

It's a fact!

Under coats of paint in the State Capitol Cafeteria are German and English inscriptions that once gave the eating place a rathskeller (tavern) decor. The inscriptions, which a Minnesota Historical Society project is now restoring, have a "here-today-and-gonetomorrow" history.

In 1917, Gov. J.A.A. Burnquist, concerned about anti-German feelings of World War I, ordered the inscriptions painted over. They remained covered until 1930 when Gov. Theodore Christianson began a restoration. At the request of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Christianson changed the wording of three mottoes, but the inscriptions stayed until 1940. Then redecorators again put them under paint.

Now, almost 50 years later, they'll return, bringing back a flavor of history that was repeatedly brushed away.





Lee Herold, *left*, and Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR), *right*, both from Rochester, display a proposed new state flag as Rev. William M. Becker, associate pastor of Rochester's Church of St. Pius X, *center*, discusses the history of the state flag at a Governmental Operations Committee meeting March 16.

Highlights

State flag

Rev. William M. Becker, associate pastor of the Church of St. Pius X in Rochester, wants Minnesota to adopt a new state flag. He explained the flag's history to the Governmental Operations Committee March 16, and brought along a sample of the new design.

Designers of the flag say it better identifies Minnesota and its ideals. The wavy field in the flag represents the Dakota Indian word "Minisota," which means "sky-tinted waters." They say the North Star symbolizes Minnesota's statehood, northern location, and our guidance and hope for the future. It also recalls the explorers, pioneers, and immigrants whom the star guided northward to Minnesota. It bears a trefoil which marks due north on a compass. A sprig of Norway pine (state tree), two loons (state bird), and a lady slipper (state flower) make the three-pronged shape.

The colors in the flag represent Minnesota's natural qualities: blue for lakes and rivers, green for fields and forests, yellow for mineral wealth, and white for winter snows. Some lawmakers suggested that the flag should have more white, in light of a recent snow storm.

Many committee members support studying the proposal.

School breakfast

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, teachers reminded the Education Committee March 15.

"It's very difficult to pay attention in class and learn all the wonderful things the world has to offer if your stomach is talking and your mind is resting," says Brenda McDaniel, a teacher from St. Paul's Webster Magnet School.

The committee discussed HF789 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul), which would authorize schools to survey parents to determine interest and need for a breakfast program. And it would appropriate \$400,000 to help more schools provide breakfast.

Teachers told legislators that, for a variety of reasons, school meals may be the only meals some children get. They also say students perform tasks better and pose fewer discipline problems if they've eaten.

The bill would require schools to offer free or reduced-price breakfasts by the 1991-92 school year if more than 35 percent of the parents surveyed express an interest. It would make the breakfast program mandatory in districts where more than 40 percent of the students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches.

The committee sent the bill to its Education Finance Division for further consideration.

Soy-based ink

Ink technology has reached a point where soy-based ink compares with other ink standards and applications, says Jerry Schoenfeld, representing the soybean growers. He says soybean oil is fast becoming printers ink.

The Rural Resource Development Division of the Economic Development Committee heard a bill March 15 that would require the state printer to use soybased ink.

Berry Conway, from the state printer's office, says that requirement would put his office at a competitive disadvantage.

"Regarding supplying soy-based ink, there's an issue of cost," Conway says. "Each pound of ink [costs] thirty-five bucks. There are about 700 colors we would have to stock at five pounds each. It just doesn't make any sense. We buy it as we need it."



The red caps are coming. John Lennes of Minnesota Business Partnership, Inc. sits among boxes of red caps, all sporting the motto, "Put a cap on state spending." His organization distributed the caps March 13 to legislators to kick off a statewide campaign to restrain state spending. But during the organization's press conference, members of the Minnesota Federation of Teachers peered through the windows of the room in the State Office Building carrying protest signs and chanting, "Red caps...No; Children...Yes!

Schoenfeld says state initiatives and soy-based ink research have merged in a timely manner. Soybean growers anticipate demand for the supply, he says.

The division plans to hear a comprehensive presentation about the printing industry before deciding whether to send the bill, HF1142 (Winter, DFL-Fulda), to the full committee.

Lottery

A proposed state lottery moved a step closer to becoming a reality on March 14 when the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee voted to recommend passage of HF66 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids).

The bill would create a department of gaming with divisions to regulate charitable gambling, pari-mutuel horse racing, and a lottery.

The committee removed language in the bill that would have allowed people

who win lottery prizes of \$50,000 or more to withhold personal information from the public.

Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park) supports removing the provision for the sake of credibility and the public's perception that the state is running the lottery openly and honestly. Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) says the public needs to know that "there are some genuine winners" to have confidence in the lottery.

Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester), who originally amended the provision into the bill in the committee's Gaming Division, says the issue is one of exploitation. He notes that when people's names become public, they often have to move and change their phone numbers because they're threatened, robbed, and badgered. "I don't think [that] because someone buys a dollar ticket...[the] state [has] the right to further exploit [them]," Gutknecht says.

The bill goes next to the Judiciary Committee.

Real estate appraisers

Spirited debate preceded the Commerce Committee's initial approval March 14 of HF624, a bill that would regulate real estate appraisers.

Author Rep. Connie Morrison (IR-Burnsville) says the regulatory measure anticipates new federal requirements for real estate appraisals for federal loans. The bill would put the state Department of Commerce in charge of licensing, and would require real estate appraisers to attend education courses for license renewal.

Committee members debated an amendment that would exempt from licensing any bank and savings and loan employees who perform real estate appraisals for their institutions.

But Morrison argued against the amendment, saying that no real estate appraisers should be exempt, and that expected federal changes would make the exemption meaningless.

The committee changed the amendment to require appraisers to notify customers in writing if they aren't licensed. Committee members approved it, and sent the bill to the Governmental Operations Committee for further review.

Immigrant services =

Christopher Thao, a Twin Cities Hmong resident, urged lawmakers at a March 14 meeting of the Appropriations Health and Human Services Division to establish and fund programs to help mentally and emotionally disturbed immigrants. The federal government helps with employment, he says, but personal injury problems don't get attention.

Thao told legislators that coming to the United States was like starting over. New immigrants are like injured workers, he says. They need medical care, retraining, and rehabilitative services to perform again. Thao says it's time for the state to step in.

Earlier this month, the Department of Human Services asked the Legislature for more than \$600,000 during the next two years to help selected counties with refugee social adjustment intervention programs and to reduce the risk of longterm mental illness.

RICO

Law enforcement officials would have more power to prosecute criminals who engage in so-called money laundering and racketeering activities under HF837, a bill the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division approved March 14.

According to author Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), the racketeer influenced and corrupt organization (RICO) bill would give law enforcement officials new tools to remove the incentive of illegal profits from drug trafficking and other violent crimes. He told the division that "RICO is one of the most important bills that we're considering this session in terms of fighting crime."

The bill would also allow prosecutors to go after corrupt organizations or enterprises, as well as individuals. Critics argue that RICO laws are too broad and give prosecutors too much authority. Carruthers says the bill would make it easier for law enforcement officials to confiscate illegal profits that feed criminal activities.

