

Highlights

Budget deficiencies

Five state departments presented budget deficiency requests to the State Departments Division of Appropriations Feb. 15. Deficiency requests for all state departments amount to \$6.8 million, with all but \$600,000 coming from the general fund.

Department representatives say the deficiencies occur for a number of reasons. Some departments take on activities for which they do not budget; others have cost overruns and unanticipated maintenance costs.

For example, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks and Recreation Division says their deficiency comes from firefighting and relief programs associated with last summer's drought, and from increased attendance at state parks. The Legislature allocates division funds from a dedicated fund, while the fees generated from attendance go into the state general fund. The division wants the Legislature to use the extra fee money to clear its deficiency. Chair Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) says this type of deficiency is costeffective because it reallocates funds the activity creates.

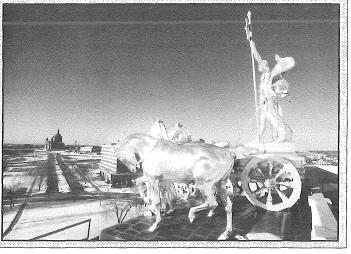
The Attorney General's Office says deficiencies in that office result from the state's involvement in major new litigation. His office sometimes contracts with local or specialty attorneys to provide the needed expertise for a case.

It's a fact!

If you asked children where they saw the most beautiful horses ever, they might tell you about the merry-go-round at the amusement park, or the horses on a farm they visited. But if they've been to the State Capitol, they are likely to say "the Golden Horses."

The Golden Horses are part of a sculpture above the main entrance to the Capitol. They symbolize the power of nature, and the two female

figures leading them symbolize civilization. The charioteer, holding a banner bearing Minnesota's name, represents prosperity. The sculpture group is the work of Daniel Chester French and Edward Potter.



Year of the City 💻

Testimony for the governor's Year of the City program attracted more than 200 people Feb. 14 to the Economic Development Committee's Community Stabilization and Development Division hearing room.

Fifteen witnesses from Twin Cities and Duluth neighborhoods talked about the conditions of inner city communities. They addressed issues from childhood health and education to crime and drugs.

Speakers described inner city neighborhoods as culturally and economically diverse. High rents cause many residents to move often. These issues affect urban communities' economic development.

Most witnesses say they're concerned about rehabilitating houses, urban economic development, and encouraging pride and ownership in communities. Many offer solutions for improving urban neighborhoods, focusing on community networks and communications.

The agenda for the Year of the City hearing included guided tours through St. Paul and Minneapolis neighborhoods for senators and representatives.

Editor's Note: The Minnesota House of Representatives Public Information Office hosted "Media Day on the Hill" on Feb. 16. For this reason, this issue of *Session Weekly* covers House activities through Wednesday, Feb. 15. *Session Weekly* will include the activities of Thursday, Feb. 16 in next week's issue.

Nothing herein is admissible as legal proof of legislative intent.

Wild animals

The wild and exotic animal bill went through a transformation Feb. 14 in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. The committee removed the bill's original language and amended in new language.

The bill's purpose remains to protect humans, animals, and the environment from harm or damages that wild or exotic animals may cause.

Opponents criticized the original bill as being too general because all exotic or wild animals would have fallen under its regulation requirements. Some opponents said many exotic and wild animals would never survive a Minnesota winter and would not be a threat to humans, animals, or the environment.

The amended bill would require owners of wild and exotic animals to report them to local authorities. It would exempt llama, American bison, and livestock.

The bill would require public meetings to determine the scope of problem wild animals, and which ones should be regulated. The list would tell local authorities where wild and exotic animals are, in the event of injuries or damages.

Owners who don't report their wild and exotic animals to authorities would be guilty of a petty misdemeanor under the amended bill.

Author Rep. Joe Quinn (DFL-Coon Rapids) says pet store owners and breeders probably wouldn't be regulated, since they would be regulated under game and fish laws.

Nurses Association

Can nurses provide the same services as primary care physicians? Recent studies say they can, according to Gretchen Musicant, a registered nurse. Nurses can perform 70 to 90 percent of the functions doctors perform, she says, and they're better able to give preventive care and communicate with patients.

Musicant spoke for the Minnesota Nursing Association (MNA), at a Health and Human Services Committee meeting Feb. 14. She told legislators that the MNA supports Healthspan, a bill that would provide affordable health care coverage for Minnesotans. They like the bill's emphasis on outpatient and preventive services. Musicant suggests limiting catastrophic costs and placing a priority on preventive and primary care, if legislators need to trim service package costs.

The MNA supports direct reimbursement to nurse practitioners, midwives, and registered nurse anesthetists for medically necessary services, such as prenatal and well-baby care, screenings, and yearly disease checkups. These nurses often charge less than physicians, says Musicant, and studies show that direct billing actually decreases the charges for nursing services.



Ellen Foley, sister of Mary Foley who was murdered in her employer's parking ramp last summer, testified at a meeting of the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division Feb. 15.

Sexual violence

Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III presented his final report on preventing sexual violence against women to legislators Feb. 15. The report is the work of a task force Humphrey created last year to study the problem.

Humphrey told members of the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division that sex offenders need longer sentences. "Let's put the rapist behind bars and keep him there. Longer and tougher sentences, particularly for those who are repeat and violent offenders and who do not seem amenable at all to any kind of treatment or rehabilitation," will better protect the public, according to Humphrey.

He says the state should offer a broader range of services to victims of sexual violence and set up educational programs that aim to prevent sexual violence in the first place.

HF315 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul) would put many of Humphrey's recommendations into law. Some lawmakers say the bill should also allow judges to sentence repeat violent offenders to life in prison without parole.

The division plans to give the bill a formal hearing Feb. 22.

Contractors =

A bill giving contractors easier access to public jobs gained support in the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee Feb. 14. Author Rep. Kathleen Blatz (IR-Bloomington) says HF279 would give contractors the opportunity to use irrevocable bank letters of credit instead of performance bonds when bidding for public work.

Blatz says letters of credit help small contractors, who can't afford bonds, to bid for jobs with their bank's support. The local unit of government is protected as well, because creditors have an easier time collecting on bank letters. Both letters of credit and performance bonds are subject to identical legal requirements.

The committee recommended the bill to pass.

