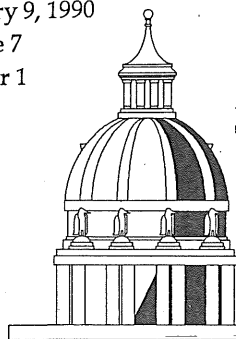


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It's a fact!

Virginia Holm, secretary of state from 1952-55, was the first woman to hold a statewide office in Minnesota and the first woman to wield the gavel in the Minnesota House chamber.

Holm was appointed secretary of state Sept. 16, 1952, after her husband, then Secretary of State Mike Holm, died. She won the next general election and served from 1953 to 1955.

One of Holm's first duties was to convene the 58th Session of the House. Holm told reporters she was "resolved not to waver" before the 129 male and two female House members. She then prepared herself by taking practice swings with the House speaker's gavel.



Workers put the finishing touches on the newly restored chamber of the Minnesota House of Representatives in preparation for the opening day of the 1990 session, Feb. 12. (See photo story on page 5)

Highlights

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On Monday, Feb. 12, the Legislature reconvenes for the second half of the 1989-90 biennium. In this, the first issue of the *Session Weekly*, we'll give you a glimpse of what's ahead for 1990 and bring you up to date on what has happened during the interim. Our mission is to keep both members and the public abreast of the latest developments in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

In this issue, you'll find a handy pullout section giving you committee information: meeting times, room numbers, chairs, and a list of each House member's committee assignments. We also include a word on what each committee covers and a complete list of

House members with room and phone numbers.

We're introducing a new section for your information called "The Inside Reports," weekly summaries of reports and research briefs on timely topics.

You'll read the first installment of a series of articles on the work of behind-the-scenes departments in the Legislature. Another series on House leaders begins with a story about with House Speaker Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague). And there's a profile of the 1990 House membership.

In our review of the interim, we've included a photo story on the restoration of the House chamber and a summary of legislative commission activity from May

1989 through January 1990.

You'll find a lot of other information in the *Session Weekly*, too. In every issue, there'll be a report on House action taken on key bills. In addition, we'll list all of the bills that have been introduced and an advance committee meeting schedule. Highlights of committee and floor action will give you a sampling of what happened between Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. And our features "It's a fact!" and "Do You Know?" will continue to bring you some of the little-noticed, but colorful facts about Minnesota government.

You'll also find feature stories on familiar faces around the Capitol in upcoming issues. We've got several profiles and story ideas lined up, but we're always on the lookout for more.

If you've got an idea, give us a call at (612) 296-7592 or write to the House Public Information Office, 175 State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155. Thanks.

Light rail transit

A light rail transit system (LRT) is the most cost-effective way of solving future and present-day transportation problems in Anoka County, says Paul McCarron, chairman of the Anoka County Regional Authority and an Anoka County commissioner.

Transportation Committee members, Anoka County officials, and residents voiced their opinions about LRT during a meeting in East Bethel Feb. 5.

McCarron told legislators the Anoka County rail authority believes LRT would save the county money in the long run.

"Widening Highway 65 in Anoka County will cost a lot more money than LRT, and it's going to have to take homes and stores...and malls out, and rip it all up," says McCarron. And that could harm the county's economic growth.

McCarron says he understands the Regional Transit Board's (RTB) desire to build the first system where it would have the most ridership — a central corridor connecting the Minneapolis and St. Paul downtowns. However, the Anoka County Regional Rail Authority, working with Hennepin County's rail authority, completed a study calling for two other LRT location options.

The first choice would be a stop-off

point near Northtown shopping center on Highways 10 and 47, the strongest population center in Anoka County, says McCarron. The LRT would arrive in the county from downtown Minneapolis along the University Avenue corridor. A second option, says McCarron, would build a stop-off point at the Highway 694 corridor arriving from downtown Minneapolis.

McCarron stressed that "LRT will not work without a good connection with buses so people can get from their neighborhoods to the LRT locations."

Rep. Connie Morrison (IR-Burnsville) sees other transit services, such as Anoka County's new dial-a-ride project, as a better answer to county transportation woes.

She says Minnesotans will dislike the number of stops LRT makes. "Just remember, LRT will never have an express...the slowest one on the line is how slow they're all going to go."

Bruce Roles, a member of the Planning and Zone Commission for East Bethel, also had little good to say about LRT.

"Every LRT in the country is losing money and the only one that looked like it might make a reasonable profit was in San Diego," he says. "And, when they surveyed the riders on the system, they found that most were tourists who hadn't ridden one before and just wanted to try it out."

He added that the LRT wouldn't benefit the many commuters who don't work downtown but instead travel suburb to suburb.

Child care

The Appropriations Committee's Education Division, to provide a forum for child care issues, named a three-member Subcommittee on Child Care during the interim.

Rep. Howard Orenstein (DFL-St. Paul) chairs the committee. The other members are representatives Len Price (DFL-Woodbury) and Connie Morrison (IR-Burnsville).

The Legislature last year approved a \$4 million appropriation to fund child care costs to eligible students not receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children. The Higher Education Coordinating Board supervises the grant program, which is handled through financial aid

offices of postsecondary institutions. Besides providing child care funding for the time parents are on campus, the grant also may cover costs for up to 20 hours of employment per week.

The panel will compile a list of short- and long-term recommendations on child care. "We are not architectural experts nor do we have the money to make changes," Orenstein said during the subcommittee's Feb. 2 meeting. "But we will provide a forum for these issues."

The child care question is a double-sided coin, he says. One side concerns financial aid to students and state aid to institutions. The other centers on child care facilities — how big should they be, should they be on campus, and how many children should they serve?

Anoka County Traveler

Beginning in the summer of 1990, Anoka County residents will be able to travel almost anywhere within the county for \$1, says Diane Harberts, coordinator of a new program that will bring public transportation to many Anoka County residents for the first time.

Members of the Transportation Committee heard testimony Feb. 5 about the Anoka County Traveler, a new dial-a-ride transit service that will provide door-to-door mini-bus rides to county residents.

The Anoka County Traveler is an 18-month pilot project providing residents with rides to 19 of 21 Anoka County communities.

"Basically this service is going to be the first opportunity for Northern Anoka County residents to experience any type of public transit," Harberts told lawmakers at a meeting held at East Bethel City Hall.

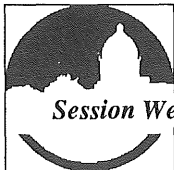
The Regional Transit Board (RTB) will pay the estimated \$630,000 in operating costs for the program, and Anoka County will pay about \$200,000 for administration and marketing costs.

A one-way ride will cost \$1 per person, provided a reservation is made 24 hours in advance. For \$1.50, riders can get transportation by calling two or three hours ahead. The mini-vans will have between seven and 25 seats, which will keep costs down, says Harberts. Dial-a-ride will also enable people to connect with the MTC bus service or Metro

Mobility when they need to travel outside the county.

Any Anoka County resident would be eligible to use the dial-a-ride service. Harberts says the program could be an alternative to buying a second car. It could also transport local commuters, relieve parents of driving their kids around town, reduce traffic and parking problems, conserve energy, and improve air quality, says Harberts.

And in answer to legislators' questions about overlapping with the Metro Mobility service, Harberts says the Anoka County Traveler would cost \$100,000 less than Metro Mobility to do the same job over 18 months. The service would also go beyond Highway 242, which Metro Mobility doesn't, and would have no riding restrictions, which Metro Mobility does.



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Feb. 12, 1895: On this day, Minnesota's 13th governor, David Marston Clough, signed a legislative act designating Abraham Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday in the state. When the act became effective in 1896, people celebrated throughout the state. Schools and state, municipal, and county offices closed for the day.

During a Jan. 30 news conference at the Capitol, Rep. Paul Ogren (DFL-Aitkin) announced his introduction of a bill calling for a constitutional amendment to provide affordable health care insurance for all Minnesotans.



1990 House Leaders *Speaker of the House*

Speaker Vanasek was once a Republican

House Speaker Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) is generally considered to hold the second most powerful position in state government. But few people know he actually started his political career as a Republican.

While a student at the University of Minnesota, Vanasek supported Nelson Rockefeller for the 1968 Republican Party's nomination for president.

But when Richard Nixon got the nomination, he says he became dissatisfied with the Republicans and switched to the Democratic Party. Later that year, he was in Chicago for the 1968 Democratic National Convention and watched the rioting in Grant Park. Those experiences, and being dissatisfied with the current Democratic administration, sparked his interest in trying to change the system.

He later joined his local DFL organization in Scott County and was planning to do campaign work for a local incumbent representative. But due to reapportionment that year, he found himself living in a new district without an incumbent running for re-election. In 1972, people encouraged him to run for the open seat. He won and has been re-elected ever since. When session begins Feb. 12, he will begin his third year as speaker.

Vanasek represents District 25A, a rural district 50 miles south of the Twin Cities covering parts of four counties: Dakota, Le Sueur, Rice, and Scott.

He has served as chair of various committees and assistant majority leader in 1978, a position he was re-elected to in 1980 and 1982. He was elected as the majority leader in 1986 and served in that position until he became speaker in 1987.

Vanasek says he enjoys presiding over House floor sessions and representing House positions in negotiations with the Senate and governor. He says another part of the job he enjoys is looking out for the House as an institution. That role, he says, is one often overlooked by others as an important function of the speaker.

His dislikes of the job stem from having to give the last word on problems unsolvable at lower levels, he says. Other problems arise out of time demands and day-to-day distractions that he says keep him from concentrating on the bigger issues facing the state.

As speaker, he works with both Majority Leader Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) and Minority Leader Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park). He said he has a good working relationship with Long, and that they work as a team in leading the DFL caucus.

He believes he has a good working relationship with Schreiber, one that's based on mutual respect. Even though he and Schreiber don't always agree on issues, he says they are able to communicate with each other. And that helps the House function more smoothly.

Vanasek says there's more partisanship in the House today than 15 years ago — and more party feuding than there needs to be. He thinks there has been a lowering of partisanship in the last few years, and he hopes it can be lowered even more. Not all issues are ones that have to

separate Democrats and Republicans, he says, and both parties are working to lower tensions.

Since getting his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Minnesota in 1971, he attended Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government on a Bush Fellowship. He received his master's degree in public administration in 1988.

He has received numerous service awards while in the House. He was honored by various organizations, including the Minneapolis/St. Paul Archdiocese, named the "Outstanding Young American" by the Jaycees (1979 and 1984), and named "Legislator of the Year" by two different organizations. He participates in local community activities and is a member of the New Prague Volunteer Fire Department.

Asked what he wants to do when he leaves the Legislature, he says he hasn't made any plans. He says that throughout his political career he has waited and evaluated his opportunities as they arose. He'll continue on that course.



House Speaker Robert Vanasek

House Restoration

1989-90

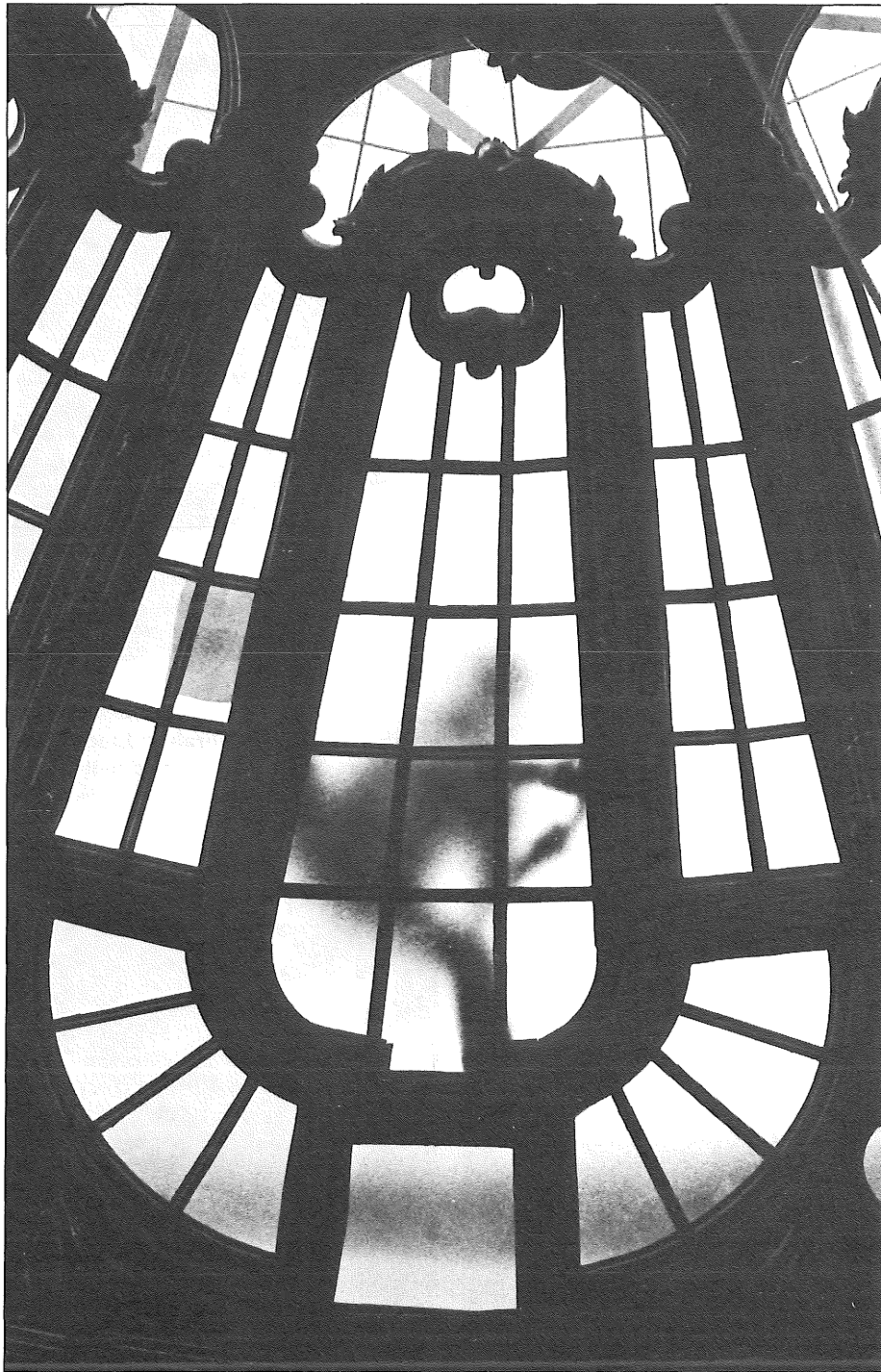
Workers completed the restoration of the chamber of the Minnesota House of Representatives in time for the opening of the second half of the 76th Legislative Session. On Feb. 12, House members will reconvene in an entirely new, yet old chamber.

The chamber restoration was part of a general plan to return the Capitol to architect Cass Gilbert's original design. But it also incorporates the latest in modern technology so that members and staff can continue to function efficiently.

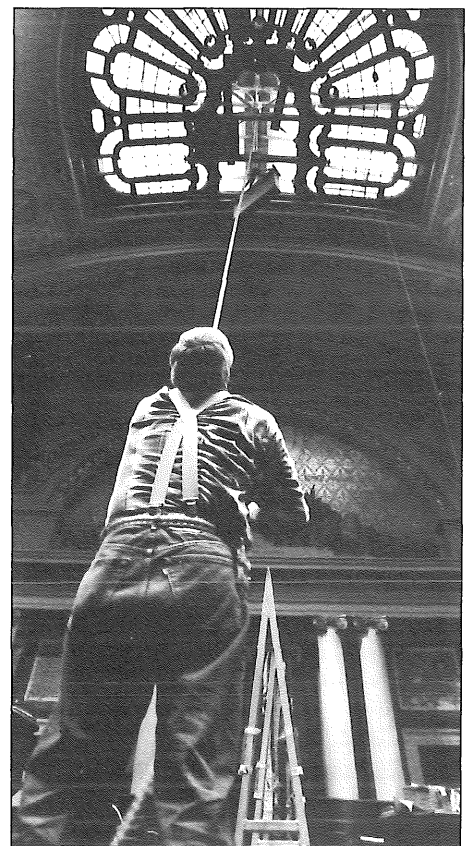
Workers began construction on the chamber in August 1989. Here's their story.

Left: A worker creates a surreal silhouette as he seals panes of glass in the inner skylight at the top of the House chamber.

Below: A worker uses a pulley system to shuttle glass from the floor to the skylight.

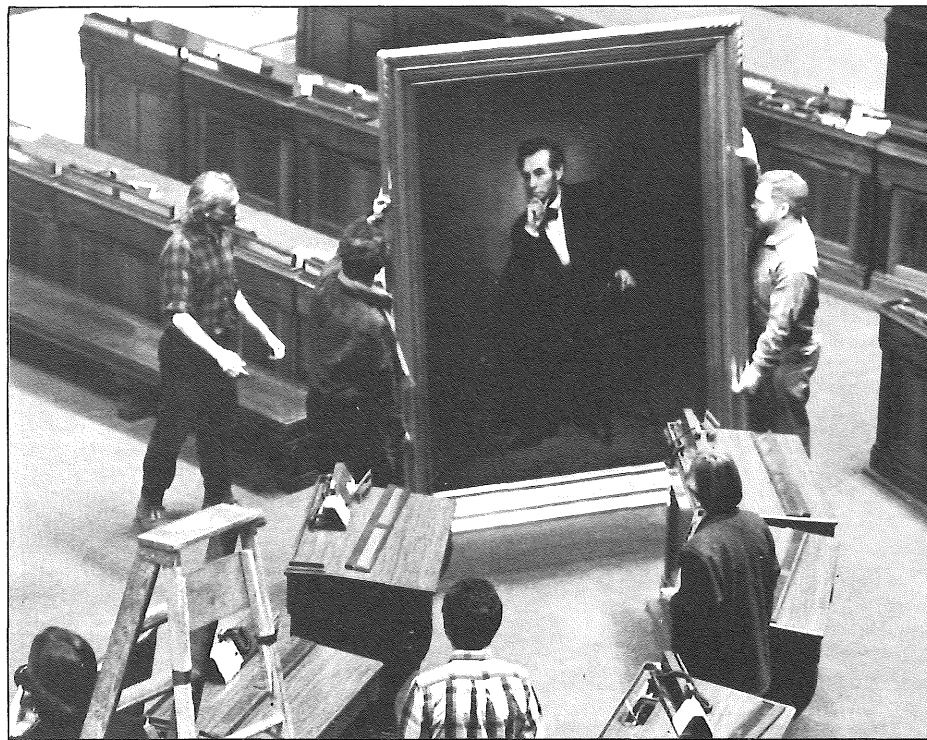


Right: Glaziers fit a large sheet of glass into the skylight's metal framework.