Consumer taxes

The Minnesota Merchants Retail Association supports an environmental protection bill even though retailers would have to collect additional taxes. HF417 (Munger, DFL-Duluth) would create new consumer taxes on hazardous products.

Supporters say passage of the bill would require retailers to tax such products as paint, motor oil, and rechargeable batteries.

But Rep. Wayne Simoneau, (DFL-Fridley) says the bill would unfairly apply the taxes to retailers because some products would be taxed at a higher rate than their original value. He says it would cause retailers to set up multiple price systems in their stores and switch product container sizes to accommodate the new taxes.

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee gave the bill preliminary approval March 14.



High School Page Hye-Chong Yun, a junior at Minneapolis North High School, worked in the House Chamber this week putting bills in bill binders on members' desks. During a typical week, high school pages assist lawmakers in the House Chamber, attend seminars, visit with state representatives, and meet state officials. All high school juniors attending Minnesota schools, public and nonpublic, are eligible to participate in the House of Representatives High School Page Program. Students interested in the program should contact their school for more information and their school's application process.

Electronic monitoring

Employers' needs to electronically monitor their workplaces would balance against employees' constitutional rights, under a bill the Labor-Management Relations Committee heard March 13.

Rep. Steve Trimble (DFL-St. Paul), author of HF256, says employers should be allowed to use advanced electronic technology for supervision, but employees and the public also have rights against monitoring that could become surveillance.

"We're going to try to...develop an initial set of policy guidelines...to balance...the rights of Minnesota employers to use the emerging monitoring technologies, but at the same time protect the workers and the public from those who would step beyond the area of supervision and into the arena of surveillance," Trimble says.

The bill would require employers to notify employees about monitoring activities, and would give employees access to information the employers collect during monitoring. It also outlines types of information employers may or may not collect, and what information they can give out. Another provision covers union contracts and electronic monitoring.

The committee plans to continue hearing testimony on the bill.

Light-rail transit

Light-rail transit is one tool in a transportation system's family of transit tools, according to light rail experts. They say a good rail system's lifeblood is its simplicity in design, availability, and careful integration with bus systems.

Legislators listened to light-rail experts discuss rail transit for the seven-county metropolitan area at a joint meeting of the House and Senate transportation and local government committees March 10.

Tom Matoff of the Sacramento (California) Regional Transit District and Donald MacDonald of the Edmonton (Alberta) Regional Rail Authority say that the metro area is ready for light-rail. But they warned legislators to consider the cities' fragmented transit structure. A successful light-rail system needs a central authority to set policy and control management, they says.

Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul) introduced HF1136 March 13 which would abolish individual county rail authorities and call for the Metropolitan Council to oversee the light-rail project.

Affordable homes

Affordable housing may not be pie in the sky for low-income families wanting to own their own homes, under a bill the Housing Division of the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee heard March 13.

Author Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul) says HF140 would create five pilot housing projects around the state. The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency would manage the projects with grant money from governmental units or nonprofit organizations. The bill would appropriate \$1 million, allocating \$200,000 to each pilot.

Dawkins says the project would link public housing with neighborhood social service agencies. Together, they would work to preserve the level of housing stock in blighted neighborhoods.

"It empowers neighborhood organizations, stops blight and crime, and turns have-not tenants into have-stake homeowners," Dawkins says.

Homebuyers eligible for the program must be "at risk," according to Dawkins. Those at risk would include people who recently lost their jobs, those on public assistance, and recovering chemical abusers. Homebuyers would pay 30 percent of their income for property taxes, utilities, hazard insurance, and home maintenance costs.

Utility rates 🛚

Competition may enter the electric utility marketplace according to a bill the Regulated Industries Committee heard March 13.

Under HF951 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids), regulated electric utilities would be able to compete with unregulated utilities when serving large electric customers. The bill would enable regulated electric companies to cut rates to customers using a connected load of 2,000 or more kilowatts and who may otherwise seek power from another unregulated electric supplier, a cogenerator, or an unregulated power producer.

The bill would set guidelines for establishing competitive rate schedules for utilities and place the Public Utilities Commission at the helm to monitor rate schedule requests.

Indian education

The Department of Education (DOE) wants the Legislature to provide more funding to increase the number of Indians attending teacher preparation courses, and provide financial help for postsecondary education for Indian students.

On March 13, David Beaulieu, DOE manager of Indian programs, presented the department's Indian education budget proposals to the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee.

The DOE reports a critical shortage of Indian teachers throughout Minnesota. The department wants to increase the number of Indians in teacher preparation programs from last year's seven participants to 45.

The University of Minnesota-Duluth currently has the only Indian teacher education program. But the Red Lake School District is working through Bemidji State University, and the White Earth Tribal Council through Moorhead State University, to create programs.

The DOE wants to enroll older, paraprofessional Indian adults in the teacher preparation programs, hoping that some of them could help adapt the programs to better reflect Indian students' culture and serve their needs.

Postsecondary financial assistance for Indian students is another area in which the DOE seeks increased funding. Beaulieu says the department turned away more than 500 Indian students applying for such assistance last year. He says the funds available have remained constant, but both the number of pupils applying for aid and the cost of postsecondary education have risen.

Court system 🔳

District court referees, judicial officers, court reporters, law clerks, and district administrative employees would become state employees under a bill the Judiciary Committee considered March 13.

Peter Popovich, chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, testified in favor of HF1065 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey), a bill that would transfer the costs of district courts and public defenders from the county to the state.

Popovich urged legislators to make this change to ensure equal service and treatment for all Minnesotans, make judicial resources equally available to all parts of the state, and provide uniform court services.

Judicial officials say a major criminal case can create a huge financial burden for taxpayers in counties with limited resources, because counties use property taxes to pay many court costs. They say a state-funded system for all districts would prevent that problem.

The committee will consider the bill again March 20.

Highway Helper

Highway Helper helps stalled motorists, free of charge, with gas, battery jumps, or a push to get a car off the road quickly. The idea of the Highway Helper Program is to help stalled motorists and get them out of the way of passing traffic, says Larry McNamara, assistant commissioner of operations at the Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

Stalled motorists on the highway cause traffic delays, he says. If a car blocks a lane for four minutes, it will take 40 minutes for passing traffic to regain a normal flow.

MnDOT presented the program's budget request to the Appropriations Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division March 13. The department will expand the program if the Legislature approves their budget request.

Chief Justice Peter Popovich of the Minnesota Supreme Court testifies at a Judiciary Committee meeting March 13 in favor of a proposal that would transfer the costs of district courts and public defenders from the county to the state.

Healthspan

Insurance Committee members continued discussion on HF150 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin), or Healthspan, a proposal that would make health insurance available to all Minnesotans, at a March 13 meeting.

Approximately 400,000 Minnesotans don't have access to health insurance or can't afford the high cost of insurance premiums, according to the bill's proponents. Most of the uninsured are low-income working people whose employers don't offer health insurance. One witness told the committee it's ironic that many people who don't work at all get better health care than the "working poor," most of whom are not eligible for public assistance.

