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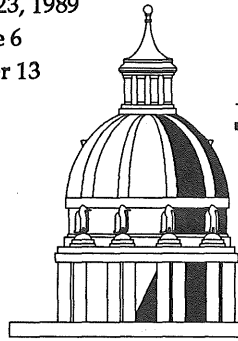
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It's a fact!

Every state has something someone wants to see. Whether it be a zoo, a mountain, a statue, or a famous street, just a glimpse can be satisfying.

In Minnesota, one such site is the Governor's Residence at 1006 Summit Ave., St. Paul, near the State Capitol. The many-room English Tudor mansion features a large rug in the solarium depicting the Star of the North, and African mahogany woodwork that enhances the home's beauty.

The mansion is the state's first executive residence. Daughters of Horace Hills Irvine and Clotilde McCullough Irvine deeded the home to the state as a gift in 1965 in memory of their parents.

The mansion welcomes visitors every third Thursday of the month by reservation.



Highlights

World trade

Small- and medium-sized businesses may receive more help to export products and services to the world market if HF1162 (Reding, DFL-Austin) becomes law. The Economic Development Committee's International Trade and Technology Division gave the bill preliminary approval March 21.

The bill encourages the state, through the Minnesota Trade Office (MTO), to enhance two international trade activities. First, it calls for the state to increase efforts to educate and prepare interested businesses in exporting. Second, it would increase the state's presence in other countries through foreign trade offices that would develop public/private partnerships and lasting trade relationships.

The bill also would coordinate efforts between government, communities, and educational and cultural institutions, to establish and maintain international sister-state relationships. Richard Bohr, MTO executive director, told the division that the state, in choosing sister cities and state province partners, has shifted its focus to those countries that offer Minnesota economic and trade benefits.

Doing business with people around the world depends on strong, personal, and trusting relationships, according to Bohr. Therefore, he says it's wise to develop these relationships to maximize their benefits.

The bill also includes an international initiatives grant program. It would offer matching grant funds to nonprofit organizations that support cultural and educational exchanges, which proponents say often lead to long-term trade relationships.

Groundwater protection

Farmers listened to testimony at the Environment and Natural Resources Committee meeting March 21 about the need to change farming practices to protect Minnesota's groundwater. The committee heard HF534, a bill that would require five state agencies to monitor and enforce groundwater protection regulations. The proposed regulations would affect current farming practices.

But the emphasis should be on education rather than regulation, says Al Christopherson, Minnesota Farm Bureau president. "One of the greatest concerns we have is that the government will be telling us how to farm. We, as farmers, get nervous when that happens," he says. Farmers will maintain a cooperative attitude if they receive help to understand the impact of farm chemicals and to develop best management practices, Christopherson says.

Christopherson agrees with bill author Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), who says that farmers aren't the only people responsible for groundwater contamination. But, Munger says, all members of society will have to cooperate to correct contamination problems.

Lawn care contracts

Written contracts between lawn care companies and their customers would be mandatory under provisions of a bill the Commerce Committee approved March 21.

Besides requiring written contracts, HF1090 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights) would also require lawn care companies to include an ending date in their contracts. And if an agreement goes beyond a year, the company would have to obtain written verification from the customer to continue service.

Assistant Attorney General Jim Jacobson says his office receives complaints about unauthorized lawn care service. "We've had...an ongoing problem with consumers...[contending] unauthorized lawn care service," he says. "Oftentimes we found these problems related to the fact that the agreement between the consumer and the company was never [in] writing; everything was done verbally."

The measure is part of the consumer protection package from the state attorney general's office.

Corporate raids

Corporate mergers and takeovers that destroy jobs and displace workers would not be allowed in Minnesota if the Legislature passes HF631 (Clark, DFL-Mpls).

Under the bill, the state would monitor any corporation that applies for state grants for its own benefit, and the governor and the Legislature would review its performance records.

Other provisions in the bill would hold corporations accountable to the state, the public, and their employees for any management decisions that would displace employees from their jobs. And employers who cause mass layoffs or plant closings would have to pay the local government a fee for displaced worker support services and programs.

Community organizations could apply for state grants to study alternatives to plant closings. The bill would also set guidelines for community organizations to consider employee ownership, new ownership, new product lines, or public

assistance to keep a plant open.

The Community Stabilization and Development Division of the Economic Development Committee heard the bill March 21.

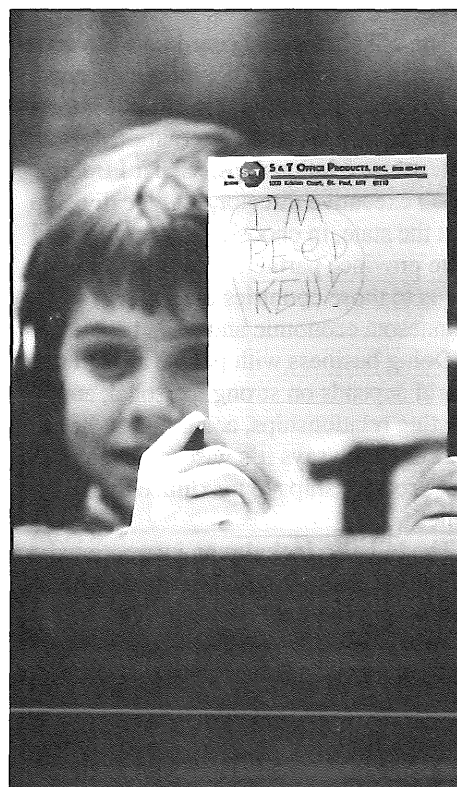
The DNR

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) presented its budget requests to the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee March 13-21. The governor has recommended a 13 percent funding increase for the DNR.

Fish and wildlife, parks and recreation, and forest management programs received the largest recommended increases. The Division of Forestry wants lawmakers to double its annual appropriation for the emergency firefighting fund from \$750,000 to \$1.5 million.

The department wants more money for its regional business offices, field operation support, and enforcement programs. And they'd like more staff in their regional business offices to provide better service statewide and to continue the decentralization program.

The DNR expects to generate over half of its budget in revenues. Most revenues come from the fish and wildlife, water recreation, and forestry programs.



Electronic monitoring

On March 20, the Labor-Management Relations Committee narrowly defeated a bill that would have regulated electronic monitoring in the workplace.

Employers' use of electronic technology for supervision should balance with the employees' and the public's rights against monitoring that could turn into surveillance, says the author of HF256, Rep. Steve Trimble (DFL-St. Paul).

The bill would have required employers to tell their employees about monitoring activities, and give the employees access to information the employers collect during monitoring. It also outlined types of information employers would be allowed to collect, and what information they could give out.

Opponents to the bill said it would have barred employers from using taped phone conversations as training tools, and could have interfered with security. Bill supporters spoke at an earlier meeting.

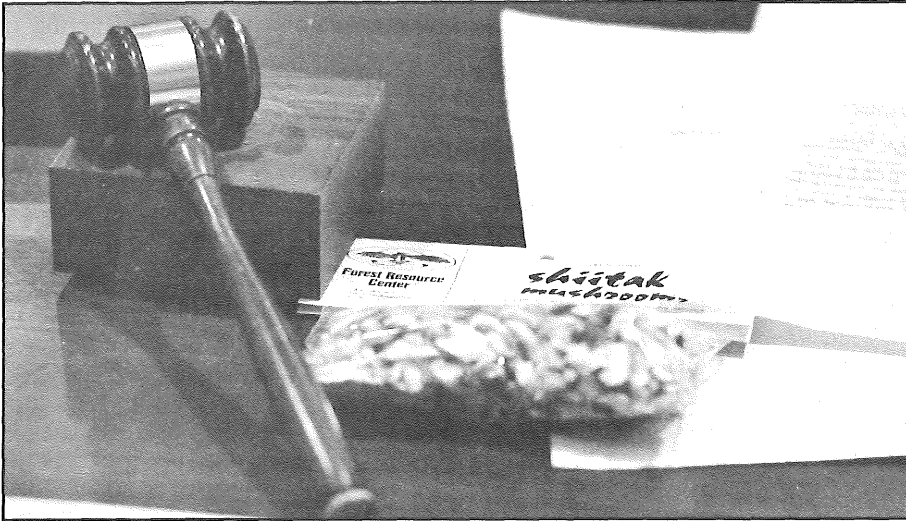
The committee voted 9 to 8 against the bill.

