On Syttende Mai, the Norwegian Independence Day, thirty-five members of the Red Wing Swedish (yes, Swedish) Singers gave a brief performance for House members from the House Gallery.

It's a fact!

Among the lobbyists, legislators, and staff at the Capitol during a legislative session, you might also see the high schooler who delivers your newspaper, or the neighborhood baby-sitter. These teenagers, serving as pages, are part of the Minnesota House of Representatives High School Page Program.

About 600 students apply yearly for up to 170 high school page positions. High schools nominate the students, and the program's goal is to choose a student from every legislative district. Ideally, the program handles 10 students per week. It requires only that a student be a high school junior and have an interest in state government.

For more information on the High School Page Program, see "Do You Know?" on page 5.

Amy Cadwell of St. Paul's Como Park Senior High serves as a page.

Highlights

Waste recycling

A bill that aims to have each Minnesota county recycling at least 25 percent of its annual solid waste by July 1993, received unanimous approval from the Appropriations Committee May 17.

HF417 (Munger, DFL-Duluth) would appropriate nearly $37 million during the next two years to, among other things, establish plans and programs to reduce and recycle waste, develop markets for recyclables, address special problems that materials cause in the waste stream, and educate the public on proper waste management.

The bill also would direct state offices in the metropolitan area to recycle at least 25 percent of their waste within the next three years, and school districts to recycle used paper. It would allow counties to use special levies to generate matching funds and impose a 6 percent surcharge on solid waste collection and disposal services.

Major spending items in the bill include:
• nearly $28 million to help counties meet recycling requirements;
• $1.8 million for a problem materials program; and
• $1.7 million for market development programs.

The full House passed the bill May 18.
Groundwater protection

The comprehensive groundwater protection bill declares groundwater a precious natural resource on which Minnesotans depend. The bill would set goals for maintaining groundwater in its natural condition for the use of future generations.

The House amended SF262 (House author: Munger, DFL-Duluth) May 17 and approved it for final passage. On May 18, however, the Senate refused to concur with House amendments, and sent the bill to a conference committee.

The bill includes provisions that would:
- establish guidelines for best management practices to protect groundwater and the environment;
- designate five state agencies as regulating authorities charged with adopting and enforcing water resource protection requirements;
- set guidelines for fertilizer, chemical, pesticide, and compost use; product labeling; hazardous waste; civic and criminal penalties; education; licenses; fees; and investigations; and
- provide for sealing abandoned wells.

This bill belongs to everybody, says author Rep. Willard Munger. It will protect the groundwater supply for future generations.

Low-income energy needs

The House passed a bill May 17 that addresses low-income energy needs and energy conservation in Minnesota. HF1532 would modify the "cold weather rule" which prevents utilities from disconnecting heating services during cold weather months if customers fail to pay for the service.

"This bill addresses some of the energy needs of low-income Minnesotans, and at the same time has intended benefits for all Minnesotans, including lowered utility rates, increased conservation of energy, streamlining state government, and improving the environment," says author Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul).

According to Dawkins, the bill would reform the cold weather rule and transfer responsibility for the state’s conservation improvement programs from the Public Utilities Commission to the Department of Public Service.

Under the current cold weather rule, utilities must continue to provide heating service between Oct. 15 and April 15, even if customers have not paid any portion of their bills. This rule causes problems, according to Dawkins, because people fall far behind on bill payments, and can’t catch up. Utilities may not reconnect those customers the following October and they may end up homeless.

The bill would require customers to pay at least 10 percent of their gross income to the utilities during the heating season, and would prohibit utilities from cutting off service to anyone who has paid that portion of their bill.

Another change to the cold weather rule would extend eligibility for energy protection to those earning less than 185 percent of the federal poverty level. In return, those who receive protection from the cold weather rule would have to accept budget and conservation counseling and weatherize their homes, says Dawkins.

The bill now goes to the Senate for further consideration.

Lottery

The fate of Minnesota’s lottery lies in the hands of a House-Senate conference committee.

On May 15, the House approved its version of the lottery, HF66 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids), on a 98-33 vote. The Senate approved its version May 14.

The House bill would create a lottery division within a newly created state department of gaming. The department would oversee the lottery, charitable gambling, and horse racing. The bill would also allow both instant winner scratch-off tickets and on-line computerized lotto games.

A 10-member conference committee will settle differences between the two versions. One difference concerns prize limits. The House version would not set limits; the Senate version would set a $10 million limit on individual prizes. Also, the House bill would create a department of gaming and three divisions, while the Senate measure would call for three separate agencies.

Voters last November authorized the Legislature to enact a lottery. The state’s share of lottery proceeds would go to an environmental and natural resources trust fund (which voters also approved), and to rural economic development and research.

