Diploma requirements

Students will need a different body of knowledge to earn a diploma when the Minnesota Board of Education decides what children should know before graduation, a state board official says. The board may change diploma requirements from a credit base to a learner outcome base, board administrator Ted Suss told the Education Committee Jan. 25. The board wants to retool the credit-base system to mirror proposed changes in course requirements and expectations. The panel is also examining learner outcomes, or what a student is expected to know by the end of a course, he said.

"The state board is interested in perhaps...abolishing entirely the current system of granting graduation based on completion of specific classes and instead identify a set of learner outcomes which districts would have to attest that students achieved to receive a diploma," Suss said. "We would be breaking ground that has not been broken in any other state."

Redefining the basis for a diploma is a natural flow from the changes in course requirements and learner outcomes, Suss says. If educators develop one subject area each year, he says, it would take about seven years to have the changes fully in place.

Defining learner outcomes may not be difficult, Suss said after the meeting. Translating them into measurable objectives and setting success points is. The process is complex, time-consuming and demands public involvement.

Juvenile sex offenders

Most juvenile sex offenders suffered sexual abuse as children and have learned firsthand how to rape, says Joe Heinz, Hennepin County Home Schools superintendent. Heinz and his staff receive national recognition for their work with juveniles, and they’ve participated in several workshops and task forces on the problem.

Heinz told the Judiciary Committee’s Criminal Justice Division Jan. 25 that 48 of the 132 juveniles at the Hennepin County facility are sex offenders. Young males in the program range in age from 12 to 18 years. Heinz says it’s not uncommon for a juvenile in the program to admit to hundreds of sex offenses, and that without treatment, they’ll continue committing such offenses.

Heinz says, “Spending dollars on some juveniles for treatment is money well spent, particularly when we know there are methodologies that can both protect the community and change the behavior of that juvenile sex offender.”
U of M report

Lawmakers heard criticisms of and recommended improvements for the University of Minnesota's (U of M) physical plant operation during a joint House-Senate meeting Jan. 25.

Legislative Auditor James Nobles outlined a report critical of the U of M's physical plant operation. He cites as problems the department's inexact accounting and inventory systems, worker transportation, and an apparent lack of communication with the university's central administration and the Board of Regents. Nobles also outlined recommendations to improve the department's accountability and management.

William Thomas, associate vice president for Physical Plant Operations in the Twin Cities, told legislators that he and other officials developed an action plan shortly after the auditor issued the report last year. Thomas says he worked on about 60 percent of the report's recommendations. The department rejected five recommendations, he says, because they required action from another source.

The Education Divisions of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees plan to meet again to discuss the report and the U of M's response.

Banking outlook

James Miller, deputy commissioner of Commerce, is an optimist when it comes to the banking climate in Minnesota. He told the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee Jan. 25 that more banks want to provide more services.

A Department of Commerce financial report through last September indicates that banks losing money from operation costs reached a three-year low in 1988. But while there are fewer problem banks, Miller reports the number is still above pre-agricultural crisis levels.

Looking ahead, Miller cites some major banking issues facing Minnesota, including the effects of the 1988 drought, risks involved in new bank powers, and the continuing effects of deregulation in the financial services industry.

University governance

University of Minnesota (U of M) officials would benefit greatly by having the two-hat system of governing removed, says Rep. Mike Jaros, (DFL-Duluth).

Jaros told the Education Committee's Higher Education Division Jan. 25, that the university president has two jobs — one to supervise the whole university system and one to deal with daily affairs of the Twin Cities campus.

Chancellor Lawrence A. Ianni, U of M-Duluth, says there's no time for officials wearing two hats to do both jobs effectively.

Jaros says other governance and structural problems in the University system need addressing. He suggests an independent staff for the Board of Regents, a decentralization of the system, and a president's cabinet of chancellors from each campus. His bill, HF67, outlines other problems and recommendations.

Rep. K.J. McDonald, (IR-Watertown) says the university should take every precaution while restructuring its governance policies, to avoid building hiding places for staff who use fear and intimidation against others.