Jim Addington, director of the Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy, told legislators that the United States and South Africa are the only industrialized nations that don't provide their citizens with access to a national health plan. He says it's important that the Legislature develop a health plan because the chances for a federal plan are grim.

Though many committee members expressed concern about the number of uninsured Minnesotans, some say they want to address funding issues and other provisions in the bill before they vote on Healthspan.

The Insurance Committee is the second House committee to consider the bill.

Notes

Roseville may become home to a new ice center if the Legislature passes a capital bonding bill the Appropriations Committee approved March 16. Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) supports a provision that would appropriate \$600,000 to build a center for speed skating and playing Bandy, a sport similar to ice hockey. She also suggests calling it the John Rose Memorial Center, in memory of the late Rep. John Rose, an Independent Republican who represented District 63A, which includes Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, St. Anthony and part of Roseville. He passed away last year.

Do you like to hunt? Do you like to vote? If you've had trouble doing both, your problems may be solved. HF629 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park) would require the Department of Natural Resources to include an absentee ballot application with every deer hunting license it issues in a general election year. The bill awaits action in the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee.

Elementary teachers have to negotiate class preparation time through contracts while state law sets aside preparation time for secondary teachers, according to Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park). She presented a bill to the Education Committee March 13 that would bring elementary teacher preparation time under state law, too. HF436 would require the State Board of Education to develop rules, and explain them to the Legislature next February, noting any accompanying costs. Legislators at that time would decide whether to implement the rules.

People whom the courts convict three times of criminal sexual conduct may face a penalty of life in prison with no chance of parole under HF315 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul), a bill the Judiciary Committee recommended to pass unanimously March 10. Many lawmakers expressed concern that the sentence is more severe than the penalty for first-degree murder. They say it would give sex offenders an incentive to kill their victims because the offenders would have nothing to lose. However, the committee plans to hear another bill in the next few weeks that would impose life in prison without parole for people whom courts convict three times of firstdegree murder.

Are political campaigns long enough for you? Well, they might get one day longer. To bring state law into compliance with a judge's ruling, legislators may repeal a prohibition against election day campaigning. The repealer is in HF630 (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul), a bill introduced on behalf of the Secretary of State. It awaits action on the House floor.

Doctors say insurance consumers would have more protection against an insurance company's "arbitrary and capricious" denial of medical claims if HF1155 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls) becomes law. The Insurance Committee gave the omnibus life and health insurance bill preliminary approval March 15. The bill covers many consumer concerns. including deceptive life insurance commercials that usually appear late at night. It would also require insurance companies to give consumers an answer within 10 days for medical services that require preauthorization. Medical professionals testified that many patients have to wait too long for services they need immediately because insurance companies delay the authorization process.

Eurasian Water Milfoil, a foreign aquatic weed, is choking out Minnesota lakes. Aquatic biologists say they don't know how the weed got into the country. And there are no natural pathogens that would control the weed's explosive growth. Its growth can cause property damage, decrease water recreation, replace native plants, and breed mosquitoes in its floating weed mats. The Department of Natural Resources wants the Legislature to appropriate funds for research on the problem.

Shared housing in Minnesota would include handicapped and developmentally disabled people as well as the elderly under HF1045, a bill the Housing Division of the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee approved March 15. Home sharing is a growing trend in alternative housing for elderly citizens who want to avoid nursing facilities and stay in their homes. Home sharing agencies would facilitate matches, and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency would oversee technical assistance and administrative functions for program sponsors, according to author Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park).

What's wrong with wanting to be yourself and not worrying about how you compare and rank with others, the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee asked. During a University of Minnesota budget meeting March 14, committee members wondered why institutions feel compelled to rank themselves with other similar institutions. Comparisons and rankings have their place, but "we have to start looking at ourselves and what we want to become," says Rep. Jim Heap (IR-Plymouth).

Muskrats will become targets of annoyed property owners if the Legislature passes HF827 (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake). Under the bill, muskrats would join the ranks of mink, squirrel, rabbit, hare, raccoon, lynx, bobcat, fox, and beaver. State law allows landowners to kill any one of these animals if it causes damage on their land. The law prohibits landowners from poisoning the animals or using artificial lights to aid the kill.



As It Happens...

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Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Friday, March 10

Groundwater—comprehensive protection HF534/SF411 (Munger, DFL-Duluth) heard. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Monday, March 13

Farmer-Lender Mediation Actmortgage foreclosure HF603/SF182 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—heard. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Wednesday, March 15

Ethanol promotion—appropriation HF591/SF655 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Farmer-Lender Mediation Act---mortgage foreclosure HF603/SF182 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)----recommended to pass as amended. (SF Senate Finance Committee)

Duluth—grain inspection HF752/SF752 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Cooperative associations—voting rights change

HF774/SF676 (E. Olson, DFL-Fosston)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee) Agricultural societies—funding HF779/SF654 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

APPROPRIATIONS

Thursday, March 16

Bridge bonding HF46/SF198 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston) recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Horse racing—pari-mutuel betting HF707/SF588 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

COMMERCE

Tuesday, March 14 💻

Real estate appraisers—licenses HF624 (Morrison, IR-Burnsville) recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee.

Accountancy—regulation, standards of care HF1117/SF917 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, March 14

AeroSpace exploratorium—education HF189/SF255 (Welle, DFL-Willmar) recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Workers—support services

HF585/SF601 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Labor-Management Relations Committee. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Indian employment office base level funding HF652/SF668 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Labor-Management Relations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Community Stabilization & Development Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, March 16 💻

Subsidized development—job impact statement HF631/SF1022 (Clark, DFL-Mpls) heard. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Rural Resource Development Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, March 15

State printer—soy-based ink HF1142 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass as amended.

Trees—aspen thinning research HF1163 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown) recommended to pass.

EDUCATION	Wednesday, March 15	Tuesday, March 14
Monday, March 13	Health, safety revenue—handicapped	Solid waste—reduction, recycling
Mpls. school district—insurance premium subsidies HF157/SF149* (Clark, DFL-Mpls)— recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.	accessibility HF37/SF148 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)— heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee) Health, safety revenue—handicapped accessibility	(SCORE) HF417/SF371 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)— recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Education Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)
Elementary teachers—preparation time HF436/SF515 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)	HF253/SF146 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee) Subcapital appropriations—open, standing HF626 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—heard.	Wood ticks—mosquito control commission expansion HF942 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)— recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
Wednesday, March 15	in 626 (in leger, Di D-Supres)—nonu.	Thursday, March 16
Inmates—high school diplomas HF618/SF464 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)	Higher Education Division/ EDUCATION Wednesday, March 15 Technical institutes—name change HF740 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—	Wastewater treatment—funding regulation HF584/SF470 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)— recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)
Askov School Board HF695/SF866 (D. Carlson, IR- Sandstone)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Education Committee)	recommended to pass. Nursing scholarships—appropriation money HF790/SF704 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)— recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)	Duluth-Cloquet sanitation—pipeline repair HF674/SF685 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)— recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)
Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION Friday, March 10 Transportation—intradistrict HF98/SF147 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—	ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES Thursday, March 9 Waste Management Act—amendments	Waterweed—Eurasian Milfoil HF824/SF749 (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)
heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee) Transportation—day care provider HF468/SF726 (Gutnecht, IR- Rochester)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)	 HF601/SF530 (Long, DFL-Mpls)— recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee) (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee) Friday, March 10 	Muskrats—damage, extermination HF827/SF1008 (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)
Transportation aid—pupil home residence HF594/SF670 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee) Transportation—day care facilities	Groundwater—comprehensive protection HF534/SF411 (Munger, DFL-Duluth) heard. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources)	Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING Monday, March 13 Housing—home ownership,
HF1087 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)— heard.		neighborhood stability HF140 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)— recommended to pass as amended.