Year of the City: URAP

First class cities — Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth — would be eligible for the Urban Revitalization Action Program (URAP) that HF541 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul) proposes. The Housing Division of the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee met March 20 to hear testimony from city officials and people familiar with the problems of dilapidating inner-city neighborhoods.

The bill, part of the governor's Year of the City proposal, aims to revitalize Minnesota's deteriorated neighborhoods. It would provide financing for housing in blighted areas, with cities matching local money to state money.

Reed Kelly, 6, identifies himself for the camera as he sits with his father, Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul), at a House session in the chamber March 20.



A representative from Lanesboro's Forest Resource Center treated lawmakers to a snack at an Agriculture Committee meeting March 20. He gave each member a bag of shiitake mushrooms, Oriental delicacies famous for high nutritional value.

Shiitake mushrooms

The shiitake mushroom is the second most commonly consumed mushroom in the world, says Joe Deden, executive director of the Forest Resource Center in Lanesboro, Minnesota. He brought bags of shiitake (pronounced she-TAH-key) mushrooms to lawmakers at an Agriculture Committee meeting March 20.

The mushroom is known as a delicacy in the Orient, and is renowned for its high nutritional value, according to literature Deden gave the committee. The Japanese regard shiitake cultivation as their most successful rural development initiative, and their largest agricultural export. The mushrooms grow on certain low grade hardwood logs, and can be harvested at least twice a year (spring and fall) with minimal equipment.

Deden spoke in favor of HF91, a bill that would authorize a grant to further study the culture of shiitake mushrooms in Minnesota. Bill author Rep. Elton Redalen (IR-Fountain) says the mushrooms could become a local Minnesota product and a new cash crop for the state's southeastern region.

The bill received unanimous preliminary approval.

Telephone companies

A telephone bill that has support from the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, U.S. West Communications, United Telephone, and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) came before the Regulated Industries Committee March 20. HF1056 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids) is a technical, non-controversial bill that fine-tunes telephone service regulation laws the 1987 Legislature passed.

The bill would change and clarify traditional and alternative telephone company regulations, including rate schedules, price lists, dispute settlements, rate complaints, and emerging competition.

Mike Bradley, assistant attorney general, talked about the bill's cost-saving provision, saying that it would maintain, or possibly lower, rates under an incentive telephone regulation plan. Under the plan, the phone company would have to share increased earnings with customers.

"Incentive regulation would provide telephone companies with the opportunity to improve their earnings through cost savings, new programs, better sales, or better management...without raising rates," says Bradley.

The incentive program would require telephone companies to submit cost-savings plans to the PUC. The PUC

would then notify customers of a company's incentive plan, and hold meetings for public testimony.

"This is a win-win provision for Minnesota, with benefits for both sides," Bradley says.

Rental property taxes

Reducing rental property taxes sparked discussion on a bill the Housing Division of the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee heard March 20.

HF727 would change tax capacities for some class four properties to 2.5 percent of market value. Tax capacities would drop from 3.5 percent to 2.5 percent on residential nonhomestead properties and nonresort rental dwellings of three units or less. The bill would also extend the 2.5 percent tax rate to low and moderate income housing developments that local governments finance and would remove the restriction that nonprofit or limited dividend entities own such property. Some committee members say the drop in the tax rate would translate into reduced rents for low-to-moderate income people.

"The bill basically deals with trying to expand the 2.5 percent tax rate to a few more entities throughout the state..." says author Rep. Wally Sparby (DFL-Thief River Falls). "The taxing structure for rental housing is considerably higher than other states, and basically, the highest in the nation. We are attempting, through this bill, to correct some of those inequities," he says.

The bill reflects recommendations from the Governor's Commission on Affordable Housing. The committee gave the bill preliminary approval.

Life sentence; no parole

People whom the courts convict of first-degree murder may face a penalty of life in prison without parole under HF3 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls), a bill the Judiciary Committee recommended to pass March 20.

Current law states that those convicted of first-degree murder are eligible for parole after serving 20 years. Several witnesses told the committee that the state should "lock up murderers and throw away the key." Under the bill, the Board of Pardons is the only authority that could approve the release of a person convicted of first-degree murder. The board could not grant parole or a pardon until the person has served at least 30 years in prison, according to the bill.

Critics of the bill point out that return rates for convicted murderers are lower than those of other crimes, and that releasing certain offenders is not a threat to society. They agree that some offenders deserve life in prison, but say the bill is too broad and would waste limited resources without solving the crime problem.

The bill goes next to the Appropriations Committee.

Residential academies

Minnesota's state residential academies for the deaf and the blind want the Legislature to increase funding for their programs and personnel. Wade Karli, state academies administrator, presented the Department of Education's (DOE) budget requests to the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee March 20.

Minnesota's residential academies include the State Academy for the Deaf (MSAD), the State Academy for the Blind (MSAB), and two state resource centers for the academies in Faribault.

The DOE wants each academy to receive additional funds for its resource center, extended school year, integration and transition programs, and physical maintenance. The department also requested more funding for MSAD's hearing impaired health, wellness, safety, and instructional support programs. MSAB put in requests for low vision and early childhood programs and services. The governor recommended increased funding for only the academies' extended school year programs and for MSAD's health and safety request.

The Extended School Year Program, which both academies conduct, serves students who attend school in their home

districts, but go to the academies during the summer. They generally participate in programs which their home districts don't offer. For example, blind students can participate in athletic competition, public speaking, and computer training programs designed for the visually impaired student.

MSAD also wants a security officer, so both campuses will have full-time night security coverage. The campuses are 1.5 miles apart, and currently have one night security officer patrolling both.

Death penalty

Lawmakers rejected a move to reinstate the death penalty in Minnesota after more than six hours of testimony on March 17. The Judiciary Committee defeated the proposal on a 21 to 2 bipartisan vote.

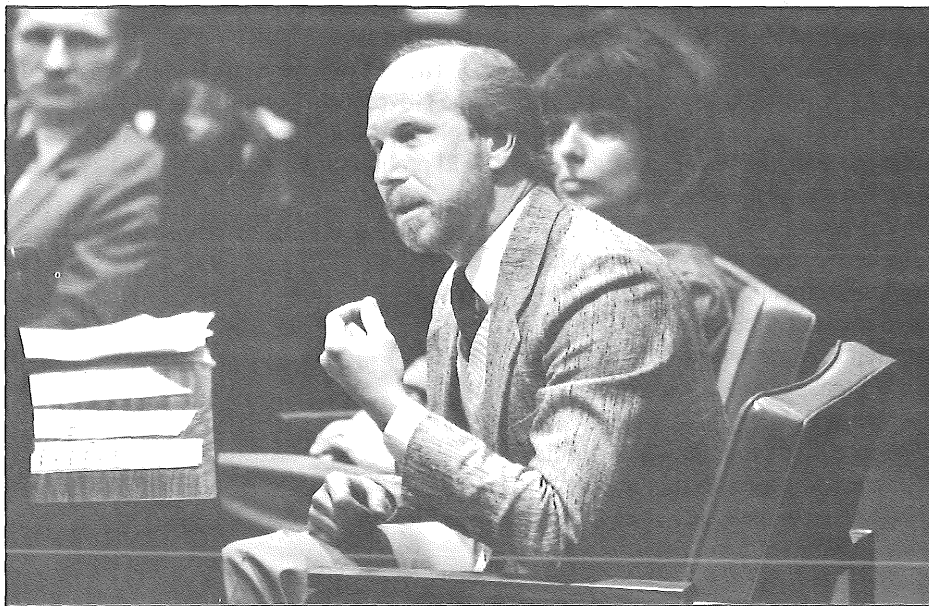
Some crime victims and law enforcement officials testified in favor of HF998 (Heap, IR-Plymouth). However, law professors, feminists, scholars, writers, prosecutors, several crime victims, and other interested people told committee members that capital punishment is not the answer to crime in Minnesota.