Veterans home

Luverne, a southwestern Minnesota city targeted for a new veterans home, received another nod of approval from lawmakers at an Appropriations Committee meeting May 17. The General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee also had recommended the city earlier this session.

HF723 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne) would permit construction of a 60-bed (minimum) skilled nursing care home. Luverne, about 200 miles from the Twin Cities, is closer to a federal Veterans Administration (VA) medical center than any other site the Department of Administration (DOA) considered, according to information the committee received.

The DOA also considered sites in Fergus Falls, St. Peter, Willmar, and Worthington.

Construction costs would be $3.7 million for a 60-bed facility, and $5.6 million for a 120-bed facility, according to Steve Perkins, Luverne city administrator.

Over the next two years, the federal government would pay 65 percent of the cost and the city would pay 35 percent. The state would not pay any construction costs during that time; however, lawmakers appropriated funds to study the need for more such homes.

Besides proximity to a VA facility, factors that determined the new facility site include: availability of local medical resources (hospitals, doctors, and nurses); availability of local funding and staff; and site potential.

The full House passed the bill May 18.
Check cashing

The commissioner of commerce would oversee the check-cashing service industry if SF353 (House author: Jefferson, DFL-Mpls) becomes law.

On May 17, the House approved the measure 133-0. The bill would regulate businesses that exist to cash checks, not businesses for which check cashing is incidental.

Under the bill, business operators would have to obtain licenses from the commissioner. The bill would require applicants to file their fee schedules for check cashing services and would prohibit currency exchanges from charging excessive rates for cashing checks. It also lists criteria — such as previous rate schedules, amount of risk involved in the type of check cashed, or the reasonableness of profit — to help the commissioner determine whether proposed rates are unreasonable.

Sports training

Minnesotans hoping to make the state a major Olympic sports training area got a boost May 16 when the House passed a bill that would grant $50,000 to the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission for a location feasibility study. The grant would be in addition to the commission’s approximately $200,000 operating budget.

HF1418 allows the commission to fulfill its mission, says author Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul). The 1987 Legislature created the commission and directed it to develop a statewide 16-site amateur sports training network that “would allow Minnesota to become the Midwestern center of Olympic competition training.”

According to Kelly, the commission already identified a “premier site” for the facility near Metropolitan State University in St. Paul. The commission likes the location, he says, because it’s near a campus for any classroom needs and a larger sports facility (the St. Paul Civic Center) where athletes could “culminate their training by having an event” in their sport. The indoor facility would house sports such as judo, karate, badminton, basketball, boxing, volleyball, gymnastics, table tennis, and wheelchair sports, he said.

Even so, the House removed a provision that would have restricted the commission’s study to the St. Paul area. “They’ve apparently already determined a location,” says Rep. Tony Onnen (IR-Cokato). “But I’d feel more comfortable if they had an opportunity to look at other places (outside the metropolitan area).”

Working capital fund

Certain minority business enterprises would have an opportunity to get the loans they need for short-term capital under HF42 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls), a bill the House passed unanimously May 16.

The bill would permit state agencies and local jurisdictions to make grants to a guaranty fund. A private non-profit organization would administer the loan guaranty fund for certain minority business enterprises that have difficulty in getting bank financing.

Sponsors of the bill say it would put in place a public/private partnership with various private businesses and foundations in Minnesota, some of which have already committed monies to a project fund for the same purpose.

The bill awaits Senate action.

Housing omnibus bill

A bill that would appropriate $5 million in state funding to help relieve Minnesota’s housing problems received unanimous approval from the House May 16.


The House passed the Senate version of the housing bill, but added an amendment to change a section regarding housing impact reports. The amendment would require a government unit to draft an annual housing impact report when 10 or more units of low-income housing are displaced. Rep. Donald Frerichs (IR-Rochester) successfully offered another amendment that would require only cities of the first class (Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth) to prepare housing impact reports.

Since the House and Senate passed different versions of the housing bill, a conference committee will attempt to reach a compromise.

Drivers’ licenses, plates

Provisional drivers’ licenses may be in the black a while longer. Two years longer in fact.

Drivers under age 21 would have to use a provisional driver’s license under SF139 (House author: A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park), a bill the House passed May 16.

Bill sponsors say people between ages 19 and 21 would have a more difficult time trying to alter their driver’s licenses to buy alcohol. Provisional licenses have a black stripe at the top of the card and regular licenses have a red stripe. The bill also would make it unlawful to fraudulently use a Minnesota identification card.

Other provisions in the bill would allow veterans to use special license plates on self-propelled recreational vehicles, and the surviving spouses of former prisoners of war (POWs) to use special license plates for POWs on their vehicles.