Rental housing—elderly tenants' pets HF693 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)—	GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS	INSURANCE
recommended to pass as amended.	Thursday, March 16	Monday, March 13
Wednesday, March 15 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency— power regulation HF399/SF613 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.	Tourism—department creation HF491/SF608 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)— recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)	Healthspan—health care access program HF150/SF491 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)— heard. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)
(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee) Shared housing program	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	MCHA—employee access HF1156/SF967 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)— heard. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)
HF1045/SF856 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)	Nursing homes—property rates HF764/SF644 (Kahn, DFL- Mpls)— recommended to pass as amended. (SF passed Senate)	Wednesday, March 15
GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING	Regional treatment centers— role change	HF1155 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)— recommended to pass as amended.
Tuesday, March 14 Dept. of gaming, divisions—creation HF66/SF150 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rap- ids)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations	HF903/SF954 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)— heard. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee) Thursday, March 16	Insurance I.D. card—requirements HF1194 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Judiciary Com- mittee.
Committee) Secretary of state—elections HF630/SF553 (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)— recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)	Death—uniform determination HF182 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)— recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee) Welfare reform—programs	JUDICIARY Friday, March 10 Controlled substances—degrees HF59/SF3 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)— recommended to pass as amended;
Elections Division/ GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING Thursday, March 16 Elections, ethics—changes HF629/SF368 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—tabled. (SF in Senate Elections & Ethics	HF840/SF946 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)— recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee) Immunization—postsecondary students HF943/SF347 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.	rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee) Criminal sexual conduct—treatment HF315/SF320 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
Committee) Election certificates—penalty elimination HF736/SF798 (Ostrom, DFL-St. Peter)— recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)	(SF in Senate Education Committee)	Monday, March 13 Conciliation court—jurisdictional limit increase HF13/SF830 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)— recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Trust law—changes HF306/SF289 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Statute revisions—obsolete, redundant HF862/SF821 (Pugh, DFL-St. Paul) recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Judicial administration county-to-state transfer HF1065/SF890 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey) laid over until March 20. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Sentencing data—capacity, usage HF1066 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul) recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Criminal Justice Division/ JUDICIARY

Tuesday, March 14

Sentencing—imposition of sentence HF193/SF404 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—heard. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Sentencing—parole eligibility HF673/SF314 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—heard. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Sentencing—juvenile criminal history score HF726 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—heard.

RICO—criminal proceeds HF837/SF483 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Wednesday, March 15

Sentencing—imposition HF193/SF404 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Sentencing—parole eligibility HF673/SF314 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—laid over. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Motor vehicle—theft, unauthorized use HF703/SF383 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Sentencing—juvenile criminal history score HF726 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—amended; laid over.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Monday, March 13

Electronic monitoring of employees regulation HF256/SF76 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul) amended; heard. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, March 14

Historical society levy HF128/SF37 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Western Lake Superior Sanitary District—advance refunding bonds HF765/SF683 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Hennepin County—HRA board member increase HF819/SF714 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Ramsey County—property for public library

HF832/SF711 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Environment & Natural Resources Committee. (SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Ramsey County—personnel review board member increase HF1104 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul) recommended to pass as amended.

Dakota County—morgue costs HF1115/SF998 (Tompkins, IR-Apple Valley)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Thursday, March 16

Chisago County—ditch assessments HF804/SF754 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Kanaranzi-Little Rock watershed levy HF810/SF564 (Winter, DFL-Fulda) recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Counties: Jackson, Windom municipal hospitals levies HF871/SF751 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Health & Human Services Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Goodhue County—historical society levy HF917/SF766 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon) recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Hennepin County arts appropriations HF925/SF791 (Long, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, March 13 📟

Pipeline safety—inspection guidelines HF907/SF879 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Public Utilities & Energy Committee)

Utilities—competitive electric rates HF951/SF903 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—heard. (SF in Senate Public Utilities & Energy Committee)

TAXES

Tuesday, March 14 💻

Dept. of Revenue—tax disclosure requirements

HF243/SF122 (Rest, DFL-New Hope) recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Sales, special taxes—technical corrections HF266/SF205 (Long, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, March 15

Service signs—changes HF278/SF629 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Regional rail authorities—joint powers HF484/SF477 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Motor vehicle registration—certificate of title changes HF931/SF826 (Kalis, DFL-Walters)—

recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

FLOOR ACTION

CALENDAR

Monday, March 13 🚥

Employee Right-to-Know Act changes HF300*/SF442 (Clark, DFL-Mpls) passed (133-0). (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Mora—wastewater treatment facility acquistion HF481*/SF546 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—passed (132-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Minneapolis—government personnel appointments HF664*/SF591 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—passed (130-1). (SF on Senate Floor)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, March 13

Uniform Commercial Code—notice change HF937* (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul) passed (131-0).

GENERAL ORDERS

Monday, March 13

Juveniles—jail detention limitation HF76/SF326 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul) recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

U of M student regent—election requirement HF101/SF27 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Juvenile court—parental rights HF135/SF220 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul) recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Employment, minors—work hour limit HF331/SF329 (Price, DFL-Woodbury) recommended to pass as amended (SF in Senate Employment Commitee) Sexual assault victims civil limitations HF461/SF315 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul) recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Criminal court—failure to appear HF702/SF675 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

Thursday, March 9 🚥

Trespass statute—recodification HF482/SF32* (Wagenius)—Chapter 5.

Voter registration files—updates HF72/SF204* (Tunheim)—Chapter 7.

Deer—emergency feeding HF778/SF574* (Kinkel)—Chapter 8.

Tuesday, March 14 📟

Town powers—attorney employment HF113*/SF120 (Battaglia)—Chapter 9.

Dance halls—dance law repeal HF620/SF300* (Kostohryz)— Chapter 10.

KEY

HF--House File SF--Senate File HF#/SF#--companion bills *--version of the bill under consideration

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In the Hopper...

HF1136-HF1265

Bill Introductions

Monday, March 13 🚥

HF1136-Kelly (DFL)

Transportation

Metropolitan transit; changing the responsibilities of the Regional Transit Board and Metropolitan Council; altering the membership of the transit board and transit commission; eliminating certain restrictions on the council, the board, and the commission; abolishing regional rail authorities in the metropolitan area.

