HIGHLIGHTS

Campaign financing

"Those who seek public office know that it takes money, lots of money, to campaign for public office, and often even more money to win a political race," says Rep. Joseph Quinn (DFL-Coon Rapids).

At the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Committee meetings on March 17 and 24, debate centered on such issues as the often-expressed argument by media and the public that candidates who have access to higher donations and funds win political races more often, and yet may not be the most qualified for the position. Members also discussed the public concern about the effect large donations have on the voting voice of the elected official, and whether the state has jurisdiction to draft such legislation.

Quinn's bill, HF1607, would limit campaign expenditures by congressional candidates who choose to receive a public subsidy for their campaigns. The subsidy would come from public funds Minnesotans generate when they check the campaign fund box on their annual tax form indicating they want $5 of their refund or payment to go to help candidates for state offices. HF1607 would change the language on the form to include U.S. House and Senate candidates. Federal income tax forms now allow for a $1 check-off for presidential candidates.

Quinn reminded committee members that the program is completely voluntary. Minnesotans have a choice to check or not to check the state election campaign fund box. And political candidates have the choice to take or not to take the subsidy. Candidates would have to limit their campaign spending only if they opt to receive the state subsidy.

Health, human services funds

On behalf of the Health & Human Services Division/Appropriations Committee and representing many hours of testimony, discussion, and amend-

It's a fact!

The daily journals of the House and Senate can be weighty, legal tools because Minnesota courts consider them proof of legislative intent. Minnesota is a journal entry state, as are a number of states in the Union. But most states use the final bill the Legislature delivers to the governor for signature as enforcing, properly passed legislation, not the journal record, when someone challenges a law.

However, many years ago, Minnesota courts established the journals' legal clout when they used the journals as proof of the Legislature's intent, overrode, and revoked a new law.

For a story about the overturn of a bill the governor signed, see "Do You Know?" on page 18.
ments, Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls) presented HF2126, the 225-page Health & Human Services omnibus bill, to the Appropriations Committee at their March 24 meeting.

The omnibus bill includes 43 health and human services bills providing legislation that would, for example: establish an addiction/stress institute; provide additional or improved services under the medical assistance and general assistance/medical care programs; update or change legislation for the intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded; transfer funds for the Minnesota veterans homes to the Department of Veterans Affairs; and require various certifications, studies, and demonstration projects.

The bill provides for $22,371,100 in spending for fiscal year 1989. Using monies from the 1988 fiscal year medical assistance budget reduces total proposed spending for the biennium to $11,437,700.

The bill, with Appropriations Committee approval, goes next to the House floor.

State High School League

On a vote of 49 to 69 March 23, the House voted down an amendment to the K-12 Education Omnibus Bill that would have stripped the State High School League’s 90-member grassroots assembly of its rulemaking authority.

The assembly, also referred to as the league’s legislature, meets twice a year, in fall and spring, primarily to hear and vote on activity rule proposals.

The amendment, would have removed that authority and put all control in the hands of the league’s 16-member board of directors.

However, House members did approve an amendment that would stop the league from controlling athletes’ activities during the off-season and allow parents to determine their children’s activities.

Other provisions in the K-12 Education Omnibus Bill would:
- increase the league’s board of directors from 16 to 20 members and allow the governor to appoint four of the members;
- require the legislative auditor to conduct annual finance and compliance audits of the league;
- require the league to develop a comparable worth plan and an affirmative action policy;
- subject the league to the Data Practices Act; and
- prohibit league credit cards and propose other changes in High School League operations.

Flag etiquette

Minnesota children could get a yearly lesson on the American flag under an amendment to the K-12 Education Omnibus Bill the House adopted on March 23.

Rep. K.J. McDonald (IR-Watertown) offered the amendment saying that recent anti-war protests in Minneapolis brought the issue to his attention. In these protests, demonstrators set fire to the flag.

“Our children need to learn what the flag means,” he said.

The original amendment would have required public schools to offer a yearly program or course in flag etiquette, including “the proper handling, care, display of, and respect for the American flag.”