The bill awaits the governor’s signature.
Crime bills

House members called for a conference committee May 16 to iron out differences with the Senate about criminal sentencing and other crime issues.

One of the key differences between the two versions of HF59 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul), the crime omnibus bill, is the sentence for first-degree murder. The Senate bill would increase the sentence from 17 years to 25 years, while the House version calls for life without parole.

The House bill also would call for life without parole for certain sex offenders who have two prior convictions of sexual assault. The Senate bill would allow judges to increase sentences for so-called dangerous offenders.

House and Senate members differ on a variety of other issues, including "cocaine babies," sentences for property crimes, and how much to spend on certain programs.

Lawmakers expect to come up with a compromise bill before the session ends May 22.

Campaign reform

Political fundraisers during a legislative session would become a thing of the past under a bill the House passed May 15.

HF629 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park) would change the Elections and Ethics in Government Act to restrict contributions to legislative candidates during a regular legislative session. Candidates could no longer solicit contributions from registered lobbyists, political committees, or political funds during that time. Supporters say the bill responds to criticism that legislators receive money from groups interested in current legislation.

Also, the House amended the bill to prohibit candidates from accepting lobbyists’ unsolicited contributions during a legislative session. The amendment responds to critics who said the solicitation ban was unenforceable as it was written. Candidates, lobbyists, or other restricted parties who violate these provisions could face a civil penalty up to $500. However, the bill wouldn’t prohibit candidates from fundraising in their own districts during legislative sessions.

The bill would also provide for distributing public money to candidates in special legislative elections, and would restore the income tax credit for Minnesotans who contribute to political parties, judges, and other state candidates who agree to follow campaign spending limits.

Special services

Rep. Teresa Lynch (IR-Andover) provided sign language interpretation on the House Floor as Rep. Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls) presented a bill that would require major political parties to provide special services for communicatively and physically impaired people at political functions.

The bill, HF354, would require the parties to make good faith efforts to provide sign language interpreters for the hearing impaired, advance copies of material to allow preparation of Braille translations for the visually impaired, and buildings that could accommodate the physically handicapped.

The House unanimously passed the bill May 17; it awaits Senate action.
Many people consider woodticks the same kind social menace as mosquitoes. The governor signed a bill that establishes a research and control program for disease-vectoring ticks in the seven-county metropolitan area. It becomes effective Aug. 1, 1989.

Legislators and staff took a break from fast food this week, courtesy of the Minnesota Council of Retail Trade Associations (MCRTA). The MCRTA served a fried chicken lunch May 16 and 17 to hundreds of hungry people. The MCRTA is a group of trade associations that represent most of the state's retail businesses.

Minnesota dairy, pork, honey, and other agricultural processing companies contributed taste treats for Agriculture Day at the Capitol, May 18. The legislative reception, which the Agriculture Committee sponsored, featured Minnesota products as taste samples for lawmakers and staff.

People who lease hangars at airports in small cities would not have to pay property taxes if SF46 (House author K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn) becomes law. To qualify for the tax-exemption, individuals must: use hangars to store or repair aircraft; provide aviation goods, services or facilities to an airport or the general public; locate in cities with populations under 50,000; and not lease property the Metropolitan Airports Commission owns.

Proposed changes in state pension plans received the endorsement of the full House May 18 on a vote of 130-1. The pension bill would provide uniformity in all major plans, offer early retirement benefits, develop a level formula, and remove future subsidies for new employees. The bill awaits further action in the Senate.
### COMMITTEE ACTION

#### APPROPRIATIONS

**Friday, May 12**

**Solid waste—reduction, recycling (SCORE)**
HF417/SF371 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—heard; referred to State Departments Division.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

**Traffic regulations—court appearance**
HF531/SF126 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF passed Senate)

**Wastewater treatment—funding regulation**
HF584/SF470 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Seat belt fines—emergency medical services relief**
HF1146/SF1018 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Auto insurance I.D. card—requirements**
HF1194/SF1044 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Indoor sports—training center**
HF1418/SF1290 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Tuesday, May 16**

**Radon—licensing, testing**
HF404/SF342 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Groundwater—comprehensive protection**
HF534/SF262 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

### COMMITTEE ACTION

**Monday, May 15**

**Working capital fund—investment**
HF42/SF548 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Driver licenses—provisional, underage drinking**
HF201/SF139 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF passed Senate)

**Elections, ethics—changes**
HF629/SF368 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Infectious waste—management plans**
HF661/SF237 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Petroleum tanks—cleanup**
HF610/SF997 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass.
(SF passed Senate)

**Governor’s Commission on Affordable Housing**
HF535/SF522 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF passed Senate)