HF1137—Johnson, A. (DFL) Transportation

Metropolitan government; regulating the borrowing authority of the Regional Transit Board.

HF1138—Begich (DFL)

Economic Development Regional development; dissolving Arrowhead regional development commissions.

HF1139—Ogren (DFL) Judiciary

Corrections; requiring county boards to provide medical aid for prisoners in jail.

HF1140—Sviggum (IR)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Real property; appropriating money for grant-in-aid assistance to the Red Wing Port Authority to acquire lands for historic preservation and educational purposes.

HF1141—Segal (DFL)

Transportation Traffic regulations; repealing provisions on nonrecording of certain speeding violations on driving records.

HF1142—Winter (DFL)

Economic Development Environment; requiring the use of soy-based ink for some printing operations.

HF1143—Gutknecht (IR)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Taxation; permitting the City of Rochester to continue levying a general sales tax for flood control costs.

HF1144—Rukavina (DFL)

Education

School districts; providing employment rights for nonteaching employees of districts affected by consolidation, dissolution, or interdistrict cooperation; giving teachers and other employees of school districts an option to retire before age 65 with no reduction in annuities under certain circumstances.

HF1145—Pappas (DFL)

Judiciary

Human services; establishing requirements for disclosure of data about communicable diseases; providing penalties.

HF1146—Steensma (DFL) Transportation Traffic regulations; dedicating seat belt violation fines to Emergency Medical Services Relief Account.

HF1147—McEachern (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Elections; making various changes in laws applicable to school district elections.

HF1148—Vellenga (DFL) Education

Education; requiring school boards, public postsecondary boards and institutions, the commissioner of Human Rights, and the High School League to perform certain duties relating to sexual harassment and sexual violence; appropriating money.

HF1149—Carruthers (DFL)

Governmental Operations

State lands; providing for exceptions to usual conveyance procedures.

HF1150—Pugh (DFL) Judiciary

Collection, access to, and dissemination of data; proposing classifications of data as private, confidential, nonpublic, and protected nonpublic; clarifying classification of data; establishing an internal audit function with access to state agency data; clarifying what data on juveniles may be made available to the public.

HF1151-Bishop (IR)

Judiciary

Probate; changing procedure for notice to certain creditors; changing certain time limits.

HF1152—Miller (IR)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Veterans; providing for establishment of a veterans home in Montevideo.

HF1153—Miller (IR) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Veterans; providing for establishment of a veterans

home in Redwood Falls.

HF1154—Miller (IR) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Veterans; providing for establishment of a veterans home in Granite Falls.

HF1155—Skoglund (DFL) Insurance

Insurance; life and health; regulating policy and contract provisions, coverages, certain costcontainment mechanisms, cancellations and nonrenewals, trade and marketing practices, and remedies in these and other lines; making technical changes.

HF1156-Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance Insurance; regulating the comprehensive health insurance plan and association; increasing access to the plan; modifying the funding mechanism and membership of the association; modifying the representation on the board of directors; modifying coverages; defining certain terms.

HF1157—Dorn (DFL)

Health & Human Services Human services; authorizing reimbursement for cost saving equipment under General Assistance medical care; increasing the complement of the Department of Human Services.

HF1158—Dawkins (DFL)

Judiciary

Courts; providing for a study by the supreme court of racial bias in the judicial system; establishing a panel to investigate racism by judges and evaluate mechanisms for criticizing judges; appropriating money.

HF1159—Onnen (IR)

Judiciary

Crime; providing that a person who unlawfully sells or distributes narcotic drugs is guilty of attempted murder; providing penalties.

HF1160-Bauerly (DFL)

Education

Education; authorizing school district participation in certain energy efficiency projects.

HF1161—Scheid (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing Housing; authorizing the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to establish a neighborhood preservation program and to issue revenue bonds for city housing rehabilitation loan and grant programs; appropriating money.

HF1162—Reding (DFL)

Economic Development International trade; enhancing the Minnesota Trade Office's education and foreign representation activities; appropriating money.

HF1163—Murphy (DFL)

Economic Development Resource development; requiring a research study on the effect of aspen thinning; appropriating money.

HF1164—Jacobs (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Charitable gambling; defining as a lawful purpose expenditure an expenditure by a veterans organization on veterans' grave markers.

HF1165—Johnson, R. (DFL)

Governmental Operations Retirement; allowing payment of certain premiums on tax sheltered annuities as an exception to the prohibition on supplemental pension plans.

HF1166—Clark (DFL) Education

Education; establishing a task force on coordinated childcare; appropriating money.

HF1167-Carlson, L. (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Retirement; volunteer firefighters; reducing the service requirement for eligibility for a service pension from ten years to five years.

HF1168—Simoneau (DFL) Governmental Operations

Retirement; public pension plans; establishing, codifying, clarifying, and revising the obligations, responsibilities, and liabilities of public pension plan fiduciaries.

HF1169—Begich (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations Unemployment insurance; modifying the base period.

HF1170-Wynia (DFL)

Health & Human Services Human services; providing for eligibility changes in the children's health plan program; clarifying eligibility under the Medical Assistance program for pregnant women, infants, and children; authorizing the adoption of rules.

HF1171—Sparby (DFL)

Agriculture

Agriculture; providing grants to pay a portion of the cost of certain federal crop insurance; appropriating money.

HF1172—Ogren (DFL)

Governmental Operations State lands; authorizing private sale of certain taxforfeited land in Carlton County.

HF1173—Begich (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations Unemployment compensation; adjusting the minimum tax.

HF1174—Hasskamp (DFL) Health & Human Services

Human services; requiring counties to consult parents and other specified persons regarding individual service plans for persons with mental retardation or a related condition; prohibiting discharges from regional treatment centers over the objections of parents or other specified persons; requiring placement in a regional treatment center at the request of parents and other specified persons; requiring screening teams to consider the personal needs of clients and the quality, availability, and location of alternative services when evaluating the appropriateness of home and community-based services.

HF1175—Bauerly (DFL)

Agriculture

Agriculture; regulating the manufacture of cultured dairy food; requiring pasteurization for certain dairy products.

HF1176—Carlson, D. (IR) Transportation Motor vehicles; providing for location for deputy registrar to collect motor vehicle taxes.

HF1177—Orenstein (DFL)

Taxes Property taxes; limiting increases in the market value of homesteads.

HF1178—Skoglund (DFL)

Health & Human Services Cigarettes; imposing an annual fee on cigarette distributors; appropriating money.

HF1179-McDonald (IR)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Carver County; providing for the location of offices for the county attorney, court administrator, and sheriff, and for the location of the district court and the county jail.

HF1180-Scheid (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Elections; changing certain procedures for counting absentee ballots.

HF1181—Carruthers (DFL) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Metropolitan government; regulating budgets.

HF1182—Peterson (DFL) Judiciary

Judgements; providing for collection of costs by a person subject to an improperly docketed judgment; providing a penalty for persons who improperly docket judgments; requiring persons using judgments for credit or title status purposes to use due diligence in determining who is the judgment debtor.