Law enforcement

"Minnesota law enforcement education has a favorable national reputation," says William Carter, executive director of the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board (POST). Carter testified at the Appropriations Committee Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division hearing Feb. 14.

Carter says the POST Board has a strong commitment to recruiting women and minorities. Of the 7,000 peace officers in Minnesota, 5 percent are women, and 1 to 2 percent are people of color.

Competition among recruiters for women and minorities is tough, Carter

says. There are several theories about why it's difficult to recruit women and minorities into law enforcement careers. Two theories pertinent to Minnesota are that: 1) mentors are lacking in law enforcement for minorities, and 2) recruiters compete with corporations that cultivate minority interest. Corporations offer scholarships, grants, and internships that influence minority graduates to favor corporate rather than law enforcement careers.

Other factors include cultural differences, small population bases, lack of encouragement from career counselors, and the education differences between minorities and whites.

"Recent national research indicates that college is not a deterrent to the recruitment of minorities into law enforcement, and that minorities are better educated than their white counterparts when they are hired by law enforcement agencies," Carter says.

The POST Board is seeking additional appropriations for a staff position to recruit women and minorities into law enforcement.



Members of the Job Training and Retraining Subcommittee of the Economic Development Committee got a firsthand look at some lures that Tackle Systems, Inc. of Lake Park, Minnesota makes. On Feb. 15, owner Mike Niemann talked about how the Minnesota Employment and Economic Development (MEED) program helped his business.

Brain injuries

Minnesota can expect about 9,000 new cases of brain injured people each year, with over 900 requiring ongoing assistance, according to Eleanor Hands, executive director of the Minnesota Head Injury Association.

Hands told the Health and Human Services Division of Appropriations Feb. 13 that she believes the Legislature's recent failure to pass a mandatory motorcycle helmet law will increase the number of accidents resulting in brain injuries in Minnesota.

She says that nearly two million people in the United states have suffered traumatic brain injury; two-thirds of them are under age 30. Many of these people were articulate and independent before their accidents, and now need help to reach their maximum potential for independence. Independence, Hands says, means employment.

Brain injured people want to work, she says, and the Department of Jobs and Training (DJT) Division of Rehabilitation Services provides the basic service that puts them back to work.

The DJT wants \$7 million for the next biennium to expand basic vocational rehabilitation services and client services.

Workers' compensation

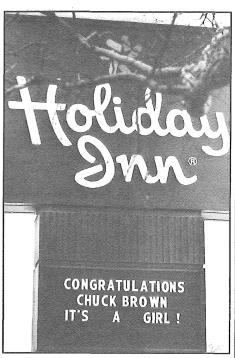
The Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals does the job for which it was created, says Peter Popovich, chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court.

"The things that it is attacked for are not based on real fact," Popovich told the Labor-Management Committee Feb. 13. He reported on the Supreme Court's role in workers' compensation disputes.

Changing membership could be a problem with the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, according to Popovich. "It is rare that judges get reappointed," he says, adding that judges' longevity could lend continuity to workers' compensation issues.

Popovich reports that the Supreme Court overturned only about 8 percent of the workers' comp appeals in 1988. Of the 850 appeals the Supreme Court considered, 170 were workers' compensation matters.

The state supreme court is a court of last resort for workers' compensation cases, he says. Administrative law judges hear disputes first; if appealed, the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals hears them. If a dispute isn't resolved there, the high court hears the case.



Upon returning to his session home away from home, Rep. Chuck Brown (DFL-Appleton) saw this greeting. Katie Colleen, the Browns' fourth daughter, was born Feb. 12 at 11:22 p.m. She weighs 7 lb., 3 oz.

Combined budgets

Legislators talked about combining the budgets for the governor and lieutenant governor at a Feb. 13 meeting of the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee.

Lynn Anderson, chief of staff, presented the governor's budget, saying the governor would have no problem if the Legislature combined the two budgets.

Division Chair Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) says the idea came up because the lieutenant governor's budget is the only constitutional office for which the governor requested an increase. The \$50,000 request would pay for children's initiatives which the lieutenant governor pursues at the governor's direction.

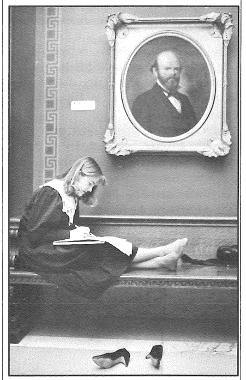
Legislators say a combined budget would help them track programs coming from the governor's office.

Living will

A bill that would allow medical professionals to recognize statements people make regarding medical care they want when and if they become unable to make such decisions gained ground in the Judiciary Committee Feb. 10. Members gave the "living will" measure preliminary approval on a vote of 16 to 9.

Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life (MCCL), a group that generally opposes living wills, backed an amendment that would have killed the bill, according to author Rep. David Bishop (IR-Rochester). He argued against the amendment, which the committee later defeated on a one vote margin.

Mary Senander, Human Life Alliance, told the committee that the alliance opposes the amendment, and that "all living wills are fundamentally flawed." However, several Minnesota physicians, medical ethicists, and seniors testified in favor of a living will saying people should have the right to decide what type of medical care they would receive if, for example, they became comatose.



Julie Prigge, a St. Olaf College sophomore, found a bench in the Capitol, kicked off her heels, and wrote a few notes about her visit with legislators. College students from around the state took part in the "Have a Heart for Minnesota's Future" rally Feb. 14. Students lobbied for continued funding of higher education programs.

Minnesota's homeless

Minnesota's homeless include veterans, high school graduates, union members, and adults who have lost their jobs because plants moved or jobs ended. Sue Watlov-Philips, chair of the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, presented issues on Minnesota's homeless population to the Housing Division of the Financial Institutions & Housing Committee Feb. 13.

High housing costs and low incomes mean that people must leave their homes and live in cars, emergency shelters, and transitional facilities, says Watlov-Philips. Contrary to popular belief, she says most homeless people are state residents, not transients, and they hold jobs. Watlov-Philips calls the Minnesota homeless problem a "homegrown issue" and asks legislators to give it immediate attention. The number of individuals using shelters, she says, has more than doubled since 1985, and the number of children has tripled—more than 3,000 people per night use shelters.