Critics of the bill cited evidence showing that the death penalty doesn't deter crime. In fact, many states that execute criminals have experienced much larger increases in murder than Minnesota. They also said the history of the death penalty "reeks with discrimination."

Many lawmakers said they disagree with the death penalty because it's irrevocable. One member told the committee that 25 executions have taken place in the United States in which evidence was later produced that proved the executed person's innocence. Studies also show that execution costs more than life imprisonment, though lawmakers say finances aren't the crux of the issue.

Other states look to Minnesota as a model on how to deal with violent criminals, according to Professor Franklin Zimring, University of California-Berkeley, an expert in criminal law and the death penalty. He said it's a myth that Minnesota sentences violent criminals to shorter prison terms than most

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Whitcop testify before the Judiciary Committee March 20 in favor of a bill that would require a person the courts convict of first-degree murder to serve at least 30 years in prison before the Board of Pardons could grant parole (supervised release) or a pardon.



states. Zimring pointed out that the average length of murder sentences in Minnesota is longer than the average in at least 40 other states.

He also reminded lawmakers that there's no absolute cure for crime. Zimring said fear, anger, and frustration are just as prevalent in states that execute as they are in Minnesota.



Rep. Jim Heap (IR-Plymouth) displays an arrangement of black carnations to represent murder victims of the last 10 years at a March 17 Judiciary Committee hearing. Those convicted of murder, he said, would have been executed under the provisions of his bill to reinstate the death penalty in Minnesota.

Committee deadlines

On March 20, the House adopted a series of deadlines to help move bills through the legislative process.

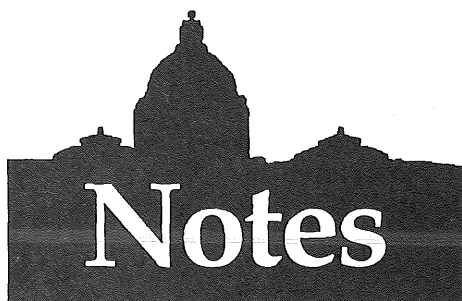
- After Friday, April 14, the House must refer committee reports on House Files to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee before the bills can go to the House Floor for action.

- After Wednesday, April 26, the House must refer committee reports on Senate Files to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee before the bills can go to the House Floor for action.

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

- After Friday, May 12, the House can only act on conference committee reports, bills that the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee report (Special Orders), and bills in messages from the Senate or governor.

Editor's Note: The Minnesota House of Representatives recessed for Easter from Wednesday, March 22 through Monday, March 27. For this reason, this issue of *Session Weekly* covers House activities through Tuesday, March 21. Next week's issue will include House activities from Tuesday, March 28 through Thursday, March 30 (2:30 p.m.)



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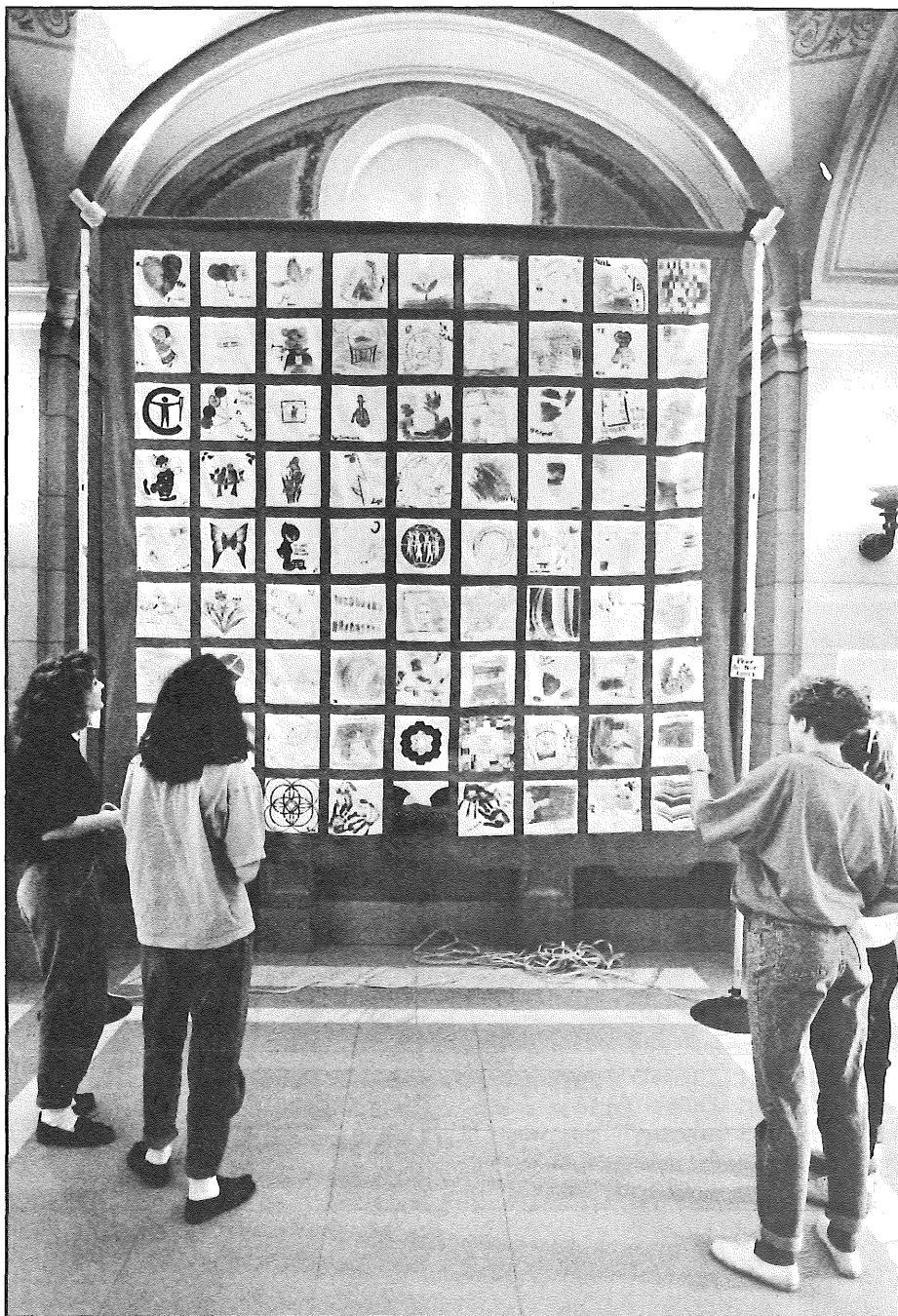
Truth in taxation strives to inform property taxpayers of tax changes through mailed notices and special assessment hearings, giving them a forum to discuss tax policy. The subject topped the agenda at a Property Tax Subcommittee hearing March 21 when committee members heard testimony from the Department of Revenue and the Association of Minnesota Counties.

