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It's a fact!

"Main Street," when first published, didn't sit well with the residents of Sauk Centre, model for Sinclair Lewis' Gopher Prairie, the town in Lewis' novel.

With that book, Minnesotan Lewis became his hometown's harshest critic and best publicist.

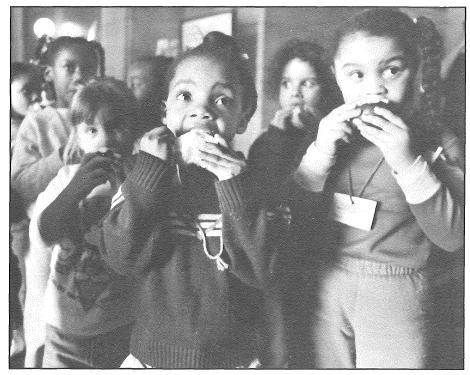
Critics praised the Nobel Laureate for baring small towns as provincial, smug, dull. But accusing fingers wagged at small town bigotry and cruelty. People quoted "Main Street" and joked about Sauk Centre.

In exposing Gopher Prairie's blandness, Lewis wrote, "Life at its most passionate is but a low-grade infection."

Attitudes change. In February 1985, the community reveled in commemorating the 100th anniversary of Lewis' birth. The Minnesota House passed a resolution, noting his works "were superb satires marked by unforgettable characters and an unmatched 'ear' for the sound of common speech." (See "Do You Know?" on page 14,)



Author meets book in Sauk Centre.



Preschoolers from the Northside Child Development Center, Minneapolis, munch apples in the Capitol Rotunda after listening to the governor and legislative leaders speak Feb. 21. The "Motherhood and Apple Pie" reception gave people from around the state a chance to discuss maternal and health care concerns with legislators. The Minnesota Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition and the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation sponsored the event.

Highlights

Lottery

A House gaming division got its first look at a comprehensive lottery and gaming bill Feb. 23.

Members of the Gaming Division of the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee heard a part of the gaming legislation that would create a state lottery, and regulate charitable gambling and horse racing. It also would form a new public gaming enforcement agency.

Division Chair Rep. Joe Quinn (DFL-Coon Rapids) stressed the bill's unusual nature. He said the measure would break

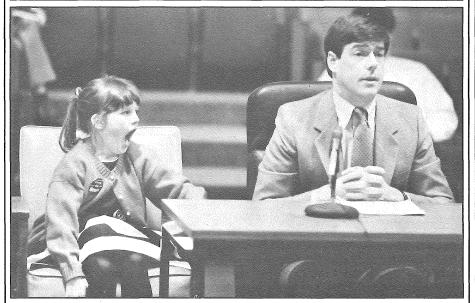
ground in state government and would defy a normal organization flow chart.

"We are creating, hopefully, an entity here that has nothing like it in state government. We're not creating a linear flow when we have a commissioner of gaming. There's not one person in absolute charge of everything," Quinn said. "We've created a kind of confederation of independent entities that are related in terms of long range policies, that are related in terms of enforcement."

Members and staff plan to discuss the bill next week, when the committee expects to hear public testimony.

Questions, questions...





Katie Doyle found the questions of the Health and Human Services Committee a little tiring on the evening of Feb. 22 as her father, O.J. Doyle, responded to them. Doyle, a paramedic representing the Minnesota Ambulance Association, testified before the committee in favor of Healthspan, a bill that would provide statewide health care. Committee chair, Rep. Paul Ogren (DFL-Aitkin), invited Katie to sit with her father during the hearing.

Healthspan testimony

F.B. Daniels, Minnesota Farmers Union spokesman, told lawmakers at a Feb. 22 Health and Human Services Committee meeting that most of the uninsured are rural Minnesotans. Access to health care is a fundamental right in today's society, he said, and Minnesota can't deny its residents care simply because critics say that any state-sponsored insurance program may be abused.

Daniels supports the Healthspan bill that would provide affordable health care to Minnesotans. He says that Minnesota is a state of caring people and has a reputation for taking care of its own. He told legislators that he has faith in them to initiate a program to address the serious health care problem in Minnesota.

Rep. Paul Ogren (DFL-Aitkin) is the bill's author.

Great River Road

The Great River Road. It'll run along the Mississippi River from Itasca State Park in northern Minnesota to New Orleans, On its way south, the federal road project will wind through downtown Minneapolis and join with West River Parkway in south Minneapolis.

Economic development possibilities for the downtown Minneapolis segment are tremendous, says Al Whitman, assistant superintendent, Minneapolis Park Board. "But we live too close to it to recognize its potential."

On Feb. 22, Whitman, along with representatives from two other agencies - the Minnesota Historical Society and the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Minnesota - presented development plans to the Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division of the Appropriations Committee.

Developers say they plan to acquire land along the riverfront and convert it to a public park with bicycle and walking trails.

In another phase, they say they plan to excavate waterways and building foundations of the early 1900s. As a result, Minneapolis will have the first archaeological exhibition of urban ruins, they say.

Urban planners say they expect the riverfront area to become prime property. Already, they point out, there are condos, apartments, and hotels on the riverfront. And they predict that housing and business opportunities along the parkway system will continue to grow.

The Great River Road will separate the riverfront public park area from the downtown business district.

Medicare supplements =

Senior citizens would have more protection against insurance agents who mislead them about Medicare supplement policies if HF611 becomes law.

Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls), author of the bill, told the Insurance Committee Feb. 22 that the state should stiffen penalties for dishonest agents who take advantage of senior citizens. "There really is the threat of jail bars here for people who 'rip-off' seniors," according to Skoglund. He says that even though

most agents are honest, the public needs protection against the so-called "bad apples."

The bill would also set standards for policies that insurance companies can sell as Medicare supplements. Some of the standards would prohibit companies from charging consumers for policy features that are basically worthless, says Skoglund.

The committee plans to take further action on the bill March 1.

Health insurance =

Minnesotans without health insurance are getting more attention from state lawmakers.

A spokesperson for American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) told the House Governmental Operations Committee Feb. 21 that the state now hires more part-time employees than in the past and many of them have no health coverage. AFSCME argues that the state should strengthen the right of part-time employees, many of whom work another parttime job, to bargain for benefits. Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park), introduced HF100, a bill she says would have "the state attempt to see that all its employees have access to health insurance."

Several lawmakers say the situation points to the larger problem of many working Minnesotans who don't have access to health insurance through their jobs or can't afford the high premium costs. Some legislators mentioned their interest in HF150 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin), a bill that would make health insurance available to all Minnesotans in this situation.



Author Lisbeth Schorr testifies before an Appropriations Committee division.

Day care

Early intervention in a child's life can influence that child's future, says Lisbeth Schorr, author of "Within Our Reach: Breaking the Cycle of the Disadvantaged."

The Washington, D.C. author spoke to the Health and Human Services Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 21. Schorr told lawmakers that research shows behavioral and academic problems arise from the early stages in a child's life. She says studies indicate that risk factors troublesome to third and fourth graders include being born to teenagers, low birth weights, lack of adequate health care in early years, and being socially unprepared for school.

The need exists for linking services by "co-locating" and "co-programming," she says. In these links, people from different agencies match their services and tailor them to fit the needs of the people they're trying to serve.

Schorr says low quality day care harms children, while high quality standards may enhance their abilities and behavior.

Minnesota's heritage

Once upon a time Minnesota had a tropical environment, according to Bill Brice, director of the Minerals Division of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). At an economic development hearing, he told lawmakers about concentric geological formations that indicate ancient volcanic activity. And, he said, ancient volcanoes are sources for diamonds

At some historical point, he said, a glacier rolled the earth around and hid many of the mineral deposits. Brice maintains that it's this situation that prompts DNR supervision of exploratory mining activity around the state.