Watlov-Philips says "...on any given night, between 31 percent and 38 percent of the sheltered population in the state of Minnesota are children, under the age of 18, typically with their parents."

Watlov-Philips started Minnesota's first transitional housing program —a resource program focusing on rebuilding people's lives rather than giving them short-term overnight shelter. She asked legislators to continue strengthening the program.

Regent nominees

The panel that selected nominees to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents considered the entire board, not just individual regents, legislators learned Feb. 13.

During a joint meeting of House and Senate committees on education and education finance, Mel George, Regent Candidate Advisory Council chair, listed candidates for the board openings. He explained the reasoning behind the advisory council's selection process. George also outlined responsibilities for the board of regents as a whole and for individual members. Legislators expressed concern about several areas of the selection process, including questions about affirmative action, political activity, and loyalty to the university. And they were concerned about reports of possible age discrimination regarding the student regent position.

While they would use the list of nominees as a guide, lawmakers said they may consider candidates not included in the advisory council's report. "We will have an open [selection] process in the House," says Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake), Education Committee chair.

Lawmakers will consider nominations for the student regent, the Fifth District regent, and two at-large regents.

Electric company 📟

A bill that could set a precedent for the state got a hearing in to the Regulated Industries Committee Feb. 13. Rep. Bob Haukoos (IR-Albert Lea), author of HF374, presented a bill that would establish circumstances under which certain utility customers could be considered located outside muncipalities.

In other words, a customer whose property stretches over two power districts may petition for power in one area and then use it anywhere on the property. Such a law would allow Farmstead Foods of Albert Lea to drop its current supplier, Interstate Power Company, and use Freeborn Mower Cooperative, an electric company that offers lower electric rates. Farmstead Foods could cut electric costs and keep the company profitable and competitive in the meat-packing industry, according to Henry Savelkoul, attorney for Farmstead Foods and proponent of Haukoos' bill.

Opponents of the bill say that if Interstate Power loses Farmstead's business, it could raise electric rates for consumers. Interstate Power Company, the bill's major opponent, supports the public policy the Legislature set in 1974 creating service territories to prevent duplication of utility services.

Open enrollment 📟

Open enrollment may be part of the answer to a school district's ills, but school officials say it's not the entire solution. Educators told the Education Committee Feb. 10 that they have problems with the open enrollment law. Open enrollment allows students from one district to enroll in a school in another district.

Open enrollment can spur improved academic programs and facilities, educators say. The law also gives students and parents a choice about education.

Schools now may participate voluntarily in open enrollment, although the law becomes mandatory for the 1990-91 school year.

The law isn't without flaws, school officials say. Students don't have to commit to attending another school under open enrollment, and that creates staffing and funding problems. Also, students enroll elsewhere because of athletics or other extracurricular activities, not for academic programs as the law intended.

Witnesses told legislators the law is good, but could be tightened. They suggested requiring students to tell why they want to enroll elsewhere and forcing them to commit to their preferred school. Educators also suggested athletics restrictions such as "red shirting," or sitting out for a specified time.

"Open enrollment may not solve all the problems facing all the Minnesota schools," says Superintendent Dave Metzen, South St. Paul schools, "but it may be part of the puzzle."



Moving more people for less money is the thrust of a resolution on a traffic management demonstration project on the Interstate 35W corridor between Minneapolis, Richfield, Bloomington, and Burnsville. The resolution, authored by Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls), asks the federal government to authorize and fund a project that would examine alternatives to traditional highway construction projects, such as lane expansion. The corridor has major construction scheduled to begin in the mid-1990s. The resolution is in the Transportation Subcommittee on Surface Transportation.

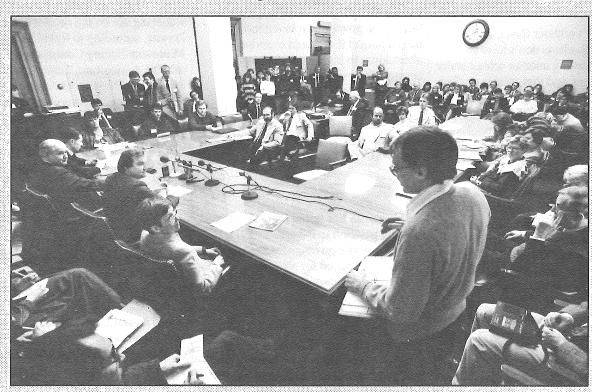
Minnesota has fallen from a national leading position in the arts. In 1973, Minnesota state government ranked fourth in the nation for supporting the arts. Today, Minnesota ranks 28th. However, the quality of the arts and the arts industry continues to grow in Minnesota in spite of fewer state appropriations. Officials of the Arts Board testified at the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division of Appropriations Feb. 15, about the need for more state support to expand and foster artistic development in Minnesota. Does the Department of Finance need an internal auditor? Nellie Johnson, deputy commissioner of finance, answered that question for legislators at a meeting of the Appropriations Committee's State Departments Division Feb. 14, and explained funding increases the department is seeking for the new biennium. An internal auditor wouldn't duplicate the functions of the state auditor or the legislative auditor, she says. And an internal auditor would be able to give department managers early warning of any problems and provide better service from the department.

Appreciation, attendance, and wagering are on the rise for Canterbury Downs, according to Ralph Strangis, Minnesota Racing Commission chair. He told the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division of Appropriations Feb. 14, that Canterbury Downs generates jobs and economic development in Minnesota. "My goal is to do everything we can to help Canterbury Downs be successful," Strangis says.

Rising medical malpractice insurance premiums caught the attention of the Insurance Committee Feb. 15. Commerce Commissioner Michael Hatch issued a detailed report showing that the frequency and severity of malpractice claims have remained about the same over the past six years. Hatch says huge increases in doctors' insurance premiums seem unjustified. Officials from The St. Paul Companies, the largest carrier of malpractice insurance in the country, dispute the report's findings, saying the methodology used in the study is flawed. However, Hatch points out that only one of several actuaries who analyzed the report disagrees with the findings.

The judicial branch presented its budget requests for the Minnesota Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and trial courts to the State Departments Division of Appropriations Feb 10. Sue Dosal, Supreme Court administrator, says the judiciary wants five new staff people and more money when it moves to the new judicial building. They're also asking for additional funding for two new legal staff positions and for changes in the Trial Court Information System (TCIS). Students and faculty at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul watched Minnesota lawmakers in action Feb. 13. The future lawyers heard the Judiciary Committee discuss crime issues at a special meeting, where students could get a first-hand look at how the laws they study are made, according to committee chair Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul).