The University of Minnesota and Gov. Rudy Perpich hope the Legislature will appropriate \$250,000 to help fund a chair honoring Roy Wilkins, long-time NAACP president and Minnesota native. Besides funding the chair, the one-time allocation would also help fund the Center for Human Relations and Social Justice, which would operate within the Humphrey Institute. University officials explained the request to the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee March 21.

William Heaney's appointment to the state Ethical Practices Board received initial approval from the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee, March 21. Heaney, from Minneapolis, lobbied for Northern States Power Company over the last eight years, and before that, for Minnesota Power of Duluth. He would fill a DFL seat on the board and serve until January 1993. The recommendation now goes to the full House for a final okay.

HF1065 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey) came one step closer to becoming law March 20 when the Judiciary Committee gave the bill preliminary approval. Chief Justice Peter Popovich of the Minnesota Supreme Court came back to testify in favor of the bill that would transfer employment of certain court employees from the county to the state. The bill now goes to the Governmental Operations Committee for further review.

Small- and medium-sized businesses need help to integrate advanced manufacturing techniques into their operations so they can retain and expand the number of jobs they offer, according to Rep. Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples). He presented HF1240 to the Economic Development Committee's International Trade and Technology Division March 21. The bill would appropriate money to the Minnesota Advanced Manufacturing Technol-



After a class tour of the State Capitol March 21, these Sartell High School freshmen examined the "Very Special Friendship Quilt" on display in the north wing of the Capitol. Minnesotans of different ages, locales, and abilities created the quilt blocks. Very Special Arts Minnesota, whose mission is to bring quality arts experiences to people with handicapping conditions and special needs, sponsors the project with Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

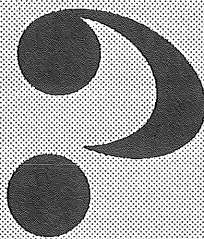
ogy Centers Inc. (MAMTC), a partnership of private business, state government, and education leaders. MAMTC would use the funds to establish a plan to help manufacturers modernize. The division sent the bill to the full committee with a favorable recommendation.

An endowed chair for Hispanic Studies is one of the University of Minnesota's budget requests. During a March 21 budget hearing with the Appropriation Committee's Education Division, university officials said the chair would help promote inter- and cross-cultural studies. Though the university system isn't seeking funding, the governor recommends a \$400,000 appropriation in the 1991 fiscal year.

Active community organizations and citizens may now have access to state money for neighborhood projects. On March 21, the Community Stabilization and Development Division of the Economic Development Committee recommended passage of HF1072 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead). The bill would establish guidelines for community improvement projects.

Local governments could impose more stringent smoke detector laws for single-family homes if HF892 (Brown, DFL-Appleton) gains final approval. The bill would also create a position for a state public fire safety educator in the Department of Public Safety. The General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee recommended passage of the bill on March 21. It goes next to the Appropriations Committee.

Do you know

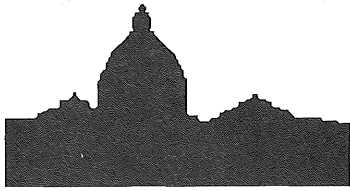


If you're touring historical sites, St. Paul's Summit Avenue has much to offer. With large stone and brick homes adjacent to one another, the street holds years of history.

At 240 Summit Ave. is the James J. Hill House. Hill, a railroad tycoon, had the house built in the late nineteenth century, with Minnesota winters in mind. The 32-room house includes 22 fireplaces. Other features that attest to the home's place in history are the carved woodwork, stained glass, and skylighted art gallery.

Hill, a simple, forceful, and direct man, was a dominant force in the building of the house. Dismissing architects when they ignored his orders, he built the house to suit himself, not to compete with other fanciful mansions of his peers.

We're expanding our office hours. Beginning Tuesday, March 28, the House Public Information Office will open at 7:30 a.m. The office will remain open until 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 6:00 p.m. on Fridays.



As It Happens...

March 16 - 23, 1989

Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Monday, March 20

Shiitake mushrooms—appropriation
HF91/SF239 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Grasshopper control program—inspection
HF521/SF319 (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)—heard.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Farm management programs—appropriation
HF623/SF547 (E. Olson, DFL-Fosston)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Food law—uniformity with federal provisions
HF934/SF594 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

COMMERCE

Tuesday, March 21

Inspections—uniform electrical violation ticket
HF593/SF521 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Farm implements—payment for repurchasing
HF989/SF1071 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Landscape care companies—regulation
HF1090/SF916 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Community Stabilization & Development/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, March 21

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

CAN-DO—neighborhood development grants
HF1072/SF977 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

International Trade & Technology Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, March 21

International trade—MTO
HF1162 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass as amended.

Technology transfer—MAMTC
HF1240 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—recommended to pass.

EDUCATION

Monday, March 20

Open enrollment—participation notice
HF416/SF343 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—heard.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Open enrollment—student commitment
HF493/SF557 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Open enrollment—stated reasons, athletic participation
HF787 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—heard.

Open enrollment—athletic participation restrictions
HF1028 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—heard.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tuesday, March 21

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

Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Monday, March 20

Year of the City—URAP
HF541/SF502 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Governor's Affordable Housing Commission—property taxes
HF727 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Home equity conversion loan
HF990/SF526 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Condominium liens
HF1069/SF210 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Tuesday, March 21

Veterans—bronze star grave markers
HF121/SF43 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Adjutant general—pay grades
HF203/SF286* (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Veterans homes—rulemaking authority
HF799/SF435 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Public safety—smoke detectors
HF892 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

JUDICIARY

Friday, March 17

Death penalty—sentencing
HF998/SF768 (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—not recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Monday, March 20

Murder—life without parole
HF3/SF90 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Judicial administration—county-to-state transfer
HF1065/SF890 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Monday, March 20

Electronic monitoring of employees—regulation
HF256/SF76 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—not recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Public Employees Relations Act—changes
HF489 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

State government—payroll deductions restrictions
HF520/SF259 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, March 21

City of Mankato—special service districts
HF866/SF602 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee.
(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

City of Hopkins—special service districts
HF921 (S. Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee.

Cities—special service districts
HF988/SF764 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Taxes Committee.
(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, March 20

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

Utilities—telephone service regulation
HF1056/SF901 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Public Utilities & Energy Committee)

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 16

Juveniles—jail detention limitations

HF76*/SF326 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (128-1).
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

U of M student regent—election requirement

HF101*/SF27 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—passed (128-0).
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Towns—unpaid service charges

HF112/SF121* (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—passed as amended (129-0).

Juvenile court—parental rights

HF135*/SF220 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (128-0).
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Employment, minors—work hour limit

HF331*/SF329 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—passed (97-32).
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Sexual assault victims—civil limitations

HF461*/SF315 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Criminal court—failure to appear

HF 702*/SF675 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—passed (129-1).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Monday, March 20

State government—part-time employees

HF100*/SF240 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—passed (122-5).
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Thursday, March 16

Townships—optional government plans

HF897*/SF790 (Hasskamp, DFL-Crosby)—passed (127-0).
(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Monday, March 20

Chisago County—ditch assessments

HF128*/SF37 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)—passed (126-0).
(SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Mpls. school district—insurance premium subsidies

HF157/SF149* (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—passed (126-0).

Askov School Board

HF695*/SF866 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)—passed (127-0).
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Hennepin County—HRA board member increase

HF819*/SF714 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—passed (127-0).
(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Wood ticks—mosquito control commission expansion

HF942* (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed (125-0).