Minnesota's mineral heritage includes metallic deposits, he said. Examples are chrome, cobalt, platinum, titanium, magnesium, copper, nickel, iron ore, and zinc.

Al France, president of the Blandin Foundation, said, "If legislative policies reflect the world as it really is, Minnesota can attract world dollars in the mineral industries."

Both Brice and France testified Feb. 21 before the Rural Resource Development Division of the Economic Development Committee in support of a future legislative minerals commission.

Brice says a legislative commission would benefit the state in establishing uniform mineral policies, environmental protection measures, and marketing initiatives. And, he says, the commission could study the question of who owns the minerals in Minnesota.

International visitors

The Minnesota International Center (MIC) seeks volunteers from the Legislature to host international visitors.

Bill Dean, an MIC board member, outlined the center's Visitor Program for the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 21.

According to Dean, MIC officials plan to conduct an interest survey among legislators, generate a statewide focus for the program, and promote Minnesota to Washington agencies that have international visitor contact.

Dean says legislators make the best

hosts for international visitors because they are able to answer questions about local history and current affairs, and can establish contacts with other professionals. When legislators and other government leaders take part in MIC programs, they foster beneficial international relationships, he says.

Many contacts between Minnesota hosts and international visitors develop into information networks, or international trade opportunities, says Dean. Other benefits include cultural enrichment, reciprocal visitation contacts, and a boost for Minnesota's tourism industry.

Naomi Loper, Visitor Program officer, says that so far, MIC has registered approximately 1,600 host volunteers. An average of 1,000 international visitors come to Minnesota each year, and each of them meets between six and 10 people, she says.

Vending machines

Cigarettes, candy, and chewing gum couldn't be dispensed from the same vending machine if a bill the Commerce Committee considered Feb. 21 becomes law.

Author Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls) says HF223 would ban cigarette sales from vending machines in which other products are sold. Skoglund says he hopes the bill would deter youthful would-be smokers by denying them one point of purchase.

"Their addiction depends upon having a ready supply of cigarettes," Skoglund told committee members.

Vending machine products are mixed in only a few instances, he says. "Now's the time to nip this problem in the bud. If we wait awhile to fix it...every vending machine in the state will carry everything from cigarettes to popcorn."

Supporters of the bill note how easily youngsters can buy cigarettes from vending machines. It doesn't matter whether the machines are limited to cigarettes or are multi-product ones, they say. A 16-year-old girl testified that she had no problems buying cigarettes, and even received help in several instances.

A representative from the Tobacco Institute says the industry doesn't oppose the bill. But, he says, the institute believes the bill "is a solution in search of a problem."

The committee gave the measure preliminary approval.

Sales tax

The Taxes Committee began work on a bill Feb. 21 that could change the Minnesota Unfair Cigarette Sales Act to allow wholesalers to sell cigarettes below the legal price. The act currently regulates cigarette sales and tries to eliminate unfair competition among wholesalers and retailers in selling them.

The Taxes Committee also considered another provision in HF266 which would regulate cigarette sales on federally recognized Indian reservations. The tax regulation would require Indian retailers to charge tax to all cigarette buyers except those enrolled on the reservation, and would further define the tax refund policy to Indian retailers.

The committee took no action on the bill; discussion is scheduled to resume next week.

Electric companies =

A bill that would allow communities to change their utility service came before the Regulated Industries Committee Feb. 20.

Rep. Joe Quinn (DFL-Coon Rapids) says his bill would allow the Public Utilities Commission to change service boundaries if the existing service is inefficient or inadequate. Such a provision would give communities the opportunity to change electric companies if another utility offers more competitive rates.

Mayor Elwyn Tinklenberg of Blaine testified in favor of HF619, and asked lawmakers to give municipalities a greater voice in establishing utilities. Minnesota law now defines service area boundaries for utilities. Tinklenberg says that Blaine's major problem is in deciphering the confusing maze of service district boundaries.

"We have a situation in our community where neighbors who live literally across the street from each other, and businesses across the street from each other, pay widely disparate utility rates—as much as 20 to 30 percent and more—from one

side of the street to the other," says Tinklenberg.

Opponents of the bill say the service territories the Legislature created in 1974 to regulate electric service without duplication in an area is a good system. The committee plans to hear more testimony before acting on the bill.

Teacher education

Should law require teacher education instructors to spend some time in high school classrooms? And should high school teachers lecture in college education classes?

Legislators discussed these questions in a meeting of the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee Feb. 20 when the Board of Teaching presented budget requests.

Those who answer "yes" to both questions say many college secondary education instructors need periodic reminders about high school classroom needs. Some instructors may be too far out-of-touch to provide adequate training for new teachers, they say.

Supporters of the idea also say that high school teachers should spend some time teaching college education courses, and that college instructors could use their input and expertise to help define the content of teacher education curricula.

Education task force

Parents want more from their schools than just academics; they want schools to help prepare their children for life beyond the classroom as well, says Ken Kelsey, chair of the Advisory Task Force on Education Organization.

He told the Education Committee Feb. 20 that education should focus on students and what they need to know to become better members of society once they graduate.

The task force, part of the Legislative Commission on Public Education, looks at ways to improve the quality of education and the way it's delivered to students. Kelsey's panel outlined goals that would enhance learning opportunities, involve the community in education decisions, and challenge students to go beyond the minimum requirements. It

also developed objectives and activities to meet those goals.

Some lawmakers are concerned about the task force's plans to make final recommendations later this year. They say the pace seems too slow and frustrating for some of their constituents.

"We want to take it slow because we want to get it right," says Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake), committee chair and task force member.

Veterans issues

Issues involving Bronze Star grave markers, cost-of-living allowances, and Agent Orange settlements head the legislative agenda for the state's veterans organizations.

State commanders of various Minnesota veterans groups recently testified before a joint meeting of the House General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming and Senate Veterans and Military Affairs committees. The Feb. 16 meeting was part of Veterans Awareness Day.

Bernie Melter, state commander of Disabled American Veterans and chair of the State Commanders' Task Force, presented an agenda that state veterans' organizations support. The initiatives would:

- reinstate funding for Bronze Star grave markers;
- increase the cost-of-living allowance for veterans' benefits;
- ensure that Agent Orange settlements be discounted as income for public assistance requests; and
- ask for three new state veterans' nursing homes by fiscal year 1991.

Bob Flaherty, state commander, told committee members that the American Legion wants to keep the veteran recreation camps on Big Island in Lake Minnetonka and Big Marine Camp in Washington County. He also presented resolutions to:

- support a May 30 observance of Memorial Day in Minnesota;
- set aside classroom time to observe Memorial Day; and
- allow legion posts to use charitable gaming profits for buildings and grounds upkeep and improvements.

Toll free number =

The House Public Information Office has a new toll free number available to Minnesotans who want to call the office for general information, committee schedules, and agendas.

The Information Office hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday during the session. Calls received at other times will reach a recorded message with instructions on how to obtain committee information.

The toll free number: 1-800-657-3550.



Young inventors showed lawmakers robot arms and other high-tech products they've made with the help of state research grants. They testified before the International Trade and Technology Division of the Economic Development Committee Feb. 21 in favor of HF738 (Reding, DFL-Austin), a bill that would establish a Small Business Innovation Research Bridge Grant program. Minnesota Project Innovation, a non-profit group that promotes high technology innovation in small business, would administer the program. The committee gave the bill preliminary approval.

Postsecondary students may not be "dropping out" as much as "stopping out," educators say. Stopping out of an educational program may more accurately describe what happens when a student leaves school—for employment, financial, or personal reasons—and opts to return to school later. It also would better describe a vocational program which students may not have to complete to compete in the job market. Last week, educators and legislators discussed the "stop out" theory during two meetings of the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee.