Media Day on the Hill



Professional and student communicators from all over the state came to the Capitol Feb. 16 for "Media Day on the Hill." The program, which the Minnesota House of Representatives Public Information Office sponsored, gave participants an inside look at how a bill becomes a law in Minnesota.

Here, participants questioned House leaders about priorities for this year's session. The panel, seated at the microphones, included, *from the top*, Assistant Minority Leader Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon); Assistant Minority Leader Rep. Terry Dempsey (IR-New Ulm); Speaker of the House Rep. Bob Vanasek (DFL-New Prague); and Majority Leader Rep. Ann Wynia (DFL-St. Paul).

In a mock committee hearing held in the morning, some newspeople became "legislators," "lobbyists," and "citizens" testifying for and against a bill that would establish a lottery. (The bill lost on a 13-13 vote.)

After mingling with House members at lunch, participants went on a Historical Society tour of the Capitol, and then watched legislators debate the "living will" bill on the House floor.

Later, they attended a press conference in the governor's reception room with Lt. Gov. Marlene Johnson.

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For youngsters, the House Public Information Office provides "The Road to Minnesota Laws," a cartoon version of how a bill becomes a law; and "Your House on the Hill," a coloring book.

Proceedings in the House

The Chief Clerk's Office can answer your questions. The office publishes the *Journal of the House*, the official daily record of legislative action.

House Agendas

The Chief Clerk's Office has copies of the schedules of House floor action (e.g. Calendar, General Orders).

Structure of Government

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As It Happens...

February 9 -16, 1989

Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education Division/ EDUCATION

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Student volunteers—coordinator positions HF411/SF517 (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tuesday, Feb. 14 🚥

Wild animals—possession regulation HF175 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids) recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Pollution Control Agency training program HF344/SF270 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Notaries public—reappointment HF264/SF215 (S. Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Land surveys—preservation HF372/SF532 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey) recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, Feb. 14 📖

Healthspan—health care access program HF150/SF491 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin) heard. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

INSURANCE

Wednesday, Feb. 15 🚥

Medicare supplement—regulation HF611 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls) amended; laid over until Feb. 22.

JUDICIARY

Friday, Feb. 10 📟

Living will—adult health care HF28/SF28* (Bishop, IR-Rochester) recommended to pass as amended.

Monday, Feb. 13

Law libraries—annual fees HF370/SF171 (Swenson, IR-Forest Lake)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF on Senate Floor)

Criminal Justice Division/ JUDICIARY

Tuesday, Feb. 14 💻

Cocaine babies—physical abuse HF116/SF18 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington) heard. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Cocaine babies—mandatory reporting HF542/SF316 (Rest, DFL-New Hope) heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, Feb. 14 📟

County-owned residences—rental HF210/SF229 (Price, DFL-Woodbury) recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Local government—bank letter of credit HF279/SF301 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, Feb. 13

Freeborn County—electric services HF374/SF322 (Haukoos, IR-Albert Lea)—heard. (SF in Senate Public Utilities & Energy Committee)

TAXES

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Dept. of Revenue—tax disclosure requirements HF243/SF122 (Rest, DFL-New Hope) recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, Feb. 15 🚥

Motor carriers—omnibus bill HF166 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge) recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Judiciary Committee. Interstate 35W demonstration project—resolution HF350/SF388 (Clark, DFL-Mpls) referred to subcommittee. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

FLOOR ACTION

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, Feb. 9

Corporate taxes—technical corrections HF68/SF61 (Welle, DFL-Willmar) recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Monday, Feb. 13

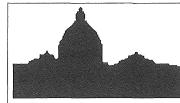
Education funding formulas technical changes HF141/SF216 (K. Nelson, DFL— Mpls)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

KEY

HF--House File SF--Senate File HF#/SF#--companion bills *--version of the bill under consideration **Explanations are from the Chief Clerk's Office

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The statue of the "Golden Horses" over the main entrance helps to make Minnesota's State Capitol one of the most beautiful in the world. But to the folks in the town of Kenyon, the stately Arabians, Persians, and Belgian draft horses which adorn the streets during Kenyon's Horse and Cutter Day Parade rank as the most beautiful horses anywhere. Kenyon, a town of 1,500, except in February when the population triples because of the parade, has held the Horse and Cutter Day event every February since 1979. It's one of Minnesota's largest parades of sleighs and cutters-a small, single horse-drawn sleigh. Other communities that have scheduled sleigh and cutter parades are Duluth, Elysian, St. Cloud, St. Paul, and Waseca.



In the Hopper...

Bill Introductions

HF544-HF697

Monday, Feb. 13

HF544—Munger (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources Solid waste; establishing plans and programs to reduce waste generated, recycle waste, develop markets for recyclables, address materials that cause special problems in the waste stream, prevent, control, and abate litter, inform and educate the public on proper waste management; appropriating money.

HF545—Begich (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources Natural resources; providing for the disposal of certain low-grade state-owned iron-bearing materials for construction or maintenance purposes.

HF546-Munger (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources Solid waste; establishing plans and programs to reduce waste generated, recycle waste, develop markets for recyclables, address materials that cause special problems in the waste stream, prevent, control, and abate litter, inform and educate the public on proper waste management; appropriating money.

HF547—Stanius (IR)

Governmental Operations

Retirement; authorizing certain purchases of prior service credit.

HF548-Stanius (IR)

Education

Education; altering the responsibility for textbook and material costs under the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act.

HF549—Sarna (DFL) Governmental Operations

Retirement; certain local relief associations in certain cities of the first class; authorizing annual postretirement payments based on investment performance; adjusting certain requirements governing the preparation of actuarial valuations and the calculation of municipal funding requirements.

HF550—Stanius (IR)

Taxes

Local government; restating that certain reserve fund levies are special levies.

HF551-Stanius (IR)

Education

Education; restoring fund balance reductions to eligible school districts; authorizing a special levy; appropriating money.