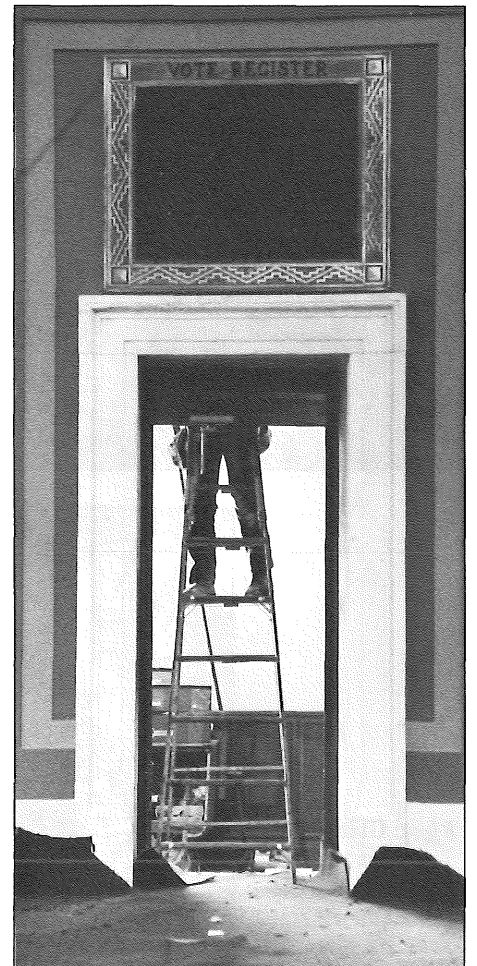


Conservator Jim Horns restores a mural in one of the House chamber's side rooms near where a wall was removed.



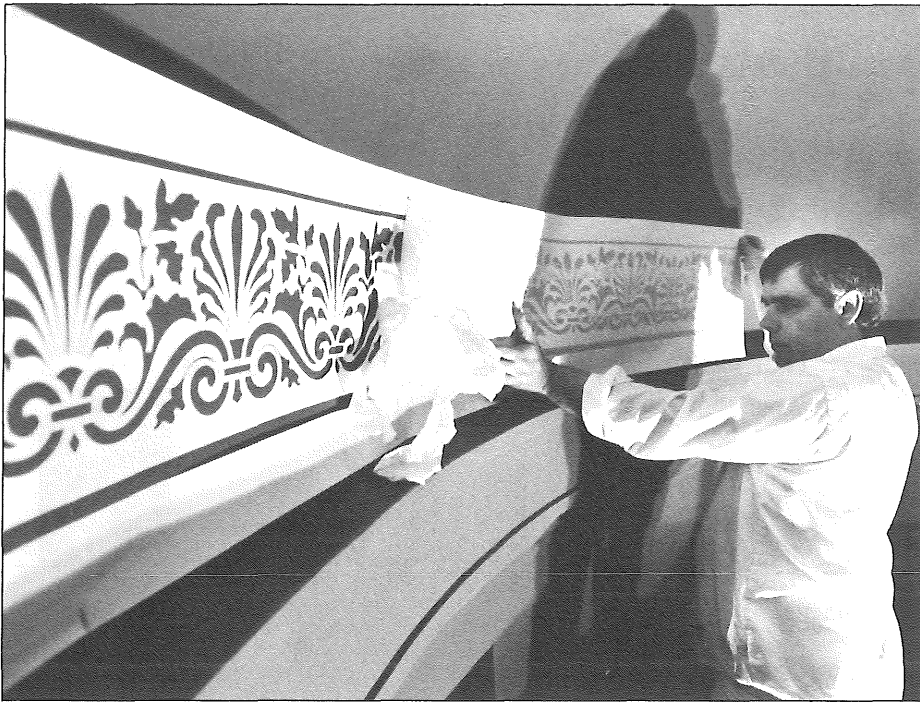
Left: The portrait of Abraham Lincoln was cleaned, restored, and returned to its position behind the speaker's desk in the House chamber.

Standing tall in a chamber side room.

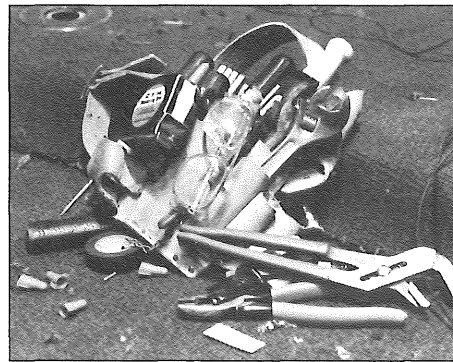


Right: Newly restored chair supports await their assembly with other refurbished parts of the chairs in the gallery.





A painter unrolls a stencil that he will use to re-gold leaf a border in a third floor gallery vestibule.

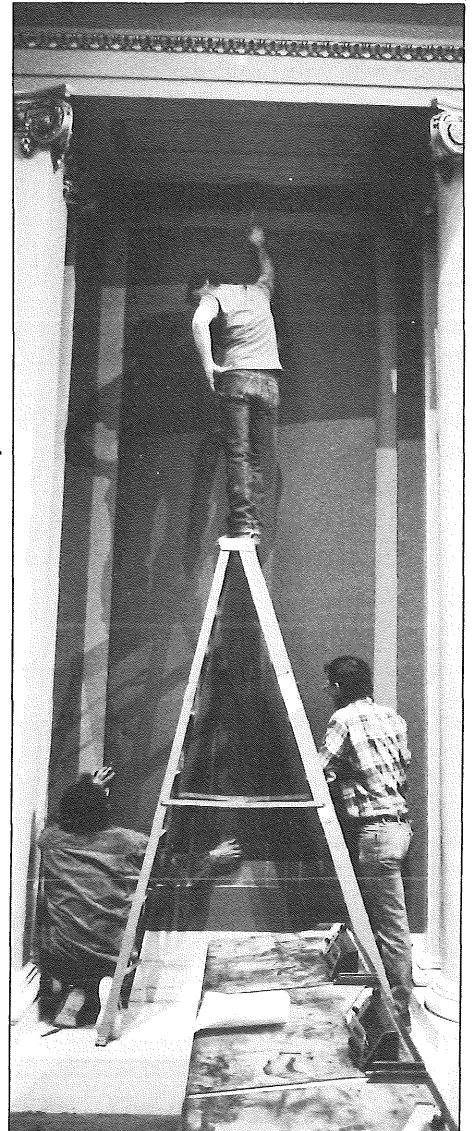


Tools of the trade.

All of the members' desks were refinished, and a portion of the front desk in the chamber was newly carved.

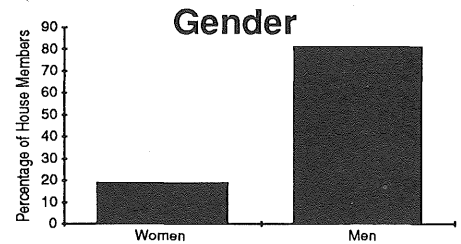
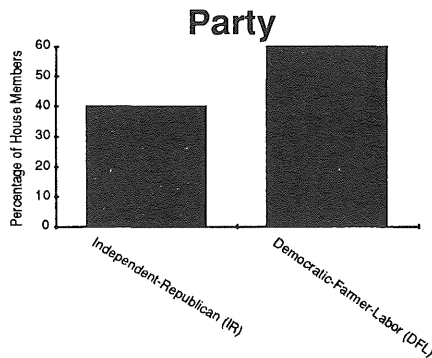


A trio works to fit one of the sound-absorbing panels into place.



Minnesota House of Representatives

Profile '90



Farming still ranks number one in the House

The Minnesota House of Representatives will be heading into the 1990 session with only one newly elected member. The Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party remains in the majority with 80 members; Independent-Republicans number 54.

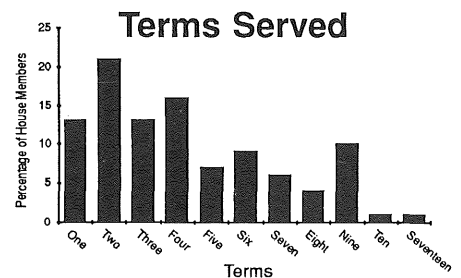
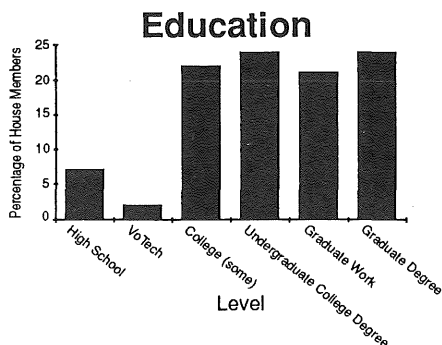
Farming continues to be the number one occupation for House members with 23 people listing it as their primary occupation. Business, the next most frequently listed profession, numbers 22. Nineteen legislators list themselves as full-time legislators. Other occupations include educators 17; attorneys 15;

homemakers 7; consultants and trades/labor have 5 apiece; real estate 3; and auctioneering and sales at 2 apiece. Remaining occupations include a financial planner, writer, policeman, firefighter, photographer, pharmacist, engineer, certified public accountant, securities representative, social worker, law student, hospital department manager, loan officer, and a manager of county records.

Of the 107 men and 27 women in the 1990 House, 31 hold graduate degrees; 27 have done some graduate work; 31 hold undergraduate college degrees; and

32 have done some college/vo-tech work.

The average age among House members is 47. The oldest member is 79; the youngest is 25. The one new House member, Rep. Alice Hausman (DFL-St. Paul) increases the number of first-term representatives from 16 to 17. The largest group of returning lawmakers are the 28 second-term members, followed by 21 fourth-term members, 17 third-term members, and 13 ninth-term members. The Houses' senior member, Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), will finish his 17th term in 1990.



MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1990 MEMBERSHIP

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20A Anderson, Glen H. (DFL)	335	4228
6A Battaglia, David P. (DFL)	517	2190
18B Bauerly, Jerry J. (DFL)	349	5377
56B Beard, Pat (DFL)	565	3135
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53A Bennett, Tony L. (IR)	209	2907
16B Bertram, Jeff (DFL)	571	4373
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8B Boo, Ben (IR)	311	2228
11A Brown, Chuck (DFL)	569	4929
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47B Carruthers, Phil (DFL)	575	3709
60A Clark, Karen (DFL)	407	0294
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21B Cooper, Roger (DFL)	507	4346
9B Dauner, Marvin K. (DFL)	581	6829
65A Dawkins, Andy (DFL)	371	5158
23A Dempsey, Terry (IR)	261	9303
21A Dille, Steve (IR)	227	4344
24A Dorn, John (DFL)	533	3248
42B Forsythe, Mary (IR)	245	4363
24B Frederick, Marcel "Sal" (IR)	303	5513
32A Frerichs, Donald L. (IR)	389	4378
27A Girard, Jim (IR)	213	5374
61A Greenfield, Lee (DFL)	375	0173
17B Gruenes, Dave (IR)	201	6316
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30A Hartle, Dean (IR)	233	5368
13A Hasskamp, Kris (DFL)	413	4333
31A Haukoos, Bob (IR)	279	8216
63B Hausman, Alice (DFL)	439	3824
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41A Himle, John (IR)	247	7803
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54B Kostohryz, Dick (DFL)	585	4936
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APPROPRIATIONS

Simoneau296-4331
M-Th2008:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

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T, ThBasement10:00 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Otis296-9281
T, Th512:30 p.m.

EDUCATION

McEachern296-4237
M, W58:00 a.m.

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Munger296-4282
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WBasement10:00 a.m.

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Kostohryz296-4936
T500S12:30 p.m.

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JUDICIARY

Kelly296-4277
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Begich296-5063
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T, Th20012:30 p.m.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Jacobs296-4231
M1010:00 a.m.

TAXES

Ogren296-7808
T, Th, F58:00 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION

Kalis296-4240
W1012:30 p.m.

Divisions

(usually meet when full committee
does not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS

Agriculture, Transportation
& Semi-State Division
Rice296-4262
M-Th400S8:00 a.m.

Education Division
Carlson, L.296-4255
M-Th300N8:00 a.m.

Health & Human Services Division
Greenfield296-0173
M-Th2008:00 a.m.

State Departments Division
Kahn296-4257
M-Th300S8:00 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Stabilization
& Development Division
Clark296-0294
Th300S12:30 p.m.

International Trade & Technology Division

Krueger296-3201
Th400S12:30 p.m.

Rural Resource Development Division

Murphy296-2676
Th300N12:30 p.m.

EDUCATION

Education Finance Division

Nelson, K.296-4244
M300N12:30 p.m.
W300N2:30 p.m.
F300N10:00 a.m.

Higher Education Division

Jaros296-4246
W500N10:00 a.m.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Housing Division

O'Connor296-7807
M500N12:30 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS

Elections Division

Scheid296-3751
Th500N12:30 p.m.

Gaming Division

Quinn296-2439
Th500S12:30 p.m.

JUDICIARY

Criminal Justice Division

Vellenga296-8799
W500S10:00 a.m.

Meet at the call of the chair:

ETHICS

Solberg296-2365

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Long296-0171400N

WAYS & MEANS

Vanasek296-4229400N

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Minnesota House of Representatives

1990 COMMITTEE COVERAGE

The Minnesota Legislature creates, repeals, and changes laws to meet the needs of Minnesotans. Although legislators introduce hundreds of bills each session, only a small portion are signed into law by the governor. The House of Representatives and the Senate consider bills separately but must agree on a bill before it becomes law.

The Legislature relies on committees, and their divisions and subcommittees to study and review all bills. In the House, the speaker names the committees, appoints members to the committees, and selects chairs to lead them. Once the committee assignments are made and the House convenes for its session, the speaker assigns bills to the appropriate committee.

Here's a list briefly describing the functions of each 1990 committee and division:

Agriculture:

Sets out farm policies and programs to assist farmers, promotes interstate and international trade, develops strategies for marketing commodities, and develops programs to encourage soil conservation.

Appropriations:

Recommends objectives and goals in appropriating state money; reviews the governor's budget proposals; recommends funding levels for all state agencies and programs the state finances; provides estimates of appropriations to the Ways and Means Committee; reviews every bill where a state appropriation is required, even if the bill has had its first hearing in another committee. The committee has four divisions, which specialize in different appropriation issues.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division:

Reviews and recommends funding for agricultural programs, transportation projects, the departments of Agriculture and Transportation, all public safety activities, the Minnesota

Historical Society, and boards and organizations that the state partially funds.

Education Division:

Handles legislative funding for the state's four public higher education systems and the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Health & Human Services Division:

Reviews governor's budget; recommends funding for state health, human services, and corrections programs; reviews funding needs for legislation the Health and Human Services Committee recommends to pass.

State Departments Division:

Reviews and recommends appropriations for state departments and agencies.

Commerce:

Deals mainly with consumer affairs, professional licensing, tourism, and small-business issues.

Economic Development:

Covers rural development, community development, international trade, technology development, and the application of technology to the marketplace; considers job development, business finance and technical assistance issues; and reviews programs in the Department of Trade and Economic Development.

Community Stabilization & Development Division:

Reviews and proposes strategies for communities or neighborhoods to counter negative impacts such as population dislocation, economic, criminal, environmental, or geographic upheaval; focuses on enabling citizens to survive the effects of such destabilizing forces and to realize creative opportunities for community development; considers both rural and urban communities' concerns.

International Trade & Technology Division:

Examines Minnesota's economic and job needs, emphasizing world competitiveness; makes recommendations for small- and medium-sized businesses to improve manufacturing techniques and enhance exporting opportunities; promotes technology transfer from learning institutions to industry.

Rural Resource Development Division:

Examines forest, mineral and agricultural resources (except agricultural production); examines experimental farms and University of Minnesota extension programs; looks for ways to diversify rural resource economies.

Education:

Handles policy areas such as statewide funding and structure of public education for K-12, and organization of educational districts.

Education Finance Division:

Reviews and recommends funding for school systems and educational programs; creates a formula to distribute funds among school districts.

Higher Education Division:

Makes recommendations for the goals and objectives of technical colleges, state universities, community colleges, and the University of Minnesota; assesses the quality, availability, governance, and administration of these institutions.

Environment & Natural Resources:

Examines issues relating to pollution, waste management, wildlife protection, forestry and mining, ground water protection, solid waste reduction, and recycling; also examines hunting and fishing regulations and promotion.

Financial Institutions & Housing:

Reviews laws and bills for banks, savings and loans, credit unions, and industrial thrifts.

Housing Division:

Reviews and proposes programs and regulations to improve access to quality housing.

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming:

Reviews gambling issues and regulations, election concerns, veterans' programs, and miscellaneous legislation.

Elections Division:

Considers election laws and ethical issues.

Gaming Division:

Handles areas such as lawful, or charitable gambling, pari-mutuel horse racing, the lottery, and gambling regulations and enforcement.

Governmental Operations:

Reviews any bill that substantially changes or creates a new state department, agency, commission, board or bureau, although a bill may have had its first review and hearing in another committee; deals with public employee pension plans, and state workers' bargaining procedures.

Health & Human Services:

Receives all bills relating to health issues and various social services in the state; reviews issues relating to health maintenance organizations; deals with the licensing of health care providers and social workers; reviews and recommends welfare programs, policies, goals, objectives, reform and creation.

Insurance:

Examines consumer rights in insurance, affordability and availability of insurance for individuals and companies, and other aspects of the insurance industry.

Judiciary:

Considers all areas of Minnesota law and the structure and organization of the courts.

Criminal Justice Division:

Examines several aspects of criminal law, including the state's sentencing guidelines, court procedures in juvenile delinquency cases, and questions concerning child abuse.

Labor-Management Relations:

Considers unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, and labor standards concerning issues about hours worked, wages paid, and working conditions.