Corporate raiders cause economic upheaval in local communities. The Community Stabilization & Development Division of the Economic Development Committee heard testimony Feb. 23 about corporate takeovers. Dr. Ken Zapp, finance professor, Metro State University, says the state can help local business owners protect themselves from hostile takeovers. Business owners need information about plans of succession, alternatives to takeovers, and financing.

Jailers could not hold juveniles in an adult facility for more than 24 hours in most cases if HF76 becomes law. Bill author Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) says it's important to make the change for humanitarian reasons and also to meet federal grant requirements. Most states already limit the time to 24 hours or less. The Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division gave the bill preliminary approval Feb. 22.

Educators presented legislative initiatives for educational restructuring, mentorship, and minority recruitment programs to the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee Feb. 22. In educational restructuring, administrators, teachers, parents, and students would design education programs. The mentorship program would allow new teachers to work with experienced teachers to better learn the profession. And because fewer minorities enter teaching as the number of minority students increases, educators say a program would be needed to recruit more minority teachers.

Former Rep. Harold J. Dahl, 58, died of cancer Feb. 20 at a Minneapolis hospital. Dahl was elected to represent District 22B in 1972, and in 1977 was appointed a Wright County judge by Gov. Rudy Perpich. In 1987, Dahl retired from the bench. Memorials may be sent to drug education program Project Charlie, 5701 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 55424, or to Zion Lutheran Church, Buffalo, MN 55313.

Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

COMMERCE

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Vending machines—multi-product sales

HF223 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.

Consumer protection—new car sales HF321/SF465 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Consumer protection—used car sales HF322/SF454 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Auto dealerships—warranty work compensation

HF323/SF495 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, Feb. 16

Working capital fund—investment HF42/SF548 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—laid over until Feb. 21. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Pubic loans—secondary sales
HF65/SF65 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to
Local Government & Metropolitan
Affairs Committee.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Kandiyohi County—rural development finance authority HF104/SF135 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)— recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee.

(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Economic development authority—definition expansion

(HF353/SF449 (Otis, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass; rereferred to Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Wednesday, Feb. 22

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

(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Community Stabilization & Development Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, Feb. 21 ■

Subsidized development—job impact statement

HF631 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—heard.

Thursday, Feb. 23

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International Trade & Technology Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Small business—research grants
HF738/SF657 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—
recommended to pass; rereferred to the
Economic Development Committee.
(SF in Senate Economic Development &
Housing Committee)

Thursday, Feb. 23

Small business—research grants
HF738/SF657 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—
reconsidered; recommended to pass as
amended; rereferred to Economic
Development Committee.

(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Rural Resource Development Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Minerals—legislative commission HF485/SF575 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

Monday, Feb. 20

Board of Teaching—teacher education curricula

HF613 (McGuire, DFL-Roseville)—heard.

Board of Teaching—teacher internship sites

HF614 (McGuire, DFL-Roseville)—heard.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Hunting—wild turkey license HF106/SF96 (V. Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee) State parks—recycling
HF527 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls.)—
recommended to pass; placed on Consent
Calendar.

Thursday, Feb. 23

State parks—land transfers
HF450/SF145 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon
Heights)—recommended to pass as
amended.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Public works—building materials HF545/SF593 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Motor vehicle excise tax—veterans' exemption

HF32/SF116 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Voter registration files—updates HF72/SF204 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass as amended.

Tribal-state gambling compact—Class III gambling

HF79/SF156 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF passed Senate)

Adjutant general—promotion requirements

HF267/SF191 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF on Senate Floor)

Mankato—polling places

HF426/SF461 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Elections Division/
GENERAL LEGISLATION,
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Thursday, Feb. 23

Secretary of state—elections
HF630/SF553 (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Gaming Division/ GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Thursday, Feb. 23

Lottery—startup, operation HF66/SF150 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—amended; heard. (SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Tuesday, Feb. 21

St. Louis County—tax forfeited lands HF43/SF88 (Janezich, DFL-Chisholm) recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

State government—part-time employees

HF100/SF240 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—amended; laid over. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Washington County—tax forfeited land

HF502/SF440 (Swenson, IR-Forest Lake)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

State government—payroll deductions restrictions

HF520/SF259 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Labor-Management Relations Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Thursday, Feb. 23

State government—part-time employees

HF100/SF240 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—laid over. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, Feb. 16

Committee)

Optometrists—prescription drugs HF217/SF238 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—not recommended to pass.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Healthspan—health care access program

HF150/SF491 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—heard.

(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

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INSURANCE

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Medicare supplement—regulation HF611 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—laid over until March 1.

JUDICIARY

Friday, Feb. 17

Fire departments—criminal history HF15/SF662 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul) recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Corrections—juvenile photographs HF371/SF605 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul) recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)

Good samaritans—benefits HF391/SF161 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Ramsey County—prosecution HF397/SF560 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—laid over. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Monday, Feb. 20

Driver licenses—provisional, underage drinking

HF201/SF139 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Support payments—withholding program

HF441/SF647 (S. Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—laid over.

(SF in Senate Health & human Services Committee)

Trespass statute—recodification HF482/SF32* (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass.

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

Criminal Justice Division/ **JUDICIARY**

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Juvenile court—parental rights HF135/SF220 (Pappas, DFL, St. Paul) laid over.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Jails—employee training

HF207 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids) recommended to pass; rereferred to Judiciary Committee.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Juveniles—jail limitations

HF76/SF326 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul) recommended to pass as amended: rereferred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Criminal sexual conduct—treatment HF315/SF320 (Vellenga, DFl-St. Paul)amended; heard. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Monday, Feb. 20

Boiler operation, inspection regulation

HF85/SF103 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Elevator operation, operators regulation

HF376/SF431 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Pipefitting, high pressure piping safety, regulation

HF410/SF438 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, Feb. 16

Counties: Anoka, Dakota, Washington—payment procedures HF148/SF168 (Price, DFL-Woodbury) recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Thursday, Feb. 23

Municipalities—secondary markets HF65/SF65 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee.

(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

State auditor—audit guide task force HF114/SF123 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Economic development authority establishment

HF353/SF449 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—heard. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Towns—waterworks, sewers, drains HF499/SF459 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Local government—city council member increase

HF508/SF441 (Morrison, IR-Burnsville)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

St. Peter-city boards' member increase

HF509/SF414 (Ostrom, DFL-St. Peter) recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, Feb. 20

Electric utilities—service boundary changes

HF619 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids) heard.

TAXES

Thursday, Feb. 16

Individual income tax-technical changes

HF214/SF62 (Welle, DFL-Willmar) recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Sales, special taxes—technical corrections

HF266/SF205 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—

(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, Feb. 22 ■

Toll bridges—design standards HF242/SF100 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley) recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

State patrol cars—security barriers HF387/SF401 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Aeronautics-matching funds; recreational aircraft registration

HF408/SF499 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls) recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee) FLOOR ACTION

CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 16

Education funding formulas—technical changes

HF141*/SF216 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—passed (122-0). (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Referendum levy language—changes HF247*/SF318 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—passed (126-0). (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Federal gas tax—resolution HF363* (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)—passed (114-13).

Monday, Feb. 20

Living will—adult health care HF28/SF28* (Bishop, IR-Rochester) passed (102-31).

Nursing homes—bed transfers HF326*/SF395 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin) passed (129-0). (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 16

Motor vehicles—classification HF218* (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn) passed (130-0).

Monday, Feb. 20

Notaries public—reappointment HF264*/SF215 (S. Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—laid over. (SF passed Senate)

GENERAL ORDERS

Thursday, Feb. 16

Nursing homes—bed transfers HF326/SF395 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin) recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Burglar alarm franchises HF268/SF261 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)—recommended for progress. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

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

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Wild animals—possession regulation HF175 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)recommended to pass.