But during floor debate, legislators made the program optional.

“We’re looking for a way to try to send a signal out, to tell people that this is important to us,” said Rep. John Rose (IR-Roseville). “But if we required schools to do everything that we wanted—even if it has to do with Mom, apple pie, and our flag—our curriculum would get very cluttered.”

Besides flag etiquette, the House also amended HF2245 to:
- require the Department of Education, in developing AIDS prevention education, to advise schools to adopt programs that neither encourage nor condone sexual promiscuity; and
- require the Department of Education to conduct a cost of living study that includes all regions of the state.

The K-12 Education Omnibus Bill passed as amended, 128-0.

University of Minnesota

University of Minnesota officials formally withdrew their $23 million legislative funding request on March 23, just hours after the Appropriations Committee’s Education Division pulled its higher education funding bill back from the full committee to reconsider its U of M allocation.

Last week, the division approved $3.4 million to the U of M on the condition that the university make a two-to-one match of that money from its $50 million central reserves. But in a special hearing March 22, the division learned that discretionary central reserves totaled about $60 million and other fund reserves came to about $160 million.

“I don’t think the University has been open or public about its activities” said Rep. Ben Boo (IR-Duluth) at the March 22 meeting.

“One of the rules that politicians live by—and that I think the University should follow—is that surprises don’t make good politics.”

“We share your surprise and outrage,” David Lebedoff, chair of the Board of Regents, told the division March 23. “To say that the regents didn’t know the facts, which we didn’t, is not good enough. You deserve more than that. You deserve action.”

Lebedoff proposes that the U of M finance its high priorities by a $40 million central reserve spend-down.

And when Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park) asked him to target some effort to university day care programs, Lebedoff said he would do so.

“I think it’s safe to say you couldn’t have chosen a better time in history to make your request,” he concluded.

Metro landfill site search

Rep. Darby Nelson (DFL-Champlin) came to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 22 for some advice.

A bill Nelson sponsors went to the Senate for consideration after passing in the House. And the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee amended the bill so it would repeal a 1980 law directing the Metropolitan
Council to select and acquire waste disposal facility sites in the metro area. Nelson gave several reasons why the repeal may not be a bad idea. He says the Metro Council estimates that adequate metro area disposal space may already exist.

But Rep. Sidney Pauly (IR-Eden Prairie), who has a landfill in her district, opposes the move to stop looking for new landfills. Pauly says the idea of stopping the siting process relies on a "best case" scenario that the metro area won't need any more landfill space. But, she says, "...we need to have the backup of a "worst case" scenario...we might be needing more landfills."

The committee agreed with Pauly, and advised Nelson to oppose a repeal of the landfill siting process if the provision is in his bill during conference committee consideration.

**Truth in taxation**

A provision of the House property tax reform package would require city governments to let the public know about their intent to raise property taxes. HF2590 (Voss, DFL-Blaine) would require that a city publish in a qualified newspaper by Sept. 15, the time, place, and date of a public hearing to discuss a proposed levy increase, and an address to which property owners could send written comments.

In addition, the provision would require the county auditor to notify, by mail, each of the taxpayers in the affected area. The auditor's letter would contain a simulated property tax statement showing the proposed changes in each taxpayer's bill. Each letter would state: **DO NOT PAY - THIS IS NOT A BILL.**

At a March 22 Taxes Committee meeting, Karen Baker, House researcher, said the letter would include the current city mill rate and property taxes before the deduction of aids and credits. It would also show the effect of the increase. Baker says the letter would make clear that it pertained only to city levies, and that increases from other tax entities, such as school districts, counties, and special taxing jurisdictions could further alter taxes.

Rep. Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) said that Florida and other states have had similar truth in taxation programs for years. "It will bring some accountability into the system that has been lacking for years," she said.

**Trailers and taxes**

The Taxes Committee March 22 discussed an article of the 1988 property tax reform package that would tax motor homes and vacation trailers (park trailers) as personal or real property. HF2590 (Voss, DFL-Blaine) would impose a property tax on vehicles that serve as temporary housing on the owner's property. And it would impose a personal property tax if the vehicles are parked on leased land.