Dakota County—morgue costs

HF1115*/SF998 (Tompkins, IR-Apple Valley)—passed (128-0).
(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

GENERAL ORDERS

Bills on General Orders may be considered by the House acting as one large committee known as "the Committee of the Whole." Each bill on General Orders has had two readings and has been reported out of one or more standing committees. Each bill has been printed and has been placed on the members' desks for at least one day. Pursuant to the Rules of the House, amendments may be offered by members to bills on General Orders.**

Thursday, March 16

State government—part-time employees

HF100/SF240 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Monday, March 20

Dept. of Revenue—tax disclosure requirements

HF243*/SF122 (Rest-New Hope)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Sales, special taxes—technical corrections

HF266*/SF205 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Service signs—changes

HF278*/SF629 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Trust law—changes

HF306*/SF289 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Western Lake Superior Sanitary District—advance refunding bonds

HF765*/SF683 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

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

SPECIAL ORDERS

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Monday, March 20

Capital bonding—supplemental appropriations

HF46*/SF198 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—passed as amended (102-24).

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Thursday, March 16

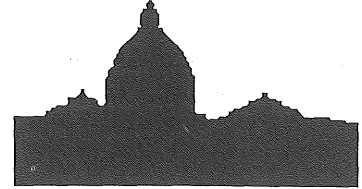
Nursing homes—property-related payment rate

HF764/SF644* (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—passed (130-0).

Final Action

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Friday, March 17

Adjutant general—promotion requirements

HF267*/SF191 (Kostohryz)—Chapter 11.

Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

Nursing homes—property-related payment rate

HF764/SF644* (Kahn)—Chapter 12.
Effective: day after enactment (March 18, 1989)

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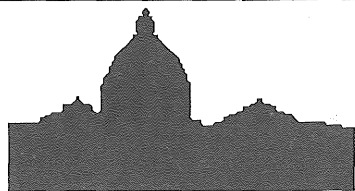
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Bill Introductions

HF1266-HF1336

Monday, March 20

HF1266—Neuenschwander (DFL)

Judiciary

Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, Article I; adding a section to provide that the right to keep and bear arms shall not be abridged; appropriating money.

HF1267—Quinn (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Anoka County; permitting the appointment of the auditor, recorder, and treasurer; authorizing the reorganization of county offices.

HF1268—Janezich (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Education; allowing alternative postseason extracurricular competition.

HF1269—Kinkel (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Water use; requiring the City of Minneapolis to develop alternative water supplies.

HF1270—Munger (DFL)

Appropriations

Capital improvement; appropriating money for the Lake Superior Zoological Gardens; providing for the issuance of state building bonds.

HF1271—Kelso (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Occupations and professions; providing that psychologists licensed by the Board of Psychology and competent in the area may practice marriage and family therapy and present themselves to the public as marriage and family therapists without being licensed by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy examiners.

HF1272—McLaughlin (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; expanding the Work Readiness Program; removing time limits on Work Readiness Assistance; requiring participation in work readiness activities as a condition of receiving assistance; establishing notice and appeal requirements; establishing residency requirements.

HF1273—Ozment (IR)

Appropriations

State historic sites; authorizing sale of state bonds; appropriating money for the William G. LeDuc House.

HF1274—Anderson, G. (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Agriculture; transferring the Minnesota Trade Office from the Department of Trade and Economic Development to the Department of Agriculture.

HF1275—Milbert (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

City of Inver Grove Heights; permitting the city to impose a fee on waste facilities.

HF1276—Clark (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; requiring proposals for decreasing the size of intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation.

HF1277—Blatz (IR)

Commerce

Commerce; prohibiting car rental companies from holding renters liable for damages, except under certain circumstances.

HF1278—Carruthers (DFL)

Insurance

Insurance; accident and health; requiring coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility to the same extent as covered pregnancy-related benefits.

HF1279—Seaberg (IR)

Judiciary

Criminal procedure; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, Article I, Section 7, to eliminate the right to cash bail; authorizing the pretrial detention of criminal defendants under certain circumstances; providing procedures governing pretrial and postconviction release and detention decisions; providing for appellate review of release and detention orders; imposing penalties for failure to appear in court as required and for commission of a crime while on release.

HF1280—Lieder (DFL)

Transportation

Motor vehicles; providing for suspension of apportioned license plates and fuel tax compact licenses for certain interstate vehicle

fleet owners who are delinquent in required filings or payments; providing for installment payments by interstate fleet owners.

HF1281—Redalen (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Public lands; conditions for acceptance of transfers from the federal government.

HF1282—Orenstein (DFL)

Commerce

Mechanics' liens; clarifying and simplifying the contractors' and subcontractors' notice.

HF1283—Winter (DFL)

Insurance

Insurance; property and casualty; regulating policy provisions, forms, nonrenewals, coverages; regulating trade practices in these and other lines; regulating the Minnesota Joint Underwriting Association; making certain technical changes.

HF1284—Wenzel (DFL)

Taxes

Sales and use taxes; repealing accelerated payment of June liability.

HF1285—Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance

Insurance; the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan; requiring reasonable cost controls that do not impair the quality or amount of services provided; requiring that the association develop new methods to enlist the participation of the enrollee in the control of health care costs; requiring the writing carrier to be liable for the direct and indirect expenses of administration; making technical changes.

HF1286—Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance

Insurance; requiring coverage for child health supervision and prenatal services; clarifying certain definitions.

HF1287—Scheid (DFL)

Commerce

Commerce; securities; exempting nonissuer sales of securities issued by the state, its subdivisions, or instrumentalities from regulation.

HF1288—Wynia (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

State buildings; establishing a state policy of barrier-free environments for state owned and leased buildings; appropriating money.

HF1289—Lasley (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Forestry; directing a study and report on urban reforestation; appropriating money.

HF1290—Scheid (DFL)**Commerce**

Commerce; providing for the regulation of real estate closing agents; prescribing penalties; appropriating money.

HF1291—Wynia (DFL)**Insurance**

Insurance; accident and health; regulating coverage for dental procedures.

HF1292—Solberg (DFL)**Commerce**

Commerce; motor fuel franchises; regulating franchise agreements; providing remedies.

HF1293—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Education**

Education; establishing powers and duties of the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation; appropriating money.

HF1294—Scheid (DFL)**Education**

Education; equalizing a portion of the referendum levy.

HF1295—Neuenschwander (DFL)**Economic Development**

Economic development; establishing a cold weather resource center at International Falls; appropriating money.

HF1296—Dauner (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Occupations and professions; changing licensure requirements for dental assistants; changing the procedure for setting the salary of the director of the Board of Dentistry.

HF1297—Clark (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Employment; providing for demonstration grants for the youth employment and homing for homeless program; appropriating money.

HF1298—Marsh (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Health; prohibiting abortions when states are given authority to regulate abortions by the United States Supreme Court, United States Congress, or by constitutional amendment; providing penalties.

HF1299—Bishop (IR)**Transportation**

Drivers' licenses; providing for living will designation on driver's license.

HF1300—Himle (IR)**Education**

Education; allowing school districts to use certain community education levies to purchase capital equipment.

HF1301—Olsen, S. (IR)**Taxes**

Taxation; clarifying golf course membership requirements for open space property tax treatment.

HF1302—Simoneau (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Retirement; governmental employees in general; establishing a normal retirement age of 65 years; changing contribution rates; lowering minimum service periods required for annuities and disability benefits; applying a uniform percentage to all years of service; adopting a Rule of 90; altering reductions for early retirement; increasing rates of interest on refunds; increasing interest assumptions; extending the date for full funding; granting authority for certain bylaw amendments.

HF1303—Wagenius (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Administrative procedure; clarifying the applicability of the requirement that agencies consider the impact of proposed rules on small business.

HF1304—Haukoos (IR)**Governmental Operations**

Retirement; Albert Lea police pensions and disability benefits.

HF1305—Uphus (IR)**Taxes**

Property taxes; providing a special levy for city libraries.