County-owned residences—rental HF210/SF229 (Price, DFL-Woodbury) recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Burglar alarm franchises HF268/SF261 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

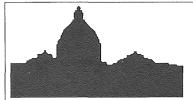
Local government—bank letter of credit

HF279/SF301 (Blatz, DFL-Bloomington)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

KEY

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

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In the Hopper...

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Bill Introductions

HF698-HF845

Monday, Feb. 20

HF698-Rest (DFL)

Education

Education; increasing the minimum allowance for school districts.

HF699-Kelso (DFL)

Taxes

Education; requiring tax increment authorities to pay to a school district all tax increment attributable to the school district's referendum levy.

HF700—Greenfield (DFL) Judiciary

Crimes; increasing penalties for certain crimes when committed because of the victim's race,

color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin; increasing penalties for using the mail or making telephone calls and falsely impersonating another for the purpose of harassing, abusing, or threatening another person.

HF701-Munger (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Environment; eliminating the PCB Exemption

HF702—Wagenius (DFL)

Judiciary

Crime; expanding the crime of failure to appear for a criminal court appearance; providing that the county attorney has jurisdiction to prosecute the crime; prescribing penalties.

HF703-Wagenius (DFL) Judiciary

Crime; expanding the theft statute to include the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; making the penalties for receiving stolen property and issuing a dishonored check similar to the penalties for theft; including forged endorsements within the elements of the crime of check forgery; making technical

HF704-Kelly (DFL)

corrections to the theft statute.

Judiciary

Peace officers; establishing reimbursement program for purchases of soft body armor by and for peace officers; appropriating money.

HF705-Kelso (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; providing requirements for licensing under the Human Services Licensing Act.

HF706—Ostrom (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; clarifying methods of determining the cost of care rendered at state facilities; allowing the commissioner of Human Services to charge on a fee for service basis; clarifying responsibility for collection of the cost of care at state-operated, community-based programs for persons with mental retardation or related conditions; clarifying legislative intent to allow the commissioner of Human Services to continue to collect for cost of care of persons treated for chemical dependency at state facilities.

HF707-Kostohryz (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Horse racing; allowing a licensed racetrack to conduct pari-mutuel betting on televised races on days when races are not conducted at the licensed racetrack; allowing the licensed racetrack to commingle pari-mutuel pools with the sending racetrack.

HF708-Stanius (IR)

Health & Human Services

Human services; defining persons with related conditions to include persons with prader-willi syndrome.

HF709—Simoneau (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Commission on uniform state laws; providing for its composition.

HF710-Clark (DFL)

Education

Education; providing elementary school students counseling on the dangers of inhalant abuse; providing grants for student volunteers to work with young inhalant abusers; developing curriculum on inhalants; appropriating money.

HF711—Trimble (DFL)

Education

Education; clarifying aspects for the governance of the University of Minnesota System; requiring a president of each institution in the University of Minnesota System.

HF712-McLaughlin (DFL)

Judiciary

Sentencing; replacing the current "good time" system with a "bad time" system; authorizing an increase in the duration of an inmate's sentence to the extent "bad time" is earned; requiring the sentencing court to specify the length of time a felony offender will likely serve in prison and on supervised release.

HF713-McLaughlin (DFL)

A resolution memorializing the president and Congress of the United States to enact laws providing for truth in sentencing of persons convicted of federal crimes.

HF714-O'Connor (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

Housing; establishing a fair housing education and public information program; authorizing the establishment of affordable housing programs under the administration of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency; establishing a neighborhood preservation program; requiring housing impact statements; appropriating money.

HF715-Ogren (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Medical Assistance; establishing a case management pilot project; requiring reports; appropriating money.

HF716—Kelly (DFL)

Judiciary

Notaries public; eliminating the requirement that notaries be bonded.

HF717-Vellenga (DFL)

Education

Human services; providing for the distribution of money for Head Start programs to expand services to additional children from low income families.

HF718-Nelson, C. (DFL)

Agriculture

Agriculture; providing a linked deposit program to allow eligible agricultural businesses and small businesses to obtain operating loans at reduced interest rates; requiring linked deposit agreements faor eligible lending institutions to receive linked deposits; authorizing the State Investment Board to purchase investments from eligible lending institutions; imposing a penalty; appropriating money.

HF719-Nelson, C. (DFL)

Economic Development

Economic development; authorizing certain local jurisdictions to contribute to local or regional economic development organizations.

HF720-McLaughlin (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Corrections; allowing chiropractors to practice in institutions under the control of the commissioner of Corrections.

HF721—Trimble (DFL)

Education

Education; requiring a uniform procedure for assessing post-secondary students to determine remedial needs; appropriating money.

HF722—Pelowski (DFL)

Economic Development

Economic development; providing for funding of grants to nonprofit economic development organizations; appropriating money.

HF723—Steensma (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

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

HF724—Kahn (DFL)

Transportation

Traffic regulations; providing for an alternative slow-moving vehicle emblem for persons with certain sincerely held religious beliefs.

HF725—Carlson, L. (DFL)

Education

Education; expanding the definition of resident student for purposes of financial assistance.

HF726—Carruthers (DFL)

Judiciary

Sentencing; requiring the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to modify the way in which prior juvenile offenses are counted in the offender's criminal history score.

HF727—Sparby (DFL)

Taxes

Housing; reducing property taxes on certain types of residential rental property; authorizing a tax levy for public housing.

HF728—Segal (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Occupations and professions; regulating nursing; proposing the Minnesota nurse practice act; providing penalties.

HF729-Pappas (DFL)

Judiciary

Marriage dissolution; including the primary caretaker standard as a factor to be considered in custody decisions; providing that the court may not use one factor as controlling in determining custody; requiring courts to consider the existence of domestic abuse in determining whether to award joint custody; providing for the appointment of visitation expeditors to resolve on-going visitation disputes; providing for visitation by persons who have resided with a child.

HF730—Greenfield (DFL) Health & Human Services

Human services; clarifying eligibility requirements for AFDC; revising the Minnesota Supplemental Aid Program; appropriating money.

HF731-Blatz (IR)

Judiciary

Data practices; providing for classification of law enforcement data on child abuse.

HF732-Blatz (IR)

Taxes

Property taxation; clarifying the agricultural classification of certain property.

HF733—Frederick (IR)

Governmental Operations

Human rights; requiring a certificate of compliance for public contracts with a person with 20 or more employees.

HF734—Seaberg (IR)

Transportation

Motor vehicles; defining physically handicapped person for purposes of obtaining special license plates.

HF735-Olson, E. (DFL)

Transportation

Traffic regulations; providing for special permit for special vehicle; setting a fee.

HF736-Ostrom (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Elections; eliminating a penalty for issuing certain election certificates.

HF737—Jefferson (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

Housing; changing notice and redemption provisions for certain types of properties; revising certain tenant damage provisions in landlord-tenant actions; regulating tenant screening services; revising certain housing receivership provisions; establishing housing courts, rent escrow systems, and building repair fines as demonstration projects in Hennepin and Ramsey counties; imposing penalties.

HF738-Reding (DFL)

Economic Development

Economic development; establishing a small business innovation research bridge grant program; appropriating money.

HF739—Uphus (IR)

Governmental Operations

Retirement; allowing an optional annuity based upon statewide average salaries for members of the Teachers Retirement Association.

HF740—Carlson, L. (DFL)

Education

Education; changing the name of technical institutes to technical colleges.

HF741—Pappas (DFL)

Governmental Operations

State government; providing for gender balance in multimember agencies.

HF742-McPherson (IR)

Education

Education; restoring earlier levels of salary aid for special education teachers; appropriating money.