HF1183—McGuire (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources A resolution memorializing the president and Congress to address problems in the solid waste stream caused by the amount and types of materials used to package consumer products.

HF1184—Kelly (DFL)

Judiciary

Courts; abolishing the county and probate court; transferring the jurisdiction, cases, records, and employees of that court to the district court; merging the municipal and conciliation courts with the district court in the second and fourth judicial districts; transferring the jurisdiction, cases, records, and employees of those courts to the district court; providing that municipal and probate and county judges are district judges; providing transitional retirement benefits.

HF1185-Solberg (DFL)

Governmental Operations Public employees; limiting insurance coverage of retired elected officers.

HF1186—Solberg (DFL) Education

Education; requiring the Minnesota State High School League to provide for television coverage of athletic events on a statewide basis.

HF1187—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services Human services; providing for eligibility changes in the Medical Assistance, General Assistance medical care, and children's health plan programs; clarifying existing eligibility requirements; providing for coordination of benefits with the children's health plan; providing for certain changes in the administration of the Medical Assistance demonstration project.

HF1188-Otis (DFL)

Health & Human Services Human services; adjusting the General Assistance standard for certain assistance units.

HF1189—Gutknecht (IR) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Charitable gambling; authorizing tax credits and

tax refunds for contributions made by licensed organizations to certain qualifying lawful purposes; appropriating money.

HF1190—Abrams (IR)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Charitable gambling; authorizing tax credits and tax refunds for contributions made by licensed organizations to certain qualifying lawful purposes; appropriating money.

HF1191—Jennings (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources State lands; authorizing sale of certain tax-forfeited land that borders public water in Chisago County.

HF1192—Poppenhagen (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources Public lands; stating legislative findings and prohibiting transfer of the Many Point Lake public access site in Becker County.

HF1193—Waltman (IR)

Education

Education; appropriating money for reducing class sizes in kindergarten through grade 3.

HF1194—Carruthers (DFL)

Insurance

Insurance; requiring obligors to issue an insurance identification card; requiring a driver or owner to produce an insurance identification card, policy, or written statement; providing for administrative review; exempting certain vehicles; providing for the impoundment of registration plates; providing for a limited license in certain circumstances; defining terms; providing penalties.

HF1195—Bertram (DFL)

Judiciary

Judgments; providing that certain employee retirement benefits are exempt from seizure or sale for the payment of a debt or liability to the extent the benefits are reasonably necessary for support.

HF1196—Clark (DFL)

Taxes

Taxation; requiring payment of large tax liabilities by electronic funds transfer or cash equivalents.

HF1197—Bishop (IR)

Judiciary

Minnesota Statutes; correcting erroneous, ambiguous, and omitted text and obsolete references; eliminating certain redundant, conflicting, and superseded provisions, making miscellaneous technical corrections to statutes and other laws.

HF1198—Simoneau (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Public employment; defining equitable compensation relationships; requiring an implementation report; providing for review of plans; providing for appeals from a decision of the commissioner.

Thursday, March 16

HF1199—Jefferson (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul; authorizing housing and rehabilitation loan and grant programs; providing for the issuance of bonds.

HF1200—Pugh (DFL) Judiciary

Health-care information; providing conditions for the disclosure of health-care information; enacting the Uniform Health-Care Information Act; providing penalties.

HF1201—Trimble (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Environment; regulating genetic engineering; appropriating money.

HF1202—McDonald (IR) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Humanity's greatest boast, the Irish people and their patron, St. Patrick; making St. Patrick's Day a holiday.

HF1203—Pugh (DFL)

Commerce Nonprofit corporations; providing for the organization, operation, and dissolution of nonprofit corporations; imposing penalties; appropriating money.

HF1204—Scheid (DFL) Labor-Management Relations Labor; regulating apprentice programs.

HF1205—Tunheim (DFL) Education Education; establishing a state system of postsecondary vocational technical education.

HF1206—Reding (DFL)

Governmental Operations Retirement; Public Employees Retirement Association, adding employees of the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities and the Minnesota Association of Townships as members.

HF1207—Morrison (IR) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Counties; providing conditions for the disposition

Counties; providing conditions for the disposition of county property. HF1208—Orenstein (DFL)

Judiciary Courts; removing the disqualification for jury service for attorneys.

HF1209—Olson, K. (DFL) Education Education; modifying the fund balance reduction.

HF1210—Munger (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Environment; authorizing participation in the Great Lakes Protection Fund; appropriating money.

HF1211—Begich (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources Recreational vehicles; providing for temporary permits to operate snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles.

HF1212—Olson, E. (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Natural resources; authorizing a grant to the Red Lake Watershed District, Clearwater County, to construct an improved and enlarged lake on Walker Brook; authorizing the sale of state bonds; appropriating money.

HF1213—Kelly (DFL) Judiciary

Public safety; alcohol assessment and treatment; allowing courts as a sentencing option to order criminal defendants into treatment upon certification to the local agency and the commissioner of Human Services.

HF1214—Greenfield (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing Human services; authorizing the establishment of congregate housing service programs under the administration of the Minnesota Board of Aging, for elderly and handicapped persons living in subsidized housing developments; establishing a congregate services advisory committee; authorizing a congregate housing resource center; establishing a grant program for congregate housing services; authorizing demonstration projects; requiring a report; appropriating money.

HF1215—Skoglund (DFL)

Taxes

Income taxes; providing an additional deduction for certain stock dividends of affiliated companies.

HF1216—Marsh (IR) Governmental Operations State lands; conveying title to state land in St. Cloud.

HF1217—Marsh (IR) Governmental Operations State lands; authorizing exchange of state property with City of St. Cloud.

HF1218—Reding (DFL)

Governmental Operations Retirement; public pension plans; establishing, codifying, clarifying, and revising the obligations, responsibilities, and liabilities of public pension plan fiduciaries.

HF1219—Miller (IR) by request Taxes

City of Redwood Falls; exempting certain levies from a penalty.

HF1220—Krueger (DFL)

Economic Development Economic development; providing for funding to the Minnesota Marketplace Program; appropriating money.

HF1221—Olson, K. (DFL) Education

Education; allowing school districts to be considered providers under the state Medical Assistance plan.

HF1222—Janezich (DFL) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs St. Louis County; regulating budget procedures; providing for certain recorder's fees.

HF1223-Janezich (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs St. Louis County; allowing the county to assess the cost of maintenance of television relay service.

HF1224—Bauerly (DFL)

Education Education; modifying transportation formula provisions. HF1225—Peterson (DFL) Insurance Insurance; regulating cancellations of insurance agency contracts.

HF1226—Rest (DFL) Appropriations Appropriations; providing funds for Twin Cities Regional Cable.

HF1227—McEachern (DFL)

Taxes Local government aid; including certain towns with cities for purposes of the distribution formula.

HF1228-Dawkins (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing Housing; creating a housing initiative grant program; appropriating money.

HF1229—Reding (DFL)

Governmental Operations Organization and operation of state government; Department of Employee Relations; establishing a public pension plan bureau within the department; requiring continuing monitoring and oversight of public pension plans by the bureau.