HF552—Bertram (DFL)

Governmental Operations Peace officers; providing that certain first responders are peace officers for purposes of benefits if killed in the line of duty.

HF553—Gutknecht (IR)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Olmsted County; exempting the county from operation of a public morgue.

HF554—Schreiber (IR)

Governmental Operations

Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Sections 2, 3, 4; providing for a legislature with a total of 120 to 168 members with senators elected for six-year staggered terms and representatives elected for four-year staggered terms.

HF555—Kinkel (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Charitable gambling; including within the definition of "lawful purpose" certain expenditures for the erection, acquisition, maintenance and repair of real property.

HF556—Osthoff (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.

HF557—Reding (DFL) Governmental Operations

Retirement; police state aid; allowing counties and municipalities to sue excess police state aid amounts for employee and retiree health insurance purposes.

HF558—Reding (DFL) Education

Education; appropriating money for a pilot project for science and mathematics teachers at Mankato State University.

HF559—Dempsey (IR)

Judiciary

Marriage dissolution; eliminating a requirement to file a verified statement of assets.

HF560-Uphus (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources Solid waste disposal; authorizing disposal of certain categories of solid waste from a single family or household; permitting outdoor burning of certain materials; requiring the Pollution Control Agency to conduct a survey on groundwater.

HF561—Valento (IR)

Taxes

Individual income taxation; modifying computation of the dependent care credit; indexing the offset for inflation.

HF562-Bertram (DFL)

Governmental Operations Retirement; granting military service credit to certain state employees.

HF563—Bertram (DFL)

Taxes Income taxation; providing an exclusion for certain military pay.

HF564—Lasley (DFL)

Governmental Operations Volunteers; providing benefits to certain volunteers injured or killed while performing public service.

HF565—Omann (IR)

Governmental Operations Retirement; adopting a Rule of 90 for members of the Teachers Retirement Association.

HF566—Pappas (DFL)

Judiciary

Crimes; prohibiting the ownership, possession, or operation of semi-automatic assault rifles except under certain circumstances.

HF567—Olsen, S. (IR)

Education

Education; establishing a basic revenue formula allowance for fiscal years 1990 and 1991; revising the training and experience revenue formula.

HF568—Henry (IR)

Governmental Operations Retirement; Bloomington Firefighters Relief Association; providing for duty related disability and death benefits.

HF569-McPherson (IR)

Taxes

Property taxation; extending the homestead and agricultural credit to taxes payable after 1989; abolishing transition aid; repealing increases in income maintenance payments.

HF570-Olsen, S. (IR)

Education Education; establishing a categorical program for the gifted and talented.

HF571-Olsen, S. (IR)

Taxes

Individual income taxation; modifying computation of the dependent care credit; indexing the offset for inflation.

HF572—Bauerly (DFL)

Education

Education; providing for an interagency task force; creating a competitive grant process for literacy programs; increasing the adult basic and continuing education tax capacity; appropriating money.

HF573—Neuenschwander (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources Natural resources; designating the white-tailed deer as the official state mammal.

HF574—Pappas (DFL)

Governmental Operations Public administration; requiring minority and female skilled craftspeople to be employed on certain public projects; providing that deception in

businesses is a crime; providing a penalty.

certain statements regarding minority and female

HF575—Kalis (DFL)

Education

Education; appropriating money for a communication link between Blue Earth and Mankato.

HF576—Long (DFL)

Taxes

Financing of government in this state; changing the rate and computation of charitable gambling taxes; changing the allocation of money to the budget and cash flow reserve account.

HF577—Osthoff (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs &

Gaming

Gambling; requiring the commissioner of Human Services to establish a program for compulsive gambling; appropriating money.

HF578—Lieder (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Transportation; granting power to road authorities to mow or till rights-of-way of certain highways.

HF579-Scheid (DFL)

Commerce

Commercial transactions; adopting an article of the Uniform Commercial Code that governs leases.

HF580—Winter (DFL)

Agriculture

Agriculture; authorizing grazing or haying of certain land under conservation easements with the approval of the governor.

HF581—Winter (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources Game and fish; providing an experimental open season for angling two weeks earlier in certain areas south of U.S. Highway marked No. 12 and in Hennepin, Anoka, Ramsey, and Washington counties.

HF582—Winter (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Veterans; providing for establishment of a veterans home in Worthington.

HF583—Winter (DFL)

Agriculture Agriculture; making changes in the Rural Finance Authority Loan Program.

HF584—Winter (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources Environment; regulating municipal wastewater treatment funding.

HF585—McLaughlin (DFL) Economic Development

Employment; requiring a semiannual survey to measure underemployment of Minnesota workers.

HF586—Bennett (IR) Judiciary

Crimes; requiring the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to develop uniform procedures for the collection and preservation of DNA identification evidence; providing for the admissibility of such evidence; appropriating money for the development of a DNA fingerprinting laboratory.

HF587—Lynch (IR)

Governmental Operations Retirement; excluding members of the Andover Volunteer Department from membership in the Public Employees Retirement Association.

HF588—Cooper (DFL) Commerce

Public improvements; providing that work done on certain public works or improvements is not subject to certain licensing requirements.

HF589-Nelson, K. (DFL)

Education

Education; proposing Department of Education initiatives; making technical corrections and clarifications; appropriating money.

HF590—Cooper (DFL) Agriculture

Agriculture; requiring certain disposable waste containers to be degradable; requiring a minimum content of corn starch in certain disposable waste containers.

HF591—Cooper (DFL) Agriculture Agriculture; appropriating money for promoting

the use of ethanol.

HF592—McGuire (DFL) Health & Human Services Health; prohibiting billboard advertising of tobacco products.

HF593—Kinkel (DFL) Commerce Occupations and professions; providing for a uniform electrical violation ticket.

HF594—Kinkel (DFL) Education

Education; expanding the list of those whose home may be considered the residence of a pupil for transportation aid.

HF595—O'Connor (DFL) Financial Institutions & Housing Housing; exempting relocated residential buildings from certain provisions of the state building code.

HF596—Rest (DFL)

Judiciary Trusts; permitting the creation of custodial trusts; adopting the Uniform Custodial Trust Act.

HF597—Stanius (IR)

Education Education; authorizing a levy for teacher retirement costs of intermediate school districts.