#### Waste Management Act—amendments

**Waste Management Act—amendments**
HF601/SF530 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF passed Senate)

**Consumer protection—seniors, handicapped persons**
HF622/SF536 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass.
(SF passed Senate)

**Logging truck—weight limits**
HF735/SF738 (E. Olson, DFL-Fosston)—recommended to pass.
(SF passed Senate)

**Dept. of Finance—farmer loan program**
HF773/SF481 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Public safety—security service fees**
HF777/SF143 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Rail service improvement account**
HF782/SF892 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Peat—marketing, promotion**
HF1396/SF1026 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Small business—procurements commission**
HF1443/SF1383 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Low-income energy needs**
HF1532/S433 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)
Wednesday, May 17

Healthspan—health care access program
HF150/SF491 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF passed Senate)

Jails—employee training
HF207/SF1495 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Elevator operation, operators—regulation
HF376/SF431 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Luverne—veterans home
HF723/SF678 (Stensma, DFL-Luverne)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

State employment—regulation
HF820/SF258 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF passed Senate)

Court administrator—fees
HF851/SF869 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Workers’ comp. laws—recodification, simplification
HF881/SF775 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF passed Senate)

Soil, water conservation—expansion
HF960/SF895 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF passed Senate)

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

Trees—aspen thinning research
HF1163/SF1447 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Genetic engineering—regulations
HF1201/SF1143 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

State Departments Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Tuesday, May 16

Solid waste—reduction, recycling (SCORE)
HF417/SF371 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

TAXES

Friday, May 12

Airports—leased hangars
HF54/SF46* (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass.

Lottery—creation, regulation
HF66/SF150 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Kanaranzi-Little Rock—watershed levy
HF810/SF564* (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass.

Agricultural land preservation law—changes
HF1023/SF542 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Divesting transactions—regulation
HF1709/SF1573 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Judiciary Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Hermantown—property tax exemption
HF1763/SF1278* (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)—recommended to pass.

Transportation—omnibus appropriations bill
HF1764/SF852 (Kalis, DFL-Walters)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF passed Senate)

FLOOR ACTION

CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

Friday, May 11

Burglar alarm franchises
HF268*/SF261 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)—repassed as amended by the Senate (130-0).

Minnesota Statutes—language revisions
HF862*/SF821 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate (128-0).

Friday, May 12

Golden Valley, Plymouth—storm sewers
HF1540*/SF1396 (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—repassed as amended by the Senate (128-0).

Monday, May 15

Juvenile court—parental rights
HF135*/SF220 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

Minnesota Statutes—corrections, revisions
HF1197*/SF991 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

Tuesday, May 16

Education funding formulas—technical changes
HF141*/SF216 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—repassed as amended by the Senate (132-0).

Education laws—changes, corrections
HF146*/SF1145 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

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Sentimental property—family allowances
HF1355*/SF1184 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—repassed as amended by the Senate (130-0).

Pine Point Experimental School—extension
HF1502*/SF1256 (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

**CONSENSUS CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, May 17**

Handicapped plates—minors’ parents
HF194/SF169* (Hartle, IR-Owatonna)—repassed as amended by Conference (133-0).

Truck trailers—length
HF472*/SF512 (Kalis, DFL-Walz)—repassed as amended by Conference (134-0).

Game fish—open season
HF831*/SF1384 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—repassed as amended by Conference (131-3).

CHIPS—prevention efforts
HF981/SF486* (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—repassed as amended by Conference (131-1).

Anoka County—officer appointments
HF1267*/SF1144 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—repassed as amended by Conference (134-0).

**AMVETS Memorial Highway—redesignation**

HF105/SF1011* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed (132-0).

Veterans—bronze star grave markers
HF121*/SF43 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—passed (132-0).

(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

AeroSpace exploratorium—education
HF189*/SF255 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—passed (132-0).

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Driver licenses—provisional, underage drinking
HF201/SF139* (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—passed (132-0).

Chemical dependency—prevention
HF235*/SF217 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—passed (132-0).

(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Good samaritans—benefits
HF391*/SF161 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—passed (133-0).

(SF on Senate Floor)

Traffic regulations—court appearance
HF531/SF126* (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed (131-0).

Petroleum tanks—cleanup
HF610/SF997* (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—passed (133-0).

State claims bill
HF785/SF736* (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—passed (132-0).

Drought emergency relief—reimbursement program
HF878*/SF1000 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—passed as amended (125-7).

(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Driver licenses—commercial trucking
HF927*/SF1200 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—passed (132-0).

(SF on Senate Floor)

Seat belt fines—emergency medical services relief
HF1146*/SF1018 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—passed (132-0).

(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Nonprofit corporations—law revision
HF1203*/SF525 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed (128-0).