According to researcher Karen Baker, provisions of the bill would establish a new group of trailers the state would tax as it does manufactured homes. Baker says the proposed taxes are an answer for counties that have large numbers of vehicles that people live in temporarily. Currently, their owners pay only motor vehicle registration.

Article 9 of the property tax reform package defines a park trailer as a vehicle which exceeds eight feet in width, but is no larger than 400 square feet when the collapsible components are fully extended, is built on a single chassis, and is self-propelled or permanently towable.

**Telecommunications equipment**

On March 21, the House temporarily waylaid HF1812 (Clark, DFL-Mpls), a bill that would make some administrative changes to a program that lends, without charge, special telecommunications equipment to communication-impaired people. At issue is a surcharge of 10-cents per phone line per month that showed up March 1 this year on all Minnesotans' phone bills. The surcharge provides money for local phone companies to buy and maintain the telecommunications equipment.

The 1987 Legislature authorized the program. But author Rep. Karen Clark says phone companies have had problems getting the program up and running. They don't have personnel trained to deal with communication-impaired people nor to demonstrate and maintain the special equipment, she says.

Clark’s bill would transfer the responsibility to purchase, provide, and maintain the communications equipment from local phone companies to the Department of Human Services. The bill wouldn’t increase or decrease the surcharge, Clark says, but would simply transfer it directly to Human Services.

Though the bill has had several hours of hearings in three House policy committees, a majority of the full House agreed that it needed further consideration and sent it to the Appropriations Committee.

**Board of Medical Examiners**

The public's right to know, or not to know, about a physician's chemical dependency or other health problem brought testimony to the Health & Human Services Committee meeting March 18.

Several nurses, concerned citizens, and representatives of the newspaper association spoke against a specific provision in HF1890, a bill that would require reporting physician conduct, or misconduct, to the Board of Medical Examiners. The controversial provision would permit the board to keep its review and findings confidential.

Currently, the board releases such information to the media and public.

Those speaking against the bill, contend that it would limit public access to crucial information about a physician's ability to practice and treat patients. Bill author Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), the Board of Medical Examiners, and proponents feel the provision would encourage more physicians to seek treatment.

The proposal has a sunset provision which allows the board to exclude information from the public for a two-year test period. After two years, the Legislature would look again at the legislation and the process. Because of this provision, the committee voted to send the bill to the floor.
Workers' compensation

Rep. Joe Begich (DFL-Eveleth) unveiled a workers' compensation proposal at the March 18 meeting of the Labor-Management Relations Committee that would freeze insurance rates and medical costs for the next three years.

The bill, HF2761, would freeze current insurance rates and set up a rate regulation system similar to the one that existed before 1980. The new system would have stricter disclosure requirements than the old one, and insurance companies would have to go through a hearing to get rate increases approved.

HF2761, which is now in the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee, would freeze most medical costs which account for 30 percent of workers' compensation costs. It would also cap rehabilitation and attorneys' fees and would abolish the entire workers' compensation system on June 30, 1991. At that time, the department would implement a new system for compensating workers with job-related injuries.

In the area of benefits, the bill would amend present law so that temporary benefits are based on 80 percent of the injured worker's weekly take-home pay. It would raise the maximum compensation benefit to 130 percent of the statewide average weekly wage, delay the cost-of-living escalator for two years after an injury instead of one, and reduce minimum benefits so that workers can't receive more than their take-home pay.

Organized labor and the bill's author frown on the benefits cuts, but support the remaining portions of the bill. The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and Industry opposes HF2761.

State contracts

The Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians hasn't agreed to contract with the state of Minnesota for any services for over two years.

Tad Johnson, a Mille Lacs Band representative, says the reason is a provision the state puts in contracts that requires an Indian band or tribe to deny their sovereignty. If the band or tribe doesn't keep their end of the deal, the provision allows the state to take them to court.

Because the band won't sign a contract denying their sovereignty, they haven't received any state or federal monies for chemical dependency, energy assistance, Headstart, or other government programs, Johnson told the Governmental Operations Committee March 18.