HF743—Quinn (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Charitable gambling; authorizing and regulating the use of video pull-tab devices at certain locations; regulating manufacturers and distributors of these devices; providing a tax; appropriating money.

HF744—Beard (DFL)

Taxes

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

HF745-Beard (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Health; requiring that health care providers timely furnish patient health records and reports.

HF746—Milbert (DFL)

Taxes

Tax increment financing; excluding certain levies in the computation of tax increment revenues.

HF747—Beard (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; increasing the personal needs allowance for persons in skilled nursing homes.

HF748-Frerichs (IR)

Education

Education; requiring planning by post-secondary systems; appropriating money.

HF749—Quinn (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Veterans; providing for establishment of a veterans home in St. Cloud.

HF750-McPherson (IR)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Motor vehicles; providing for special license plates of veterans wounded in combat.

HF751-Sviggum (IR)

Taxes

Taxation; property tax; modifying the formula for computing transition aid; repealing disparity reduction aid.

HF752—Sparby (DFL)

Agriculture

Agriculture; appropriating money to discharge mandated grain inspection costs at Duluth.

HF753-Richter (IR)

Taxes

Property taxation; extending the homestead and

agricultural credit to taxes payable after 1989; abolishing transition aid; repealing increases in income maintenance payments.

HF754—Brown (DFL)

Agriculture

Agriculture; prohibiting bovine growth hormone.

HF755-Tompkins (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Vermillion River Watershed District; changing certain approval procedures.

HF756—Rukavina (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Veterans; changing qualifications for veterans service officers.

HF757—Schreiber (IR)

General Legislation, Veterans & Gaming

Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Sections 2 and 3; providing for a Legislature with a total of 120 to 168 members.

HF758—Vellenga (DFL)

Education

Education; proposing Department of Education lifelong learning initiatives; appropriating money.

HF759-Welle (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Veterans; requiring a presentence investigation report on a convicted veteran to include information on whether the veteran is suffering from a posttraumatic stress disorder; requiring the chief executive officers of correctional facilities to provide veteran inmates suffering from posttraumatic stress disorders with appropriate medical care.

HF760-Dille (IR)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Legislature; requiring the Legislature to conform to the standards of the Open Meeting Law.

HF761—Simoneau (DFL)

Judiciary

Judgments; providing a reasonable exemption for employee benefits.

HF762—Dempsey (IR)

Governmental Operations

A resolution memorializing Congress of ratification of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for a delay in an increase in compensation to members of Congress until an intervening election of representatives has occurred.

HF763—Jefferson (DFL)

Judiciary

Eminent domain; providing for relocation benefits for displaced persons.

HF764—Kahn (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Medical Assistance for needy persons; proposing changes to the method for calculating a nursing home's property-related payment rate upon refinancing.

HF765—Murphy (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Western Lake Superior Sanitary District; authorizing the district to issue refunding obligations without redemption of outstanding obligations prior to maturity.

HF766-Rest (DFL)

Taxes

Property taxation; classifying certain utility personal property.

HF767—Ostrom (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Veterans; providing for establishment of a veterans home in St. Peter.

HF768—Dempsey (IR)

Transportation

Motor carriers; deregulating irregular route common carriers.

HF769-Valento (IR)

Economic Development

Economic development; appropriating money to plan a sports and recreation facility.

HF770—Tunheim (DFL)

Governmental Operations

State lands; directing conveyance of a certain tract in Beltrami County.

HF771-Dille (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Water; recodifying, clarifying, and relocating provisions relating to water law.

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HF772—Frerichs (IR)

Judiciary

Health; exempting restaurants from liability for injuries caused by donation of prepared food.

HF773—Rodosovich (DFL)

Governmental Operations

State government; financing the beginning farmer loan program; regulating certain administrative duties of the commissioner of Finance; permitting certain financial arrangements.

HF774—Olson, E. (DFL)

Agriculture

Agriculture; changing voting rights in certain cooperative associations.

HF775—Segal (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Finance; appropriating money to the commissioner of Public Safety to develop fire safety standards for cigarettes and little cigars.

HF776—Abrams (IR)

Rules & Legislative Administration

A resolution memoralizing the president and Congress to condemn the government of Iran because of its action against Salman Rushdie and to refuse efforts to return frozen Iranian assets to Iran.

HF777-Cooper (DFL)

Appropriations

Public safety; appropriating fees charged by state patrol and Capitol Complex Security Division for escort and contracted security services.

HF778-Kinkel (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Natural resources; providing for a deficiency in the appropriation for emergency deer feeding; appropriating money.

HF779—Cooper (DFL)

Agriculture

County and district agricultural societies; appropriating money.

HF780-Cooper (DFL)

Insurance

Insurance; township mutuals; permitting the directors to choose a manager who need not be a member of the board; expanding the permissible duties of the treasurer and manager; permitting township mutual fire insurance companies to cover certain secondary property; permitting township mutual insurance companies to insure secondary property outside the companies' territory under certain circumstances; setting forth a director's personal liability.

HF781-Sparby (DFL)

Commerce

Consumer protection; regulating deceptive trade practices; requiring manufacturers' rebates to be paid to purchasers within 30 business days.

HF782—Tunheim (DFL)

Transportation

Transportation; clarifying source of funds to be deposited in the rail service improvement account; requiring the commissioner of Transportation to identify areas where insufficient rail service is detrimental to efficient transportation; providing for apportionment of costs for new grade crossings; providing for improvement of existing rail crossings; providing for reimbursement of expenses for maintaining signals and other safety devices; appropriating money.

HF783—Ozment (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Groundwater; establishing a legislative commission on water; appropriating money.

HF784—Jefferson (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; allowing for allocation of federal fiscal disallowances; amending date for rule adoption for family and group family foster care; permitting charges for postadoption services; permitting charges for searches involving original birth certificate information.

HF785-Lieder (DFL)

Appropriations

Claims against the state; providing for payment of various claims; appropriating money.

HF786—Rice (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations

Employment; requiring prevailing wages to be paid on certain railroad projects assisted with state money.

HF787-McDonald (IR)

Education

Education; modifying procedures under the Enrollment Options Program.

HF788-Vellenga (DFL)

Judiciary

Human services; establishing state child mortality review panel; authorizing the state to require local reviews; protecting data generated by the review panel as confidential and nondiscoverable; clarifying neglect or endangerment of a child.

HF789-Vellenga (DFL)

Education

Education; providing for a survey of parents to be conducted to determine interest in a school breakfast program; requiring a school breakfast program to be operated in certain schools; requiring the commissioner of Education to report to the Legislature on activities related to school breakfast programs; appropriating money.

HF790-Winter (DFL)

Education

Education; appropriating money to establish and expand post-secondary nursing programs and for nursing scholarships.

HF791—Schreiber (IR)

Governmental Operations

Retirement; volunteer firefighters; excluding volunteer firefighters serving with the Brooklyn Park Fire Department from the definition of public employee.

HF792—Skoglund (DFL)

Commerce

Consumer protection; prohibiting the sale of tobacco by vending machine in a public place; prescribing a penalty.

HF793—Jefferson (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Retirement; public employees local government correctional service retirement plan; expanding plan coverage to include certain Hennepin County Medical Center ambulance service personnel.

HF794—Simoneau (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

Housing; authorizing the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to establish a housing rehabilitation program; appropriating money.

HF795—Jennings (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; establishing requirements for payments for dental care under Medical Assistance and General Assistance medical care.

HF796—Carlson, D. (IR)

Governmental Operations

State lands; authorizing sale of certain tax-forfeited lands that border public waters in Pine County.

HF797—McLaughlin (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations

Employment; regulating employment contracts.