HF1306—Burger (IR)**Education**

Education; permitting one levy referendum each year by a school board; requiring special school district canvassing boards in certain elections.

HF1307—Reding (DFL)**Economic Development**

Economic development; clarifying the responsibilities of the Science and Technology Office; appropriating money.

HF1308—O'Connor (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

State government; extending the expiration date on certain advisory councils.

HF1309—Dorn (DFL)**Education**

Education; vocational; clarifying powers and duties of the state board and state director of vocational technical education; making technical corrections.

HF1310—Solberg (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Natural resources; establishing a prescribed burn program; requiring permits for prescribed burns; providing assistance for prescribed burns; establishing the position of prescribed burn coordinator; appropriating money.

HF1311—Jefferson (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

State employees; providing a policy prohibiting racial harassment; requiring discipline for employees who engage in racial harassment.

HF1312—Jennings (DFL)**Transportation**

Transportation; transferring motor carrier regulatory responsibilities from Department of Transportation to Department of Public Safety; making technical corrections.

HF1313—Jennings (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Local government; providing procedures for the conduct of certain detachments and annexations.

HF1314—Olson, K. (DFL)**Education**

Education; requiring post-secondary institutions to provide periodic reports under the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act; requiring counseling prior to enrollment in a post-secondary course or program; restricting participation; requiring reimbursement for certain courses.

HF1315—Wynia (DFL)**Education**

Education; appropriating money for a cancer research center at the University of Minnesota.

HF1316—Cooper (DFL)**Agriculture**

Agriculture; developing a portable computerized system adapting fertilization rates to soil characteristics; appropriating money.

HF1317—Reding (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Retirement; state university and community college faculty; authorizing collective bargaining for matching employer contributions to the Supplemental Retirement Plan instead of the Minnesota Deferred Compensation Plan.

HF1318—Reding (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Retirement; Individual Retirement Account Plan; providing that members of the plan are members of the Teachers Retirement Association for purposes of social security coverage; changing the effective date of the plan.

HF1319—Marsh (IR)**Appropriations**

Claims; appropriating money for payment of a certain World War II veteran's bonus claim.

HF1320—Price (DFL)**Education**

Education; establishing a staff exchange program.

HF1321—Battaglia (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Cook County; permitting establishment of a county hospital district; authorizing the district's levy.

HF1322—Battaglia (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Cook County; authorizing the county to appropriate money for county hospitals.

HF1323—Carlson, L. (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Financial institutions; industrial loan and thrifts; regulating capital stock and surplus requirements; regulating the publication of application notices; imposing a residency requirement on directors of certain companies; imposing special dividend conditions for deposit companies.

HF1324—O'Connor (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Retirement; Minnesota State Retirement System; administrative and operational changes in the governing law; establishing an appeal procedure.

HF1325—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Education**

Education; providing aid for certain international baccalaureate program costs; appropriating money.

HF1326—Bertram (DFL)**Transportation**

Highways; providing for paving of road in Town of Clearwater.

HF1327—Williams (DFL)**Insurance**

Insurance; accident and health; clarifying certification of nurses in advanced nursing practice for purposes of payment of insurance benefits.

HF1328—Reding (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Water; mandating requirements on certain development.

HF1329—Murphy (DFL)**Economic Development**

Rural economic development; repealing the requirement for specific labels on fuel pumps that dispense gasoline-alcohol blends.

HF1330—Krueger (DFL)**Agriculture**

Agriculture; changing the dairy industry checkoff rate.

HF1331—Otis (DFL)**Economic Development**

Employment; creating a program to develop expertise and provide assistance to those wishing to establish employee owned businesses; establishing a loan guaranty and bonding program to aid the establishment of employee owned businesses; appropriating money.

HF1332—Carlson, L. (DFL)**Education**

State government; authorizing the Minnesota Educational Computing Corporation to sell or offer for sale all or substantially all of the assets or any of the ownership of the Minnesota Educational Computing Corporation; clarifying disposition of assets upon dissolution.

HF1333—Rukavina (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

State government; regulating the location of state agencies.

HF1334—Kostohryz (DFL)**Transportation**

Traffic regulations; requiring prominent signs at points on interstate highways where speed limit is reduced from 65 miles per hour to 55 miles per hour; repealing provisions relating to recording of certain speed violations.

HF1335—Valento (IR)**Taxes**

Tax increment financing; adjusting levy limits for certain tax increment revenues; imposing restrictions on the expenditure and collection of tax increments.

HF1336—Wynia (DFL)**Transportation**

Metropolitan airport planning; requiring various actions, plans, and reports by the Metropolitan Council and the Metropolitan Airports Commission; establishing a state advisory council on metropolitan airport planning.

First Readings/Senate Bills

Monday, March 20

SF671—Waldorf (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Commission on Uniform State Laws; providing for its composition.



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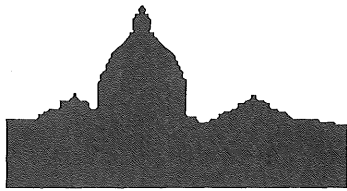
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Coming Up Next Week...

March 27 - 31, 1989

Committee Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.

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Monday, March 27

Legislative Easter break. No meetings or session scheduled.

Tuesday, March 28

8:00 a.m.

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 Natural Resources budget overview.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

Agenda: Presentation by Arne Carlson, state auditor, custody of public funds. HF257 (Williams) Relating to state government; Department of Administration. (Subcommittee report.) HF391 (Bertram) Relating to peace officers; death benefits for certain fire and rescue unit members and first responders. (Subcommittee report.) HF428 (Solberg) Relating to public safety; transferring duties and powers relating to emergency medical services to the Department of Public Safety.

TAXES

Subcommittee on Tax Laws

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: HF 576 (Long) Changing the rate and computation of charitable gambling taxes. Department of Revenue presentation.

8:30 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/

Health & Human Services Division

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Continuation of Department of Human Services overview of health care program requests.

9:00 a.m.

Task Force on Education Organization

Sibley and Ramsey Rooms,

Holiday Inn Capitol

Agenda: Conclude discussion of learner outcomes; and continued discussion of assessment and accountability. Presentations: Information in the Integrated Data Base; and Test Item Bank Operations. The test item bank will be set up in the Ramsey room for demonstration and experimentation for anyone interested in learning more about how the test item bank works. (This meeting will run from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: HF185 (O'Connor) Relating to commerce; restraint of trade; providing an evidentiary presumption in resale price maintenance cases. HF511 (O'Connor) Relating to consumer protection; requiring certain creditors to file credit card disclosure reports with the state treasurer; providing rulemaking authority; appropriating money. HF1014 (Peterson) Relating to mechanics' liens; allowing owner to request statement of actual charges; requiring subcontractor to make good faith estimate of charges.

ENVIRONMENT

& NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF534 (Munger) Comprehensive groundwater protection bill.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: HF903 (Ogren) Regional Treatment Centers (DHS bill).

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Todd Otis

Agenda: HF607 (Pelowski) Small business assistance package. HF722 (Pelowski) Funding for nonprofit development organizations. HF1237 (Otis) Appropriating funds for Duluth dredging project. HF738 (Reding) Funding business innovation grant program. HF719 (C. Nelson) Allowing local governments to contribute to economic development organizations. HF648 (Rukavina) Training and employment for low-income seniors.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz

Agenda: HF543 (Scheid) Clarifying regulations pertaining to dangerous dogs. HF1121 (Dauner) Regulating using animals for certain purposes. HF736 (Ostrom) Eliminating a penalty for issuing certain election certificates.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: HF110 (Kelly) Metropolitan government; prescribing term of chair of Metropolitan Council. HF916 (Carruthers) Metropolitan government; providing for salary range and specifying responsibilities for chair of Waste Control Commission. HF1181 (Carruthers) Metropolitan government; regulation budgets.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

After Session

APPROPRIATIONS/

State Departments Division

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Department of Natural Resources budget overview.

