing its responsibilities, duties, and powers, providing for its governance. HF1586 (Otis) Establishing a regent candidate search commission. HF1100 (Larsen) Strike everything amendment requesting a study. (Post-secondary education; State Board of Minnesota Colleges established with authority over vocational-technical institutes and community colleges.)

METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS/Finance Subcommittee
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ann Rest

12:00 noon

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: HF2127 (Greenfield) HMO solvency. HF1794 (DeBlick) Cleft palate coverage.

TRANSPORTATION
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

2:00 p.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Education Division
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Minnesota Job Skills Partnership. State Board of Technical Institutes customized training.

EDUCATION/Education Finance Division
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

FUTURE & TECHNOLOGY
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Presentation by State Planning Agency on Minnesota Futures Project.

4:00 p.m.

EDUCATION/School Facilities Subcommittee
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Becky Kelso

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS/Affirmative Action Task Force
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin
Agenda: Discussion of report and draft bill.

Thursday, March 3

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Health & Human Services Division
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: To be announced.

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

TAXES/Tax Law Division
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Dee Long
Agenda: HF2077 (Voss) Making technical corrections and administrative changes to gross premiums, corporate franchise, royalty and mineral taxes.

8:30 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/State Departments Division
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Overviews and status reports from the World Trade Center by President Rick Noland; Greater Minnesota Corporation by President Terry Montgomery.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: To be announced.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF2165 (Cooper) Prohibiting sale of certain polyethylene material. HF1978 (Marsh) Removing crows from
the unprotected list and authorizing a hunting season on crow and raven.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: Bills that passed subcommittees.

12:00 noon

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Todd Otis
Agenda: HF1995 (Skouglund) Building code; deadbolt locks. HF1809 (Minne) Displaced homemaker program. HF2038 (McLaughlin) Youth employment programs.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz
Agenda: HF1921 (Reding) Charitable gambling; changing the definition of lawful purpose expenditures. HF1941 (Dawkins) Charitable gambling; increasing the time period allowed for cities and counties to review license applications. HF2008 (Johnson, A.) Clarifying certain public campaign financing limits.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: HF1859 (Rest) Retaining strict levy limits for cities and counties not complying with pay equity. HF1986 (Ogren) Aitkin county; regulate certain public land interests by ordinance. HF2005 (Richter) Providing detachment of cities and towns from hospital districts.

7:00 p.m.

EDUCATION
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

Friday, March 4

8:00 a.m.

EDUCATION
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HFxxx (Quinn) Minnesota State High School League.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building **NOTE ROOM CHANGE**
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: To be announced.

10:00 a.m.

EDUCATION/
Education Finance Division
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: To be announced.

METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS/
Government Structures Subcommittee
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers
Agenda: To be announced.

12:00 noon

JUDICIARY/
Crime & Family Law Division
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: Continuation of Feb. 29 and March 1 agenda. HF1971 (Gruenes) Guardianship; permitting appointment of any number of guardians; permitting the appointment of guardians who reside outside the state.

METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS/
Environment Subcommittee
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Darby Nelson
Agenda: To be announced.

TRANSPORTATION
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: HF1818 (Johnson, R.) Slow moving vehicles. HF1736 (Lasley) Advertising signs in rural areas.

The House will meet in Session.

After Session

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skougland
Agenda: To be announced.
Do You Know?

The Legislature must pass a law before anything can become an official state symbol. Here is a list of Minnesota symbols with dates of their official adoption.

Seal  Minnesota has had four state seals since 1849 when it became a territory. In 1983, the Legislature passed a law describing and approving the design of the present state seal.

Flag  Minnesota has had two flags. The 1893 design of the first state flag was official until 1957. That year, the Legislature adopted the second newly designed flag just in time to celebrate Minnesota’s 100th birthday.

Flower  Pink-and-White Lady Slipper  1902
Song  “Hail Minnesota”  1945
Tree  Norway Pine  1953
Bird  Loon  1961
Fish  Walleye Pike  1965
Gemstone  Lake Superior Agate  1969
Grain  Wild Rice  1977
Mushroom  Morel  1984
Drink  Milk  1984