Johnson says HF2429 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton) is the solution. The bill would prohibit the state from using the sovereignty-denial provision in any contract with an Indian band or tribe. Instead, the state would negotiate with the band or tribe on a government-to-government basis and provide for enforcement mechanisms to which both parties agree.

Committee members amended the bill so it would expire in a year-and-a-half. They say that should give the tribes and the state time to decide if the bill provides the solution.

High School Page Program

One hundred sixty high school juniors from all over Minnesota have participated in the High School Page Program this year. LeClair Lambert, program director, says he received 540 applications for 1988, the program's 14th year, and had to draw names to choose the final participants.

During the week they spend at the State Capitol, students meet with state officials, including the governor and lieutenant governor, members of the State Supreme Court, legislators and staff, and experience first-hand the workings of the Legislature in House committees and floor sessions.

The bill that would put a constitutional amendment on the November ballot asking voters if they want a state environment and natural resources trust fund is on hold. Two House policy committees approved the bill before the Appropriations Committee heard it March 22. That committee amended the bill to designate one-third of state lottery profits to the trust fund and sent it the House floor. Author Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), asked that it go to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee.

A bill limiting ag land ownership by limited partnerships and certain corporations passed the House March 21. HF2041 (Brown, DFL-Appleton) would prevent such acquisitions of large tracts of foreclosed farm land. Supporters say large scale farming abuses the land, falsely raises land prices, destroys competition, and drives small farmers out.

The six-year license plate bill, HF80 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley) is moving toward the House floor for the second time. A year ago, the House ran out of time and didn’t vote on the bill. HF80 would have Minnesota motorists pay $2 to replace license plates that are six years or older when they renew vehicle registrations. The bill would allow special license plates for Vietnam and Pearl Harbor veterans and ex-POWs.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Minnesota teens and third nationally. Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park) has introduced a bill for a demonstration project for child and adolescent crisis intervention and suicide prevention. March 22, the Health & Human Services Division/Appropriations approved the bill; and recommended $20,000 to help fund a position in the Department of Human Services.

About 500 Minnesota businesses (only 16 percent small- or medium-sized) export products and services overseas. “But we’ve identified about 2,500 businesses—mostly small- and medium-sized—that could export, if they had the encouragement, information, and help to do that,” said Michael Olson, executive director, Minnesota Trade Office, at the Economic Development & Housing Committee meeting March 22. Minnesota ranks 16th in the nation for export income, up from 19th just a few years ago.

The plant closing bill came out of the Labor-Management Relations Committee with a recommendation to pass March 24. HF649 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin), which must first go to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee before going to the House floor, would require most businesses in the state to announce plant closing or major layoffs 120 days in advance. Employers would provide severance pay and continue health insurance for a time after a layoff or plant closing.

The Appropriations Committee March 24 approved a funding bill that includes $17.5 million for transit (dependent on passage of HF1749 (Kalis, DFL-Walters) which would increase the state gas tax 3 cents and transfer 35 percent of Motor Vehicle Excise taxes to highway and transit funds). Non-metro transit would get $3.5 million. Remaining funds would go to metro mobility; regular-route bus service; light rail transit. Local transit authorities would have to match light rail funds 50-50.

Rural nursing home administrators say state and federal laws are more concerned with beds than people. They told the Health & Human Services Committee March 24, about having to shuffle elderly patients from room to room to meet federal and state bed certification guidelines. They asked lawmakers to lift the five-year-old, state-imposed bed moratorium so residents can stay in their rooms after their own money runs out and Medicaid takes over.

Blueberry muffins

House members got a chance to taste-test a proposed addition to the state’s symbols March 24. Thanks to Mrs. Schroeder’s “Blueberry Muffin Gang,” third-graders at South Terrace Elementary School in Carlton, representatives found on their desks a blueberry muffin and materials promoting it as the “official state muffin.”

The students told legislators that the blueberry muffin “reminds people that Minnesota has a lot of blueberries and wheat; blueberry picking is fun to do with family and friends; and in Minnesota, we pride ourselves on having healthy, strong, bodies—blueberry muffins are good tasting and help you stay healthy.”