Industrial waste reduction

There are only three of its kind in the world — one in Germany, one in Japan, and one in Roseville, Minnesota. It's a treatment plant that takes hazardous waste, recovers valuable products, and reduces the amount of original waste in the process.

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee toured the treatment plant, Metro Recovery Systems (MRS), in Roseville, Jan. 24. Brian Rooney, MRS Sales and Marketing manager, led the tour and explained the recovery process.

MRS reduces 60 tons of industrial waste to 2.5 tons of waste daily, says Rooney. The treatment process recovers useable byproducts such as zinc, copper, and nickel and sells them to refiners. Rooney says MRS could also produce metallic compounds if they had buyers for those products. The company treats the remaining 2.5 tons of hazardous waste to meet all legal environmental protection standards and ships it to a landfill in Oklahoma.

MRS representatives stress recovery as the key concept of its operations. The company creates useable products, reduces the volume of original waste, and brings its clients into total compliance with environmental safety and disposal regulations.
Regional treatment centers

What are regional treatment centers? Whom do they serve? How do they serve them? The Health and Human Services Committee set up a task force in 1988 to find answers to these questions.

Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault), task force chair, told the committee Jan. 24, that their goal was to learn more about Minnesota’s regional treatment center (RTC) system, and to share the knowledge with others.

Task force members toured each of Minnesota’s RTCs and two state-run nursing homes during the past few months. They recommend that the Legislature:
• continue to serve “residual” clients in a residential setting, and provide nonresidential services to clients within the region;
• continue RTC crisis care and respite care;
• provide the best possible care to each client at the most reasonable cost to the client and state, and
• be aware of the need to develop additional community services and housing for people with mental illnesses.

The recommendations are part of a 53-page report Rodosovich presented to the committee. He says one of the most positive aspects in the regional treatment area is the interest and care staff delivers to clients.

Canterbury Downs

Canterbury Downs expects to make $1.5 million in the upcoming racing season, says Lu Burdick, a member of the track’s board of directors. She presented the track’s plans for turning a profit this season to the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee Jan. 24.

The track lost nearly $7 million in the 1988 season. Burdick lists severe heat, the Twins’ popularity, and charitable gaming as factors that hurt business.

Burdick points out that the track cut $3 million in costs over the last three years. She outlined some of the track’s marketing proposals, which include providing better service to their one million regular fans, and special events to attract more local participation.

Canterbury plans to ask the Legislature to permit simulcast broadcasting to outstate Minnesota, according to Burdick. They would also like to see legislators write upcoming lottery legislation to include Canterbury’s participation, and turn the track into a year-round facility using simulcast broadcasting from warm weather tracks.

Military update

Past and present military personnel testified at the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee Jan. 24 on their organizations’ needs and proposals.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars told legislators that recent budget cuts for veterans’ services have created a crisis situation in providing services. Jeff Olson, deputy commissioner, Department of Veterans Affairs, says 99,000 veterans in Minnesota are over age 65, and that number will increase to 138,000 by the year 2000. He says spending cuts threaten services to older veterans.

The groups thanked the committee for recommending passage of SF83 (House author: Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul), a resolution asking Congress to restore full funding to veterans medical centers.

Adjutant General Eugene R. Andreotti, Minnesota National Guard, talked about the Guard’s plans and legislative proposals. He says the Guard wants the Pentagon to upgrade the 47th Division’s priority rating, and to transfer new units to Minnesota. Andreotti mentioned medical units, a defense language institute, and engineering units as those he wants reassigned. He says the Guard’s legislative proposals include bills that would provide a flag to families.
of deceased Guard members, an increase in tuition assistance, and a yearly bonus for Guard members.

Andreotti talked about the current lawsuit Minnesota filed against the federal government concerning control of the Guard, saying he and the Pentagon consider it a friendly states' rights lawsuit.

Knowledge and wealth

New knowledge produces new wealth, say Minnesota higher education officials. They testified at an Economic Development Committee meeting Jan. 24 about their contributions to Minnesota's economy.

The nation has developed an economy based on knowledge and information, say the officials. Higher education enterprise has become important in the business community. Higher education institutions and business communities are now interdependent.