HF1230—Bauerly (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources Protection of groundwater, protecting sensitive areas; promoting and requiring certain best management practices; providing financial assistance for certain groundwater protection activities; authorizing local government groundwater and resource protection programs; providing for determination of water research needs; developing a water education curriculum; regulating wells, borings, and underground drillings and uses; regulating, enforcing violation, and establishing civil and criminal penalties for violations relating to pesticide, fertilizer, soil amendment, and plant amendment manufacture, storage, sale, use, and misuse; providing a mechanism to aid cleanup and response to incidents relating to agricultural chemicals; providing a task force relating to sustainable agriculture; providing penalties; appropriating money.

HF1231—Schafer (IR)

Education

Education; increasing the formula allowance; providing an incentive for class size reductions and program improvements; encouraging an emphasis on the teaching of English, math, social studies, and science; providing additional funds for districts offering a comprehensive curriculum; requiring statewide assessment for grades six and ten; lengthening time-on-task; restoring a categorical aid for gifted and talented programs; adjusting the minimum allowance for school districts; appropriating money.

HF1232—Kelly (DFL) Taxes

Taxation; exempting public parking facilities.

HF1233-Simoneau (DFL)

Governmental Operations Retirement; various statewide or major public pension plans; mandating the establishment of bounce-back optional joint and survivor annuity forms.

HF1234—O'Connor (DFL) Commerce

Consumer protection; regulating certain rentalpurchase agreements; prescribing the rights and duties of all parties; requiring disclosures; regulating advertising; providing remedies.

HF1235-Reding (DFL)

Transportation Traffic regulations; exempting certain combinations hauling milk from seasonal load restrictions.

HF1236—Murphy (DFL)

Health & Human Services Health; establishing a grant for a prenatal care media campaign.

HF1237—Otis (DFL)

Economic Development Capital improvements; appropriating money to the Port of Duluth; authorizing sale of state bonds.

HF1238-Steensma (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources Natural resources; allowing members of the Minnesota National Guard to camp at state campgrounds for half the regular price; allowing members of the Minnesota National Guard to purchase a fishing license for half the regular price.

HF1239—Rukavina (DFL) Taxes

Property taxes; limiting property tax paid by certain retired persons on certain seasonal, recreational, nonhomestead property; providing for state reimbursement for lost local tax revenue; appropriating money.

HF1240—Krueger (DFL)

Economic Development

Economic development; providing for funding of a grant to a nonprofit technology transfer, applied research, and economic development organization; appropriating money.

HF1241—Skoglund (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Public health; changing the structure and authorities of the Minnesota Institute for Addiction and Stress Research.

HF1242—Krueger (DFL) Ways & Means

State government; creating a legislative budget office; providing for its duties; providing for a director of the legislative budget office and the manner of the director's appointment and service; eliminating the Department of Finance and transferring its powers and duties to the Department of Revenue.

HF1243—Winter (DFL)

Governmental Operations State government; requiring agencies to notify members of the Legislature of rulemaking proceedings; specifying the contents of the notice.

HF1244—Jefferson (DFL) Health & Human Services

Human services; endorsing the store-to-door grocery delivery program for elderly and disabled citizens; appropriating money for a grant to expand the program.

HF1245—Winter (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations Workers' compensation; providing a comprehensive reform; providing penalties; appropriating money.

HF1246—Greenfield (DFL) Health & Human Services

Children; creating a statewide grant program to provide neighborhood-based support to enhance the health, development, and school readiness of preschool children; appropriating money.

HF1247—Wynia (DFL) Agriculture

Agriculture; renaming the commissioner and Department of Agriculture as the commissioner and department of agriculture and food; clarifying the commissioner's authority and responsibilities; providing for demonstration projects to allow women, infants, and children program recipients to redeem coupons for Minnesota grown food; appropriating money.

HF1248—Kelso (DFL) Education Education; providing for cost of living differential revenue; appropriating money.

HF1249—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services Crimes; prohibiting abuse or culpable neglect of patients receiving treatment from licensed health care facilities or programs; providing penalties.

HF1250—Rukavina (DFL) Governmental Operations Retirement; providing partial postretirement adjustments for certain retired public employees.

HF1251—Pauly (IR)

Transportation Transit; eliminating certain preconditions to Regional Transit Board contracts with recipients of transit assistance.

HF1252—Greenfield (DFL) Health & Human Services

Human services; allowing rate review for nursing homes in involuntary receivership; eliminating the exemption of certain allowable employee pension contributions from care-related cost limits and other operating cost limits; clarifying historical cost of capital assets and issuance costs; providing payment rate adjustments for nursing homes; allowing a one-time adjustment to comply with OBRA.

HF1253—Pauly (IR)

Taxes Property taxes; repealing local government levy limitations.

HF1254-Pugh (DFL)

Judiciary Collection and dissemination of data; enacting the Uniform Criminal History Records Act; prescribing penalties.

HF1255—Girard (IR) Judiciary

Appropriations; appropriating money to the Crime Victims Reparation Board.

HF1256-Waltman (IR)

Governmental Operations English language; making it the official language of the state.

HF1257—Pappas (DFL)

Education Education; establishing assessment requirements for Braille instruction.

HF1258—Pappas (DFL)

Health & Human Services Health; defining the practice of traditional midwifery; providing for parental rights and informed consent disclosure statement.

HF1259—Janezich (DFL)

Education Independent School District No. 701; authorizing a

permanent transfer from the Pupil Transportation Fund reserved for bus purchases.

HF1260—Onnen (IR) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

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

HF1261—Jefferson (DFL)

Health & Human Services Human services; requiring joint, uniform rules for services for persons with a disability; funding work activity and community-based employment services at a level equal to day training and habilitation services; appropriating money.

HF1262—Valento (IR)

Governmental Operations Retirement; excluding Roseville firefighters from membership in the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund.

HF1263—Stanius (IR)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Taxation; allowing a special levy to City of White Bear Lake for certain reserve funds.

HF1264—Stanius (IR)

Judiciary Crime; removing the crime of theft from the definition of "crime of violence" in the gun control law.

HF1265—Frerichs (IR)

Education Education; approving a capital loan to Independent School District No. 533.

First Readings/Senate Bills

Thursday, March 16

SF294—Stumpf (DFL) Health & Human Services Animals; providing civil and criminal penalties for the unauthorized release of research animals.

SF400—Lantry (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Horse racing; regulating the medication of horses.

SF644—Pogemiller (DFL) Suspension of Rules Medical Assistance for needy persons; proposing changes to the method for calculating a nursing home's property-related payment rate upon refinancing.

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Coming Up Next Week...

March 20 - 24, 1989

Committee Schedule

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Monday, March 20

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division Agriculture Laboratory Facilities 90 W. Plato, St. Paul Chr. Rep. James Rice Agenda: Agriculture laboratory tour.

APPROPRIATIONS/

Education Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson Agenda: University of Minnesota budget overview.