Rep. Mary Murphy (DFL-Hermantown), author of HF1724 which proposes adopting the blueberry muffin as the Minnesota state muffin, has currently withdrawn her bill from legislative consideration.
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HF80/SF63*(Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended.  
K-12 Education Omnibus Bill  
HF2245/SF2095 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.  
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| **Tuesday, March 22** | Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS  
Tuesday, March 22  
Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division Bill  
HFxxx (Rice, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. |
| **Wednesday, March 23** | Highway acquisition loan program  
HF1826 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—heard; laid over.  
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Friday, March 18  
Higher Education Finance Bill (draft)  
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| **Thursday, March 24** | Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund  
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HMO consumer protection  
HF2012/SF1861* (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)—recommended to pass as amended.  
Health & Human Services Omnibus Bill  
HF2126/SF1680 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.  
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)  
Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division Bill  
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Health & Human Services Division/APPROPRIATIONS  
Friday, March 18  
HMO/Medicare consumer—bill of rights  
HF1498/SF1388 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. |

(SF passed Senate)

HMO solvency—requirements  
HF2127/SF2008 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.  
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

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Mental health ombudsman—duty clarification  
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(HFxxx (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls))

Mental retardation—resident programs  
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**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

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Carlton County—land sale
HF1898/SF1713 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF passed Senate)

State university, community college faculty—IRAs
HF2151/SF1969 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Gillette Children’s Hospital—nonprofit status
HF2400/SF2017 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Indian tribes—state contracts
HF2429/SF2150 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

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HF2653/SF1701 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

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**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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HF926/SF335 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

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HF1164/SF994 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF passed Senate)

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HF2004/SF1810 (Richter, IR-Wadena)—heard. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Nursing home moratorium—Onnen
HF2301/SF2499 (Onnen, IR-Cokato)—heard. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS**

**Friday, March 18**

Workers’ comp coverage—firefighters, occupational cancer
HF1403/SF1304 (Scheid, DFL-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Job listing services—regulation
HF2584/SF1721 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass. (SF passed Senate)

Workers’ compensation law—changes
HF2761/SF2540 (Begich, DFL-Evelth)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Rules & Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

**Thursday, March 24**

Plant closing
HF649/SF892 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkins)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Rules & Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)
**METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, March 18**

Airlake Airport—expansion restrictions
HF1823/SF1688 (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)—laid over.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Water management organizations—erosion control
HF1953/SF1632 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Regional Transit Board—finance, duties regulation
HF2320/SF2818 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—heard; rereferred to Transit Subcommittee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**TAXES**

**Thursday, March 17**

White Bear Twp.—economic development authority
HF1865/SF1971 (Stanisius, IR-White Bear)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Minnesota Public Facilities Authority—bonding
HF2306/SF2016 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

**Friday, March 18**

Property tax—reform proposal
HF2033/SF1957 (Welle, DFL-Wilmarn)—heard.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

**Monday, March 21**

Taxes—omnibus bill
HF2590/2260 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—heard.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

**Tuesday, March 22**

Taxes—omnibus bill
HF2590/2260 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—heard.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

**Thursday, March 24**

Taxes—omnibus bill
HF2590/2260 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—heard.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

**Tax Law Division/TAXES**

**Wednesday, March 23**

Horse racing—purse, tax reduction
HF740/SF724* (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—withdrawn by author.

**FLOOR ACTION**

**CALENDAR**

Bills on the Calendar may be considered for final passage by the House. Each bill has had two prior readings, 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.**

**Thursday, March 17**

Northern Ireland—state investment policy
HF453*/SF722 (O’Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (82-34).
(SF on Senate Floor)

**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.

**Tuesday, March 22**

Criminal sexual conduct—consent definition
HF1740*/SF1738 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate (123-0).

St. Louis County—land sale
HF2045*/SF1947 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)—repassed as amended by the Senate (119-0).