During the hearing, officials made commitments to form partnerships with business communities to increase economic impact in their areas.

State University System Chancellor Robert Carothers says higher education institutions could share their resources with business communities. They have faculty expertise, facilities, and equipment to offer businesses.

"In turn, the business community needs to help us with the internship experiences for our students, with professional development of our faculty, and with the acquisition of increasingly expensive and increasingly short-lived instructional equipment," Carothers says.

Officials also point out that higher education institutions help communities build and maintain economic vitality through the knowledge and skills of their graduates who live and work there.

Crime victims

Minnesotans who are victims of crime in another state may be eligible for compensation from this state. A provision in HF95 (Bishop, IR-Rochester) would give relief to victims who don't receive reparations from the state where they were victimized. The Judiciary Committee gave the bill preliminary approval Jan. 23.

Under present law, Minnesotans who are victimized in Minnesota could be compensated for the cost of: medical and hospital care; psychiatric or psychological services; loss of income greater than $50; child care or household services; funeral, burial, or cremation; and loss of support.

Currently, only four states don't have victims' reparations programs. And, according to Bishop, the federal government now requires states to expand their coverage to get federal dollars for the Crime Victims Reparations Fund. HF95 would also clarify Minnesota's right to deny a reparations claim if the victim making the claim contributed to the crime.

Flip the switch

One push to conserve energy begins with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The PUC requires gas and electric utilities to provide conservation programs to its customers.

"The Conservation Improvement Program has been an evolving program over the last several years," says Barbara Beerhalter, PUC chair. She spoke to the Regulated Industries Committee Jan. 23.

"We require utility companies to provide certain kinds of energy efficient programs for their customers, both residential and commercial. The commercial is a growing activity, and under those programs in the current year, we have authorized approximately $11-12 million worth of conservation improvement programs," Beerhalter says. The PUC also works with improving operation efficiency in the utilities themselves.

The PUC regulates telephone, gas, and electric companies in Minnesota, including price rates for each service. This year, the commission expects to consider nuclear de-commissioning, rate of return regulation of utilities, and alternative operator services.

Home-share for seniors

Senior citizens can avoid high nursing facility costs and stay in their own homes if they participate in home-sharing programs, according to Sally Kundert, president of the Minnesota Shared Housing Association. She presented her study of the program to a Financial Institutions and Housing Division meeting Jan. 23.

The home-share program matches senior citizens with able-bodied people who help with daily chores and provide companionship. In return, homeseekers receive a house to live in for little or no rent.

Kirsten Olson, a University of Minnesota student and a live-in with Maureen Hanson, testified before the division.

"It's been beneficial for both of us," says Olson. "Maureen seems to have lost about four years off her age, and she likes the freedom."

"I sure do," says Hanson, who lived in a nursing facility for four years before returning to her home.

Six home-sharing programs currently operate in the state with funding from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Kundert told legislators that seniors able to live at home with a roommate can save up to $18,000 annually in nursing facility costs. Most homeseekers are students looking for low-cost housing, and about two-thirds are women, she says.

AIDS awareness program

AIDS is a priority in Minnesota, says the Minnesota Department of Health. It reports 429 AIDS cases as of the end of last October. Of the reported cases, 235 resulted in death. The statistics prompted the department to initiate programs aimed at preventing AIDS and stopping the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Michael Moen, Department of Health Disease Prevention and Control director, told the Appropriations Committee Health and Human Services Division Jan. 23 that the department is expanding counseling and testing sites. It opened the first Minnesota sites in July 1985, where they provide antibody testing and risk reduction counseling.

The Statewide Risk Reduction and Disease Prevention Center Plan objectives include providing public education
to adults and youths, professional education to health care providers, and programs aimed at changing behavior to reduce or eliminate the risk of AIDS.

**Education recommendations**

Ruth Randall, commissioner of Education, agrees with the legislative auditor’s report calling for statewide improvements in education. But she disagrees with some of its recommendations.