(SF on Senate Floor)
Indoor sports—training center
HF1418*/SF1290 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (120-8).
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Wednesday, May 17

Edina—transit system establishment
HF7/SF54* (Forsythe, IR-Edina)—passed (132-0).

Airports—leased hangars
HF54/SF46* (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—passed (129-4).

Secretary of state—changes
HF127/SF232* (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed (133-0).

Poachers—new penalties
HF215/SF299* (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—passed as amended (125-3).

Special services—political party gatherings
HF354*/SF556 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—passed (134-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Check-cashing services—regulation
HF357*/SF353* (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (133-0).

Real estate appraisers—licenses
HF624*/SF1076 (Morrison, IR-Burnsville)—passed as amended (117-16).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Infectious waste—management plans
HF661*/SF237 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (134-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Metropolitan agency budgets
HF1181*/SF1067 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—passed as amended (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

St. Louis County—budget regulations
HF1222/SF1101* (Janczich, DFL-Chisholm)—passed (129-1).

Roseau County—bonding for hospital districts
HF1469/SF1239* (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—passed (130-0).

Low-income energy needs
HF1532*/SF1433 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (131-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Hermantown—property tax exemption
HF1763/SF1278* (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)—passed (132-0).

SPECIAL ORDERS

Thursday, May 11

Dept. of Administration—changes
HF257*/SF257 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—passed as amended (130-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Small business—toll-free referral system
HF607*/SF625 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—passed (129-1).
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Nurse Practice Act
HF728/SF723* (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)—passed (133-0).

Spaying, neutering—state program
HF982*/SF1019 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—not passed (58-70).
(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

Insurance—subrogation
HF1678/SF829* (Tjornhom, IR-Richfield)—passed (130-0).

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Friday, May 12

Highway finance—MVET
HF1764*/SF852 (Kalis, DFL-Walters)—passed as amended (88-40).
(SF passed Senate)

Tuesday, May 16

Governor’s Commission on Affordable Housing
HF535/SF522* (O’Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (133-0).

Groundwater—comprehensive protection
HF534/SF262* (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—passed as amended (133-0).

Key

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

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Each day the House is in session, the desk at the front of the House Chamber and the people who work there become the focal point for all floor action. The Chief Clerk’s desk is just below the Speaker’s podium. As administrative officer, Edward A. Burdick, chief clerk of the House, directs all paperwork that enters and leaves the House Chamber, and advises House members on proper parliamentary procedure. The clerk’s assistants, who work at the front desk, keep track of bills, amendments, messages from the Senate, motions and resolutions, and any other business the House considers.

1 The process begins when Speaker of the House Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) hands a bill to Burdick, who reads the title to the House. See photo, upper right.

2 Albin Mathiowetz, first assistant chief clerk, helps House members draft motions and amendments, and keeps track of the amendments associated with each bill.

3 Carolyn Brown, administrative assistant, works with the House pages to distribute materials to House members. See photo left.
Jill Gebhardt, desk clerk, left, tracks the order of bills, amendments, and motions. Here are some of the stamps and ledgers she uses. See photo, bottom right.

Burdick watches the electronic voting board, ready to call the names of members who haven't yet voted. See photo left.

Teresa Kittridge, second assistant chief clerk, monitors the paper records of each roll call vote. Here she helps a high school page find the record of a certain vote. See photo, lower left.

Patrick Murphy, journal editor, assembles all records of the day's activities for the Journal of the House. The Journal goes to print soon after the session ends and is available for distribution the next day. See photo below.
## BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

**Monday, May 15**

### Public works—building materials
- HF545*/SF593 (Begich)—Chapter 116. Effective: day after enactment (May 16, 1989)

### Presentence investigations—prosecution request
- HF97*/SF336 (Hasskamp)—Chapter 117. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Trucks—rear end protection exemption
- HF627*/SF739 (Tunheim)—Chapter 118. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Children’s Trust Fund council—membership
- HF833/SF827* (Williams)—Chapter 119. Effective: day after enactment (May 16, 1989)

### Community health boards—health promotion teams
- HF1110/SF858* (Schafer)—Chapter 120. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Martin County—county duties
- HF1504/SF1258* (Hugoson)—Chapter 121. Effective: upon local approval

### Contract transit service
- HF953/SF847* (Hasskamp)—Chapter 122. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Cultured dairy food—manufacturing regulation
- HF1175/SF583* (Bauerly)—Chapter 123. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989, except persons processing Minnesota farmstead cheese or cultured dairy food need not have pasteurization until July 1, 1991.