**Wednesday, March 23**

Game, fish stamps—issuance fee
HF1841/SF1575* (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—repassed as amended by conference committee (99-25).
Cambridge Memorial Hospital Association
HF2270*/SF1994 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—repassed as amended by the Senate (126-0).

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 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, March 17

St. Paul police, fire relief funds—directors
HF2431* (O’Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (107-10).

Monday, March 21

Robbinsdale—surface water regulation
HF1585*/SF1427 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—passed (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Farmer-lender mediation rules—changes
HF1939*/SF1743 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—passed (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Judgment documents—filing satisfaction
HF2000*/SF1741 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—passed (131-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Parental rights deprivation laws—changes
HF2059*/SF1820 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (131-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Probate—sentimental property
HF2310/SF896* (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—passed (132-0).

Kittson County—land transfer
HF2490*/SF2238 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—passed as amended (132-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

School consolidation—noncontiguous districts
HF2554*/SF2210 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—passed (132-0).

Liquor license—Midsummer festival
HF2703*/SF2471 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—passed (124-2).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Wednesday, March 23

Carlton County—tax-forfeited land sale
HF1898/SF1713* (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—passed as amended (127-0).

Cook County—land exchange sale
HF2489*/SF2216 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—passed (128-0).

Trunk highway—Olof Hanson Drive designation
HF2511/SF2358* (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—passed (129-0).

Game, fish license fee—transfer repeal
HF2521/SF2367* (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—passed (128-0).

St. Louis County—private sales, tax-forfeited land
HF2551*/SF2215 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—passed (128-0).

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Tuesday, March 22

Northern Ireland—state investment policy
HF453*/SF722 (O’Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (129-0).
(SF on the Senate Floor)

RULE 1.10

Under Rule 1.10 of the House Permanent Rules, after the House adopts a budget resolution, any bill relating to taxes or raising revenue shall be acted upon whenever requested by the Chair of the Committee on Taxes, and any appropriation bill shall be acted upon whenever requested by the Chair of the Committee on Appropriations.

Tuesday, March 22

Rice Creek Watershed—levy authorization
HF1473/SF678* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—passed (122-4).

Propane fuel—tax exemption
HF1538/SF852* (Neuenschwander, DFL-Int’l Falls)—passed (129-0).

County bond election exemption requirements
HF1796*/SF1877 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—passed (88-42).
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

White Bear Twp—economic development authority
HF1865*/SF1473 (Stanis, IR-White Bear Lake)—passed (127-0).
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Wednesday, March 23

K-12 Education Omnibus Bill
HF2245*/SF2095 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—passed (128-0).
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)
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.

Youth jobs program— all-year expansion
HF2038*/SF2039 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (128-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

RTC—mission statement
HF2372*/SF2273 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—passed (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

River Falls)—passed as amended (128-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Historical Society employees— PERA benefits
HF2106*/SF2006 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed as amended (130-0).
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Workers’ comp insurance fund— powers, name change
HF2212/SF1710* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—passed (129-0).

Cable television— franchises, utility bias
HF2232*/SF2244 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—passed as amended (131-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Corporate takeover law— changes
HF2253* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—passed (118-7).

University of Minnesota— employee job classifications
HF2388*/SF2414 (Rice, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (131-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Set-aside program— local small business
HF2468*/SF2196 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)—passed (123-0).
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Metropolitan agencies— affirmative action
HF2596*/SF2513 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (114-15).
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Thursday, March 17

Food handlers— licensing requirements
HF1777*/SF1778 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—passed (130-0).
(SF in Senate Agriculture Committee)

Day care building code— task force
HF1795*/SF1617 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—passed as amended (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Fridley Assembly of God Church— renovation
HF1863/SF1772* (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—passed (130-0).

Labor-Management Committee— grant program
HF1877*/SF1732 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—passed (131-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Highways— removal/substitution/AmVets memorial
HF1980*/SF2344 (Kalis, DFL-Watertown)—passed (128-0).
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Aitkin County— land use ordinance
HF1986/SF1711* (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—passed as amended (128-0).