JUDICIARY/Criminal Justice Division

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: HF116 (Blatz) Relating to child abuse reporting; defining "physical abuse" to include use of a controlled substance by a pregnant woman. HF788 (Vellenga) Relating to human services; establishing state child mortality review panel.

4:30 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT

& NATURAL RESOURCES

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF245 (Jennings) Exempting generators of small amounts of hazardous waste from administrative regulation. HF661 (Kahn) Regulating disposal of infectious and hazardous waste.

7:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Todd Otis

Agenda: HF71 (K. Olson) Allowing counties to form economic development authorities. HF485 (Murphy) Creating a legislative minerals commission and funding minerals diversification plan. Items remaining from afternoon hearing.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Subcommittee on Social Services

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Richard Jefferson

Agenda: HF705 (Kelso) Human services licensing bill. HF403 (Greenfield) Mental health/mental retardation ombudsman subpoena power. HF235 (R. Johnson) Chemical dependency prevention teams. HF656 (Tunheim) Red Lake Reservation human services payments. HF1008 (Ostrom) Ombudsman for older Minnesotans new and expanded duties.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Subcommittee on Transitional Services

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Roger Cooper

Agenda: HF730 (Greenfield) MSA reform/AFDC eligibility/automation bill (continued).

TAXES

Subcommittee on Property Tax

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ann Rest

Agenda: Presentation of property tax liabilities for owners of high value homes.

Wednesday, March 29

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: Presentation by the Regional Arts Council; and Arts Board budget.

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: Presentation by Coalition for Battered Women on budget needs for battered women's programs. Veterans nursing homes complete 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: Continuation of discussion on open enrollment: HF416 (Rukavina) Notice of participation. HF493 (McEachern) One year in transfer school. HF787 (McDonald) Modifying procedures. HF1028 (Trimble) Restricting athletic participation. HF1076 (Kelso) Regional bargaining.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

Agenda: HF1117 (Rest) Relating to occupations and professions; regulating the practice of accountancy. HF432 (Lasley) Relating to state agencies; providing for the development of internal auditing standards. HF945 (Simoneau) Relating to public employment; modifying the prohibition against bargaining certain retirement contributions. HF523 (Simoneau) Relating to local government; regulating state mandates. HF770 (Tunheim) Relating to state lands; directing conveyance of a certain tract in Beltrami County. HF417 (Munger) Relating to recycling; solid waste management.

10:00 a.m.

EDUCATION/

Higher Education Division

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros

Agenda: HF1132 (Jaros) Relating to the University of Minnesota; assigning certain jobs to bargaining units. HF261 (Quinn) Requiring colleges to provide a reasonable opportunity to graduate within four years; providing remedies for failure to do so.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Subcommittee on Banking

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: HF822 (Osthoff) Permitting banks to perform clerical services off premises. HF1062 (Conway) Regulating check settlements. HF296 (Kinkel) Changing effective dates for provision regarding validation of foreclosure sales. HF454 (O'Connor) Electronic fund transfer facilities. HF434 (O'Connor) Regulating certain arrangements to extend credit.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING/Housing Division

Room number to be announced

Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor

Agenda: To be announced.

JUDICIARY/Criminal Justice Division

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: Continuation of Tuesday's agenda. HF1016 (Morrison) Relating to juvenile justice; eliminating juvenile court jurisdiction over children alleged to be aggravated DWI offenders. HF1019 (Waltman) Relating to children; termination of parental rights; allowing grandparents to participate in proceedings in certain circumstances.

12:30 p.m.

INSURANCE

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: HF956 (Carruthers) Underinsurance. HF269 (Carruthers) Auto assigned claims.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: HF633 (Lasley) Dealer plate fees and excise tax. HF952 (Munger) Amtrak Northstar rail line study. HF738 (E. Olson) Logging truck weight limits increased. HF627 (Tunheim) Truck rear-end protection exemption. HF782 (Tunheim) Rail service improvement account changes. HF966 (V. Johnson) Trunk highway 249 turnback. HF972 (Bauerly) Timeliness of Department of Public Safety (DPS) fees; school bus driver check. HF973 (Bauerly) Highway patrol housekeeping. HF1046 (A. Johnson) Salvage yard inspection fees.

1:00 p.m.

Revisor Subcommittee of the Legislative Coordinating Commission
400S State Office Building
Agenda: Review computer development proposals; complete budget review; and other business.

2:00 p.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/**State Departments Division**

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Budget overviews: Department of Employee Relations and World Trade Center.

2:30 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: HF521 (C. Nelson) Relating to agriculture; authorizing a grasshopper control program; providing inspection and control of plant pests in the same manner as noxious weed; providing for inspection, control, and enforcement of noxious weeds and plant pests; providing penalties; appropriating money. HF583 (Winter) Relating to agriculture; making changes in the Rural Finance Authority Loan Program.

EDUCATION/Education Finance Division

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Gifted and literacy programs. HF473 (A. Johnson) Gifted and talented grants. HF570 (S. Olsen) Categorical program for gifted and talented. HF292 (Schafer) Categorical program for gifted and talented. HF572 (Bauerly) Adult literacy. HF758 (Vellenga) Lifelong learning. HF1098 (Segal) Lifelong learning. Public testimony. (Note room change.)

JUDICIARY**Subcommittee on Privacy**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

Agenda: HF815 (Carruthers) Relating to criminal procedure. HF826 (Weaver) Relating to the collection and dissemination of data. HF1150 (Pugh) Relating to the collection, access to, and dissemination of data.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

400N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: HF951 (Jacobs) Providing for the establishment of competitive electric utility rates for certain customers subject to effective competition.

TRANSPORTATION**Subcommittee on Air Transportation**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bernie Lieder

Agenda: (This meeting will be held after full committee.) HF1336 (Wynia) Airport planning.

Transportation Study Board

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: Richard P. Braun, director, Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota, presentation on the role and activities at the Transportation Research Center; John Derus, commissioner, Hennepin County, discussion regarding light rail transit; how transportation planning is being done and utilized by facility providers; Metropolitan Council; spokespersons representing Regional Development Commissions and Greater Minnesota Metropolitan Planning Organization; Elliott Perovich, chair, Regional Transit Board, role of Regional Transit Board in planning; and Minnesota Department of Transportation, regarding how local and regional planning is utilized in their project programming process.

3:30 p.m.

JUDICIARY**Subcommittee on Civil Law**

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein

Agenda: HF737 (Jefferson) Relating to housing; changing provisions for certain types of properties; revising certain tenant damage provisions in landlord-tenant actions; regulating tenant screening services.

4:30 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Andy Steensma

Agenda: HF637 (Krueger) Creating cash bonus and tuition reimbursement programs for the National Guard. HF505 (Brown) Removing a limitation on veterans in the category of protected groups for the purpose of state employment. HF514 (Kalis) Increasing amount of education assistance for war orphans and veterans; increasing educational assistance for POW/MIA dependents. HF360 (Kahn) Requiring the advice and consent of Senate in appointment of adjutant general, providing for a term of office of seven years for adjutant general. HF355 (Blatz) Authorizing officers and employees of Military Order of Purple Heart to purchase certain insurance

benefits. HF750 (McPherson) Providing for special license plates for veterans wounded in combat.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joe Begich

Agenda: Bills held over from March 20 meeting. HF852 (Sarna) Rule of 85. HF608 (Rukavina) OSHA. HF786 (Rice) Prevailing wage for railroad projects. HF585 (McLaughlin) Dislocated workers. (This meeting will run from 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

6:30 p.m.