HF598—Stanius (IR) Health & Human Services Juveniles; authorizing county welfare boards to collect fees for court-ordered treatment.

HF599—Stanius (IR)

Education

Education; increasing the general education formula allowance; increasing the special education reimbursement; authorizing a levy for teacher costs; appropriating money.

HF600—Stanius (IR) Health & Human Services Health; requiring health clubs to have staff trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

HF601—Long (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources 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 fo hazardous materials; making claims for injuries due to petroleum contamination eligible for compensation by the Harmful Substances 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 metal finishers are not liable for payment of hazardous waste generator fees; requiring a study of solid waste management district legislation.

HF602—Rest (DFL)

Taxes

Taxation; imposing tax on the unrelated business income of exempt organizations.

HF603—Sparby (DFL)

Agriculture Agriculture; extending the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act; extending mortgage foreclosure relief provisions; amending provisions relating to the time period under which there is a rebuttable presumption that a sale is a violation of the right to receive an offer to buy agricultural land.

HF604—Stanius (IR)

Health & Human Services Juveniles; including emotionally abused children among children in need of protection or services.

HF605—Stanius (IR) Health & Human Services Human services; regulating the siting of group homes.

HF606—Stanius (IR) Health & Human Services Human services; providing for direct payment of per diems to battered women's shelters.

HF607—Pelowski (DFL) Economic Development Economic development; establishing a toll free provider referral system for small businesses.

HF608—Rukavina (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations Occupational safety and health; proposing the "Safety Right-to-Know Act of 1989"; requiring employers to survey their worksite, conduct job safety analyses, establish safety committees, prepare information describing how to work safely, and provide training to employees; appropriating money.

HF609—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services Human services; establishing a capital replacement fund for nursing homes; authorizing certain changes in the property costs for nursing homes.

HF610—Sparby (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources Environment; authorizing the Pollution Control Agency to assist persons in reviewing real property for petroleum tank releases and to be paid for such assistance; authorizing expenditures from the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund; changing the terms for reimbursement of petroleum tank release costs by the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board; requiring notification by owners of aboveground tanks.

HF611—Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance

Insurance; regulating agent licensing; regulating Medicare supplement plans; modifying required levels of coverages.

HF612-McLaughlin (DFL)

Transportation

Highways; limiting construction on and acquisition of rights-of-way on interstate highways in metropolitan area.

HF613—McGuire (DFL) Education Education; supporting the revision of teacher education curricula; appropriating money.

HF614—McGuire (DFL) Education Education; appropriating money to the Board of Teaching to evaluate teacher internship sites.

HF615—Vellenga (DFL) Health & Human Services

Child maltreatment; authorizing the commissioner of Human Services to provide for the establishment of a statewide 24-hour toll-free telephone helpline; appropriating money.

HF616—Bauerly (DFL) Education

Education; proposing Department of Education children's initiatives; appropriating money.

HF617—Wynia (DFL) Governmental Operations Retirement; St. Paul Police survivor benefits.

HF618—Bauerly (DFL) Education

Corrections; requiring the commissioner of Corrections to make high school diploma equivalency programs available to inmates; denying "good time" sentence reductions to inmates who do not have a high school diploma and who fail to participate in these educational programs.

Thursday, Feb. 16

HF619—Quinn (DFL) Regulated Industries

Electric utilities; clarifying authority of Pubic Utilities Commission to change boundaries of electric utility service areas.

HF620—Kostohryz (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Crimes; repealing law regulating dance halls.

HF621—Kelly (DFL)

Governmental Operations Government operations; creating a drug abuse prevention resource council; providing for its membership, powers, and duties; appropriating money.

HF622—Milbert (DFL)

Commerce

Consumer protection; providing for enhanced civil penalties for deceptive acts targeted at senior citizens or vulnerable adults; 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.

HF623—Olson, E. (DFL)

Agriculture

Agriculture; appropriating money for farm and small business management programs at technical institutes.

HF624—Morrison (IR)

Commerce

Commerce; regulating real estate appraisers; creating the real estate appraiser advisory board; providing for membership, compensation, powers, and duties; providing licensing and education requirements; regulating the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of licenses; providing fees; prescribing penalties; appropriating money.

HF625—Krueger (DFL)

Agriculture

Education; expanding the milk in the schools program; appropriating money.

HF626—Krueger (DFL)

Education

Education; providing for annual appropriations of certain capital expenditure aids; making deficiency appropriations.

HF627—Tunheim (DFL)

Transportation

Motor carriers; exempting rear-end dump trucks operated by private agricultural carriers between point of production and point of processing from requirements for rear-end protection.

HF628—Scheid (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Elections; authorizing the distribution of campaign material under certain conditions.

HF629—Scheid (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Elections; providing a public subsidy for legislative candidates in special elections.

HF630—Osthoff (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Elections; changing or clarifying provisions governing absentee voting, mail elections, election day activities, ballots, canvassing, municipal elections, school district elections, voting systems, election contests, and financial reporting.

HF631—Clark (DFL)

Economic Development

Economic development; requiring a job impact statement of certain government units; providing prefeasibility study grants; requiring the legislative auditor to study economic development and training programs; appropriating money.

HF632—Nelson, K. (DFL)

Education

Education; proposing Department of Education initiatives in dropouts and youth community service; appropriating money.

HF633—Lasley (DFL)

Transportation Motor vehicles; increasing and allocating fees and motor vehicles excise tax for dealer plates; restricting use of dealer plates.

HF634—Kelso (DFL) Insurance Health: health maintenance orga

Health; health maintenance organizations; providing coverage for chiropractic care.

HF635—Simoneau (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing Credit unions; clarifying requirements for credit unions to maintain reserve funds; allowing private insurance of member share and deposit accounts.

HF636—Begich (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources Wild animals; use of dogs in taking bear.

HF637—Krueger (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Military; enacting financial incentives for members of the National Guard; creating cash bonus and tuition reimbursement programs; appropriating money; providing that the appropriations for the National Guard Cash Bonus Land Tuition Assistance Programs are available until expended and that the appropriation for one program may be used for the other.

HF638—Brown (DFL) Judiciary

Traffic regulations; requiring a urine or blood test to be administered even after a breath test has been administered to drivers involved in severe motor vehicle accidents while under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol.