Building code— permitting certain locks
HF1995*/SF2270 (Skoglund, DFL-Fridley)—passed as amended (127-1).
(SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)
Guardianship—appointment changes
HF1971*/SF2068 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed as amended (131-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Sentencing issues study
HF1983*/SF2125 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (131-1).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Heartland Trail—amendments
HF2155*/SF2212 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—passed (129-1).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Deer stands—height
HF2185*/SF2199 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—passed as amended (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Cities, towns—hospital contributions
HF2190*/SF2046 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—passed (131-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Landlord penalties—
renting condemned property
HF2224 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—passed (132-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Forestry laws—changes
HF2272*/SF1687 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—passed (132-0).
(SF on the Senate Floor)

Search warrant laws—
crime definition
HF2419*/SF2156 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (130-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Debtor exemption—
employee benefits
HF2422*/SF2278 (Simoncau, DFL-Fridley)—passed as amended (130-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Dishonored checks—penalties
HF2470*/SF2472 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—passed as amended (130-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Property owners—detachment,
annexation procedures
HF2487*/SF2524 (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)—passed as amended (130-1).
(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Virginia—tax increment
financing district
HF2524*/SF2370 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—passed (129-0).
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Small business development—
loan limit exemption
HF2568*/SF2345 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—passed as amended (127-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

Tuesday, March 22

Human Services Licensing Act—
modifications
HF2123/SF1594* (Greenfield)—Chapter 411.

Beltrami County—land conveyance
HF1884*/SF1806 (R. Johnson)—Chapter 412.

KEY
HF--House File
SF--Senate File
HF#/SF#--companion bills
*--version of the bill under consideration
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A Northfield reader tells us we failed to credit women in last week’s “It’s a Fact!” The first sentence should read, “Just as women and men, machines and inventions changed the face of the nation, railroads changed Minnesota’s progress and history.”

From Chaska came a question and clever comment with the reader’s subscription renewal: “Is it necessary to fill this out every year? You do a great job. Keep it coming ‘til death do us part.” Sorry, but to control costs, it works best to purge the lists. Again, we appreciate your cooperation. With your efforts and our efforts, we’ll get the job done.
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| **HF2785**—Johnson, R. (DFL)  |
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| **HF2786**—Murphy (DFL)  |
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| Organization and operation of state government; appropriating money for the Department of Transportation and other agencies with certain conditions; providing for regulation of certain activities and practices; requiring studies and reports; providing for certain funds, accounts, and fees; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.  |
### House Advisory Bills
**Monday, March 21**

**HA67**—Greenfield (DFL)  
Judiciary  
A proposal to study a safe school zone around public schools and a safe park zone around public parks.

**HA68**—Segal (DFL)  
Education  
A proposal to study impact of living costs and training and experience on K-12 education.

### Tuesday, March 22

**HA69**—Solberg (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
A proposal to study human rights complaints based on comparable worth decisions.

**HA70**—Kalis (DFL)  
Economic Development/Housing  
A proposal to study the feasibility and desirability of granting powers to counties to establish economic development authorities.

### Wednesday, March 23

**HA71**—Segal (DFL)  
Education  
A proposal to study limited English proficiency programs.

**HA72**—Dauner (DFL)  
Judiciary  
A proposal to study financing the state trial courts.

**HA73**—Pappas (DFL)  
Judiciary  
A proposal to study criminal penalties and prosecutorial jurisdiction and discretion.

### EASTER BREAK

The House will meet only three days next week. Legislators will take a break from Thursday, March 31 until Tuesday, April 5. The House will schedule no meetings, including conference committee meetings, from March 31 through April 4.

### First Reading/Senate Bills  
**Monday, March 21**

**SF2264**—Marty (DFL)  
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2539  
Elections; allowing the City of Falcon Heights to consolidate election precincts.

**SF2358**—Purfeerst (DFL)  
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2511  
Highways; naming and designating legislative trunk highway No. 299 as Olof Hanson Drive; amending statutes.

**SF1607**—Peterson, D. (DFL)  
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1862  
City of Minneapolis; providing for the appointment, compensation, and liability of certain city employees and contractors; amending laws.