Randall responded to the report’s major recommendations during a Jan. 23 Education Committee meeting. The report cites, among other things, falling college entrance test scores, lax monitoring, and weak statewide graduation standards. Recommendations include extending the school year, testing students’ proficiency in math and reading, and phasing out the smallest school districts.

The department doesn’t support adding five more days to the state’s 170-day school year, says Randall, because of the $100 million price tag. “Seat time is not the way to go,” she adds. “We think the outcome route is.”

While she agrees the state should test students, Randall says the department would rather test overall learner outcomes than specific subjects. The report recommends statewide testing in math and reading to ensure that students have 11th grade proficiency levels.

Randall also agrees that high school districts should have at least 100 students. But she believes local districts should reorganize on their own, not because of a state mandate.

Randall agrees with report recommendations for mandatory homework, annual district certification, and uniform statewide standards. She also agrees that the state could better monitor districts, but adds that she doesn’t want the state to become regulatory in education.

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**Notes**

Two parrots and a boa constrictor helped Dr. Kathryn Roberts, Minnesota Zoo director, make a presentation to the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee Jan. 24. Roberts outlined new program plans for the zoo, including an outdoor amphitheatre, a tropical coral reef exhibit, a dophinarium, an arctic exhibit complex, and main building renovations. The programs would cost about $43 million, with the zoo seeking $30 million in state bonding funds and the rest in gifts from corporations, foundations, and individuals. She also outlined a new corporate exhibit sponsorship program at the zoo that allows corporations to sponsor wildlife exhibits.

**Talk about the high cost of education!** In 1933, officials at state colleges decided to charge tuition. Minnesota students paid $10 a year, while out-of-state students forked over $15, according to testimony at a Jan. 24 meeting of the Appropriations Committee's Education Division.

**Minnesota's first college graduates** earned degrees from Hamline University, the state’s oldest private college. Hamline, founded in 1854, was also the first in the state to provide a college level medical school. The medical school later merged into the University of Minnesota, according to testimony at an Appropriations Committee Education Division meeting Jan. 24.

The legislative auditor’s report on high school education in Minnesota says the statewide 20-credit graduation standard is weak. But Ruth Randall, commissioner of Education, says local districts often go beyond the minimum. In fact, she refers to charts in the report to show that 22 is the average number of required credits. Randall spoke to the Education Committee Jan. 23.

**Raw products from rural regions of Minnesota** can produce a viable economic resource for the state, according to Reps. Roger Cooper (DFL-Bird Island) and Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn). The paper industry could use kaolin clay, and high tech and medical industries could use ceramics. Smooth sumac can provide poly-ethonols, oils, and polymeric hydro-carbons for industrial and chemical purposes. Cornstarch can produce ethanol and bio-degradable plastics. Cooper suggests that the Rural Resource and Development Division of the Economic Development Committee consider transportation, technical legal changes, and tools people need to bring about economic development in rural areas.

**The state could make better annual budget comparisons and simplify its accounting procedures if the Legislature approves some Department of Finance proposals.** Ted Spiess, from the Finance Department, presented recommendations to the Appropriations Committee State Departments Division Jan. 24. The recommendations would consolidate certain special revenue fund accounts into the General Fund and limit the number of new special revenue fund accounts. Finance Department officials say their proposals would allow the General Fund to more accurately show state spending levels, and permit a better review of state spending policies from one accounting period to the next.
Insurance concerns rank high on legislators' agendas this year. Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls), Insurance Committee chair, says he expects to hear a lot of talk about the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA), which makes insurance available to people who are uninsurable. The committee will focus on MCHA funding and revisions, says Skoglund.

Kids, teachers and their computers filled a corridor in the State Capitol Jan. 23. Students from 22 elementary school districts demonstrated computer technology and skill for legislators at "Capitalize on Technology," a computer and videography exhibition. "It was neat seeing how other people work on the computer and what software they use," says Jenny Reimer, a fifth-grader from Cornelia Elementary School, Edina. Kids from McKinley Elementary School, Ham Lake, produce a weekly program on cable TV, channel 51—NCTV. Their TV crew taped some legislative committee hearings.


Do you know?