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs:

Looks at local government and makes recommendations concerning relations between state and local governments, the impact of federal and state programs on local government, and local governments' jurisdiction, control and bonding authority; reviews metropolitan agencies' structures, goals, and programs; considers transportation, sewers, roads, bridges, parks, airports, and bonding for state construction projects in the metropolitan area.

Regulated Industries:

Examines controls on industries the state regulates such as liquor, phone, power, and commercial soliciting.

Rules & Legislative Administration:

Establishes the budget for the House; approves personnel matters; determines House Rules and joint rules of the House and Senate.

Taxes:

Reviews bills that affect state income, sales, use, or property tax policy.

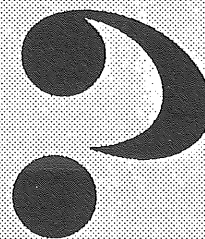
Transportation:

Addresses policy matters concerning highways, trucking, transit systems, airports, and the departments of Transportation and Public Safety.

Ways & Means:

Sets overall spending and taxing policies and limits for the Appropriations and Taxes committees, and the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee.

Do you know



Mountain Iron will hold its winter carnival Feb. 14 - March 11 as part of the state's "Celebrate Minnesota" campaign.

The carnival begins with a treasure hunt on Feb. 14. The *Mesabi Daily News* will run clues from the first day of the hunt until the \$50 treasure is found.

Celebrants have a choice of two dances. A teen dance, following the Mt. Iron-Buhl basketball game, will be held in the Mt. Iron-Buhl High School cafeteria from 9 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. on Feb. 16. For the adult crowd, a 50s/60s dance will be held at the senior center from 8 p.m. to midnight on Feb. 24.

Celebrants also have a choice of two hockey tournaments to participate in. A youth hockey tournament will be held Feb. 17 and 18, and people 18 years old and older can compete in the Boot Hockey Tournament on Feb. 24. Both will be played at the South Grove Skating Rinks.

The sky will light up for a fireworks display on Feb. 24 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Wacootah Dump.

Other activities include a family fun day, a radar run, and the crowning of the carnival's queen and princess. Call the city's recreation office at (218) 735-8890 for more information on carnival activities.

Celebrate
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 Labor-Management Relations

10B Anderson, Bob (IR-Ottertail)
 Appropriations—Health & Human Services Div.
 Commerce
 Ethics
 Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

20A Anderson, Glen H. (DFL-Bellingham)
 Appropriations—Education Div.
 Economic Development—International
 Trade & Technology Div.
 Rules & Legislative Administration
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6A Battaglia, David P. (DFL-Two Harbors)
 Local Government & Metropolitan
 Affairs, Chair
 Appropriations—State Departments Div.
 Environment & Natural Resources
 Labor-Management Relations

18B Bauerly, Jerry J. (DFL-Sauk Rapids)
 Agriculture
 Education—Education Finance Div.
 Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

56B Beard, Pat (DFL-Cottage Grove)
 Commerce
 Education—Higher Education Div.
 Labor-Management Relations
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6B Begich, Joseph (DFL-Eveleth)
 Labor-Management Relations, Chair
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53A Bennett, Tony L. (IR-Shoreview)
 Commerce
 Gen. Legislation, Vets. Affairs & Gaming
 —Gaming Div.
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16B Bertram, Jeff (DFL-Paynesville)
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 Financial Institutions & Housing—Housing Div.
 Gen. Legislation, Vets. Affairs & Gaming
 —Gaming Div.
 Governmental Operations

33B Bishop, Dave (IR-Rochester)
 Appropriations—State Departments Div.
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 Judiciary—Criminal Justice Div.

41B Blatz, Kathleen (IR-Bloomington)
 Insurance
 Judiciary—Criminal Justice Div.
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8B Boo, Ben (IR-Duluth)
 Financial Institutions & Housing—Housing Div.
 Gen. Legislation, Vets. Affairs & Gaming
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11A Brown, Chuck (DFL-Appleton)
 Agriculture
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43A Burger, John (IR-Long Lake)
 Economic Development—Community
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14B Carlson, Doug (IR-Sandstone)
 Appropriations—State Departments Div.
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46B Carlson, Lyndon R. (DFL-Crystal)
 Appropriations—Education Div., Chair
 Economic Development—International Trade
 & Technology Div.
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47B Carruthers, Phil
 (DFL-Brooklyn Center)
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60A Clark, Karen (DFL-Mpls)
 Economic Development—Community
 Stabilization & Development Div., Chair
 Appropriations—Health & Human Services Div.
 Financial Institutions & Housing—Housing Div.

30B Conway, Jeff (DFL-Waseca)
 Financial Institutions & Housing—Housing Div.
 Governmental Operations
 Judiciary

21B Cooper, Roger (DFL-Bird Island)
 Agriculture
 Economic Development—Rural Resource
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9B Dauner, Marvin K. (DFL-Hawley)
 Agriculture
 Health & Human Services
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65A Dawkins, Andy (DFL-St. Paul)
 Economic Development—Community
 Stabilization & Development Div.
 Financial Institutions & Housing—Housing Div.
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23A Dempsey, Terry (IR-New Ulm)
 Judiciary—Criminal Justice Div.
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21A Dille, Steve (IR-Dassel)
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 Economic Development—Rural Resource
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24A Dorn, John (DFL-Mankato)
 Appropriations—Education Div.
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42B Forsythe, Mary (IR-Edina)
 Appropriations—Health & Human Services Div.
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24B Frederick, Marcel "Sal" (IR-Mankato)
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32A Frerichs, Donald L. (IR-Rochester)
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 Economic Development—International Trade
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27A Girard, Jim (IR-Lynd)
 Agriculture
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61A Greenfield, Lee (DFL-Mpls)
 Appropriations—Health & Human Services
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17B Gruenes, Dave (IR-St. Cloud)
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33A Gutknecht, Gil (IR-Rochester)
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30A Hartle, Dean (IR-Owatonna)
Education—Education Finance Div.
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13A Hasskamp, Kris (DFL-Crosby)
Education—Higher Education Div.
Health & Human Services
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31A Haukoos, Bob (IR-Albert Lea)
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63B Hausman, Alice (DFL-St. Paul)
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45B Heap, Jim (IR-Plymouth)
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Commerce
Economic Development—International Trade
& Technology Div.

40B Henry, Joyce (IR-Bloomington)
Financial Institutions & Housing
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41A Himle, John (IR-Bloomington)
Economic Development—Rural Resource
Development Div.
Environment & Natural Resources
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29A Hugoson, Gene (IR-Granada)
Agriculture
Economic Development—International Trade
& Technology Development
Education—Education Finance Div.

49B Jacobs, Joel (DFL-Coon Rapids)
Regulated Industries, Chair
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5B Janezich, Jerry (DFL-Chisholm)
Commerce
Judiciary—Criminal Justice Div.
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
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7B Jaros, Mike (DFL-Duluth)
Education—Higher Education Div., Chair
Appropriations—Education Div.
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57B Jefferson, Richard H. (DFL-Mpls)
Financial Institutions & Housing—Housing Div.
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19B Jennings, Loren G. (DFL-Harris)
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51A Johnson, Alice M. (DFL-Spring Lake Park)
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4A Johnson, Bob (DFL-Bemidji)
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34A Johnson, Virgil J. (IR-Caledonia)
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58B Kahn, Phyllis (DFL-Mpls)
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29B Kalis, Henry J. (DFL-Walters)
Transportation, Chair
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67A Kelly, Randy C. (DFL-St. Paul)
Insurance
Judiciary, Chair
—Criminal Justice Div.
Labor-Management Relations
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36A Kelso, Becky (DFL-Shakopee)
Education—Education Finance Div.
Health & Human Services
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4B Kinkel, Anthony G. "Tony" (DFL-Park Rapids)
Commerce
Education—Higher Education Div.
Gen. Legislation, Vets. Affairs & Gaming
—Gaming Div.
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43B Knickerbocker, Jerry (IR-Minnetonka)
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—Elections Div.
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54B Kostohryz, Dick (DFL-North St. Paul)
Gen. Legislation, Vets. Affairs & Gaming, Chair
—Elections Div.
—Gaming Div.
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12B Krueger, Richard "Rick" (DFL-Staples)
Economic Development—International Trade
& Technology Div.
Agriculture
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19A Lasley, Harold (DFL-Cambridge)
Economic Development—Rural Resource
Development Div.
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2A Lieder, Bernard L. "Bernie" (DFL-Crookston)
Appropriations—Ag., Trans., & Semi-State Div.
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48A Limmer, Warren E. (IR-Maple Grove)
Governmental Operations
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59A Long, Dee (DFL-Mpls)
Rules & Legislative Administration, Chair
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50A Lynch, Teresa (IR-Andover)
Environment & Natural Resources
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36B Macklin, Bill (IR-Lakeville)
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17A Marsh, Marcus (IR-Sauk Rapids)
Economic Development—Rural Resource
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Environment & Natural Resources
Judiciary—Criminal Justice Div.

35B McDonald, K.J. (IR-Watertown)
Agriculture
Education—Higher Education Div.
Gen. Legislation, Vets. Affairs & Gaming
—Gaming Div.
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22A McEachern, Bob (DFL-Maple Lake)
Education, Chair
—Education Finance Div.
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—Elections Div.
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63A McGuire, Mary Jo (DFL-Falcon Heights)
Education—Higher Education Div.
Environment & Natural Resources
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60B McLaughlin, Peter (DFL-Mpls)

Economic Development—Community
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55B McPherson, Harriet A. (IR-Stillwater)

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39B Milbert, Robert P. (DFL-South St. Paul)

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20B Miller, Howard (IR-Redwood Falls)

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Economic Development—International Trade
& Technology Div.
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38A Morrison, Connie (IR-Burnsville)

Appropriations—Education Div.
Financial Institutions & Housing—Housing Div.
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7A Munger, Willard (DFL-Duluth)

Environment & Natural Resources, Chair
Appropriations—Education Div.
Rules & Legislative Administration

8A Murphy, Mary (DFL-Hermantown)

Economic Development—Rural Resource
Development Div., Chair
Appropriations—Health & Human Services Div.
Commerce

11B Nelson, Clair (DFL-Barrett)

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Economic Development—Community
Stabilization & Development Div.
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62A Nelson, Ken (DFL-Mpls)

Education—Education Finance Div., Chair
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3A Neuenschwander, Bob (DFL-Int'l Falls)

Economic Development—Rural Resource
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66B O'Connor, Rich (DFL-St. Paul)

Financial Institutions & Housing
—Housing Div., Chair
Commerce
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14A Ogren, Paul Anders (DFL-Aitkin)

Taxes, Chair
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44A Olsen, Sally (IR-St. Louis Park)

Financial Institutions & Housing—Housing Div.
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2B Olson, Edgar (DFL-Fosston)

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28B Olson, Katy (DFL-Sherburn)

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Economic Development—Rural Resource
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16A Omann, Bernie (IR-St. Joseph)

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Health & Human Services

22B Onnen, Tony (IR-Cokato)

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64B Orenstein, Howard (DFL-St. Paul)

Appropriations—Education Div.
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Transportation

66A Osthoff, Tom (DFL-St. Paul)

Financial Institutions & Housing, Chair
—Housing Div.
Appropriations—State Departments Div.
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—Elections Div.
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23B Ostrom, Don (DFL-St. Peter)

Education—Education Finance Div.
Gen. Legislation, Vets. Affairs & Gaming
—Elections Div.
Health & Human Services

59B Otis, Todd (DFL-Mpls)

Economic Development, Chair
—Community Stabilization &
Development Div.
—International Trade & Technology Div.
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Education—Education Finance Div.
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37B Ozment, Dennis (IR-Rosemount)

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65B Pappas, Sandy (DFL-St. Paul)

Education—Education Finance Div.
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42A Pauly, Sidney (IR-Eden Prairie)

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52B Pellow, Dick (IR-New Brighton)

Commerce
Economic Development—Community
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Education—Higher Education Div.
Transportation

34B Pelowski, Gene, Jr. (DFL-Winona)

Commerce
Economic Development—International Trade
& Technology Div.
Education—Higher Education Div.

**18A Peterson, Jerome "JP"
(DFL-Princeton)**

Appropriations—State Departments Div.
Economic Development—Rural Resource
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**10A Poppenhagen, Dennis
(IR-Detroit Lakes)**

Appropriations—Education Div.
Economic Development—Rural Resource
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56A Price, Len (DFL-Woodbury)

Appropriations—Education Div.
Environment & Natural Resources
Gen. Legislation, Vets. Affairs & Gaming
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39A Pugh, Thomas W. (DFL-South St. Paul)

Appropriations—Health & Human Services Div.
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50B Quinn, Joe (DFL-Coon Rapids)

Gen. Legislation, Vets. Affairs & Gaming
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Financial Institutions & Housing
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32B Redalen, Elton R. (IR-Fountain)

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31B Reding, Leo J. (DFL-Austin)

Governmental Operations, Chair
Environment & Natural Resources
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46A Rest, Ann H. (DFL-New Hope)

Education—Education Finance Div.
Judiciary—Criminal Justice Div.
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57A Rice, James I. (DFL-Mpls)
Appropriations—Ag., Trans., & Semi-State Div., Chair
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12A Richter, Don (IR-Wadena)
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25B Rodosovich, Peter (DFL-Faribault)
Appropriations—Health & Human Services Div.
Economic Development—International Trade & Technology Div.
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5A Rukavina, Tom (DFL-Virginia)
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52A Runbeck, Linda (IR-Circle Pines)
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58A Sarna, John J. (DFL-Mpls)
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35A Schafer, Gary (IR-Gibbon)
Economic Development—Community Stabilization & Development Div.
Education—Education Finance Div.
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47A Scheid, Linda (DFL-Brooklyn Park)
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48B Schreiber, Bill (IR-Brooklyn Park)
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38B Seaberg, Art (IR-Eagan)
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44B Segal, Gloria (DFL-St. Louis Park)
Appropriations—Health & Human Services Div.
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51B Simoneau, Wayne (DFL-Fridley)
Appropriations, Chair
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61B Skoglund, Wesley J. "Wes" (DFL-Mpls)
Insurance, Chair
Environment & Natural Resources
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3B Solberg, Loren A. (DFL-Bovey)
Ethics, Chair
Appropriations—State Departments Div.
Commerce
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1B Sparby, Wally (DFL-Thief River Falls)
Agriculture
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Financial Institutions & Housing—Housing Div.

53B Stanius, Brad (IR-White Bear Lake)
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27B Steensma, Andy (DFL-Luverne)
Agriculture
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26A Sviggum, Steven (IR-Kenyon)
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55A Swenson, Doug (IR-Forest Lake)
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40A Tjornhom, Chris (IR-Richfield)
Economic Development—International Trade & Technology Div.
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Governmental Operations

37A Tompkins, Eileen (IR-Apple Valley)
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67B Trimble, Steve (DFL-St. Paul)
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1A Tunheim, Jim (DFL-Kennedy)
Education—Education Finance Div.
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A Window on the House

House Research Department

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of stories highlighting some of the departments that work behind-the-scenes in the legislative process. Watch for "A Window on the House."

Information is key to good legislation

Many involved in the legislative process feel that laws that work well are backed up by good research. The House Research Department, in many cases, is a key provider of information for legislators.

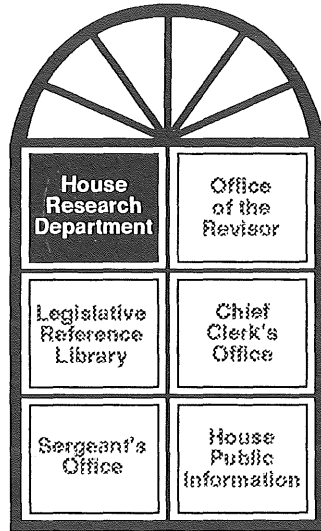
"There's always a glut of information that members have to deal with and then evaluate to determine what's useful," says House Research Director Carole Pagones. "We help with that."

House Research's major contributions are committee work, bill drafting, and producing publications that provide three types of information: descriptive (information briefs, reference books), analytical (policy and legal analyses), and quantitative (research studies and computer simulations.)

Complexity increases with time

Before the department was created in 1968, life was a lot less complicated for members, Pagones says. The legislators could answer questions more easily because state government was less complex. Legislators also relied more on lobbyists for their information.

Now every bill passed into law complicates matters for legislators. Information sources are more extensive and complex as a result, Pagones says. Instead of each member doing his or her own research, the department gathers information and conducts research projects for the entire House.



Committee needs and individual requests dominate the department's time during session.

In addition to drafting bills, writing bill summaries and amendments are major department activities. Last year almost 4,000 summaries and amendments were produced. Other session work includes conference committee reports, riders (a clause added to an appropriation's bill under consideration), and resolutions.

In addition to responding to questions, House Research, which is nonpartisan,

initiates studies and reports on legislative topics and issues.

"We try to chip out time to be pro-active and not just a reactive office," Pagones says.

Long-term projects are also conducted on behalf of committees and representatives. Research reports are the result of substantial analytical research that may require months to complete and often involve several analysts and the design and use of special computer programs.

Current studies include one on open enrollment in the schools and another on identifying issues in designing a local government aid program. Some studies, such as one on the stability of Minnesota's sales tax, are initiated by the legislative analysts. After some preliminary research, the project idea is presented to legislators for reactions to its usefulness.

Information models created by analysts provide members with a quick, flexible way to see the effects of legislation. An income tax model completed last year shows how a change in tax rates or the number of deductions affect the income tax. The Department of Finance uses this model to prepare state revenue estimates.

Staff workload increases every year

The workload increases yearly, Pagones says, adding that an analyst may do as many as 130 bill summaries during a session. Summaries run from one to 100 pages.

"Our best resources go home at night," Pagones says. "These people are the most talented, gifted, committed people I've ever had the privilege to work with." Pagones has worked in five state governments during the past twenty years.

"The better information you have, the better decisions you can make," Pagones says.



Capitol visitor John Phillips reads a House Research report.

Legislative Commission Activities

Legislators, in addition to their other duties, work on commissions that study and report on areas of interest for both the House and Senate.

The majority of members on legislative commissions must be legislators. The Speaker of the House appoints House members. In the Senate, a subcommittee of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee selects senators to serve. Appointments are for two years.

Legislative commissions are on-going, long-term, and more permanent than study groups, task forces, and joint legislative committees. The following are in-brief summaries of interim activities for 10 of the legislative commissions.