HF639—Bauerly (DFL)

Agriculture Agriculture; providing grants to pay a portion of

the cost of federal crop insurance; appropriating money.

HF640—Milbert (DFL)

Taxes

Taxation; providing a property tax refund if property taxes increase over ten percent from the previous year.

HF641—Kelly (DFL)

Judiciary

Crimes; controlled substances; imposing a mandatory minimum sentence for certain felonies committed with an illegal weapon or a semiautomatic assault rifle; increasing the penalties for selling controlled substances to children and for selling or possessing controlled substances in a drug-free school zone; expanding the drug-free school zone to the area within 1,000 feet of a school; providing that public safety be considered by the Sentencing Guidelines; lowering the threshold amounts of controlled substances required for forfeiture of vehicles and real property; requiring courts to order the forfeiture of property used in controlled substance offenses.

HF642—Milbert (DFL)

Taxes

Sales and use taxes; exempting materials used and consumed in the production of certain taxable services.

HF643—McEachern (DFL) Education

Education; requiring school boards to report certain teacher discharges and resignations to the Board of Teaching; providing for immunity from liability.



Coming Up Next Week...

Committee Schedule

This schedule is subject to change. For information updates, call House Calls at (612) 296-9283. All meetings are open to the public.

Monday, Feb. 20 🚥

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. James Rice Agenda: Budget hearings: Public Utilities Commission; Public Service Department; and TACIP (Telecommunications Access for Communicatively Impaired Persons) Board.

APPROPRIATIONS/ Education Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson Agenda: Continuation of University of Minnesota Financial Management and Reserves.

APPROPRIATIONS/ State Departments Division

300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn Agenda: Department of Revenue budget overview (continuation if necessary).

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern Agenda: Report - Legislative Commission on Public Education; and Education Organization Task Force.

8:30 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/

Health & Human Services Division 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield Agenda: Continuation of public testimony on administration, legal and intergovernmental and mental health requests with the Department of Human Services (if necessary). Begin the overview of the Regional Treatment Centers (RTC) and State Nursing Homes (SNH) with the Department of Human Services.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE

Tour, Northfield, MN Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel Agenda: Tour of elevator, grain, feed, fertilizer and petroleum cooperative in Northfield, Minnesota. Bus will be in front of the State Office Building at 10:00 a.m.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly Agenda: HF201 (A. Johnson) Relating to liquor; increasing age for provisional driver's license; providing penalty for misuse. HF531 (Pugh) Relating to traffic regulations. HF204 (Frederick) Relating to unclaimed property. HF58 (Forsythe) Permitting child support obligors to withdraw from automatic withholding program. HF441 (S. Olsen) Permitting obligors to withdraw from automatic withholding program. SF32/HF482 (Spear/Wagenius) Relating to trespass.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs Agenda: HF619 (Quinn) Clarifying authority of Public Utilities Commission to change boundaries of electric utility service areas.

12:30 p.m.

EDUCATION/

Education Finance Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson Agenda: HF613 (McGuire) Teacher issues. HF614 (McGuire) Teacher education curricula. Evaluation of teacher internship sites; administrators' academy; and personnel licensing and management.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

& HOUSING/Housing Division 500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor Agenda: Overview: representatives of Rural Minnesota Housing and Redevelopment Authorities.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joe Begich Agenda: HF85 (Murphy) Regulating boiler operation and inspections. HF376 (Quinn) Regulating operation and operators of elevators. HF410 (Trimble) Relating to public safety, defining high pressure piping; regulating practice of pipefitting.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 🚥

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. James Rice Agenda: Budget hearings for: Minnesota/International Center and Board of Abstractors.

APPROPRIATIONS/

Education Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson Agenda: Conclude governor's budget recommendations by Department of Finance. Community college budget overview.

APPROPRIATIONS/ Health & Human Services Division 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield Agenda: Deficiency Bill, regional treatments centers and state nursing homes continued - Department of Human Services

APPROPRIATIONS/

State Departments Division 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn Agenda: Budget overview: Pollution Control Agency.

TAXES

5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Dee Long Agenda: HF266 (Long) Sales and Special Taxes Technical Bill. Department of Revenue presentation.

8:30 a.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau Agenda: HF43 (Janezich) Relating to tax-forfeited lands; St. Louis County. HF100 (A. Johnson) Relating to state government; regulating part-time employees and employment policies.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: HF321 (Begich) Relating to consumer protection; regulating new motor vehicle sales; limiting a dealer's liability due to the manufacturer's failure to repair, refund, or replace nonconforming vehicles. HF322 (Begich) Relating to consumer protection; regulating the sale of used motor vehicles. HF223 (Skoglund) Relating to consumer protection; prohibiting the sale of tobacco from multiproduct vending machines; prescribing a penalty. HF323 (Scheid) Relating to commerce; regulating motor vehicle sales and distribution; determining reasonable compensation for warranty services performed by dealers.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Willard Munger Agenda: HF106 (V. Johnson) Selection process for wild turkey license holders. HF527 (Skoglund) Requiring collection facilities for recycling containers in state parks.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren Agenda: HF150 (Ogren) Healthspan - Guaranteed health insurance.

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ Community Stabilization & Development Division 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Karen Clark Agenda: Review and adoption of guiding principles. HF631 (Clark) Jobs impact statement of certain government units.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ International Trade & Technology Division 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Leo Reding Agenda: Minnesota Project Innovation, Inc.; overview of accomplishments of M.P.I. and study of a proposed statefunded Gap Grants Program.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/Rural Resource Development Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy Agenda: HF485 (Murphy) Establishing a legislative minerals commission.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz Agenda: HF72 (Tunheim) Providing for the removal of certain voter registration cards. HF426 (Dorn) Authorizing location of certain polling places more than 3,000 feet outside precinct boundaries. HF32 (Pelowski) Exempting purchase or use of motor vehicle by a political subdivision or a veteran's organization for certain purposes. HF267 (Kostohryz) 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. HF79 (Kostohryz) Authorizing governor, attorney general, speaker of the House and majority leader of the senate to negotiate a tribal state compact pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

JUDICIARY/

Facilities Assessment Subcommittee 500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Sandy Pappas Agenda: Pre-trial delay/impacts on jail crowding. Peter Lindberg, Hennepin County judge; Jack Provo, Hennepin County court administrator; Dave Prachar, St. Louis County jail administrator; Susan Haigh, Ramsey County 1st assistant county attorney; and Jon Erickson, Anoka County 10th district public defender.