Minnesota's Constitution, adopted in 1857, established a judicial system with the Supreme Court at the top. One chief justice and two associate justices made up the original court. In 1881, the Legislature added two more associates.

Over the years, voters approved several amendments to Article 6 of the Constitution (the Judiciary). In 1875, they removed the restrictions of six judicial districts with only one judge per district. Minnesota now has 10 judicial districts, with at least three judges serving in each district, making a total of more than 230 district judges throughout the state.

Amendments in 1883 reduced terms of office for Supreme Court justices and district judges from seven to six years each, and later, in 1920, increased probate judges' terms from two to four years. And after several attempts, a 1930 amendment increased the number of Supreme Court associate justices from four to six, where the number stands today.
## COMMITTEE ACTION

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Thursday, Jan. 26**

Public loans—secondary sales  
HF65/SF65 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—laid over until Feb. 2.  
(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Higher Education Division/EDUCATION

**Wednesday, Jan. 25**

University of Minnesota—governance  
HF67 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended.

### GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

**Tuesday, Jan. 24**

Veterans' medical centers—resolution  
HF52/SF83* (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

Tribal-state gambling compact—Class III gambling  
HF79 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—laid over.  
(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

### JUDICIARY

**Friday, Jan. 20**

Victims' rights—restitution  
HF14/SF51 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.  
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Computer crime—unauthorized access  
HF22 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.  
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

**Thursday, Jan. 26**

Bodily harm—definition expansion  
HF27 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

**Monday, Jan. 23**

Crime victims' reparations—coverage expansion  
HF95 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended.

Presentence investigations—prosecution request  
HF97 (Hasskamp, DFL-Crosby)—recommended to pass as amended.

### FLOOR ACTION

### CONSENT CALENDAR

**Thursday, Jan. 19**

Six-member juries—nonfelony cases  
HF1/SF26 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (121-3).  
(SF on Senate Floor)

### SPECIAL ORDERS

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Local government—net debt limit  
HF40/SF99 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (132-0).  
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Education; authorizing the Minneapolis School District to pay health insurance premium subsidies more often than annually; amending statutes.

HF158—Carruthers (DFL)
Insurance
Insurance; regulating continuing insurance education; amending statutes; repealing rules.

HF159—Dawkins (DFL)
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Crimes; providing for termination, cancellation, and forfeiture of real estate interests related to contraband or controlled substance seizures; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF160—Dawkins (DFL)
Health & Human Services
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HF161—Dawkins (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Health insurance premium subsidies; amending statutes.

HF162—Skoglund (DFL)
Insurance
Insurance; regulating insurance information collection, use, disclosure, access, and correction practices; requiring reasons for adverse underwriting decisions; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF163—Dawkins (DFL)
Judiciary
Crimes; enhancing penalties for offenders who unlawfully distribute controlled substances on school premises, at bus stops, or enroute to or from school; making possession and use of dangerous weapons while involved in unlawful controlled substance transactions a separate crime; requiring the attorney general to draft and disseminate a plain language version of these laws; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF164—McLaughlin (DFL)
Judiciary
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HF165—Pelowski (DFL)
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HF166—Lasley (DFL)
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HF167—Johnson, A. (DFL)
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Environment; requiring volume or weight based pricing of collection of mixed municipal solid waste; requiring weekly curbside pickup of mixed municipal solid waste and recyclables; requiring collection of white goods; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF168—Jaros (DFL)
Education
Education; requiring post-secondary education administrators and faculty members to take certain coursework; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF169—Battaglia (DFL)
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Game and fish; authorizing elderly residents to take fish by spear without a license; amending statutes.

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HF170—Forsythe (IR)
Judiciary
Probate; providing for adult health care decisions; imposing penalties; proposing coding for new law.

HF171—Quinn (DFL)
Education
Education; establishing a pilot program to reduce class sizes in kindergarten through third grade; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF172—Stanius (IR)
Taxes
Taxation; exempting a levy by the City of White Bear Lake from the penalty for levies in excess of levy limitations.

HF173—Steensma (DFL)
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Agriculture; requiring consumers to be informed concerning the point of origin of certain food ingredients; proposing coding for new law.