Legislative Commission on the Economic Status of Women

Established in 1976 to study, report, and make recommendations on all matters relating to the economic status of women in Minnesota.

August: Held public hearing in Bemidji.

September: Held public hearing in St. Cloud; hired a consultant to staff the child care task force.

October: Held first meeting of the Child Care Task Force; completed secondary and post-secondary vocational education sex equity reports.

November: Completed revisions of sexual harassment report.

December: Held public hearing in St. Paul.

January 1990: Produced two publications—"Sexual Harassment: An Overview of Current Laws and Studies; and Pay Equity: The Minnesota Experience."

Legislative Commission on Employee Relations

Established in 1979 to assist the Legislature by monitoring collective bargaining processes between the state and its employees. Assists in ratifying negotiated agreements, awards, and pay plans

according to current law. Assures that state labor contracts are negotiated with minimal political interference.

March: Contracted with DCA Stanton (a consulting firm) to conduct a study on agency head salaries.

June: Contracted with Goldberg, Swanson and Paulsen (a consulting firm) to conduct a study on regional bargaining for school districts.

July: Ratified the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) labor contract; heard updates on agency head salary ranges and regional bargaining studies.

September: Reviewed pay equity legislation and the agency head proposal; and ratified labor contracts of the following agencies and organizations:

- Minnesota Association of Professional Employees;
- State Residential Schools Educational Association;
- Minnesota State Patrol Troopers Association;
- Middle Management Association;
- Minnesota Government Engineers Council;
- Managerial Plan; and
- Commissioners Plan.

October: Heard update on regional bargaining study.

November: Ratified the Minnesota Community College Faculty Association labor contract; discussed agency head salary proposal; held joint meeting with the Legislative Commission on Public Education (LCPE) to hear testimony on the regional/statewide bargaining study.

December: Ratified labor contracts of the Minnesota Nurses Association, State University Inter-Faculty Organization, and the State University Administrative Unit; heard presentation on agency head salary study.

January 1990: Heard regional bargaining study presentation; heard update on teacher contract negotiations; reviewed salary proposals for Board of Dentistry executive director and Higher Education Coordinating Board executive director.

Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources

Established in 1963 to oversee and monitor resource issues. It is also charged with developing a budget plan for expenditures from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, to recommend expenditures of oil overcharge money, and to recommend expenditures to the Legislature from the Minnesota Future Resources account.

May: Reviewed and approved work programs for 79 projects receiving \$17 million of LCMR funding for the 1990-91 biennium; received a 14-member Citizen Advisory Committee appointment by the governor to develop a draft strategic plan for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund; formed coordinating committees in 10 natural resource areas to advise LCMR and staff.

June: Elected Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) as commission chair for a two-year term; conducted fact-finding activities in all state regions.

July: Held fact-finding activities.

August: held fact-finding activities.

September: The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) met extensively to develop a strategic plan for the Minnesota Environmental Trust Fund using data gathered during fact-finding activities;

October: Sponsored a statewide Natural Resource Congress; heard presentations on various natural resource topics; adopted funding priorities for the Minnesota Future Resources Fund (MFRF) and for the oil overcharge money for the 1992-93 biennium.

November: The CAC finalized the strategic plan draft for the Environmental Trust Fund to be presented to the LCMR for adoption.

December: Adopted the CAC recommended strategic plan to guide expenditures from the trust fund; requested proposals for the 1992-93 biennium for funding from the MFRF, Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund, and oil overcharge money.

January 1990: Staff worked with project proposers to aid proposal development; announced Jan. 1, 1990, as the due date for six-month status reports for the 1990-91 biennium projects.

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

Established in 1967 to make a study and investigate public employee retirement plans in Minnesota, and to make recommendations to establish and maintain sound public employee pension legislation.

May-January 1990: Reviewed 1989 session pension legislation and considered follow-up issues related to the legislation; reviewed actuarial items and consolidation of several local police and fire pension plans with statewide public safety plan; conducted audits of local police and fire relief association; reviewed its investment plan; handled federal tax qualification issues and constituent pension problems.

Legislative Commission on Public Education

Established in 1983 to study Minnesota public education and report its findings and recommendations to the education committees of the House and Senate by Jan. 15 of each year.

June: Commissioned a joint study with the Legislative Commission on Employee Relations (LCER) on collective bargaining in the schools.

July: Task Force on Education Organization began second phase of study of education, which is organization.

October: The task force published a second report to the LCPE, titled "What is Expected to be Learned and Assessment and Accountability"; conducted town meetings in seven-county Twin Cities area.

January 1990: Heard LCPE/LCER collective bargaining study; task force completed work on "Principles for Organizing Education," staff completed first-round comparison of principles to current statutes on education organizations and suggested changes in the laws.

Legislative Commission on Waste Management (LCWM)

Established in 1980 to review work plans of the Waste Management Board, Pollution Control Agency, and Metropolitan Council. The commission also reviews use of various state funds related to water management, superfund, metropolitan contingency action and landfill abatement. And it makes recommendations on expenditures from each of them.

May: Summarized and assessed legislation passed during the 1989 session.

June: Summarized and assessed legislation passed during the 1989 session; hired a third staff person; prepared and published a report for proposal for a newly mandated study on the question of just compensation for displaced solid waste haulers.

July: Set up work plan for newly mandated study to evaluate the Greater Minnesota Landfill Cleanup Fee (GMLCF).

August: Selected consultant for just compensation study; held public meetings around the state on GMLCF; LCWM members toured acid rain precipitation monitoring stations in northeastern Minnesota.

September: Held three public meetings around the state on GMLCF.

October: Discussed the SCORE bill during special session meetings; prepared and printed the 1989 edition of the "Waste Management Act and Related Acts and Laws"; prepared and printed an LCWM issue brief on plastics.

November: LCWM met once; held four GMLCF task force meetings in St. Paul; prepared and printed an LCWM issue brief on Solid Waste Management in Minnesota.

December: Appointed to Governor's Select Committee on Packaging and the Environment (SCOPE); worked on compilation of the 1990 amendments to the Waste Management Act.

January 1990: Continued participation on SCOPE; continued work on 1990 amendments to the Waste Management Act; distributed reports on just compensation and the GMLCF.

Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules

Established in 1974 to promote adequate and proper rules by state agencies and an understanding upon the part of the public respecting them.

June: Began review of Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) Truck Rental Rate Rule and related information of the Department of Transportation (DOT); began review of DOT state-aid highway rules; conducted a follow-up of a review of Department of Human Services (DHS) Nursing Home Property Reimbursement Rule 50.

July: Staff attended the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) in Tulsa, Okla.; hired a research assistant; began staff discussions about changes to the APA.

August: Conducted a public hearing on the DLI Truck Rental Rate Rule and related DOT information.

September: Began staff discussions with the Revisor of Statutes Office to make rule status information available by computer; continued staff discussions about the APA;

October: Held final meetings on the DLI-DOT Truck Rental Rate Rule Review staff taught a class on the APA to law students; attended DHS Task Force meeting on Rule 50 issues; investigated a complaint about Department of Health Womens Infants and Children (WIC) rules regarding vendors; attended NCSL conference in Santa Fe.

November: Began review of all Department of Natural Resources orders; sent letters to agencies about complying with section 14.12; began investigation of complaint from irregular route truckers about the Transportation Regulation Board (TRB); staff attended meeting of Advisory Committee of the Office of Dispute Resolution.

December: Held additional Rule 50 task force meetings; staff began work on a monthly newsletter; continued investigation of TRB complaint; began survey of general rulemaking authority possessed by agencies.

January 1990: Staff prepared a legislative handbook; spoke to the League of Women Voters.

Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC)

Established in 1973 to coordinate certain joint activities of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

May-January 1990: Produced the fiscal year 1990-91 version of the LCC legislative plans for employee benefits which contain joint policies for both house and employees under the jurisdiction of the LCC; the LCC Subcommittee on Reapportionment Oversight held a series of meetings to discuss setting up a computer system to be used for the next congressional reapportionment and legislative redistricting; mailed out requests for information to vendors and held meetings with those vendors to learn more about the software and hardware available; selected Ken Dayton as the new Regent Candidate Advisory Council chair; held meetings to discuss improving council procedures in making recommendations to the Legislature on University of Minnesota regent selection; conducted surveys on people who applied for regent positions and those who interviewed but were not selected; set up the Small Business Procurements Commission under the jurisdiction of the LCC and staff; the LCC provided administrative support throughout the interim for the Injury Compensation Study Commission which worked on suggestions for tort reform to be recommended to the Legislature.

Great Lakes Commission

Established in 1955 to promote the orderly, comprehensive use of the Great Lakes Basin; to plan for the welfare and development of the water resources of the basin; to advise in securing and maintaining a proper balance among users of the water resources; and to maintain an intergovernmental agency to accomplish the purposes of the compact.

May: Attended the Great Lakes Mayors Conference; reviewed Great Lakes issues and developed position statements.

June: Reviewed Great Lakes staff projects and executive committee level in Detroit; assisted with IAGLP conference in Duluth.

July: Reviewed task force progress.

August: Reviewed and assisted various task forces.

September: Attended the Minnesota Senate Grand Conference in Indiana, program included Great Lakes issues and programs.

October: Held on-going task force programs.

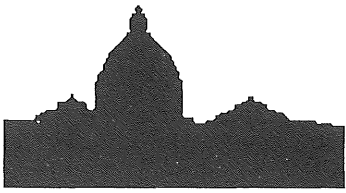
November: Attended annual meeting in Detroit, Mich., to review yearly work program; elected Minnesota delegation chair Henry Hanka as vice chairman of the commission.

December: Held on-going work activities with staff in Ann Arbor, Mich.; worked on congressional needs.

River Parkway Commission (MRPC)

Established in 1989 to aid in development of a scenic parkway and highway along the Mississippi River and in the promotion of economic development opportunities along the Great River Road.

May-January 1990: Involved in variety of projects from international marketing of Mississippi River to allocating funds for the Great River Road to working for designation of the Mississippi River as a National Heritage Corridor; selected Japan as its focus market for the first year and attended a trade show in Tokyo in November; worked with the state Department of Transportation to allocate \$750,000 the Legislature set aside for the Great River Road project; worked with congressional members on the Mississippi River Corridor Study Act of 1990; discussed participation in the Minnesota State Fair, Mississippi River water quality, the 1991 federal highway bill, a National Scenic By-Ways program and other matters affecting the state and national commissions.



For your information...

The Inside Reports

Charitable gambling history in Minnesota

Several states — from Massachusetts to Washington to Florida and Wisconsin — operate lotteries that pour millions of dollars into state coffers. They advertise the latest instant winner ticket theme or on-line lotto game to help spark interest.

When instant scratch-and-win tickets become available this year, Minnesota will join the 29 other states that conduct lotteries. But the lottery is only one segment of legalized gambling in Minnesota.

The granddaddy of legalized gambling — at least as far as the number of total dollars taken in — is “lawful,” or charitable, gambling. (The 1989 Legislature changed the term to lawful gambling.)

While reporting methods hamper an accurate comparison with other states, Minnesota’s \$198 in per capita charitable gambling gross sales is the highest in the country, says a House Research Department report titled *Charitable Gambling in Minnesota*. In fact, the per capita gross sales is higher than per capita lottery ticket sales in 28 states.

In 1986, the total reported volume of charitable gambling was just over \$100 million. Two years later, the figure swelled to \$856 million. In 1990, the volume is expected to increase to over \$1 billion. Pulltabs accounted for more than 85 percent of these gross receipts.

The high numbers for charitable gambling are of note because they were achieved with virtually no advertising or marketing in the traditional sense. The state has more than 2,500 organizations that are licensed to conduct games of chance for charitable purposes. These groups vary in size.

The largest organization had gross sales of more than \$27 million in 1988, while several hundred other organizations had sales of less than \$25,000 in that year.

A third of the gross receipts in 1988 were brought in by a relatively small number (159) of charitable gambling operations — each reporting sales of

more than \$1 million.

While the past 15 years saw a flurry of legislative activity to ensure charitable gambling doesn’t become commercialized, the first law regulating bingo was adopted back in 1945.

Lawmakers stated that bingo was to be a “mild form of social recreation designed to raise funds for the benefit of religious, charitable, fraternal or other

Editor’s note: If you took the reports and studies distributed during a legislative session and laid them end-to-end, who knows how far they’d reach? Bird Island, perhaps? Maybe Biwabik?

A new section in this year’s *Session Weekly* will summarize a government report each week in an easy-to-read form. Our goal is to bring as much information to as many people in as little space as possible.

With reams of reports churned out by a host of government agencies and private groups, it’s easy for a lot of information to get lost in the shuffle.

Did you know, for example, that per capita spending on charitable gambling in Minnesota is higher than in any other state in the country? Or that the courts have struck down as unconstitutional laws requiring welfare recipients to live in a jurisdiction for a certain period of time before receiving benefits?

Those are just a few of the facts culled from recent House Research reports that we hope you’ll find interesting. We hope you find the information useful.

associations.” The 1945 bingo law permitted bingo for non-commercial fund-raising activities, limited compensation to workers, prohibited private use of profits, and permitted local governments to veto bingo within their borders.

Lawmakers, reacting to concerns that bingo was becoming a profitable business for operators, sought to prevent its

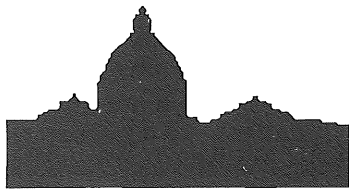
commercialization in 1976 when they enacted changes based on a St. Paul ordinance. Organizations were required to be licensed, to keep books, to observe prize limits, and to conduct bingo only on premises they owned or leased. They could deduct certain items from bingo gross receipts and use the net profits only for specified lawful purposes.

In 1978, legislators included paddlewheels, tipboards, and raffles to the list of charitable gambling activities, and added pulltabs in 1981.

The Legislature revised gambling laws in 1984 when it created the Charitable Gambling Control Board. The panel was given the authority to issue, suspend and revoke licenses; license distributors of gambling equipment; and issue rules governing charitable gambling operations. In 1989, the Legislature created the Department of Gaming, which contains divisions of pari-mutuel betting, the state lottery, and lawful gambling control.

The state now levies three separate taxes on charitable gambling as a result of changes in the law made in 1989. The first is a 2 percent tax imposed on the *potential gross receipts* from pulltabs and tipboards; this tax is based on the sales of those games from a wholesaler to a lawful gambling organization. The second is a 10 percent tax on the gross profit (gross receipts minus prizes) on bingo, raffles, and paddlewheels. The third tax is based on the gross receipts on pulltabs and tipboards and is levied according to the size of the organization, with the largest lawful gambling operations taxed at the highest rate. In addition to state taxes, local governments are also allowed to levy up to 3 percent of an organization’s gross receipts to defray the costs of local regulation, inspection, and enforcement.

Some low-volume charitable gambling is exempt from most state rules, provided the operators meet certain requirements.



Coming Up Next Week...

Feb. 12 - Feb. 16, 1989

Committee Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.
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to the public.

MONDAY, Feb. 12

10:00 a.m.

Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Consideration of: recommendations on Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA) acquisitions, Bob Djupstrom; an amendment to Municipal Solid Waste Recovery Program, Pollution Control Agency (PCA); the status of the Wetland Plant Communities Project; a contingency proposal regarding direct smelting at taconite pellet plants, Dr. Ken Reid. Review of: the results of the 1987 Mercury Toxicity Project; the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR) 1990 Allocations Schedule. The status of the Citizen Advisory Committee and miscellaneous commission business.

2:00 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

3:00 p.m.

The House and Senate will meet in joint session in the Senate Chamber.

TUESDAY, Feb. 13

8:00 a.m.

Health & Human Services Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Department of Corrections: population and capital projections.

State Departments Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: To be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: Review and update on the 1989 Comprehensive Pension Benefit improvement package. Lawrence Martin, executive director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement.

8:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi- State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: Staff briefing on the anticipated work of the division in the 1990 Legislative Session.

10:00 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: An overview of Minnesota timber harvesting.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda HFXXXX (Greenfield) Health; requiring licensing of wholesale drug distributors. HF1728 (Greenfield) Human Services; creating a technology assistance review panel. HFXXXX (Hasskamp) Human Services; clarifying the distribution of state aids under the Community Social Services Act. HFXXXX (Vellenga) Human Services; including mental injuries and threatened injuries as abuse to be reported as maltreatment of minors. HFXXXX (Segal) Human services; clarifying treatment and assessment requirements under the Minnesota comprehensive mental health acts for adults and children. HFXXXX (Bertram) Health; authorizing the creation of a technical advisory task force for emergency dispatch services.

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Todd Otis

Agenda: Update on 1989 legislative initiatives: Community Reinvestment Fund; advanced manufacturing.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: To be announced.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi- State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: Regular route vs. irregular route common carriers and the regulatory functions of the departments of Transportation and Public Safety, as well as the Transportation Regulation Board.

Child Care Subcommittee/Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein

Agenda: Development of requests for a child care facility in the Technical College System, Community College System, State University System, and the University of Minnesota. Evaluation of child care facilities: Department of Administration. Licensing requirements for child care centers: Department of Human Services. Attached vs. detached facilities: Technical College System and Community College System.

Health & Human Services Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Legislative Audit Commission reports on community residences for adults with mental illness. The Department of Human Service's update of state welfare reform efforts.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Preliminary review: Geographic Information Study. Update of the Statewide Access and Routing Systems (STARS).

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

Agenda: Overview of new K-12 curriculum requirements and post-secondary preparation requirements. Open enrollment study.

10:00 a.m.

**Higher Education Division/
EDUCATION**

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros

Agenda: HF1771 (Lasley) Education; giving Cambridge full campus status in the Community College System; appropriating money. HF168 (Jaros) Education; requiring post-secondary education administrators and faculty members to take certain coursework; appropriating money.

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
& HOUSING**

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: Overview.

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: Prostitution bills.

12:30 p.m.

INSURANCE

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: To be announced.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: Budget cuts, Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET), and a general overview. HF1569 (A. Johnson) Highways; abolishing authority of a city to disapprove the abandonment, change, or revocation of a county state-aid highway providing that 30 percent of the county state aid highway fund be apportioned on

the basis of lane-miles; changing the composition of the county state-aid screening board.