2:00 p.m.

COMPENSATION COUNCIL 400N State Office Building Chr. Clarence Harris **Agenda:** To be announced.

JOINT EDUCATION/ Library Subcommittee 10 State Office Building Chrs. Rep. Gene Pelowski and Sen. Donna Peterson Agenda: Report on the Minnesota Public Library System; governor's proposed budget.

2:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ Enterprise Development Subcommittee 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Gene Pelowski Agenda: HF71 (K. Olson) Giving counties economic development authority.

JUDICIARY/Criminal Justice Division 500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga Agenda: HF207 (Quinn) Relating to public safety; establishing the board of jail employee training and standards; regulating jail employees. HF135 (Pappas) Relating to juvenile court; clarifying the grounds for terminating parental rights to a child; CHIPS.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY DELEGATION 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy **Agenda:** Election of chair; Liz Prebich, St. Louis County Commissioner; and John Ongaro, lobbyist.

7:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Todd Otis Agenda: Continued GMC oversight. Wednesday, Feb. 22

7:30 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division Whitney Hotel, Minneapolis Chr. Rep. James Rice Agenda: Budget hearings for: Historical Society; Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Minnesota; and Minneapolis Park Board.

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/ Education Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson Agenda: Community college budget overview.

APPROPRIATIONS/ Health & Human Services Division 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield Agenda: Department of Human Services - regional treatment centers and state nursing homes.

APPROPRIATIONS/ State Departments Division 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn Agenda: Budget overview: Pollution Control Agency.

EDUCATION 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern Agenda: To be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau Agenda: HF520 (Simoneau) Relating to state government; restricting additional types of payroll deductions for state employees. Presentation - Department of Administration - lease/purchase of state buildings.

10:00 a.m.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff Agenda: Mortgage Banking: Mike George; Dale Stroebe, vice president, United Mortgage Corporation; and Citcorp representative.

JUDICIARY/Criminal Justice Division 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga Agenda: HF76 (Vellenga) Relating to juveniles; prohibiting the detention of juveniles in jails or lockups for longer that 24 hours. HF315 (Vellenga) Relating to crimes; criminal sexual conduct; providing intensive sex offender treatment programs within the correctional system.

12:30 p.m.

INSURANCE 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund Agenda: Medical malpractice claim study. HF611 (Skoglund) Medicare supplement insurance.

TRANSPORTATION 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis Agenda: HF242 (Dauner) Toll bridge design standards. HF387 (Sarna) State patrol car security barriers. HF408 (Wagenius) Minnesota Department of Transportation airport fund housekeeping.

2:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ Job Training and Retraining Subcommittee 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin Agenda: HF585 (McLaughlin) Relating to employment. Amendments relating to dislocated workers.

EDUCATION/ Education Finance Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson Agenda: Secondary vocational; technology and computers; meritorious schools; Japanese Language Village; and international education.

JUDICIARY/Privacy Subcommittee 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh Agenda: HF243 (Rest) Relating to the Department of Revenue; recodifying information and disclosure provisions to increase uniformity of treatment and comply with the Data Privacy Act. Testifying on HF243: Revenue department officials.

7:00 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren Agenda: HF150 (Ogren) Healthspan -Guaranteed health insurance.

Thursday, Feb. 23 🔳

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. James Rice Agenda: Budget hearings for: Science Museum of Minnesota; Board of Soil and Water Resources; and Minnesota/ Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS/ Education Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson Agenda: Technical institutes budget overview.

APPROPRIATIONS/ Health & Human Services Division 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield Agenda: Department of Human Services Social Services program requests and review bonding bill issues.

APPROPRIATIONS/ State Departments Division 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn Agenda: Budget overview: Pollution Control Agency.

TAXES/Property Tax Subcommittee 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ann Rest Agenda: Public testimony on rental property taxes.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE/Tourism Subcommittee Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. Tony Kinkel Agenda: HF491 (Solberg) Relating to tourism; creating a department of tourism; transferring duties and powers from the Department of Trade and Economic Development to the department of tourism; appropriating money.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Willard Munger Agenda: HF341 (Trimble) Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren Agenda: HF150 (Ogren) Healthspan -Guaranteed health insurance.

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ Community Stabilization & Development Division 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Karen Clark Agenda: Continuation of HF631 (Clark) Jobs impact statement.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ International Trade & Technology Division 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lco Reding Agenda: Presentation by the Minnesota Medical Alley Association.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ Rural Resource Development Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy Agenda: To be announced.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING/ Elections Division 500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid Agenda: HFXXX (Osthoff) Secretary of State's "Housekeeping" bill.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING/ Gaming Division 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joe Quinn Agenda: To be announced.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. David Battaglia Agenda: HF114 (Rukavina) State government; providing establishment of an audit guide task force by state auditor. HF508 (Morrison) Local government; permitting statutory cities to have seven member councils. HF509 (Ostrom) St. Peter; providing for a seven member municipal hospital board and nine member economic development authority. HF499 (McEachern) Local government; granting certain water and sewer powers to towns. HF529 (Battaglia) Local government; permitting cities and towns to contribute to certain hospitals. HF181 (Reding) Permitting Austin to transfer funds to economic development organization. HF65 (Otis) Authorizing local jurisdictions to invest in secondary markets. HF353 (Otis) Expanding powers of economic development authorities.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

Friday, Feb. 24

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/

Health & Human Services Division 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield Agenda: Public testimony on regional treatment centers and state nursing homes as well as bonding bill issues. Department of Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS/ State Departments Division 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn Agenda: To be announced. 9:00 a.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS/ Metropolitan Affairs Subcommittee 500S State Office Building Chrs. Rep. Phil Carruthers Agenda: Sports Facilities Commission.

10:00 a.m.

EDUCATION/ Education Finance Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson Agenda: Enrollment options; adult graduation aid; and Year of the Cities.

Time to be announced

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ Community Stabilization & Development Division Moorhead/Brainerd area Chr. Rep. Karen Clark Agenda: Outstate hearings in Moorhead and Brainerd area.



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