HF174—Pappas (DFL)
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Health and Human Services; allowing culturally specific vendors to assess the chemical dependency treatment needs of persons who do not fit the culturally specific population; amending statutes.

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HF247—Bauerly (DFL)
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HF248—Stanhil (IR)
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HF249—Quinlan (DFL)
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HF250—Stanhil (IR)
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HF252—Bauerly (DFL)
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HF254—Rest (DFL)
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HF256—Trimble (DFL)
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HF257—Williams (DFL)
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HF258—Bauerly (DFL)
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HF259—Clark (DFL)
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HF260—Trimble (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
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HF261—Quinn (DFL)
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HF262—Segal (DFL)
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HF263—Welle (DFL)
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HF264—Olsen, S. (IR)
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HF265—Lasley (DFL)
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HF266—Long (DFL)
Taxes
Taxation; making technical corrections and clarifications and administrative changes to premium taxes, cigarette taxes, sales taxes, motor vehicle excise taxes, liquor taxes, marijuana and controlled substances taxes, lodging taxes, and the metropolitan solid waste landfill fee; providing for unmarked vehicles for use by the Department of Revenue; providing for use of radio equipment in the vehicles; providing for sales of unstamped tobacco products and liquor to Indian tribes; providing for cancellation of sales tax permits; exempting liquor used in law enforcement training; repealing obsolete or unnecessary terms or provisions; repealing express company, freight line company, and sleeping car company gross earnings taxes; repealing the Minnesota Unfair Cigarette Sales Act; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF267—Kostobryz (DFL)
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming
Military; reducing from two years to one year the number of years the adjutant general of the Minnesota National Guard is required to serve as a brigadier general before promotion to major general; amending statutes.

HF268—Segal (DFL)
Commerce
Commerce; regulating burglar alarm franchises; amending statutes.
Monday, Jan. 30

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS
Tour
Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson
Agenda: Tour of Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 1246 University Ave., St. Paul.

APPROPRIATIONS/Health & Human Services Division
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Overview of issues related to corrections and sentencing guidelines, by Orville Pung, commissioner of Corrections; and Deb Daily, Sentencing Guidelines Commission director.

EDUCATION
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: Instruction Restructuring proposal; Vocational Restructuring proposal.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel
Agenda: To be announced.

JOINT MEETING
HOUSE REGULATED INDUSTRIES/SENATE PUBLIC UTILITIES & ENERGY
Tour
Agenda: Tour of US West Communications facilities, Minneapolis.

JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly

Agenda: HF122 (Beard) Providing for an exception to certain activities prohibited on buses; HF29 (Rest) Relating to examiners of title (if passed out of subcommittee); HF13 (Kelly) Raising the jurisdictional limit on claims heard in conciliation court (if passed out of subcommittee).

12:30 p.m.

EDUCATION/Education Finance Division
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: Overview of Governor’s Education Finance budget.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING/Housing Division
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rich O’Connor
Agenda: Presentations by representatives of housing and redevelopment authorities.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joe Begich
Agenda: 1) Business and Labor groups: Willis Croonquist, United Transportation Union; David C. Patten, QRC, president of Minnesota Assn. of Rehabilitation Providers; David Swanke, Independent Business Assn. of Minnesota; Abe Rosenthal, Minnesota Transport Services Assn.; Rick Scott, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); Bernie Brommer, American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO); Toby Lapakko, director, Consumer Affairs, Minnesota AFL-CIO; and Francis Fitzgerald, president, Minnesota Retail Merchants Assn.; 2) Drug testing: Steve Liss, House Research (background and national activities); Dr. Robert Lindner, Minnesota Health Department (progress of D.I. implementation); Jack Mogelson, Teamsters Local 320/Teamsters DRIVE (statewide activities).

1:15 p.m.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION/Rules Subcommittee
400N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia
Agenda: Permanent rules of the House.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

4:00 p.m.

WAYS & MEANS
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Robert Vanasek
Agenda: Overview of Governor’s budget recommendations, Commissioner Tom Triplett, Department of Finance.