APPROPRIATIONS/

State Departments Division 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn Agenda: Department of Revenue budget overview.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern Agenda: HF416 (Rukavina) Notice of participation in open enrollment. HF493 (McEachern) Pupil to stay in school for one year under open enrollment. HF787 (McDonald) Modifying procedures of open enrollment. HF1028 (Trimble) Restricting athletic participation under open enrollment.

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Chr. Sen. Don Moe Agenda: SF305 (Pogemiller)/HF549 (Sarna) Minneapolis police and fire; automatic post retirement adjustments. SF843 (Kroening)/HF861 (O'Connor) Police and paid fire funds; automatic post retirement adjustments. SFXXX/HFXXX Police and paid fire funds; phase out of Amortization State Aid.

8:30 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/ Health & Human Services Division 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield Agenda: Budget overview of Department of Corrections.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel Agenda: Bills left from Wednesday, March 15, meeting; and bills coming out of subcommittees.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly Agenda: HF3 (Wenzel) Increasing maximum sentences and providing mandatory minimum sentences for violent crimes. HF1065 (Solberg) Relating to judicial administration. HF207 (Quinn) Establishing board of jail employee training and standards.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs Agenda: HF1056 (Jacobs) Regulating noncompetitive and competitive telephone services. HF951 (Jacobs) Providing for the establishment of competitive electric utility rates for certain customers subject to effective competition.

12:30 p.m.

EDUCATION/ Education Finance Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson Agenda: Special education.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING/Housing Division 500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor Agenda: HF990 (Jefferson) Relating to housing; establishing a home equity conversion loan counseling program for senior homeowners. HF727 (Sparby) Relating to housing; reducing property taxes on certain types of residential rental property. HF1069 (Boo) Relating to real property; providing that purchaser's right to cancel applies to condominiums created before Aug. 1, 1980.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joe Begich Agenda: HF256 (Trimble) Relating to employment; regulating electronic monitoring of employees; providing penalties. (Opponents only) HF489 (Dawkins) Relating to public employment; regulating fair share fees, unfair labor practices, arbitration procedures and grievance procedures. HF520 (Simoneau) Relating to state government; restricting additional types of payroll deductions for state employees. HF970 (Sarna) Relating to employees; providing for a wage protection program; appropriating money. HF881 (Begich) Relating to workers' compensation; requiring a report on recodification and simplification of the workers' compensation law.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

After Session

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING/Housing Division Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor Agenda: HF541 (O'Connor) Urban Revitalization Action Program (portion of "Year of the City"). (This meeting will start after session or at 6:30 p.m., whichever comes first.)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Subcommittee on Family Health 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal Agenda: HF592 (McGuire) Prohibiting billboard advertising for tobacco products.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Subcommittee on Transitional Services 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Roger Cooper Agenda: HF730 (Greenfield) Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA) reform/Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) eligibility/automation.

INSURANCE

10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund Agenda: <u>Special meeting</u> HF956 (Carruthers) Underinsurance. HF269 (Carruthers) Auto assigned claims plan. HF812 (Kelly) Life insurance/long-term care rider. (Please note room change.)

6:30 p.m.

EDUCATION/ Education Finance Division 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson Agenda: Continuation of afternoon meeting.

7:00 p.m.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES 400N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs **Agenda:** Continuation of morning meeting.

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/ Education Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson Agenda: University of Minnesota budget overview.

APPROPRIATIONS/ Health & Human Services Division 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield Agenda: Budget overview: Ombudsman for mental health and mental retardation; ombudsman for corrections; and completion of Department of Corrections budget overview (if necessary).

APPROPRIATIONS/

State Departments Division 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn Agenda: Budget overview: Department of Employee Relations and World Trade Center.

TAXES

Subcommittee on Property Tax Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ann Rest Agenda: Discussion of "Truth in taxation": Presentation by Department of Revenue followed by public testimony.

TAXES

Subcommittee on Tax Laws 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Alan Welle Agenda: Discussion of Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. John Sarna Agenda: HF593 (Kinkel) Relating to occupations and professions; providing for a uniform electrical violation ticket. HF989 (Sparby) Relating to trade practices; providing for payment to farm implement retailer by the manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor who repurchases stock and inventory. HF1090 (McGuire) Relating to consumer protection; regulating landscape application contracts; providing penalties and remedies. HF127 (Milbert) Relating to corporations; providing for the simplification of certain filings made with the Office of the Secretary of State; changing the recipients of certain notices; modifying the definition of address to include zip codes; appropriating money.

ENVIRONMENT

& NATURAL RESOURCES 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Willard Munger Agenda: HF534 (Munger) Comprehensive groundwater protection bill.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Subcommittee on Family Health 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal Agenda: HF1116 (Swenson) Identification cards for persons requiring special diets. HF529 (Battaglia) Permitting local units to contribute to hospital operations. HF598 (Stanius) Authorizing county boards to collect fees for court ordered juvenile treatment. HF606 (Stanius) Direct payments of per diems to battered women shelters.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Subcommittee on Social Services 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Richard Jefferson Agenda: HF961 (R. Anderson) Increasing asset and income guidelines for spouses of institutionalized Medical Assistance (MA) residents. HF1048 (Dorn) Centers for Independent Living board of directors. HF1008 (Ostrom) Ombudsman for older Minnesotans; new and expanded duties.



Transportation Committee

10:30 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION 237 State Capitol Vice Chr. Sen. Randy Peterson Agenda: Election of new Legislative Audit Commission (LAC) officers; budget request for Office of the Legislative Auditor and Legislative Audit Commission; data access problems; report release and distribution problems; and, time permitting, a general overview of the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/

Community Stabilization & Development Division 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Karen Clark Agenda: HF1072 (Williams) Community and neighborhood development organizations; sister cities. HF631 (Clark) Jobs impact statement. (This meeting will run from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ International Trade

& Technology Division 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Leo Reding Agenda: HF1162 (Reding) Relating to international trade; enhancing the Minnesota Trade Office's education and foreign representation activities. HFXXX (Krueger) Advanced manufacturing; technology transfer; training and applied research.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz Agenda: Bill Heaney, Ethical Practices Board appointment. HF799 (Cooper) Establishes temporary rules for Veterans Home Board. HF203 (Bertram) Adjutant General to establish pay grade. HF121 (Beard) Bronze Star grave marker. HF892 (Brown) Changing definition of "dwelling"; authorizing more stringent local smoke detector requirements; creating the position of public fire safety educator.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. David Battaglia Agenda: HF988 (Gruenes) Changing conditions for establishment and operation of special service districts in Sartell, Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud, Isle, Mora, Becker, and Waite Park. HF921 (S. Olsen) Hopkins; establishing special service district. HF866 (Dorn) Mankato; establishing special service district. HF975 (Steensma) Counties; permitting county appropriations for arts.

1:45 p.m.

MINNESOTA COMPENSATION COUNCIL

400S State Office Building Chr. Sidney Abramson Agenda: Continuation of discussion regarding salaries for legislators, judges and constitutional officers.

Wednesday, March 22

Legislative Easter break. No meetings scheduled.

Thursday, March 23

Legislative Easter break. No meetings or session scheduled.

Friday, March 24

Legislative Easter break. No meetings scheduled.



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