2:00 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

Tour: Bus leaves front stairs of Capitol at 2:00 p.m.

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: Tour of downtown Minneapolis: Traffic Control Center, for street lights and traffic emergencies; parking garages and Light Rail Transit Station preparation; and bus congestion at rush hour.

2:30 p.m.

**Education Finance Division/
EDUCATION**

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Analysis of Elementary Secondary Vocational Computer (ESV) Regional Structure Report. HFXXXX (K. Nelson) Department of Education bill.

**ENVIRONMENT
& NATURAL RESOURCES**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: SF 60 (DeCramer) Water; recodifying, clarifying, and relocating provisions relating to water law.

3:00 p.m.

Privacy Subcommittee/JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

Agenda: Amendment to Chapter 13 relating to open meetings.

THURSDAY, Feb. 15

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

Agenda: Organizational/budget overview.

9:00 a.m.

Task Force on Education Organization

Kelley Inn, Rice Room, St. Paul

Chr. Ken Kelsey

Agenda: Formulation of recommendations to the Legislature about education

organization. The meeting is scheduled to last all day.

10:00 a.m.

The House will meet in session.

12:00 noon

The State of the State Address

Jefferson High School Auditorium, 4001 W. 102nd St., Bloomington (No one will be admitted without a ticket.)

7:00 p.m.

JOINT MEETING

**HOUSE & SENATE HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES**

Elliot Park Recreation Center, 1000 E. 14th St., Minneapolis

Chrs. Rep. Alan Welle

& Sen. Linda Berglin

Agenda: SF1693 (Berglin) Sobering Station Pilot Project. Public testimony will be taken.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

YMCA Youth in Government Program.

8:00 a.m.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

Tour: Group will leave the State Office Building at 8:15 a.m.

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Tour of Stillwater and Lino Lakes prisons. Tour is for members and staff only.

9:00 a.m.

Task Force on Education Organization

Kelley Inn, Rice Room, St. Paul

Chr. Ken Kelsey

Agenda: Continuation of Thursday's meeting.

10:00 a.m.

**Surface Transportation Subcommittee/
TRANSPORTATION**

Room to be announced

Chr. Rep. Alice Johnson

Agenda: Transportation bonding requests, bridge bonding.



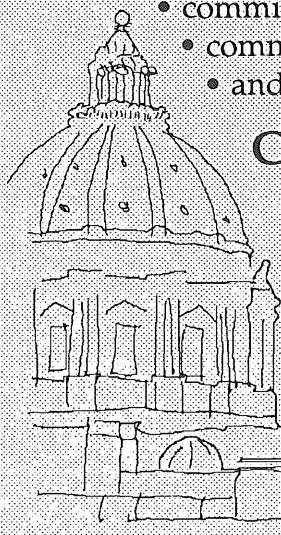
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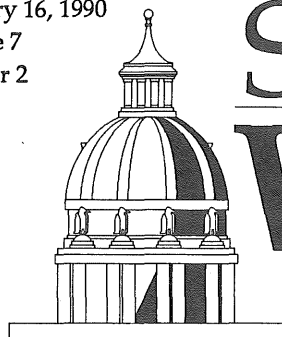
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Highlights

College entry requirements

Is the state sending a message that students can get by with ho-hum academic performance by offering higher education to nearly everyone?

That was the question Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls) asked, wondering aloud whether state higher education officials should reconsider their entrance requirements.

"We might not be sending a clear message of incentive," Nelson said during a Feb. 14 Education Committee meeting. "Maybe we have to start questioning access. Without denying access, maybe we do have to start saying, 'You can get into some systems, but not all.' We have to somehow [push] these kids to achieve."

Representatives from the four higher

education systems in the state — the University of Minnesota, community colleges, technical colleges, and state universities — say they all have preparation requirements, although they are slightly different. The systems also offer remedial courses and counseling to help students who may not be as well prepared academically.

Mary Gardner of the University of Minnesota's admissions office says the university distributes a brochure to high schools that outlines the university's entrance requirements. She says the university views college preparatory course work as meeting its entrance standards.

Nancy Wangen, director of intersystem cooperation for the community college, technical college and state university systems, says the three systems want to work more closely with high schools to better match the systems' admission requirements with high school classes.

It's a fact!

Minnesota's first legislators, through the laws they passed, tried to create a society that reflected the values they brought with them to the new territory. They hoped to help Minnesotans become responsible citizens.

One law passed provided for "proper observance of the Sabbath." It forbade anyone to do non-church work on Sundays, imposing a \$3 fine for any diversions and a stiff penalty of \$10 upon anyone convicted of "disorderly or profane conduct on the Lord's day."

Another law required store owners to buy a license and to keep an "orderly house."

No gambling or "riotous conduct" was allowed, and anyone who broke the law would be fined.

Hoping to make some good come from the bill, lawmakers voted to use 15 percent of the money from license fees and fines to pay the salaries of schoolteachers.

Source: *Roots*, Minnesota Historical Society, Spring 1985



FIRST CHAPEL OF ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA AND
FATHER LUCIEN GALTIER, FOUNDER

Courtesy MN Historical Society

Mosquito control

In the battle between man and mosquito for supremacy of the evenings, man may be gaining ground, a Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs subcommittee learned.

Robert Sjogren, director of the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District, told subcommittee members Feb. 13 that the mature mosquito population in the Twin Cities area has dropped over the past six years.

"Our goal is to suppress the population to less than two mosquito landings [on people] in five minutes," Sjogren told the Metropolitan Affairs subcommittee. That's the number of mosquito landings



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people will tolerate during a five-minute time span, he says.

The district attacks immature mosquitoes by treating breeding areas with a larvicide called Altosid which comes in either briquet or granular form. Sjogren assured committee members that an independent panel of doctors is hired to ensure the environment is not harmed in the treated areas. The larvicide is not used in fish habitat.

This year, the district begins its surveillance of deer in the metro area to stem the spread of Lyme disease, which is borne by tiny deer ticks.

The district plans to develop deer tick monitoring methods and initiate field surveys. It has targeted 300 wooded areas for examination in the metro area.



Roger Batterall, assistant Minneapolis city attorney, answers questions during a Judiciary committee meeting Feb. 14.

Prostitution

Those who patronize prostitutes may think twice before using their services again if a bill approved Feb. 14 by a division of the Judiciary Committee becomes law.

Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls) has called for the offense of soliciting a prostitute to carry a mandatory fine of

\$500. For repeat offenders, the fine would be \$1,500 with an additional \$500 assessment tacked on. Currently, there is no minimum fine.

In addition, Wagenius' bill, HF1846, calls for the offenses to be listed on the offenders' driving records if they used a motor vehicle to commit the misdemeanor offense. That would allow law enforcement officials to quickly identify repeat offenders and charge them with the more serious gross misdemeanor offense. Currently, there is no statewide listing of such offenses.

Wagenius says this approach attacks the root of the problem — the demand for prostitutes — rather than the prostitutes themselves. She says she considers prostitutes victims.

The Criminal Justice Division of the Judiciary Committee recommended the bill to pass and re-referred it to the full committee.

The bill also lengthens the time a conviction stays on a criminal record from two years to five years.

Rep. Terry Dempsey (R-New Ulm) questioned why only the driving records of those using an automobile during the offense would be tracked.

"I don't think we should limit this to those using cars," says Dempsey. "If you're walking on the sidewalk instead of driving, the crime is the same."

Child abuse

A bill that would broaden the definition of child abuse to include "mental and threatened injuries" was approved Feb. 13 by the Health and Human Services Committee.

HF1823, sponsored by Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul), would require teachers, doctors, and others to report "mental and threatened injuries" of children in addition to physical abuse and neglect.

The bill defines "mental injury" as injury to the child's psychological capacity or emotional stability, and "threatened injury" as a statement, overt act, condition, or status which represents an immediate and substantial risk of sexual abuse or mental injury to the child.

"The threatened injury is if someone presents psychological injuries to a child

by, for instance, saying, 'You are going to be tied to the bed, and I'm going to put three dogs chewing at your feet; I'm going to cut off your hands' — really severe things that cause real fear in a child," Vellenga says.

An example of mental injury, she says, would be the repeated humiliation of a child.

Vellenga told lawmakers that, in 1987, there were approximately 1,200 reports of emotional maltreatment (sometimes defined as mental injury) and more than 1,400 reports of threatened injury. She says projections for 1990 estimate 1,400 reports for emotional injury and nearly 1,700 reports of threatened injury.

Vellenga told lawmakers the Department of Human Services learned, last spring that the state is losing significant federal money by not including mental and threatened injuries under the state's Mandated Reporting Act.

A human services "background information" report states that Minnesota's child protection statutes are seriously out of compliance with federal law.

The bill was sent to the Judiciary Committee for further consideration.

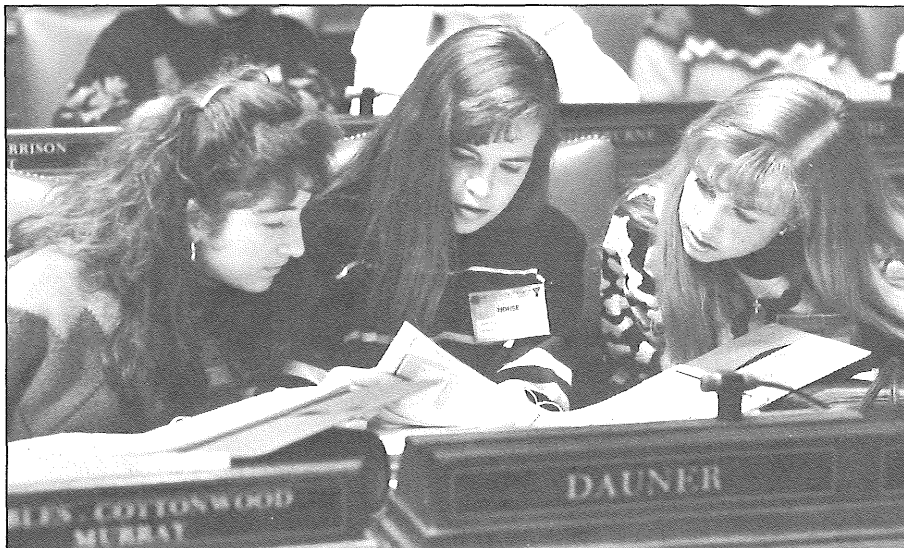
Open enrollment

Minnesota's open enrollment program isn't upsetting the state's education system as some have suggested, says Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake).

During a Feb. 14 Education Committee meeting, McEachern noted that less than one-half of 1 percent of the state's students are taking advantage of open enrollment.

"The people who are the movers and shakers were telling us that open enrollment would take over education," says McEachern, the chair of the committee. "Now we're finding that only a minute [number] of students are using it."

Sue Urahn of the House Research Department presented the first in a series of working papers on open enrollment, which allows K-12 students to attend school in a district other than the one in which they live. The choice program, officially called the Enrollment Options Program, is one of four enrollment choice programs available to students. (See



Kim Wolson, Jodi Tidlund, and Sara Vandeventer, all of Minnetonka, check over pending bills as they participate in the four-day YMCA Youth In Government legislative program at the Capitol Feb. 15.

related article on page 10.)

Of the state's 436 school districts, 345 participate in open enrollment. Slightly more than 3,200 students transferred this year from their home school districts to another district under this choice program.

Forty-one percent of the open enrollment participants came from 2,069 families. "A lot are coming [into a school district] with entire families," Urahn says. "It's not so common that one child from a family moves to another district."

Movement also is high when students would have changed schools normally, states the report. More students transferred under open enrollment at kindergarten, and in entry grades for junior and senior high schools.

"We noticed a jump coming where kids would be changing schools anyway," Urahn says.

MVET transfer

It was standing room only in a Feb. 14 Transportation Committee meeting as transportation officials from around the state banded together to protect their share of the sales tax on motor vehicles.

Several people at the meeting said they've heard the Legislature intends to use some, or all, of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) funds to balance the state budget.

"We're looking at a situation here of a

raiding of the MVET and the gutting of the state's reconstruction program for the coming years," says Jack Nawrocki of the Southern Minnesota Highway Improvement Association.

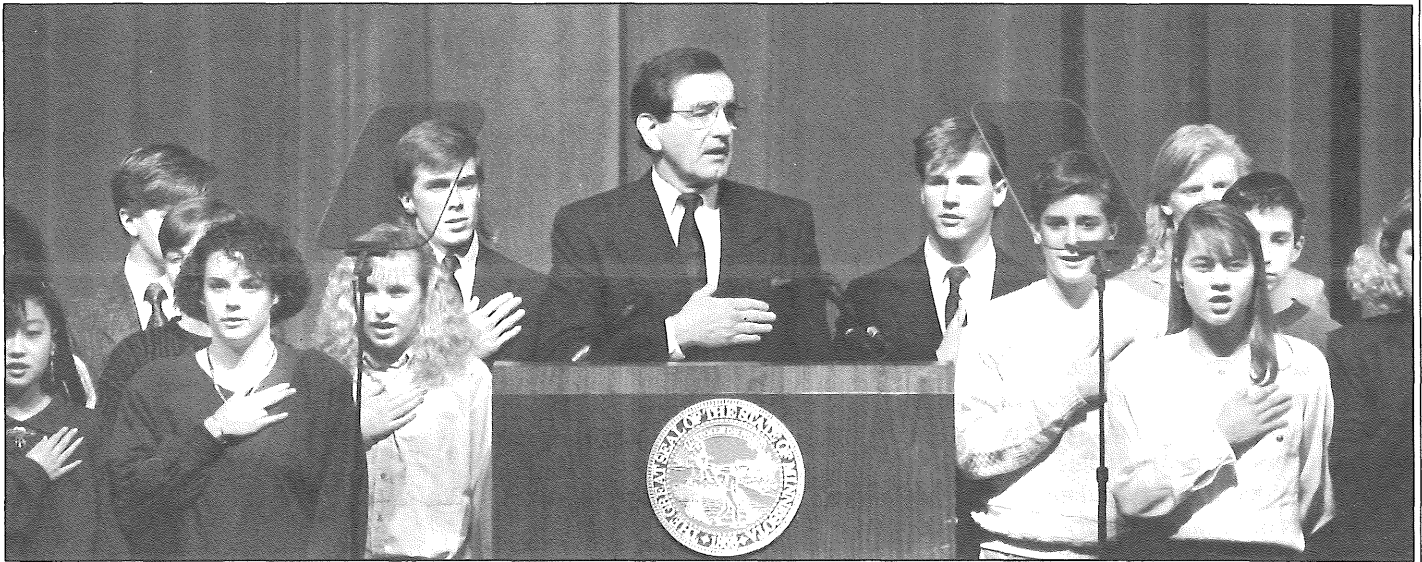
And transportation officials let lawmakers know they would be strongly opposed to any such proposal.

Currently, 35 percent of the money raised from the sales tax is dedicated to transportation needs. Officials say that using MVET funds to remedy revenue shortfalls in Minnesota would put a number of necessary projects on hold again and could hamper economic development.

"Losing the MVET dollars transfer for transportation purposes over the next three years would cost our communities dearly," says James Krautkremer, mayor of Brooklyn Park and president of the North Metro Mayors Association.

Several people who testified at the hearing as well as those who were in the audience said they spent a lot of time lobbying for the MVET transfer and don't want to see their effort wasted.

The state faces a possible revenue shortfall of \$161 million this year, according to state estimates. The MVET is projected to bring in \$250 million in 1990, with \$86 million going to transportation needs.



Students at Thomas Jefferson Senior High School join Gov. Rudy Perpich in a pledge to be drug-free. The governor delivered his State of the State address Feb. 15 at the Bloomington school.

No more drugs

"Drugs have no place in Minnesota," said Gov. Rudy Perpich during his 1990 State of the State address Feb. 15 at Bloomington's Jefferson High School.

Perpich says he will ask that 12 more judges be hired to help the courts respond quickly to the drug problem, and requested that a variety of other programs be beefed up to address the drug issue.

Specifically, he asks for more Bureau of Criminal Apprehension agents to improve law enforcement and for additional training of local police. He requests more funding for local law enforcement task forces, developing chemical dependency aftercare programs, and expanding the Head Start program.

The governor also asks for the Legislature's support in increasing the number of sentencing alternatives and ways of imposing supervised probation for nonviolent criminals.

In addition, he calls for an expansion of drug treatment programs in the prison system. "No one should ever leave prison with a craving for drugs," he says.

Making steel

Minnesota may be on the verge of developing a new method to produce steel.

Ken Reid of the University of Minnesota's Mineral Resource Research Center is seeking \$700,000 in state funding for further research on direct smelting of taconite pellets.

Reid asked for the research funding at a Feb. 12 meeting of the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR). If the state agrees to fund the research, he says both the Iron Range Resource Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) and private industry would chip in an additional \$700,000 apiece. That would bring the total funding for the research proposal to \$2.1 million.

"We think this is an exciting project," says Bill Brice of the Mineral Resource Coordinating Committee, a free-standing group that was created to advise state policy makers on mineral issues. But he added that the committee doesn't have enough information about the proposal yet to offer a recommendation. He says the committee wants to withhold judgment on direct smelting until it is sure the idea is commercially viable.

Direct smelting is the process by which taconite pellets are converted to molten iron in a single step. Currently, the process takes two steps.

Reid agreed to accelerate the research and return to the LCMR in about a month. He also agreed to have an independent expert review the project.

Training for instructors

College administrators and faculty members who advise students at public institutions in Minnesota would be required to get formal training in those fields if a bill proposed by Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth) becomes law.

Members of the Education Committee's Higher Education Division heard a bill Feb. 14 that would require college administrators and faculty members to take 30 quarter credits of course work before they start their jobs, and continuing education courses each year.

"I'm not saying teachers or administrators are good because of their training, but I think it helps," says Jaros, chair of the Higher Education Division. No other state requires formal training for postsecondary instructors and administrators.

HF168 would require the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) to develop rules to implement and administer the requirements.

For example, Jaros says administrators could be required to take courses in contracting, human relations, and affirmative action. And faculty advisers could take courses in counseling and the psychology of education.

Jaros says that college instructors are often trained in research, but in some cases lack skills in administration and counseling. Better training would avoid many so-called golden parachutes and the practice of "paying off" instructors to leave an institution, he adds, alluding to

highly-publicized events at the University of Minnesota.