5:00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Dee Long
Agenda: 1989 amendments to the Waste Management Act; infectious waste legislation and other waste related bills.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Health & Human Services Division
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Overview of Governor’s budget recommendations for the Department of Health.

APPROPRIATIONS/Education Division
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Testimony from faculty groups.

APPROPRIATIONS/State Departments Division
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Department of Employee Relations: study on use of part-time employees in executive branch agencies.
and comparison of state and local managers' salaries. Department of Natural Resources: study on use of part-time employees.

TAXES/Tax Laws Subcommittee
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle
Agenda: HF214 (Welle) Individual Income Tax Department Technical Bill; Department of Revenue presentation.

8:30 a.m.
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: To be announced

10:00 a.m.
ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: Overview of Governor's Environment and Natural Resources budget.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: To be announced.

12:00 noon
LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
Tour/Metrodome
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: Metrodome tour/presentation, bus leaves front of State Office Building at 12:00 noon.

12:30 p.m.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/Community Stabilization & Development Division
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Karen Clark
Agenda: Division members will define guiding principles for the Division with the assistance of community resource people in the areas of community, economic development, environment, and crime. Communities will be defined by Harry Boyte.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/International Trade & Technology Division

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Overview of the Department of Administration's Information Policy Office and the proposed establishment of a high capacity telecommunications Statewide Backbone Network (STARS).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/Rural Resource Development Division
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: Marlene Solwald, Peat Assn.; Harry Fisher, Minnesota Forest Counties; and Carl Lundell, Minnesota Corn Processors, Marshall, Minnesota.

2:30 p.m.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/Enterprise Development Subcommittee
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Gene Pelowski
Agenda: Access to financial and technical assistance for small business.

4:00 p.m.
APPROPRIATIONS/Higher Education Division
123 State Capitol
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Continuation of Legislative Auditor's report on University of Minnesota Physical Plant operations.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION
400N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia
Agenda: Permanent rules of the House.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

8:00 a.m.
APPROPRIATIONS/Education Division
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Governor's budget recommendations for Post Secondary Education, by Department of Finance: overview of Average Cost Funding.

APPROPRIATIONS/Health & Human Services Division
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Overview of Governor's budget recommendations for Department of Health, continued.

APPROPRIATIONS/State Departments Division
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: Profiles of Educational Accountability; Planning, Evaluation and Reporting law; and report, State Curriculum Advisory Committee.

10:00 a.m.
EDUCATION/Higher Education Division
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros
Agenda: HF101 (A. Johnson) Requiring the student member of the board of regents to be a student at the time of election; HF86 (Jaros) Authorizing payments to members of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota; HF87 (Jaros) Requiring representation from each congressional district on the Regent Candidate Advisory Council.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: Hank Fischer, public affairs director, Twin City Federal Banking & Savings; and John Corbi, public affairs director, Savings League.

JUDICIARY/Criminal Justice Division
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: Continuation of discussion of budget: Commissioner Orville Pung. HF76 (Vellenga) Relating to juveniles; prohibiting the detention of juveniles in jails or lockups for longer than 24 hours.

12:30 p.m.
INSURANCE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: Overview of No Fault and other Property/Casualty Insurance coverages.

TRANSPORTATION
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: Overviews from transportation organizations: American Automobile
10:00 a.m.
COMMERCE
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: To be announced.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: To be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: To be announced.

12:15 p.m.
JOINT MEETING
HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING
5 State Office Building
Agenda: Greater Minnesota Corporation oversight. At 2:00 p.m. the House Economic Development Committee will meet in Room 5 State Office Building for HF65 (Otis) Authorizing local governments to participate in secondary markets.

12:30 p.m.
GENERAL LEGISLATION,
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING/
Elections Division
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid
Agenda: To be announced.

2:30 p.m.
The House will meet in session.

Friday, Feb. 3

9:00 a.m.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS/
Metropolitan Affairs Subcommittee
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers
Agenda: Regional Transit planning, future of the Regional Transit Board.

2:30 p.m.
JUDICIARY/Facilities Assessment Subcommittee
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein
Agenda: To be announced.

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