HF798—Swenson (IR)

Judiciary

Sentencing; requiring the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to prohibit the use of amenability to treatment or probation as a reason for mitigated sentencing departures; disapproving sentencing guidelines modifications relating to the weight assigned for certain prior felonies.

HF799—Cooper (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Veterans; changing admissions, removal, and utilization review procedures for veterans homes; granting rulemaking authority to the Veterans Homes Board; changing certain rights and presumptions.

HF800—Reding (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Retirement; Public Employees Retirement Association; excluding volunteer firefighters from membership.

HF801—Simoneau (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Retirement; amending provisions relating to certain purchases of prior service credit.

HF802-Johnson, R. (DFL) Governmental Operations

Retirement; Minnesota State Retirement System Correction Employees Retirement Plan; expanding the coverage of the plan; authorizing an election to obtain prior state service coverage; clarifying the provision specifying covered correctional service.

HF803—Simoneau (DFL) Governmental Operations

Retirement; providing that membership in a public pension plan is an enforceable contractual right.

HF804—Lasley (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Chisago County; permitting the cancellation of certain ditch assessments and providing for the allocation of others.

HF805-Segal (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; amending the Comprehensive Mental Health Act; establishing a mental health system for adults and for children; requiring case management; establishing mental health interagency coordinating councils; establishing task forces; allowing fees for mental health services; requiring family community support services and home-based family treatment.

HF806-Kelso (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; requiring county community social service plans to address the development of supported employment services.

HF807-Kelso (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Jobs and training; creating a community conversion incentive grant program to fund projects to secure employment for persons with severe disabilities; appropriating money.

HF808—Olson, E. (DFL)

Agriculture

Agricultural property; eliminating further adjustments to the value index for certain property exemptions.

HF809-Cooper (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; establishing new dates for payment rates for vendors of day training and habilitation services; imposing a requirement for variances from payment rates; allowing the commissioner to establish cost thresholds for community-based services for persons with mental retardation.

HF810-Winter (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Natural resources; increasing the amount of levy for the Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District administrative fund.

HF811—Pugh (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Natural resources; changing certain provisions relating to the taking of turtles.

HF812-Kelly (DFL)

Insurance

Life insurance; allowing insurance policies to contain a rider providing for early payment of benefits to recipients of long-term care.

HF813—Price (DFL)

Education

Education; providing staffing provisions for school district reorganization; appropriating money.

HF814-McPherson (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Environment; eliminating the inventory of mixed municipal solid waste disposal sites; requiring the Pollution Control Agency to develop a plan to provide incentives to volunteer sites.

HF815—Carruthers (DFL)

Judiciary

Criminal procedure; authorizing the attorney general, county attorneys, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and law enforcement agencies to issue administrative subpoenas to require production of records; creating crimes that prohibit warning subjects of investigations, electronic surveillance, or search warrants; repealing the Sunset Provision of the Wiretap Law; imposing penalties.

HF816—Blatz (IR)

Transportation

Motor vehicles; requiring a notice of motor vehicle title transfer procedures to be included with annual motor vehicle registrations.

HF817—Peterson (DFL)

Education

Education; approving a capital loan to the Ogilvie School District.

HF818—Olson, E. (DFL)

Taxation; authorizing a special levy for soil and water conservation district expenses.

HF819—Jefferson (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Hennepin County; providing for the number of commissioners of the county housing and redevelopment authority.

HF820—Conway (DFL) **Governmental Operations**

State government; regulating state employment practices.

HF821-Munger (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Groundwater; establishing best management practices and water resources protection requirements; regulating pollution limits; changing various requirements and procedures concerning fertilizer, soil amendments, and plant amendments; requiring a study of sustainable agriculture; changing certain pesticide laws; requiring a pesticide management plan; providing for responses to pesticide and fertilizer incidents; establishing a safe drinking water account; imposing an annual fee; reorganizing and revising laws on water wells, exploratory boring, and elevator shafts; establishing a water information committee; providing for local water resources protection and management; establishing water appropriation priorities; establishing a legislative commission on water; appropriating money.

HF822—Osthoff (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

Financial institutions; permitting banks to perform clerical services at off-premises data processing and storage centers.

HF823—Stanius (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Exotic species of plants and animals; establishing an interagency task force.

HF824—Stanius (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Waters; directing an inventory of, education on,

and assistance in control of certain aquatic weeds; appropriating money.

HF825—Girard (IR)

Education

Libraries; providing copies of statutes, laws, and rules to Southwest State University.

HF826-Weaver (IR)

Judiciary

Collection and dissemination of data; providing access to private and confidential data related to delinquent acts for law enforcement purposes.

HF827—Stanius (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Animals; authorizing the taking of certain muskrats that are causing damage.

HF828-Quinn (DFL)

Transportation

Highways; directing commissioner of Transportation to approve construction of exit ramp off Highway 65 under certain conditions.

HF829—McLaughlin (DFL)

Taxes

Sales taxation; exempting motor vehicle towing and nonprescription drugs from taxation.

HF830-Stanius (IR)

.Judiciary

Child Abuse Reporting Act; allowing recovery of attorney fees by good faith reporters.

HF831-Kinkel (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Game and fish; season opening date for certain game fish.

HF832—Kostohryz (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Ramsey County; authorizing the use of certain property for public purposes.

HF833—Williams (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Public safety; increasing membership on advisory council for the Children's Trust Fund.

HF834—Lasley (DFL)

Transportation

Transportation; authorizing Transportation Regulation Board, on petition by a city, to determine at which railroad crossings a train is not allowed to stop.

HF835-Stanius (IR)

Governmental Operations

Retirement; Teachers Retirement Association; permitting purchases of prior services by certain employees for periods of leave.

HF836-Waltman (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Game and fish; authorizing nighttime hunting of coyote and fox.

HF837—Carruthers (DFL)

Judiciary

Crimes; prohibiting the concealing of criminal proceeds; prohibiting racketeering; providing civil and criminal penalties for engaging in narcotics and violent offenses as part of an enterprise; authorizing the dissolution of a corporate charter. revocation of a license, and injunctive relief to prevent criminal activity by an enterprise; authorizing fines of three times the profit gained through racketeering; authorizing criminal forfeiture.

HF838-Cooper (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Occupations and professions, establishing the board of professional counseling; requiring professional counselors to be licensed; appropriating money.

HF839—Simoneau (DFL) Governmental Operations

Retirement; excluding members of the Columbia Heights Fire Department from membership in the Public Employees Retirement Association; providing for refunds.

HF840—Greenfield (DFL) Health & Human Services

Human services; authorizing creation of the Minnesota family investment plan; establishing grant projects for refugees; fraud prevention; appropriating money.

HF841—Greenfield (DFL) Health & Human Services

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

HF842—McLaughlin (DFL)

Transportation

Metropolitan government; setting conditions for light rail transit contracts.

HF843—Carlson, D. (IR) Governmental Operations

State lands; authorizing sale of certain tax-forfeited land that borders public water in Aitkin County.

HF844—Redalen (IR)

Education

Education; reauthorizing program improvement grants; providing an exception to consolidation timelines; appropriating money.

HF845—Quinn (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Horse racing; providing for licensing of televised horse racing facilities; allowing for pari-mutuel wagering at licensed horse racing facilities; permitting inter-track and out-of-state simulcasts of horse races.

House Advisories

Monday, Feb. 6

HA1—Johnson, V. (IR) Judiciary

A proposal to study use of private property for underage consumption of alcohol.

HA2—Gutknecht (IR) Governmental Operations

A proposal to study the state flag.

First Reading/Senate Bills

Monday, Jan. 23

SF83—Bertram (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to restore full funding to the Veterans Administration medical centers.

Monday, Feb. 6

SF25—Stumpf (DFL)

Judiciary

Rules & Legislative Administration

Legislature; correcting inaccurate references to Senate committees; removing an obsolete reference to Senate and House committees.