Higher education officials at the meeting were generally opposed to the bill.

Russ Stanton, representing faculty from the state university and community college systems, says the bill would financially burden every faculty member, since all advise students to some degree. He also questioned whether there was a significant problem with advising students on the state's campuses.

An official representing technical colleges says their current standards "are already above the level in the bill."

Carol Carrier, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Minnesota, says the university already has a pilot training program for administrators and is developing a similar one for faculty advisers.

The committee laid the bill over for two weeks.

Timber harvesting

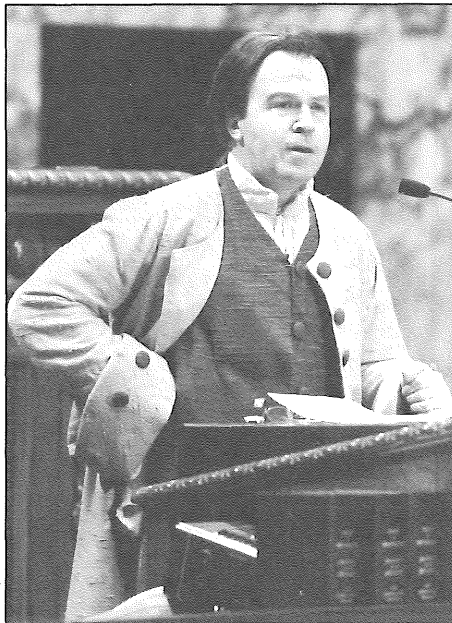
The Environmental Quality Board has asked for \$1 million to fund a study that would help determine whether Minnesota has enough forests to meet the needs of an expanding timber industry.

The need for an independent environmental impact study of the state's forests is supported by the DNR, several environmental groups, and the Minnesota timber industry.

But at the Feb. 13 Environment and Natural Resources Committee meeting, legislators questioned whether taxpayers should fund an independent study or whether the DNR should be ordered to conduct it. They also heard testimony about the need for a so-called Generic Environmental Impact Study (GEIS).

The proposed study would evaluate what impact timber expansion would have on tree species in Minnesota and determine what is needed to sustain the forests. It would also attempt to measure what effects the expansion would have on tourism, water quality, and soil erosion, says Don Arnosti of Project Environmental Foundation.

The expansion of the timber industry in Minnesota has been tied to the increased demand for fast-growing aspen trees which are used in the manufacture of wafer board and paper.



Lawmakers of today met a law maker of yesterday. Patrick Henry, who opposed the U.S. Constitution because it didn't include a Bill of Rights, presented his famous "Give me liberty or give me death" speech during a joint House-Senate session Feb. 13. After his speech in the Senate chamber, Henry fielded questions and offered his opinion of government then and now. Breathing life into the 18th century statesman was John "Chuck" Chalberg, a Normandale Community College instructor. The Minnesota Humanities Commission and the Minnesota Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution sponsored the presentation.

Truck regulations

The president of a Minnesota trucking trade group called on the Legislature to abolish the Minnesota Transportation Regulation Board (MTRB) and transfer its duties to the Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

Abe Rosenthal, president and CEO of the Minnesota Transport Services Association, says some Minnesota truckers are on shaky ground because they don't know what the MTRB expects of them.

Speaking Feb. 14 to the Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division of the Appropriations Committee, Rosenthal criticized the MTRB for regulating truckers on a case-by-case basis rather than issuing guidelines that could be more easily followed.

He asked that trucking regulations be clarified so truck carriers can more easily understand them, and that the case-by-

case method of determining regulations be stopped.

But Wes Lane of Minnesota D.R.I.V.E. Teamsters Union, Les Wilsey Jr. of Indianhead Truck Lines in Roseville, and Lisa Peterson of Minnesota Carriers for Safe and Regulated Transportation, testified that Rosenthal does not represent the views of all carriers. They say only a few truckers have complained to them about the MRTB and the way it handles complaints.

Pension review

Pension officials gave lawmakers a tour of the 1989 comprehensive pension bill that changed coverage and improved benefits for state, county, and local employees, teachers, judges, legislators, police, firefighters, and other groups.

Officials of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement (LCPR) answered legislators' questions and crunched numbers during a Governmental Operations Committee meeting Feb. 13.

Ed Burek, an LCPR representative, says legislators followed two principles in making the changes: to provide general improvement in benefit levels while bringing more uniformity to the plans, and to not "take away any benefits a person has or would be entitled to have."

The benefit formula changes affect the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS), the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), Teachers Retirement Association (TRA), and teachers' funds in cities of the first class — Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth.

Highlights of the bill include extending PERA's early retirement rules to other groups. Under the extension, current employees covered by the MSRS, TRA, and first-class city teacher plans are granted the Rule of 90, as well as a reduced penalty for early retirement.

In addition, benefits improve for people who retired before 1973. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker (IR-Minnetonka) called the provision "a permanent solution to a problem that has been around for years." The Legislature kept dipping into the general revenue every biennium to compensate retirees who were "basically living in poverty" with small pensions, he says.

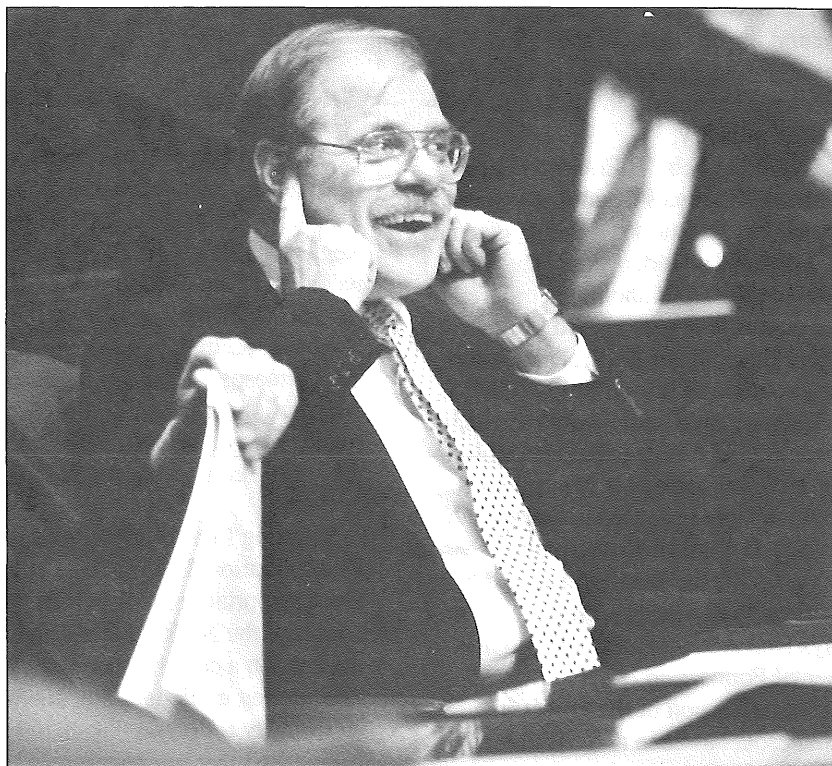
Picking up where they left off



Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault) welcomes members back to the newly renovated House chamber and explains details of the restoration. Rodosovich chairs the House Restoration Committee.



Rep. Mary Murphy (DFL-Hermantown) points out new details of the chamber skylight to Rep. Bernie Lieder (DFL-Crookston).



Rep. Bob Johnson (DFL-Bemidji) found the new sound system in the chamber a bit too loud on the opening day of session Feb. 12.

As members of the Minnesota House of Representatives reported back for the 76th session of the Minnesota Legislature Feb. 12, it was clear that things had changed at the Capitol.

After 25 years, the old skylight in the House chamber was once again allowing soft light into the chamber. And the freshly painted walls, new carpeting, and refurbished furniture all helped to restore the chamber to the way architect Cass Gilbert had envisioned.

Yet although the chamber had a new look, politics had the same old flavor. Just minutes after the session began, Minority Leader Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) attempted to pass a bill that would ban political fund raisers during session. The bill is one of several measures likely to become controversial in this, an election year.

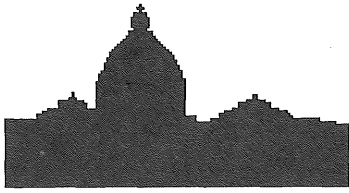
Speaker Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) said the session would be short, but not at the expense of quality. He urged lawmakers to "treat each other with respect and tolerance."



One-year-old Alexander Carruthers gets a "low five" from his father, Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), as his mother, Holly Slocum, looks on.



Assistant Sergeant at Arms LeClair Lambert gives the new House pages final instructions before the beginning of session Feb. 12.



As It Happens...

Feb. 12 - 15, 1990

Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education Division/ EDUCATION

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Postsecondary training— appropriations

HF168/SF394 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—
laid over.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Cambridge—community college status

HF1771/SF1645 (Lasley, DFL-
Cambridge)—recommended to pass;
re-referred to Education Committee.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Water statutes—recodification

HF771/SF60* (Dille, IR-Dassel)—
recommended to pass as amended.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Technology assistance review panel

HF1728/SF1520 (Greenfield, DFL-
Mpls)—recommended to pass as
amended; re-referred to Appropriations
Committee.

(SF in Senate Health & Human Services
Committee)

Child abuse—

mental, threatened injuries

HF1823 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—
recommended to pass as amended; re-
referred to Judiciary Committee.

Community Social Services Act— state aid

HF1831/SF1728 (Hasskamp, DFL-
Crosby)—recommended to pass as
amended; re-referred to Appropriations
Committee.

(SF in Senate Health & Human Services
Committee)

Drug distributors—licensing

HF1847/SF1758 (Greenfield, DFL-
Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-
referred to Governmental Operations
Committee.

(SF in Senate Health & Human Services

Committee)

Mental health—treatment, assessment

HF1848/SF1731 (Segal, DFL-
St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as
amended.

(SF in Senate Health & Human Services
Committee)

Criminal Justice Division/ JUDICIARY

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Prostitution—patron fine increase

HF1846 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—
recommended to pass as amended; re-
referred to Judiciary Committee.

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, Feb. 14

State-aid system—changes

HF1569/SF1420 (A. Johnson, DFL-
Spring Lake Park)—recommended to
pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)



Feb. 21, 1817

On this day, Minnesota's first state governor, Henry Sibley, was born in Detroit, Mich. He was a pioneer, fur trader, statesman, military leader, and university regent. Sibley has been characterized as the most prominent figure in Minnesota from 1834, when he arrived, until 1891, when he died.

House Transportation Committee.

1990 House Leaders *Majority and Minority Leaders*

Politics 'all in the family' for Long, Schreiber

House Majority Leader

Politics has always been a family affair for Rep. Dee Long (DFL-Mpls), who was recently elected majority leader of the Minnesota House of Representatives.

"My father always made politics seem like fun," she says. "He took me down to the train station to see Harry Truman campaign from the back of a train."

And she recalls going to the old Curtis and Leamington hotels in Minneapolis on election night to watch election returns trickle in to the respective Republican and Democratic-Farmer-Labor headquarters.

She says her parents were both active in politics, although not in the same party. Her father knew many of the early DFL leaders in Minneapolis, and her mother was active in grass-roots Republican politics.

She says the growing civil rights and anti-war movements intensified her interest in politics, but it wasn't until Long was in her mid-20s that she became active.

She was elected a precinct delegate, became active at the local level, and participated in some local campaigns in Minneapolis. She says she never really considered running for public office until her district's House seat was vacated in 1978.

She received encouragement to run, was elected, and has been re-elected ever since. Likewise, she says she never initially sought out the job as majority leader.

She didn't think about the post until former Majority Leader Ann Wynia resigned in 1989 to become commissioner of the Department of Human Services.

This is her first regular session as majority leader, and she says she looks forward to leading the DFL caucus on the House floor. Long has been involved with environmental issues for several years. She was named the environmentalist of the year by the local chapter of the Sierra Club, conservationist of the year by the local chapter of the National Audubon Society, and is a member of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

She says her working relationship with the speaker is a "cooperative" one, and hopes she and Minority Leader Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) can work together to limit partisan problems.

House Minority Leader

Like most politicians, Minority Leader Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) says his political interests were sparked within his family.

His mother was a school board member, and his father was a member of the planning commission and city council.

Schreiber's public service began in 1967 as a member of the Brooklyn Park City Council, where he served for five years. He decided to run for the Legislature in 1972 when redistricting put him in a new district without an incumbent.

Schreiber says his rather unique position of being a farmer in the metro area has helped him a lot. He can just as easily talk about farming as he can metropolitan issues, and that helps him communicate with all members.

Despite the high pressure of being the minority leader, Schreiber has served in that job since 1986. "The tenure as the minority leader is not that long, because there is a burnout factor that occurs," he says.

He says the job can be frustrating because of the inherently weak position of the minority party. A big role he plays within the House, he says, is offering alternatives to the majority party's initiatives and improving on the majority's legislation. He also says the minority party usually doesn't receive the credit it deserves for its initiatives.

He says he enjoys the diversity of

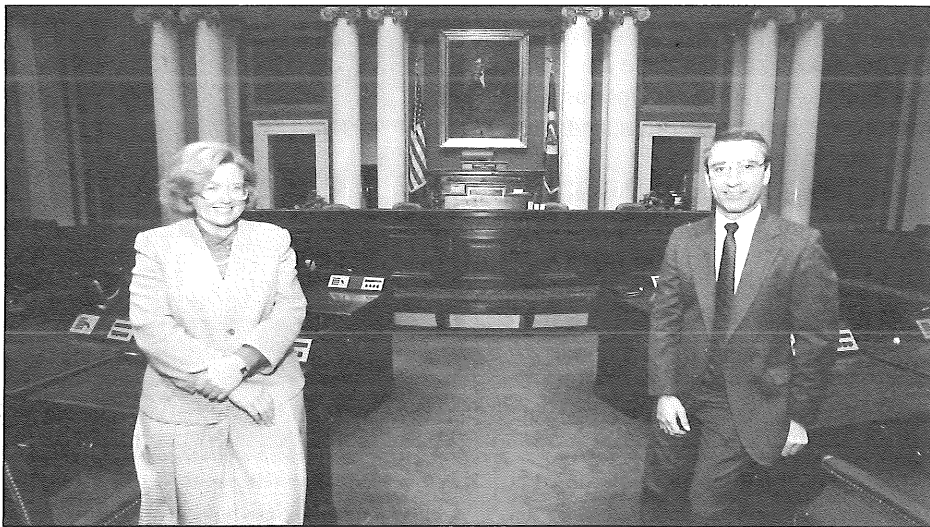
issues he faces as minority leader. While a typical member is usually assigned to three or four committees, party leaders have to be aware of all the issues before the House. That gives him the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of subjects.

For this session, he says he wants to promote an effective drug and alcohol program, a health care proposal, and programs that are tailored for local communities to operate. Local control is an important issue for Schreiber.

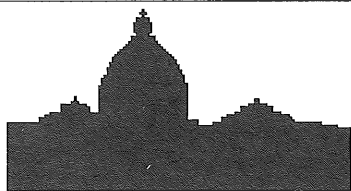
"The Legislature has so overkilled with state mandates and state requirements that we are losing our effectiveness at the local level," he says.

He says the state's centralized authority isn't working and that local governments are oftentimes better suited to provide needed services.

He studied business at St. Cloud State University and is a member of his local chamber of commerce. In 1974, he was honored as Brooklyn Park's Outstanding Young Man and as one of Minnesota's Ten Outstanding Young Men. In 1984, he received the Excellence in County Government Award from the Association of Minnesota Counties, and the Business Public Service Award for Citizen Legislators from the Minnesota Association of Commerce and Industry. His family was recognized as the Hennepin County Farm Family of the Year in 1980.



Majority leader Dee Long and Minority leader Bill Schreiber



For your information...

The Inside Report

Limited use of open enrollment still the norm

Open enrollment, the much-discussed choice program for Minnesota schools, continues to have limited student participation in the state. And a House Research Department study suggests that it's likely to stay that way.

In "Open Enrollment Study, Student and District Participation 1989-90," the House Research Department found that less than one-half of 1 percent of students in grades K-12 used the open enrollment program in the 1989-90 school year.

And of those who did take advantage of the program, more than 40 percent said the reason for school transfers was "convenience," the study states. Among those reasons were the proximity of the school, the availability of latchkey or day care services, the parents' work site, and moving plans.

Another 20 percent of the students cited academic considerations as the reason for attending a new school and cited either a specific program or greater academic opportunity.

Only 6 percent of the student applications indicated transfers because of extracurricular, athletic, or social reasons.

The Minnesota open enrollment program, approved by the 1988 Legislature, allows students to transfer from their home school districts to other districts for any reason. Officially called the Enrollment Options Program, open enrollment is one of four enrollment options offered in Minnesota. The other three are Postsecondary Enrollment Options, High School Graduation Incentives, and Area Learning Centers.

Since 96 percent of the state's K-12 students live in districts that are already participating in open enrollment, it is unlikely that participation will increase dramatically.

The report says that most schools haven't experienced any significant change in enrollment since open enrollment became available. Of the 345 districts participating, 257 experienced

less than a 1 percent change in total enrollment as a result of open enrollment. Only a dozen districts showed more than a 5 percent enrollment change.

Almost all the districts that lost more than 4 percent of their total enrollment were small and had fewer than 300 students.

The study also says the open enrollment program has the potential to become a tool students and parents can use to sway district policies and decisions.

When students transfer to a new district, they take their state aid money with them. In some cases — where the district is small or where there is an exodus of students — the loss of revenue can be substantial.