EDUCATION/

Education Finance Division

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Community and family education. HF477 (Clark) Child care early education grant. HF1114 (Hasskamp) At-risk youth. HF632 (K. Nelson) Dropout prevention and community service. HF616 (Bauerly) Children's initiatives. Public testimony.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING/Housing Division

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor

Agenda: HF241 (Clark) House impact and replacement. HF1107 (Jefferson) Provisions for loss of essential services.

7:00 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Subcommittee on Family Health

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal

Agenda: HF805 (Segal) Children's mental health.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Subcommittee on Transitional Services

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Roger Cooper

Agenda: HF854 (Williams) Child care bill.

Thursday, March 30

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division
400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: Minnesota Department of Transportation budget overview conclusion.

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: Public testimony on: Department of Corrections budget recommendations; ombudsman for mental health and mental retardation budget recommendations; and ombudsman for Corrections budget recommendations. Sentencing Guidelines Commission budget recommendations; Health related boards budget recommendations.

APPROPRIATIONS/ State Departments Division

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Zoological garden budget review.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

Agenda: HF621 (Kelly) Relating to government operations; creating a drug abuse prevention resource council. HF341 (Trimble) Relating to public safety; proposing the emergency planning and community right-to-know act; hazardous substances and chemicals. HF66 (Quinn) Lottery bill.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: HF1118 (Sarna) Relating to consumer protection; requiring new motor vehicle damage disclosures.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF534 (Munger) Comprehensive groundwater protection bill. Remainder of agenda to be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Subcommittee on Family Health

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal

Agenda: HF404 (Greenfield) Radon licensing and testing. HFXXX (Conway) Ambulance licensure bill. HF859 and HF1081 (Clark) Inhalant abuse bills. HF932 (Clark) Lead poisoning.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Subcommittee on Transitional Services

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Roger Cooper

Agenda: HF1241 (Skoglund) Addiction and Stress Institute. HF1188 (Otis) General assistance payments for outstate transfers. HF807 (Kelso) Grants for the disabled.

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Todd Otis

Agenda: HF1162 (Reding) Enhancing activities of Minnesota Trade Office. HF1142 (Winter) Using soy-based ink in some state printing. HF1163 (Murphy) Funding for an aspen thinning study. HF1131 (Frerichs) Authorizing Olmsted County to fund economic development projects.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING/ Elections Division

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid

Agenda: HF629 (Scheid) Relating to elections; providing a public subsidy for legislative candidates in special elections. HF354 (Jefferson) Relating to elections; providing for handicap access to precinct caucuses and party conventions; providing for sign interpreters at precinct caucuses and party conventions.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING/ Gaming Division

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joe Quinn

Agenda: HF236 (Jaros) Compulsive gambling. HF233 (Gutknecht) Compulsive gambling. HF577 (Osthoff) Compulsive gambling. HF464 (Redalen) Breeders' fund. HF555 (Kinkel) Charitable gambling; lawful purpose.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
& METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: HF975 (Steensma) Counties; permitting county appropriations for arts. HF1222 (Janezich) St. Louis County; regulating budget procedures; providing for certain recorder's fees. HF1223 (Janezich) St. Louis County; allowing county to assess cost of maintenance of television relay service. HF1321 (Battaglia) Cook County; permitting establishment of county hospital district; authorizing district levy. HF1322 (Battaglia) Cook County; authorizing county to appropriate money for county hospitals.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

After Session

**APPROPRIATIONS/
State Departments Division**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Budget overviews: Greater Minnesota Corporation and Department of Trade and Economic Development.

INSURANCE

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: Special meeting. HF812 (Kelly) Life insurance/long-term care rider. HF1283 (Winter) Omnibus property and casualty

**Special Interim Committee on
Medicaid Reimbursement
For Outpatient Services**

5 State Office Building

Agenda: Final recommendations to be made to the full Health and Human Services Committee.

7:00 p.m.

**EDUCATION/
Education Finance Division**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Desegregation; overview of desegregation law; integration grants; integration levy; reports by Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth school districts on expenditure of integration grants; St. Paul

Superintendent David Bennett; Neil Meyer, Minneapolis Citizens Committee on Public Education; and public testimony. (Note room change.)

Friday, March 31

7:30 a.m.

**JOINT MEETING
EDUCATION & APPROPRIATIONS/
Education Division**

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chrs. Reps. Bob McEachern and

Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Regent candidate interviews.

**Legislative Commission
on Pensions & Retirement
112 Capitol**

Chr. Sen. Don Moe

Agenda: Specific agenda pertaining to police, and salaried firefighters. Volunteer firefighters bills to be announced.

8:00 a.m.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
State Departments Division**

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Budget reviews: Housing Finance Agency and Department of Trade and Economic Development.

10:00 a.m.

**EDUCATION/
Education Finance Division**

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: HF455 (R. Johnson) Northern Coalition Teacher Center. HF844 (Redalen) Program improvement grants for consolidation. HF683 (Tunheim) Telecommunications grants. HF575 (Kalis) Blue Earth/Mankato communications link. HF477 (Lieder) Sparsity aid for cooperating districts. HFXXX (Battaglia) Elementary sparsity. HF894 (K. Nelson) University of Minnesota matching grants.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: HF1170 (Wynia) Children's health plan. Subcommittee reports.

JUDICIARY

Subcommittee on Civil Law

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein

Agenda: HF950 (Orenstein) Relating to human rights; clarifying the definition of disability; limiting the use of psychological tests.

12:30 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

Subcommittee on Dairy and Livestock

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: HF625 (Krueger) Relating to education; expanding the Milk in the Schools Program; appropriating money. HF754 (Brown) Relating to agriculture; prohibiting bovine growth hormone.

AGRICULTURE

**Subcommittee on Soil
& Water Resources**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jeff Bertram

Agenda: HF1040 (E. Olson) Relating to agriculture; allowing nuisance free, pollution free, aesthetic disposal of solid waste on agricultural land. HF1021 (Jennings) Relating to agriculture; establishing an agricultural liming material law. HF1023 (Winter) Relating to agriculture; changing the agriculture land preservation law. HF31 (Marsh) Relating to natural resources; prohibiting drainage of certain wetlands.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly

Agenda: HF1104 (Trimble) Relating to Ramsey County personnel board. HF703 (Wagenius) Expanding theft statute to include use of a motor vehicle. HF445 (Vellenga) Relating to alcoholic beverages; increasing penalties for selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor. HF159 (Dawkins) Providing for forfeiture of real estate interests related to contraband. HF611 (Skoglund) Relating to insurance; regulating agent licensing, Medicare supplement plans. HF1194 (Carruthers) Relating to insurance; requiring obligors to issue insurance identification cards. HF622 (Milbert) Providing for enhanced civil penalties for deceptive acts targeted at seniors and vulnerable adults.



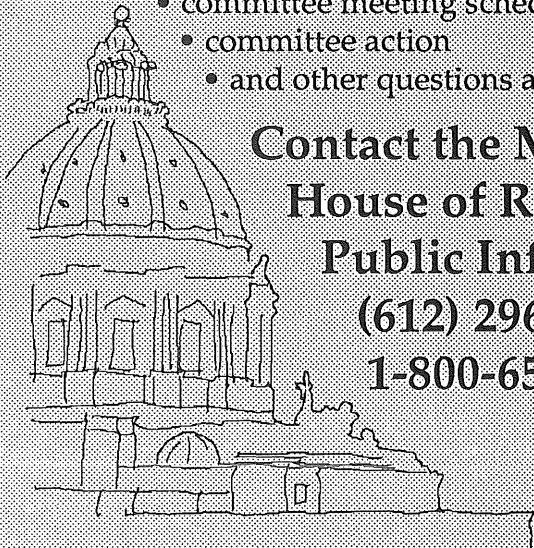
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