### Veterans—post-traumatic stress disorder

### Inspections—uniform electrical violation ticket
- HF593*/SF521 (Kinked)—Chapter 126. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Credit unions—reserve funds
- HF635*/SF632 (Simoneau)—Chapter 127. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Transaction account service charges
- HF955*/SF863 (Rodosovich)—Chapter 129. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Insurance—township mutuals
- HF780/SF886* (Cooper)—Chapter 130. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Solid waste—disposal management
- HF104_0/SF281* (E. Olson)—Chapter 131. Effective: day after enactment (May 16, 1989)

### Local government—bank letter of credit
- HF279*/SF301 (Blatz)—Chapter 132. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Cooperative associations—voting rights change
- HF774*/SF676 (E. Olson)—Chapter 133. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Licensure—ambulance services
- HF1429*/SF1002 (Conway)—Chapter 134. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Handicapped persons—state park permits
- HF1492*/SF1369 (Jacobs)—Chapter 137. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Horse racing—pari-mutuel betting
- HF707*/SF588 (Kostohryz)—Chapter 141. Effective: day after enactment (May 16, 1989)

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### Life insurance—long-term care rider
- HF812*/SF870 (Kelly)—Chapter 125. Effective: day after enactment (May 17, 1989)

### Cambridge—state lands, conveyance
- HF1626*/SF1576 (Lasley)—Chapter 128. Effective: day after enactment (May 17, 1989)

### St. Louis County—tax-forfeited lands
- HF43*/SF588 (Janezich)—Chapter 135. Effective: day after enactment (May 17, 1989)

### Chisago County—ditch assessments
- HF804*/SF754 (Lasley)—Chapter 138. Effective: upon local approval

### Legislative Advisory Commission—recommendations
- HF390*/SF105 (Kahn)—Chapter 139. Effective: day after enactment (May 17, 1989)

### Motor vehicles—classification
- HF218* (K. Olson)—Chapter 140. Effective: Jan. 1, 1990

### St. Peter—land conveyance
- HF1077*/SF921 (Ostrom)—Chapter 142. Effective: day after enactment (May 17, 1989)

### Cooperatives—law recodification, clarification
- HF1411*/SF848 (Krueger)—Chapter 144. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989

### Ramsey County—property for public library
- HF832*/SF711 (Kostohryz)—Chapter 145. Effective: day after enactment (May 17, 1989)

### Woodticks—mosquito control commission expansion
- HF942*/SF1088 (Skoglund)—Chapter 146. Effective: Aug. 1, 1989; applies in the seven-county metropolitan area
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### Bill Introductions

**Tuesday, May 16**

- **HF1765**—Peterson (DFL)
  Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
  State and local government; regulating construction permits.

- **HF1766**—Gutknecht (IR)
  Taxes
  Taxation; income; allowing the school tuition subtraction to nonitemizers.

- **HF1767**—Otis (DFL)
  General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming
  A resolution memorializing the management of the National Hockey League to take action to end the violence in professional hockey.

- **HF1768**—Murphy (DFL)
  Taxes
  Taxation; providing an income and property tax refund return checkoff for the support of public libraries; appropriating money.

- **HF1769**—Trimble (DFL)
  Environment & Natural Resources
  Waste management; providing for demonstration projects in the admixture of sewage sludge ash in asphalt.

- **HF1770**—Marsh (IR)
  Environment & Natural Resources
  Waters; wetlands identification, preservation, and management.

- **HF1771**—Lasley (DFL)
  Education
  Education; giving Cambridge full campus status in the Community College System; appropriating money.

- **HF1772**—Murphy (DFL)
  Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
  Towns; providing for state participation in sewer and water development; providing for the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money.

- **HF1773**—Ogren (DFL)
  Health & Human Services
  Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution requiring that a state health care program be established for the uninsured.

- **HF1774**—Steensma (DFL)
  Agriculture
  Agriculture; authorizing a lien for agricultural input suppliers when a lender does not provide a letter of commitment.

**Wednesday, May 17**

- **HF1775**—Kelly (DFL)
  Judiciary
  Judges; providing for the manner of filling vacancies in the office of judge and on the workers' compensation court of appeals.

### HOUSE ADVISORIES

**Friday, May 12**

- **HA13**—Osthoff (DFL)
  Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
  A proposal to study county and city government and services.

- **HA14**—Gutknecht (IR)
  General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming
  A proposal to study proportional voting by presidential electors.

**Tuesday, May 16**

- **HA15**—Kelly (DFL)
  Judiciary
  A proposal to study the consolidation of Ramsey County law enforcement agencies.

### FIRST READING/SENATE BILLS

**Friday, May 12**

- **SF54**—Storm (IR)
  Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF7—Forsythe (IR)
  City of Edina; authorizing the city to operate a public transit system and to acquire necessary equipment, land, and interests in land; permitting the establishment of special service districts in the city; providing that the city and the Housing and Redevelopment Authority need not require competitive bidding and bonds in connection with certain redevelopment projects.