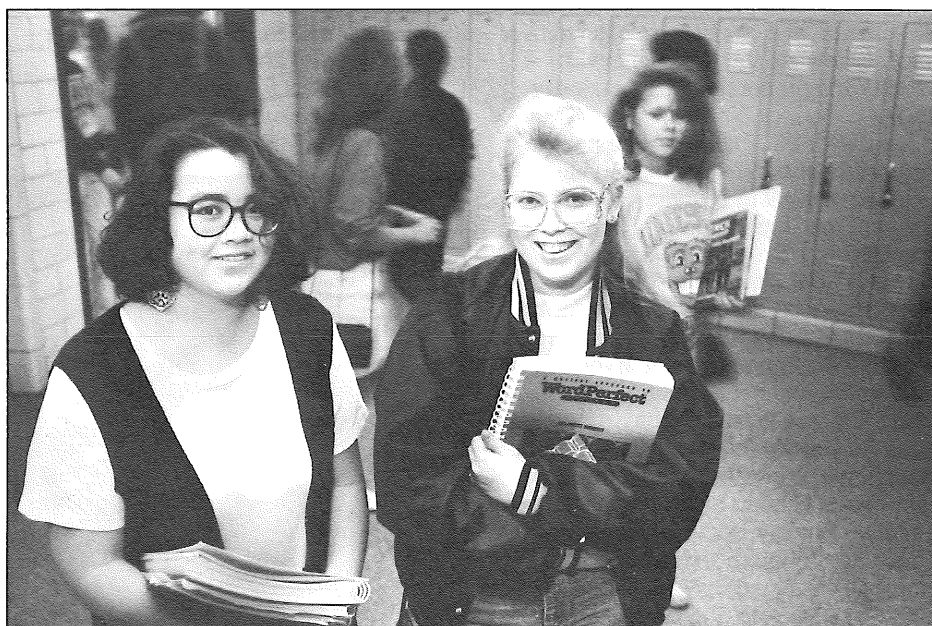
The study notes, however, that students have been allowed to change school districts for years provided the school boards from each district agree to the idea. The process was formalized with the 1980 Agreements Between School Boards program.

The Legislature mandated open

enrollment in 1988 using two steps: the choice program was mandatory in the 1989-90 school year for districts with more than 1,000 K-12 students, and mandatory for all districts beginning in 1990-91.

However, school districts do retain options concerning non-resident students after the program becomes mandatory next school year. A district can prevent or limit the number of non-resident students it accepts if the district doesn't have the classroom space, a specific program is already filled, the grade-level is at capacity, or a specific class is filled. Districts with state approved desegregation plans also may limit transfers to ensure that they remain in compliance with the desegregation plans.

The analysis didn't include three of the state's 436 districts. Pine Point is an experimental district within the Grand Rapids School District, and all of its funding goes to the Grand Rapids District. Prinsburg and Franconia, having no schools in their districts, send their students to other districts.



Seniors Roxanne Ginn and Gaova Vu leave their "WordPerfect" computer class at Como Senior High School in St. Paul. The two enrolled in the course through the open enrollment program.

Minnesota House of Representatives

1990 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

AGRICULTURE

(25 members)

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Information 296-4247

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Agriculture Subcommittees

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SOIL & WATER RESOURCES

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APPROPRIATIONS

(42 members)

Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m., Room 200*

Information 296-4331

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Anderson, R.-IR	Morrison-IR
Battaglia-DFL	Munger-DFL
Bishop-IR	Murphy-DFL
Carlson, D.-IR	Orenstein-DFL
Carlson, L.-DFL	Osthoff-DFL
Clark-DFL	Peterson-DFL
Dorn-DFL	Poppenhagen-IR
Forsythe-IR	Price-DFL
Frerichs-IR	Pugh-DFL
Greenfield-DFL	Rice-DFL
Gruenes-IR	Sama-DFL
Heap-IR	Seaberg-IR
Jaros-DFL	Segal-DFL
Jennings-DFL	Solberg-DFL
Johnson, V.-IR	Sparby-DFL
Kahn-DFL	Stanisius-IR
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Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division

APPROPRIATIONS

(10 members)

Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m., Room 400S*

Information 296-4262

Rice-DFL, Chair

Lieder-DFL, Vice Chair

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Education Division

APPROPRIATIONS

(10 members)

Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m., Room 300N*

Information 296-4255

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Health & Human Services Division

APPROPRIATIONS

(12 members)

Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m., Room 200*

Information 296-0173

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Clark-DFL	Pugh-DFL
Forsythe-IR	Rodosovich-DFL
Gruenes-IR	Stanisius-IR
Jennings-DFL	Simoneau-DFL

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State Departments Division

APPROPRIATIONS

(12 members)

Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m., Room 300S*

Information 296-4257

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Abrams-IR	Miller-IR
Battaglia-DFL	Osthoff-DFL
Bishop-IR	Peterson-DFL
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Appropriations Subcommittees

COMPUTER

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Carlson, L.-DFL	Pappas-DFL
Gruenes-IR	Price-DFL
Heap-IR	Pugh-DFL
Johnson, V.-IR	Rodosovich-DFL
Kahn-DFL	Seaberg-IR

JOINT CLAIMS

House:

Lieder-DFL, Co-Chair

Seaberg-IR	Steensma-DFL
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Senate:

Dahl-DFL, Co-Chair

Johnson, D.E.-IR	Lantry-DFL
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COMMERCE

(20 members)

Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m.,

Basement Hearing Room*

Information 296-4219

Sarna-DFL, Chair

Kinkel-DFL, Vice Chair

Anderson, R.-IR	McEachern-DFL
Beard-DFL	Milbert-DFL
Bennett-IR	Murphy-DFL
Bishop-IR	O'Connor-DFL
Forsythe-IR	Pellow-IR
Frederick-IR	Pelowski-DFL
Heap-IR	Richter-IR
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Commerce Subcommittees

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Heap-IR	Sarna-DFL

SMALL BUSINESS, ENERGY & REAL ESTATE

Janezich-DFL, Chair

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Bishop-IR	Richter-IR
Heap-IR	Sarna-DFL
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TOURISM

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Forsythe-IR	Sarna-DFL
McEachern-DFL	Solberg-DFL
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(36 members)

Tues., Thurs., 12:30 p.m., Room 5*

Information 296-9281

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Cooper-DFL	Uphus-IR
Dawkins-DFL	Olson, K.-DFL
Dille-IR	Pellow-IR
Frerichs-IR	Pelowski-DFL
Girard-IR	Poppenhagen-IR
Heap-IR	Rodosovich-DFL
Himle-IR	Rukavina-DFL
Hugoson-IR	Schafer-IR
Kahn-DFL	Segal-DFL
Krueger-DFL	Sparby-DFL
Lasley-DFL	Tjornhom-IR
Marsh-IR	Williams-DFL
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Community Stabilization & Development Division

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(12 members)

Thurs., 12:30 p.m., Room 300S*

Information 296-0294

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Burger-IR	Schafer-IR
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International Trade & Technology Division

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(13 members)

Thurs., 12:30 p.m., Room 400S*

Information 296-3201

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Anderson, G.-DFL	Miller-IR
Carlson, L.-DFL	Otis-DFL
Frerichs-IR	Rodosovich-DFL
Heap-IR	Sparby-DFL
Hugoson-IR	Tjornhom-IR
Kahn-DFL	

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Rural Resource Development Division

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(13 members)

Thurs., 12:30 p.m., Room 300N*

Information 296-2676

Murphy-DFL, Chair

Cooper-DFL, Vice Chair

Dille-IR	Olson, K.-DFL
Girard-IR	Otis-DFL
Himle-IR	Peterson-DFL
Lasley-DFL	Poppenhagen-IR
Marsh-IR	Rukavina-DFL
Neuenschwander-DFL	

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Economic Development Subcommittees

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

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Himle-IR	Pellow-IR
Lasley-DFL	Segal-DFL
Neuenschwander-DFL	

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Dawkins-DFL	Otis-DFL
Dille-IR	Rodosovich-DFL
Frerichs-IR	Sparby-DFL
Heap-IR	

EDUCATION

(35 members)

Mon., Wed., 8 a.m., Room 5*

Information 296-4237

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Beard-DFL	Otis-DFL
Frederick-IR	Ozment-IR
Girard-IR	Pappas-DFL
Hartle-IR	Pellow-IR
Hasskamp-DFL	Pelowski-DFL
Hugoson-IR	Rest-DFL
Jaros-DFL	Richter-IR
Johnson, A.-DFL	Schafer-IR
Kelso-DFL	Scheid-DFL
Kinkel-DFL	Swenson-IR
McDonald-IR	Tunheim-DFL
McGuire-DFL	Wagenius-DFL
McPherson-IR	Waltman-IR
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Education Finance Division

EDUCATION

(15 members)

Mon., 12:30 p.m., Wed., 2:30 p.m.,

Fri., 10 a.m., Room 300N*

Information 296-4244

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Hartle-IR Pappas-DFL

Hugoson-IR Rest-DFL

Kelso-DFL Schafer-IR

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Ozment-IR

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Higher Education Division

EDUCATION

(19 members)

Wed., 10 a.m., Room 500N*

Information 296-4246

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Frederick-IR Olson, K.-DFL

Girard-IR Omann-IR

Hasskamp-DFL Pellow-IR

Johnson, A.-DFL Pelowski-DFL

Kinkel-DFL Richter-IR

McDonald-IR Waltman-IR

McGuire-DFL Wenzel-DFL

McPherson-IR

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Education Subcommittees

JOINT HOUSE/SENATE LIBRARY

House:

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McEachem-DFL Weaver-IR

McPherson-IR

Senate:

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Knaak-IR Reichgott-DFL

Larson-IR Stumpf-DFL

Pehler-DFL

School Facilities

Kelso-DFL, Chair

Bauerly-DFL Omann-IR

Johnson, A.-DFL Ozment-IR

Nelson, C.-DFL Schafer-IR

Nelson, K.-DFL Wagenius-DFL

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

(31 members)

Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m., Room 10*

Information 296-4282

Munger-DFL, Chair

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Begich-DFL Pauly-IR

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Hausman-DFL Pugh-DFL

Himle-IR Redalen-IR

Jennings-DFL Reding-DFL

Johnson, A.-DFL Rukavina-DFL

Johnson, V.-IR Schafer-IR

Kahn-DFL Skoglund-DFL

Long-DFL Trimble-DFL

Lynch-IR Wagenuis-DFL

Marsh-IR Waltman-IR

McGuire-DFL Weaver-IR

McPherson-IR Winter-DFL

Neuenschwander-DFL

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Environment & Natural Resources

Subcommittees

ENVIRONMENT

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Himle-IR Skoglund-DFL

Johnson, V.-IR Wagenius-DFL

Kahn-DFL Winter-DFL

GAME & FISH

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Marsh-IR Schafer-IR

Munger-DFL Weaver-IR

Neuenschwander-DFL

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Lynch-IR Pauly-IR

McGuire-DFL Waltman-IR

McPherson-IR

ETHICS

(6 members)

Call of the Chair

Information 296-2365

Solberg-DFL, Chair

Anderson, R.-IR Pauly-IR

Bishop-IR Reding-DFL

Olson, E.-DFL

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

(24 members)

Wed., 10 a.m., Basement Hearing Room*

Information 296-4224

Osthoff-DFL, Chair

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Abrams-IR Lynch-IR

Boo-IR Morrison-IR

Carlson, L.-DFL Neuenschwander-DFL

Clark-DFL O'Connor-DFL

Conway-DFL Olsen, S.-IR

Dawkins-DFL Otis-DFL

Frerichs-IR Poppenhagen-IR

Henry-IR Quinn-DFL

Jacobs-DFL Rodosovich-DFL

Jefferson-DFL Sparby-DFL

Knickerbocker-IR Tjomhom-IR

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Housing Division

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

(13 members)

Mon., 12:30 p.m., Room 500N*

Information 296-7807

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Boo-IR Olsen, S.-IR

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Dawkins-DFL Tjomhom-IR

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Financial Institutions & Housing Subcommittee

BANKING

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Boo-IR Olsen, S.-IR

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Henry-IR Poppenhagen-IR

Jacobs-DFL Quinn-DFL

Jefferson-DFL Rodosovich-DFL

Lynch-IR

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

(20 members)

Tues., 12:30 p.m., Room 500S*

Information 296-4936

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Price-DFL, Vice Chair

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Bennett-IR	Milbert-DFL
Bertram-DFL	Osthoﬀ-DFL
Boo-IR	Ostrom-DFL
Frederick-IR	Quinn-DFL
Gutknecht-IR	Scheid-DFL
Kinkel-DFL	Solberg-DFL
Knickerbocker-IR	Steensma-DFL
McDonald-IR	Sviggum-IR

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Elections Division

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

(10 members)

Thurs., 12:30 p.m., Room 500N*

Information 296-3751

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Steensma-DFL, Vice Chair

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Boo-IR	Osthoﬀ-DFL
Knickerbocker-IR	Ostrom-DFL
Kostohryz-DFL	Sviggum-IR

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Gaming Division

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

(11 members)

Thurs., 12:30 p.m., Room 500S*

Information 296-2439

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General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Subcommittee

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Frederick-IR	Milbert-DFL
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GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

(24 members)

Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m., Room 10*

Information 296-4193

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Burger-IR	Lasley-DFL
Conway-DFL	Limmer-IR
Cooper-DFL	Lynch-IR
Dawkins-DFL	Macklin-IR
Dille-IR	O'Connor-DFL
Haukoos-IR	Runbeck-IR
Hausman-DFL	Tompkins-IR
Henry-IR	Tjornhom-IR
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Governmental Operations Subcommittees

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES

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Conway-DFL	Tompkins-IR
Haukoos-IR	Winter-DFL
Macklin-IR	

PENSIONS

Johnson, R.-DFL, Chair

Knickerbocker-IR	O'Connor-DFL
Limmer-IR	Reding-DFL
Lynch-IR	Rukavina-DFL

PERSONNEL

Lasley-DFL, Chair

Dawkins-DFL	Reding-DFL
Dille-IR	Runbeck-IR
Henry-IR	Tjornhom-IR
Jefferson-DFL	Williams-DFL
Rukavina-DFL	

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

(27 members)

Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m., Room 5*

Information 296-6206

Welle-DFL, Chair

Dauner-DFL, Vice Chair

Boo-IR	Ogren-DFL
Cooper-DFL	Omann-IR
Dom-DFL	Onnen-IR
Greenfield-DFL	Orenstein-DFL
Gruenes-IR	Ostrom-DFL
Gutknecht-IR	Runbeck-IR
Hasskamp-DFL	Segal-DFL
Henry-IR	Sviggum-IR
Jefferson-DFL	Swenson-IR
Kelso-DFL	Tompkins-IR
Macklin-IR	Vellenga-DFL
McLaughlin-DFL	Williams-DFL
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Health & Human Services Subcommittees

FAMILY HEALTH

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Gruenes-IR	Orenstein-DFL
Gutknecht-IR	Runbeck-IR
Kelso-DFL	Swenson-IR
Ogren-DFL	Welle-DFL

RURAL HEALTH CARE

Cooper-DFL, Chair

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Dom-DFL	Tompkins-IR
Macklin-IR	Welle-DFL
McLaughlin-DFL	

SOCIAL SERVICES

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Henry-IR	Vellenga-DFL
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Omann-IR	

INSURANCE

(22 members)

Wed., 12:30 p.m., Room 5*

Information 296-4330

Skoglund-DFL, Chair

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Blatz-IR	Pappas-DFL
Burger-IR	Peterson-DFL
Carruthers-DFL	Poppenhagen-IR
Hartle-IR	Pugh-DFL
Haukoos-IR	Reding-DFL
Johnson, R.-DFL	Runbeck-IR
Kelly-DFL	Segal-DFL
Kinkel-DFL	Stanisius-IR
Knickerbocker-IR	Wenzel-DFL
Onnen-IR	Williams-DFL

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JUDICIARY

(25 members)

Mon., 10 a.m., Fri., 12:30 p.m.,
Basement Hearing Room*

Information 296-4277

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Blatz-IR	Milbert-DFL
Brown-DFL	Miller-IR
Carruthers-DFL	Orenstein-DFL
Conway-DFL	Pappas-DFL
Dempsey-IR	Peterson-DFL
Forsythe-IR	Pugh-DFL
Greenfield-DFL	Rest-DFL
Hasskamp-DFL	Seaberg-IR
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Judiciary Subcommittees

CIVIL LAW

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Hasskamp-DFL	Peterson-DFL
Kelly-DFL	Pugh-DFL

FACILITIES ASSESSMENT

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Forsythe-IR	Seaberg-IR
Greenfield-DFL	Vellenga-DFL
Kelly-DFL	

PRIVACY

Pugh-DFL, Chair

Blatz-IR	Dempsey-IR
Carruthers-DFL	Kelly-DFL

Criminal Justice Division

JUDICIARY

(16 members)

Wed., 10 a.m., Room 500S*

Information 296-8799

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MARRIAGE & DISSOLUTION

Kelly-DFL, Chair

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Forsythe-IR	Vellenga-DFL

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

(18 members)

Mon., 12:30 p.m., Room 200*

Information 296-5063

Begich-DFL, Chair

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Labor-Management Relations Subcommittee

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Limmer-IR	Trimble-DFL
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

(25 members)

Tues., Thurs., 12:30 p.m., Room 200*

Information 296-2190

Battaglia-DFL, Chair

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Carruthers-DFL	Onnen-IR
Dom-DFL	Pauly-IR
Hasskamp-DFL	Runbeck-IR
Haukoos-IR	Rice-DFL
Hausman-DFL	Sama-DFL
Janezich-DFL	Tompkins-IR
Jefferson-DFL	Trimble-DFL
Johnson, V.-IR	Valento-IR
Lieder-DFL	Weaver-IR
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Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Subcommittees

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & STRUCTURES

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Janezich-DFL	Onnen-IR
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Lieder-DFL	Trimble-DFL
McGuire-DFL	

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

(20 members)

Mon., 10 a.m., Room 10*

Information 296-4231

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RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

(24 members)

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Rules & Legislative Administration Subcommittee

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TAXES

(35 members)

Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8 a.m., Room 5*

Information 296-7808

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Taxes Subcommittees

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Jacobs-DFL	Scheid-DFL
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TAX LAWS

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Kelly-DFL	Svigum-IR
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TRANSPORTATION

(28 members)

Wed., 12:30 p.m., Room 10*

Information 296-4240

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Henry-IR	Steensma-DFL
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Transportation Subcommittees

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WAYS & MEANS

(18 members)

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Minnesota House of Representatives

TOPICS FOR 1990

Abortion may be attracting attention in the media, but the issue is not high on the list of topics to be dealt with by the Health and Human Services Committee this legislative session.

That was one of the findings of a survey of House committee chairs and administrators conducted by writers from the House Public Information Office. The chairs and administrators were asked to rank, in order, the topics to be addressed in their respective committees.