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SF28—Reichgott (DFL)

Judiciary

Probate; providing for adult health care decisions; imposing penalties.

Monday, Feb. 13

SF32—Spear (DFL)

Judiciary

Crimes; trespass; recodifying the law on dangerous trespass and misdemeanor trespasses; prescribing penalties.

Monday, Feb. 20

SF171—Diessner (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF 370—Swenson (IR)

Law libraries; permitting fees to be set annually.

SF300—Hughes (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Crimes; repealing law regulating dance halls.

Thursday, Feb. 23

SF204—Stumpf (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Elections; providing for the removal of certain voter registration cards.

SF215-McQuaid (IR)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF264—Olsen, S. (IR)

Notaries public; increasing the period of time during which reappointments may be made.

Do you know



Bitterness, shame and shock swept over Sauk Centre residents after one of their own—Sinclair Lewis—unmasked small town mores in "Main Street."

Legends tell of book bannings and denunciations from the pulpit. A quote from a woman in 1921 says the Nobel Laureate would have faced a lynching party if he returned to his hometown, the model for the novel's Gopher Prairie.

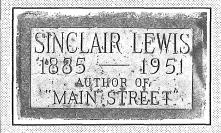
Slowly that anger turned to adulation until in 1985, a century after Lewis' birth, the community wholeheartedly honored the Charles Dickens of America.

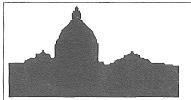
Besides the real Main Street, Sauk Centre has Sinclair Lewis Avenue, Main Street Theater, Main Street Cafe, and Winters Main Street Drug Store. Nearby is the Sinclair Lewis Interpretive Center.

Lewis did return to Sauk Centre. His ashes were shipped from Rome, where he died of alcoholism and heart disease in 1951.

His remains are in the local cemetery. His marker reads:

"Sinclair Lewis 1885-1951 Author of Main Street"





Coming Up Next Week...

February 27 - March 3, 1989

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. 27 ■

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. James Rice Agenda: Budget hearings for Agriculture Department.

APPROPRIATIONS/

Education Division
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Continuation of Technical
Institute budget overview.

APPROPRIATIONS/

State Departments Division
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Budget overview: Department
of Labor and Industry.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern Agenda: Education districts - overview and discussion. HF368 (Welle) Imposing requirements for education district contracts. HF478 (K. Olson) Establishing requirements for membership on education district board. HFXXX (McEachern) Revisions in the education districts law.

8:30 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/
Health & Human Services Division
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Public testimony: regional
treatment center (RTC) and state nursing
homes (SNH) budget requests - Department of Human Services.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel
Agenda: Testifying on Green Bay cheese
exchange.

JUDICIARY

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

Agenda: HF58 (Forsythe) Permitting child support obligors to withdraw from automatic withholding. HF441 (S. Olsen) Permitting obligors to withdraw from automatic withholding programs. HF343 (Rukavina) Relating to collection and dissemination of data; mineral data. HF444 (Weaver) Providing access to private medical examiner data by family members. HF731 (Blatz) Providing for classification of law enforcement data on child abuse. HF704 (Kelly) Establishing reimbursement program for purchase of soft body armor for peace officers.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: HF328 (Jacobs) Providing for the establishment of flexible electric utility rates for certain customers subject to effective competition. 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: Miscellaneous agency sections.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING/Housing Division

500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor Agenda: HF595 (O'Connor) Exempting relocated residential buildings from certain provisions of the state building code. HF394 (Dawkins) Changing terminology in the temporary Housing Demonstration program, extending the authorized duration of transitional housing.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joe Begich

Agenda: HF300 (Clark) Relating to occupational safety and health; increasing certain penalties; proposing changes to the Employee Right-to-Know Act of 1984. HF331 (Price) Relating to employment; limiting the employment hours of certain minors during the school year.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture,
Transportation & Semi-State Division
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rap. James Rice

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Agenda: Budget hearings for Agriculture Department (continued).

APPROPRIATIONS/

Education Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: State university system budget overview.

APPROPRIATIONS/

Health & Human Services Division 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Bonding proposals; Department of Human Services Social Services requests.

APPROPRIATIONS/
State Departments Division

300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Budget overview: Department of Labor and Industry (continued); Workers' Compensation and Public Employment Relations Board.

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

8:30 a.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS/ **Government Structures Subcommittee** 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Roger Cooper Agenda: HF257 (Williams) Relating to state government; eliminating the requirement that certain reports of occupational licensing boards be summarized.

9:00 a.m.

TASK FORCE ON **EDUCATION ORGANIZATION**

Holiday Inn Capitol

Agenda: Discussion of learner outcomes. Begin discussion of assessment: multiple indicators. (Meeting will last until 4:00 p.m.)

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: HF298 (Bauerly) Relating to charitable organizations; regulating charitable solicitations and professional fund raisers; excluding certain religious organizations from registration; requiring a bond for professional fund raisers who have access to contributions; modifying disclosure requirements; authorizing the district court to redress violations of law. HF588 (Cooper) Relating to public improvements; providing that work done on certain public works or improvements is not subject to certain licensing requirements. HF424 (O'Connor) Relating to commerce; unclaimed property; providing for the ownership of metal dies and molds.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Willard Munger Agenda: HF341 (Trimble) Hazardous substances, emergency planning and community right-to-know.

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: To be announced.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ **International Trade & Technology** Division

400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Leo Reding Agenda: To be announced.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ Rural Resource Development Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy Agenda: Future forestry resources in

GENERAL LEGISLATION, **VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING**

500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz Agenda: HF620 (Kostohryz) Repealing law regulating dance halls. HF543 (Scheid) Clarifying regulations pertaining to dangerous dogs. HF707 (Kostohryz) Allowing licensed race track to conduct pari-mutuel betting on televised races on days when races are not conducted at the licensed race track. Bills passed in Divisions.

JUDICIARY/

Minnesota.

Facilities Assessment Subcommittee 500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Sandy Pappas

Agenda: Non-imprisonment guidelines; and data collection proposal.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: HF7 (Forsythe) Edina; authorizing city to operate public transit system. HF578 (Lieder) Transportation; granting power to road authorities to mow or till right-of-way of certain highways. HF512 (Bauerly) Local government; authorizing towns to require a bond or other security in establishing cartways. HF112 (Dauner) Towns; authorizing town boards to provide for collection of unpaid service charges.

2:15 p.m.

HENNEPIN COUNTY HOUSE DELEGATION 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin Agenda: To be announced.

2:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ **Enterprise Development Subcommittee** 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Gene Pelowski Agenda: HF607 (Pelowski) Amendment relating to capital access program. HF722

(Pelowski) Funding for non profit development organizations.

JUDICIARY/Criminal Justice Division 500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga Agenda: HF135 (Pappas) Relating to juvenile court; clarifying the grounds for

terminating parental rights to a child;



Governmental Operations Committee

CHIPS. HF461 (Kelly) Relating to crime victims; modifying the limitations provision governing damage actions brought by sexual assault victims.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS/

Compensation Subcommittee
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Pat Beard
Agenda: Presentation by Department of
Labor and Industry on options of the high
cost of workers' compensation in the
trucking industry.

Unemployment Insurance/Workers'

5:00 p.m.

THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich Agenda: Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Approval of 1990-91 LCRAR budget. Status of LCRAR bill SF206/ HF93 and other business.

Wednesday, March 1

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. James Rice Agenda: Budget hearings for Public Safety.

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

APPROPRIATIONS/ Health & Human Services Division

200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield Agenda: Continue - Department of Human Services Social Services requests; begin family support budget issues.