**SF1623**—Stumpf (DFL)  
Environment/Natural Resources  
Natural resources; eliminating a diversion of game and fish license fee money; repealing laws.

**SF1713**—Chmielewski (DFL)  
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1898  
State lands; authorizing private sale of certain tax-forfeited lands in Carlton County.

**SF1717**—Chmielewski (DFL)  
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1900  
Natural resources; adding certain land to Jay Cooke State Park in Carlton County.

**SF2134**—Dicklich (DFL)  
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2210  
St. Louis County; requiring a polling place at a certain location.

### Thursday, March 24

**SF2214**—Merriam (DFL)  
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2349  
Natural resources; authorizing the commissioner to sell certain surplus lands to local governments for local recreation or natural resource purposes; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to convey road and flowage easements in certain circumstances; transferring duties and powers of county auditors and treasurers relating to sales of certain classes of state land to the commissioner; transferring the authority to issue state land patents from the governor to the commissioner; specifying the amount above appraised value that the commissioner may pay when acquiring land; authorizing long-term leases of state land for certain purposes; modifying certain provisions of land exchange laws relating to appraisals and fees; implementing exchanges of public land authorized by the constitution; authorizing exchange of school trust land located within a state park; appointing an independent trustee and legal counsel for land exchanges involving school trust land; providing a procedure for exchange of Class B land with Class A or Class C land; authorizing governmental units to exchange land in the same manner as private persons; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

**SF2102**—Kroening (DFL)  
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2234  
City of Minneapolis; authorizing the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to establish compensation for its members; amending laws.

**SF1652**—Knaak (IR)  
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2251  
Marriage dissolution; providing for the valuation of pension benefits; amending statutes.

**SF1744**—Berg (DFL)  
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2243  
Animals; regulating dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs; providing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**SF1700**—Diessner (DFL)  
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1857  
Metropolitan government; scheduling the
payment of certain watershed improvement costs; amending statutes.

SF974—Brandl (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF681
Resolution; memorializing the President, Congress, and the Federal Aviation Administration to accelerate the modernization of commercial aircraft fleets operating in and to Mounds View.

SF1304—Merriam (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1403
Workers’ compensation; providing a presumption for finding an occupational disease in the case of firefighters having a disabling cancer; amending statutes.

SF2150—Davis (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2429
State contracts; prohibiting the state from requiring Indian tribes or bands to deny their sovereignty to contract with the state; amending statutes.

SF2206—Peterson, D. (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2370
Human services; requiring county community social service plans to address the county’s responsibility to establish a system of early intervention services for handicapped children; amending statutes.

SF2203—Benson (IR)
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SF2235—Stumpf (DFL)
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Workers’ compensation; regulating the location of certain medical examinations; amending statutes.

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SF2452—Metzen (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2478
Public safety; providing that bomb disposal workers are state employees when disposing of bombs outside the jurisdiction of their municipal employer, for purposes of tort claims and workers’ compensation; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF2217—Novak (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2475
State lands; authorizing transfer of certain state lands in Ramsey County to the City of Mounds View.

SF2090—Lessard (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2585
State lands; authorizing a certain conveyance by the commissioner of natural resources to the City of Big Fork.

SF1328—Dicklich (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1082
Public safety; altering certain requirements concerning fencing of unused mine pits and shafts; providing modification to certain public and private liability laws; providing penalties; amending statutes.

SF1689—Stumpf (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2429
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SF1388—Berglin (DFL)
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SF1761—Spear (DFL)
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SF1835—Spear (DFL)
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Crime; providing that burglary occurs if a person enters a building without consent and commits a crime while in the building; extending first degree burglary to instances where an assault occurs on the property appurtenant to the entered building; providing that it is a felony to possess tools used in theft; making technical corrections; amending statutes.

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SF1955—Novak (DFL)
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SF2292—Chmielewski (DFL)
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SF2289—Merriam (DFL)
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SF2323—Wegscheid (DFL)
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SF1871—Ramstad (IR)
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SF2119—Spear (DFL)
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SF1879—Wegscheid (DFL)
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