- **SF84**—Diessner (DFL)
  Appropriations
  Watercraft; providing for titling of watercraft; providing for perfection of security interests in watercraft; imposing penalties.

- **SF764**—Pehler (DFL)
  Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF988—Gruenes (IR)
  Local government; changing conditions for the establishment and operation of special service districts in St. Cloud.

- **SF775**—Frank (DFL)
  Appropriations
  Workers' compensation; requiring a report on recodification and simplification of the Workers' Compensation Law; appropriating money.

- **SF957**—Frank (DFL)
  Appropriations
  Economic development; transferring programs under the Minnesota Agricultural and Economic Board to the Department of Trade and Economic Development; changing the governing structure of the Certified Development Company; transferring program responsibilities for the allocation of bonding authority to the Department of Finance; eliminating certain reporting requirements; transferring tax increment financing reporting requirements.

- **SF989**—Adkins (DFL)
  Taxes
  Town of Ostego; authorizing the town to establish an economic development authority and to exercise tax increment financing powers; granting the town the power of a city with respect to the authority.

- **SF1221**—McQuaid (IR)
  Taxes
  City of Hopkins; authorizing the establishment of special service districts.

- **SF1435**—Freeman (DFL)
  Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1641—Blatz (IR)
  Employment; prohibiting termination of sales representative agreements under certain circumstances.
Monday, May 15

SF150—Lessard (DFL)
Suspension of Rules
Gambling; creating a division of gambling enforcement within the Department of Public Safety; providing for its powers and duties; changing size and membership of Gambling Control Board; making changes in the manner in which gambling is conducted; requiring audits; increasing license fees; changing the requirement relating to distributors and manufacturers of gambling equipment; increasing the penalty for paying off on video games of chance; authorizing the sale of lottery tickets; establishing a state lottery agency; providing for its powers and duties; authorizing transmission of racing to sites on Indian lands and commingling of certain betting pools; providing penalties; appropriating money.

SF262—Morse (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; establishing a joint legislative committee on water; providing for determination of water research needs; developing a water education curriculum; regulating wells, borings, and underground drillings and uses; regulating water conservation, water appropriations, and setting fees; establishing regulations, enforcing violations, 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.

SF277—Spear (DFL)
Appropriations
Health; establishing a treatment program for compulsive gamblers; appropriating money.

SF522—Pogemiller (DFL)
Suspension of Rules
Housing; authorizing the establishment of affordable housing programs under the administration of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency; establishing a neighborhood preservation program; revising certain tenant damage provisions in landlord-tenant actions; regulating tenant screening services; establishing a rent escrow system; providing mandatory building repair fines; authorizing a housing calendar consolidation pilot project in Hennepin and Ramsey counties; requiring housing impact statements; revising certain housing receivership provisions; providing a limited right of entry to secure vacant or unoccupied buildings; providing for city housing rehabilitation loan programs; establishing the community and neighborhood development organization program; establishing a child development program; authorizing a neighborhood revitalization program; imposing penalties; appropriating money.

SF536—Solon (DFL)
Appropriations
Consumer protection; providing for enhanced civil penalties for deceptive acts targeted at senior citizens or handicapped persons; providing factors a court may consider in determining to impose an enhanced civil penalty; providing that sums collected must be credited to the account of the State Board on Aging.

SF1101—Solon (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1222—Janezich (DFL)
St. Louis County; regulating budget procedures; providing for certain recorder’s fees; allowing the county to assess the cost of maintenance of television relay service.

SF1323—Peterson, D.C. (DFL)
Judiciary
Deprivation of parental rights; increasing penalties for parental kidnapping where weapon is used, child is abducted, or ransom is demanded; prohibiting concealing a child abducted in another state.

SF1541—Kroening (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1449—Rest (DFL)
Local government; providing for a chief administrative deputy sheriff in the unclassified service in Hennepin County; authorizing certain county sheriffs to appoint a chief deputy or first assistant.

Wednesday, May 17

SF38—Chmielewski (DFL)
Taxes
Taxation; regulating travel trailers; requiring a registration certificate for park trailers; imposing a registration tax on park trailers; requiring owners of unregistered park trailers to pay property tax; imposing motor vehicle excise tax on park trailers; providing that motor vehicle dealers may sell park trailers.

SF470—DeCramer (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF584—Winter (DFL)
Environment; regulating municipal wastewater treatment funding.

SF481—Moe, D.M. (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF773—Rodosovitch (DFL)
State government; financing the beginning farmer loan program; regulating certain administrative duties of the commissioner of finance; permitting certain financial arrangements.

SF499—Vickerman (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF408—Wagenius (DFL)
Transportation; specifying that state airports fund money may be used as state’s match of costs of the Federal Essential Air Services Program; establishing registration classification for recreational aircraft.