APPROPRIATIONS/

State Departments Division
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Budget overview: Department
of Employee Relations; Human Rights
Department; Minority Councils and
Disability Council.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern Agenda: Overview and discussion, Public Employees Labor Relations Act (PELRA); affirmative action.

8:30 a.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS/ Personnel Subcommittee

10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Harold Lasley

Agenda: HF456 (Williams) Relating to human rights; providing that failure to implement a comparable worth plan is an unfair discriminatory practice.

10:00 a.m.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: Cort Holten, Minnesota League of Credit Unions.

JUDICIARY/Criminal Justice Division 500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF315 (Vellenga) Relating to
crimes; criminal sexual conduct; providing intensive sex offender treatment
programs within the correctional system.
HF20 (S. Olsen) Relating to crimes;
criminal sexual conduct; imposing the
penalty of life imprisonment without
parole on persons convicted of a fourth
criminal sexual conduct offense.

11:45 a.m.(Approx.)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

& HOUSING/Banking Subcommittee Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: HF24 (Bertram) St. Augusta detached banking facility. HF156 (Scheid) Industrial loan and thrifts. (This meeting will take place following the full committee.)

12:30 p.m.

INSURANCE

5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund Agenda: HF611 (Skoglund) Medicare supplement insurance. HF200 (Quinn) Insurance consumers board.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: HF46 (Lieder) Bridge bonding. HF96 (Kalis) Five percent legislative apportionment of Highway User Tax Distribution Fund.

1:00 p.m.

WAYS & MEANS

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. Robert Vanasek

Chr. Rep. Robert Vanasek Agenda: Public testimony on the governor's budget.

2:30 p.m.

AGRICULTURE/Soil & Water

Resources Subcommittee
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jeff Bertram
Agenda: James Birkholz, executive
director, Minnesota Board of Water &
Soil Resources overview. HF590
(Cooper) Requiring disposable waste
container to be degradable. HF580
(Winter) Authorizing grazing or haying

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/Job Training & Retraining Subcommittee

of certain land under conservation.

400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION/

Education Finance Division
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: Various choice programs.

JUDICIARY/Privacy Subcommittee 500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

Agenda: HF448 (Weaver) Relating to data practices; providing that victims of criminal sexual conduct have access to the assailant's medical data concerning testing for HIV antibody and sexually transmitted diseases. HF678 (Blatz) Relating to data privacy; classifying financial information submitted by applicants to licensing agencies as private.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY BOARD

200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: Presentation and discussion of the Draft Work Program proposed for the Transportation Study Board, based upon legislative mandates (to be handed out at the meeting). Discussion of March 15, 1989 preliminary report to Legislative Committees.

TRANSPORTATION/

Surface Transportation Subcommittee 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Alice Johnson Agenda: HF484 (A. Johnson) Regional Rail Authorities joint powers. HF506 (McLaughlin) RTB Demonstration Project.

Thursday, March 2

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. James Rice Agenda: Budget hearings for Public Safety (continued).

APPROPRIATIONS/ **Education Division** 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson Agenda: Higher Education Coordinating

Board budget overview.

APPROPRIATIONS/ Health & Human Services Division 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Department of Human Services Family Support program budget requests continued.

APPROPRIATIONS/

State Departments Division 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn Agenda: Budget overview: Department of Military Affairs; Department of Veterans Affairs; and Office of Administrative Hearings.

TAXES/Tax Laws Subcommittee 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Alan Welle Agenda: HF244 (Rest) Presentation by the Department of Revenue.

8:30 a.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau Agenda: HF655 (Lasley) Relating to state lands; tax-forfeited lands in Anoka

County, HF692 (Simoneau) Relating to state government; state employees; permitting direct deposit of pay in credit unions.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office **Building**

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: HF622 (Milbert) Relating to 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. 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: HF601 (Long) Waste Management Act amendments.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren Agenda: To be announced.

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ **Community Stabilization** & Development Division 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Karen Clark Agenda: To be announced.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ International Trade & Technology Division 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Leo Reding Agenda: To be announced.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ Rural Resource Development Division 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

Agenda: Minnesota's agriculture future.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING/ **Elections Division**

500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid Agenda: HF354 (Jefferson) Relating to elections; providing for handicap access to precinct caucuses and party conventions. HF628 (Scheid) Relating to elections; authorizing the distribution of campaign material under certain conditions. HF736 (Ostrom) Relating to elections; eliminating a penalty for issuing certain election certificates.

GENERAL LEGISLATION. VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING/ Gaming Division 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joe Quinn

Agenda: HF66 (Quinn) Lottery.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. David Battaglia Agenda: HF529 (Battaglia) Local government; permitting cities and towns to contribute to certain hospitals, HF481 (Peterson) Mora; authorizing city to negotiate certain contracts. HF664 (McLaughlin) Local government; providing for appointment of certain employees of city of Minneapolis and school district one. HF679 (Jennings) Cities; removing an annexation provision.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

Friday, March 3

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/ **Health & Human Services Division** 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Department of Human Services Health Care program budget requests.

APPROPRIATIONS/ **State Departments Division** 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Budget overview: Department of Revenue.

APPROPRIATIONS/Telecommunications/Computers Subcommittee 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger Agenda: Persons testifying: Carol Vantine, chair, Information Policy Task Force and Larry Grant, Information Policy Office.

9:00 a.m.

JOINT MEETING LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS/ Metropolitan Affairs Subcommittee & TRANSPORTATION/ Air Transportation Subcommittee 200 State Office Building Chrs. Rep. Phil Carruthers & Bernie Lieder Agenda: Metro Airports Commission

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE/ Dairy and Livestock Subcommittee 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger Agenda: HF195 (Omann) Relating to emergency drought relief: appropriating money to continue the emergency haylift operation.

EDUCATION/ **Education Finance Division** 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson Agenda: To be announced.

budget and program review.

JUDICIARY/Civil Law Subcommittee 500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein Agenda: HF13 (Kelly) Relating to courts; raising the jurisdictional limit on claims heard in conciliation court. Additional items to be announced.

MINNESOTA FUTURE **RESOURCES COMMISSION** 200 State Office Building Chr. Sen. Clarence Purfeerst Agenda: Staff report on LCC approval on Feb. 8 of MFRC staffing changes and progress - John Velin. Review governor's budget proposal and recommendation language. Consider approval of work program amendment for SNA program to add target areas for future acquisition -

Bob Djupstrom. Consider approval of several specific SNA parcels in target areas formerly approved by MFRC - Bob Djupstrom, Develop MFRC recommendations on proposed Oil Overcharge grants as determined and submitted by Department of Administration - Chris Donaldson. (Proposal materials will be sent out Feb. 24 to members.) Consider memo requesting summer site visit suggestions and miscellaneous commission matters.

12:30 p.m.

JUDICIARY.

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly Agenda: To be announced. (Agenda is dependent upon division action.)

JUDICIARY/Criminal Justice Division 500N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga Agenda: HF59 (Kelly) Relating to crime; controlled substances, creating controlled substance crimes in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh degrees. HF641 (Kelly) Relating to crimes; controlled substances; imposing a mandatory minimum sentence for certain felonies committed with an illegal weapon or a semi-automatic assault rifle. HF163 (Dawkins) Relating to crime; enhancing penalties for offenders who unlawfully distribute controlled substances on school premises, at bus stops or enroute to or from school. HF159 (Dawkins) Relating to crimes, providing for termination, cancelation and forfeiture of real estate interests related to contraband or controlled substances seizures. HF837 (Carruthers) Creating a RICO statute. HF164 (McLaughlin) Relating to crime; enhancing penalties for offenders who unlawfully distribute controlled substances to minors in public parks, on school premises, at bus stops, or enroute to or from school. HF483 (Wagenius) Relating to crime; including controlled offenses in the evidentiary provision of the disorderly house crime.



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