SF510—Merriam (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF601—Long (DFL)
Waste management; defining waste reduction; extending the expiration date of waste advisory councils; authorizing counties to designate waste to landfills; requiring financial reports from landfills; clarifying the limits of political subdivision liability for Superfund cleanup at landfills; authorizing the Pollution Control Agency to acquire interests in real estate necessary for Superfund; authorizing Superfund to reimburse political subdivisions for costs incurred in responding to emergency releases of hazardous materials; making claims for injuries due to petroleum contamination eligible for compensation by the Harmful Substance Compensation Fund; authorizing transfer of money from the Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Fund; altering the Metropolitan Council’s authority for solid waste planning; raising the solid waste disposal fee in the metropolitan area; clarifying the 1990 ban on disposal of unprocessed waste in the metropolitan area; extending the date until which metalcasters are not liable for payment of solid waste generator fees; requiring a study of solid waste management district legislation.

SF564—DeCramer (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF810—Winter (DFL)
Natural resources; increasing the amount of levy for the Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District Administrative Fund.

SF748—Spear (DFL)
Appropriations
Human services; establishing state child mortality review panel; authorizing the state to require local reviews; protecting data generated by the review panel as confidential and nondisclosable; clarifying neglect or endangerment of a child; clarifying provisions of the Child Abuse Reporting Act dealing.
with neglect; requiring the commissioner of health to develop uniform procedures for coroner and medical examiner investigations relating to sudden deaths of infants.

Thursday, May 18

SF1—Merriam (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Waste management; establishing the office of water management; transferring to the office of waste management the powers and duties of the Waste Management Board.

SF143—DeCramer (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF777—Cooper (DFL)
Public safety; appropriating fees charged by State Patrol and Capitol Complex Security Division for escort and contracted security services.

SF188—Freeman (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Housing
Commerce; requiring mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers to obtain a license from the commissioner of commerce; requiring certain disclosures by mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers; prohibiting certain practices by mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers; appropriating money.

SF462—Stumpf (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF515—Bishop (IR)
Judicial procedure; clarifying, modifying, and recodifying tax court powers and procedures; making technical corrections and eliminating redundant and unnecessary language and obsolete references; requiring releases of liens issued in error to state that the lien was erroneous.

SF491—Berglin (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF150—Ogren (DFL)
Health care; creating a health care access commission; requiring a health care access study; appropriating money.

SF542—Davis (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1023—Winter (DFL)
Agriculture; changing the Agricultural Land Preservation Law.

SF659—Purfeerst (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF633—Lasley (DFL)
Motor vehicles; increasing and allocating fees and motor vehicle excise tax for dealer plates; restricting use of dealer plates.

SF756—Brataas (IR)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers’ compensation; regulating the payment of supplemental benefits for new claims.

SF895—Novak (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF960—Munger (DFL)
Natural resources; amending provisions relating to the conservation reserve program; changing authority over the conservation reserve program from the commissioner of agriculture to the Board of Water and Soil Resources; defining certain terms; changing criteria for eligible land; prohibiting grazing of land under future agreements; providing conditions and payment for wetland restoration; providing for enforcement and liability for damages for violation of the terms of a conservation easement or agreement; authorizing the board to adopt rules; authorizing the commissioner of agriculture to allow town boards to suspend the duty of owners and occupants to control noxious weeds under certain conditions; withdrawing certain marginal land and wetlands from sale by the state unless restricted by a conservation easement under certain conditions; requiring certain acquisition procedures before the commissioner of natural resources accepts agricultural land or farm homesteads in fee from the federal government; authorizing aliens and non-Americans to own certain agricultural land to comply with pollution control laws or rules.

SF1087—Kroening (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Housing
Landlord and tenant relations; providing standing for certain associations to bring an action for tenant remedies; providing for actions against certain unoccupied buildings.

SF1122—Chmielewski (DFL)
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Workers’ compensation; limiting the payment of temporary partial benefits under certain circumstances.

SF1242—Pogemiller (DFL)
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State government; extending the expiration date on certain advisory councils; increasing the compensation of members of administrative boards and agencies; reducing the maximum compensation of members of advisory councils; eliminating a requirement for appointment of a state employees’ assistance program advisory committee.

SF1377—Chmielewski (DFL)
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Wild rice; clarifying requirements on packaging and labeling; requiring disclosure of origin.

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Public finance; providing conditions and requirements for the issuance and sue of public debt; making technical corrections to provisions relating to hazardous substance sites and subdistricts; enabling Chisago, Kanabec, Isanti, Pine, and Mille Lacs counties to sell certain bonds at public or private sale.
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