In Health and Human Services, abortion was ranked fifth, behind welfare reform, child abuse, the alternative care grant program, and the rural health care access program, which was listed as the committee's top priority.

The House's 17 policy-making committees and their 13 divisions listed a variety of other topics to be dealt with this session.

In the Agriculture Committee, the use of bovine growth hormone (BGH) was listed as the top priority. BGH is a synthetic hormone which increases the amount of milk produced by cows, but critics fear its possible economic effects on small farmers and are concerned about possible health effects as well.

In the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, a constitutional dedication of funds to be used by the recently created Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund was listed as the top priority. The method of funding for the trust fund is now cast in law, but some want the funding spelled out in the constitution to insulate it from shifting political tides.

In the Gaming Division of the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee, changes in lawful, or charitable, gaming rules and regulations was listed the top priority.

And in the Local Government and Metropolitan Committee, light rail transit was listed as the top priority. The following are the survey results:

Agriculture

- Bovine growth hormone (BGH) in milk
- Vertical integration (corporate farming)
- Farm contract legislation
- Wetlands legislation
- Grasshopper control — amendments to current law

Appropriations

- 1990 bonding bill

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division

- Capital budget requests from agencies
- Balancing the operating budget required through appropriation adjustments
- Providing supplemental appropriations to meet agency needs

Education Division

- Capital budget requests
- Financial aid issues
- Enrollment policy
- MSPAN I follow-up and MSPAN II

Health & Human Services Division

- Access to health care
- Capitol budget requests

State Departments Division

- Capital budget requests
- Operational budget (re-prioritize)

Commerce

- Lemon law hearings
- Usury rates
- Consumer protection legislation
- Tourism
- Small-business items

Economic Development

- Funding for Capital Access Program
- Oversight of activities of the Greater Minnesota Corporation
- Tax increment financing
- Evaluation and duplication of economic development programs
- Review of the implementation of 1989 legislation

Community Stabilization & Development Division

- Community Stabilization Bill/Jobs impact
- Economic conversion
- Community development on lead abatement
- Natural wild rice economy in American Indian community

International Trade & Technology Division

- How technology fits into competition
- Advanced manufacturing
- World Trade Center/World Trade Office
- Internal programs
- Greater Minnesota Corporation/Stanford Research Institute

Rural Resource Development Division

- Update on State Rock Park Study
- Review effect of current drought
- Timber resources in 21st century

Education

- Regional bargaining study—report from the Legislative Commission on Public Employee Relations and Legislative Commission on Public Education
- School facilities—consideration of the Maximum Effort School Loan Program
- Chemical use prevention/education
- Evaluation of the Jan. 15 district contract settlement date

Education Finance Division

- General Education Formula
- Property tax levies
- School building needs
- Regional/statewide bargaining
- Education districts
- Arts school building

Higher Education Division

- Postsecondary administrators — requiring administrative training
- Campus status for Cambridge
- Declaring a state student day
- 2 + 2 Programs (Anoka & Ramsey Counties)

Environment & Natural Resources

- Constitutional dedication of Environmental Trust Fund
- Toxic emissions and deposition listing, monitoring and regulating
- Toxic use reduction
- Wetlands preservation and restoration
- Groundwater use and protection

Financial Institutions & Housing

- Community Reinvestment Act
- Mortgage Banking
- Bills from Housing Division
- Banking and Credit Union bills

Housing Division

- Rent to own conversion
- Right of first refusal for tenants in mobile home park sales
- Urban Revitalization Action Program (URAP) updates

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Elections Division

- Uniform Municipal Election Day bill
- Presidential primary
- Voter registration issues

Gaming Division

- Lawful (charitable) gambling enforcement and regulations
- Lottery start-up
- Canterbury Downs — pari-mutuel betting issues

Governmental Operations

- Government purchasing from minority and women businesses
- Pensions and retirement
- Local government expenditures for lobbying at the Legislature
- Local government pay equity

Health & Human Services

- Rural health care access
- Alternative Care Grant Program
- Child abuse
- Welfare reform
- Abortion

Insurance

- Medicare supplement insurance
- Arson

- Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA)
- Life and Health Guaranty Association

Judiciary

- Child protection improvements
- Recommendations of Tort Reform Commission
- Charitable gambling enforcement
- Drug issues raised by The Governor's Select Committee on the Impact of Drugs
- Bail reform

Criminal Justice Division

- Child maltreatment (abuse and neglect)
- Adult certification of juvenile offenders
- Domestic violence — recommendations from Supreme Court's Task Force for Gender Fairness in the Courts
- Penalties for charitable gambling abuses
- Harassment

Labor-Management Relations

- Minimum wage
- Role of security guards in labor disputes
- OSHA — worker safety programs
- OSHA — criminal penalties
- Public safety dispatchers

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

- Light rail transit
- Metro agency affirmative action
- Unified land planning
- Regional government
- Local issues

Regulated Industries

- Electric utility service area boundaries
- Metropolitan extended area service for telephones
- Gas flexible rates

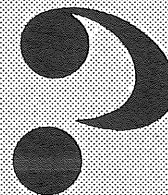
Taxes

- Tax Increment Financing
- Budget cuts
- Technical bills — property, federal updates, procedures
- Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax

Transportation

- Transportation-related bonding proposals
- County state aid highway funding
- Dimler amendment repeal
- Triple trailer trucks
- Truck safety legislation

Do you know



New Ulm residents will "Celebrate Minnesota" with their 13th annual Fasching Festival Feb. 23-24.

A costume ball, treasure hunt, and mask and costume judging contests are some of the events officials have scheduled for the weekend.

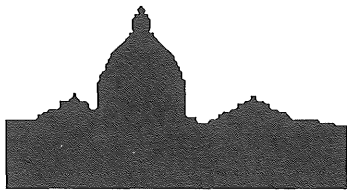
The Concord Singers, hosts for the German festival, will perform Friday and Saturday evenings at the Holiday Inn, festival headquarters. Other performers include Cheyenne, the Leon Olsen Show, Home Spun Blue, and Bill Niebuhr. Admission for the evening events is \$3.

New Ulm's August Schell Brewing Co. will host the Bock Beer Festival and a treasure hunt which has a \$300 prize. There'll also be German food, brewery tours, and a bonfire. Admission is \$2 for these activities, which will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

In early times, a "fasching festival" was staged to chase winter away. But it has developed into a pre-Lent celebration to compensate people in advance for their observances during Lent.

For more information, call the brewery at (507) 354-5528.





In the Hopper...

Feb. 12 - Feb. 15, 1990

Bill Introductions

HF1802-HF1964

Monday, Feb. 12, 1990

HF1802—Lieder (DFL)

Transportation

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax; appropriation of revenues changed.

HF1803—Lieder (DFL)

Transportation

Bridges; transportation bonds issued for city and county bridges, and money appropriated.

HF1804—Bauerly (DFL)

Education

Regional library system authorized to allocate levy authority for the region, and government subdivision levy limit provided.

HF1805—Kelso (DFL)

Education

School buildings inspected by state fire marshal every three years, additional personnel provided in public safety department, and money appropriated.

HF1806—O'Connor (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Veterans redefined.

HF1807—Solberg (DFL)

Regulated Industries

Off-sale and combination liquor licenses; issuance of licenses in unorganized territory restricted in Itasca County.

HF1808—Nelson, C. (DFL)

Agriculture

Grasshopper control provided with pesticides designated, label requirements specified, special levies and tax anticipation notes permitted, money appropriated, and state reimbursement provided for grasshopper control in 1989.

HF1809—Blatz (IR)

Judiciary

Child abuse; penalty increased for malicious punishment resulting in great bodily harm.

HF1810—Hartle (IR)

Judiciary

Religious corporations; certain deeds to real property conveyed by religious corporations validated.

HF1811—Carlson, D. (IR)

Judiciary

State troopers allowed to assist other peace officers during labor disputes if an officer is in danger. Pilot program established to stop drug trafficking on I-35 between Duluth and metropolitan area, and money appropriated.

HF1812—Anderson, R. (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Otter Tail County to sell certain tax-forfeited state lands.

HF1813—Olson, K. (DFL)

Education

Education district levy limits clarified.

HF1814—Forsythe (IR)

Governmental Operations

Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund; certain deadlines extended for payment of extended leave of absence contributions.

HF1815—Sparby (DFL)

Agriculture

Farmer-Lender Mediation Act extended and money appropriated.

HF1816—Sparby (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Petroleum Tank Release Clean-up Fund; collection period and reimbursement terms changed.

HF1817—Olson, E. (DFL)

Taxes

Equalization aid and net tax capacity programs modified.

HF1818—Orenstein (DFL)

Insurance

Pharmacy services; health insurance providers, including health maintenance organizations, not allowed to discriminate.

HF1819—Blatz (IR)

Transportation

Motorcycle riders must be at least four years old and able to remain on the seat without artificial support.

HF1820—Valento (IR)

Judiciary

Dog owners must cooperate with health and law enforcement officials investigating dog bites, and penalties provided.

HF1821—Blatz (IR)

Judiciary

Littering; penalties increased for littering highways.

HF1822—Hasskamp (DFL)

Commerce

Private detectives and protection agents licensed and regulated.

HF1823—Vellenga (DFL)

Judiciary

Child abuse; mental injuries and threatened injuries reported as maltreatment of minors.

HF1824—Vellenga (DFL)

Judiciary

Foster care; procedures established for placement and removal of children in foster homes.

HF1825—Waltman (IR)

Health & Human Services

Hospital-attached nursing homes exempted from rate deadline.

HF1826—Milbert (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Hockey; two-tier tournament requirement repealed and responsibility returned to High School League.

HF1827—Rest (DFL)

Taxes

Property tax; class 4c tax treatment extended to low-income housing financed by local government loans.

HF1828—Olsen, S. (IR)

Governmental Operations

St. Louis Park; a former city official allowed to purchase prior service credit in Public Employees Retirement Association.

HF1829—Schreiber (IR)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Political fund raising prohibited during the legislative session.

HF1830—Morrison (IR)

Judiciary

Child abuse; penalty increased for malicious punishment resulting in great bodily harm.

HF1831—Hasskamp (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Community Social Services Act; distribution of state aid clarified.

HF1832—Johnson, V. (IR)

Transportation

Special transportation; volunteers driving private automobiles exempted from certain transportation department rules.

HF1833—Sparby (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Aquiculture provisions changed along with provisions that allow crayfish harvests and commercial taking of rough fish on Lake of the Woods.

HF1834—Wenzel (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Abortions not allowed for birth control purposes and informed consent required before performing an abortion.

HF1835—Boo (IR)

Taxes

Motor vehicle registration tax refunded when ownership is transferred.

HF1836—Carruthers (DFL)

Judiciary

Government data practices; meetings not closed on basis of data classification, final disposition of certain disciplinary actions defined, and closed meetings allowed for certain discussions of misconduct against government employees.

HF1837—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Life and health insurance guaranty association created and regulated to protect consumers, with supervisory duties given to commerce commissioner.

HF1838—Jennings (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Electronic fund transfer facilities regulated and access provided for transmission facilities.

HF1839—Kelly (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Minimum wage raised.

HF1840—Kelly (DFL)**Judiciary**

Firearms; penalties increased for drug crimes committed with firearms, penalties provided for committing a crime while possessing soft body armor (bullet proof vests), and forfeiture of weapons and soft body armor permitted.

HF1841—Kelly (DFL)**Commerce**

Travel contracts and membership clubs regulated.

HF1842—Kelly (DFL)**Taxes**

Property tax delinquency date changed.

HF1843—Kelly (DFL)**Judiciary**

Controlled substance provisions changed and money appropriated.

HF1844—Carruthers (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Brooklyn Center; on-sale liquor license authorized for Earle Brown Heritage Center.

HF1845—McLaughlin (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Nurse practitioners allowed to prescribe and administer drugs and therapeutic devices.

HF1846—Wagenius (DFL)**Judiciary**

Prostitution; penalties increased for certain patrons and driver's licenses revoked for repeat violators who used a motor vehicle during commission of the offense.

HF1847—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Requiring the licensing of whole sale drug distributors.

HF1848—Segal (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Clarifying treatment and assessment requirements under the Minnesota Comprehensive Mental Health Acts for Adults and Children.

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HF1849—Johnson, A. (DFL)**Education**

Early childhood family education programs expanded, model sites and grants provided for parenting programs, and money appropriated.

HF1850—Schafer (IR)**Education**

Education districts; certain school districts allowed to change into education districts.

HF1851—Tompkins (IR)**Education**

Chemical use awareness and abuse prevention training provided for school counselors.

HF1852—Tompkins (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Chemical abuse prevention; money appropriated for parent communication network and toll-free parent drug counseling telephone line.

HF1853—Tompkins (IR)**Education**

School district 192, Farmington; maximum effort capital loan approved.

HF1854—Pugh (DFL)**Judiciary**

Joint tenancy provisions changed in cases of marriage dissolution and certain contract cancellations validated.

HF1855—Kelly (DFL)**Judiciary**

Child custody determined on basis of child's best interest, and mediation provided for disputes over custody and visitation.

HF1856—Simoneau (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Public employees retirement association; provision changed for surviving spouse benefits.

HF1857—Lieder (DFL)**Transportation**

Regional development commissions allowed to receive state finances for public transport programs, debarred persons further restricted when dealing with public contracts, and interstate motor carrier registration agreements changed.

HF1858—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

Area learning centers may provide programs on Saturdays.

HF1859—Steensma (DFL)**Transportation**

Special transportation; volunteers driving private automobiles exempted from certain transportation department passenger service rules.

HF1860—Sviggum (IR)**Transportation**

Headlights required during inclement weather.

HF1861—Long (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Blowgun regulations provided by commissioner of natural resources.

HF1862—Schafer (IR)**Education**

Cooperation and combination aid increased.

HF1863—Sviggum (IR)**Transportation**

Enrollment options program; certain deadlines waived for new residents and transportation

provided for certain students participating in open enrollment.

HF1864—Sviggum (IR)**Education**

Academic calendars; requirement for a common calendar in education districts repealed.

HF1865—Schafer (IR)**Education**

Alternative licensure provided for teachers.

HF1866—Kelly (DFL)**Judiciary**

Judicial vacancies filled in accordance with the commission on judicial selection.

HF1867—Frederick (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Controlled substance provisions changed in comprehensive legislation.

HF1868—Kelly (DFL)**Taxes**

County correctional facilities; building materials exempted from taxation.

HF1869—Rest (DFL)**Judiciary**

County boards allowed to charge for examining real estate titles for certain possessory estate procedures.

HF1870—McEachern (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

School district election procedures changed.

HF1871—Tompkins (IR)**Insurance**

Chemical abuse prevention; health care coverage extended to cover drug and alcohol post-primary treatment.

HF1872—Rodosovich (DFL)**Taxes**

Annuities; certain federal retirement annuity payments exempted from taxation.

HF1873—Rodosovich (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Identification cards no longer required to reflect status as a senior citizen or distinguish it from a driver's license.

HF1874—Orenstein (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

St. Paul Bureau of Health; service credit in Public Employees Retirement Association restored to preconsolidation status.

HF1875—Gruenes (IR)**Taxes**

Property tax; certain towns removed from levy limits.

HF1876—McEachern (DFL)**Education**

Maximum effort school aid capital loan program modified, state bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF1877—Schreiber (IR)**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Hennepin County to issue bonds for a public safety building.

HF1878—Jaros (DFL)**Education**

Students' day established.

HF1879—Tunheim (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Lake of the Woods state forest established.

HF1880—McEachern (DFL)**Education**

Establishing programs for senior citizens to be mentors to pupils who are likely to not complete secondary school; appropriating money for grants for senior mentor programs.

HF1881—Beard (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Designating certain highway within a state wild, scenic, and recreational river corridor as possessing natural, scenic, historical, and aesthetic characteristics; protecting and maintaining these characteristics; allowing commissioner of transportation to provide state-aid funding.

HF1882—Kelly (DFL)**Judiciary**

Providing right to counsel in certain guardianship and conservatorship proceedings.

HF1883—Price (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Approving permits for the consumptive use of groundwater at the Seneca wastewater treatment plant.

HF1884—Pappas (DFL)**Judiciary**

Domestic abuse; improving prosecutorial procedures in domestic abuse cases; requiring the commissioner of public safety to study the feasibility and costs of a statewide computerized data base on domestic abuse; appropriating money.

HF1885—Gruenes (IR)**Taxes**

Property taxes; modifying the computation of levy limits for certain regional library systems.

HF1886—Omann (IR)**Education**

Approving a capital loan to the Pierz School District.

HF1887—Dauner (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Providing limited prescription privileges for physician assistants.

HF1888—Williams (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Children; establishing a board to plan, coordinate, and oversee early childhood development programs and services; requiring local area planning councils to be established; establishing a technical advisory committee.

HF1889—Weaver (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Health; providing programs and incentives for persons to volunteer as bone marrow donors; requiring the commissioner of health to educate residents about the need for volunteers.

HF1890—Pugh (DFL)**Judiciary**

Government data practices; establishing procedures for computerized comparisons of data; requiring matching agreements; providing for contesting of data; requiring reviews and reports; imposing penalties.

HF1891—Quinn (DFL)**Gen'l Legs., Vets Aff. & Gaming**

Lawful gambling; expanding definition of contraband; extending deadline for inventory of seized contraband; authorizing seizing authorities to use proceeds from forfeited contraband; prohibiting possession or sale of unregistered video pull-tab devices; prohibiting altered or counterfeit gambling equipment and possession thereof; prohibiting organizations from accepting checks for gambling equipment or chances; requiring posting of penalties for receiving cash on video games of chance; subjecting illegally used gambling equipment to forfeiture.

HF1892—Peterson (DFL)**Judiciary**

Courts; providing for a pilot project in Clay County using mediation services for child custody and visitation issues.

HF1893—Peterson (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Local government; authorizing certain towns to contribute to economic development organizations.

HF1894—Johnson, R. (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Limiting certain severance payments to public employees; restricting administrative leaves for University of Minnesota employees.

HF1895—Kelly (DFL)**Judiciary**

Courts; providing an alternative dispute resolution pilot project in the Second Judicial District.

HF1896—McLaughlin (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

City of Minneapolis; providing for the appointment of the director of the civilian review board.

HF1897—Winter (DFL)**Insurance**

Regulating liability insurance claim denials.

HF1898—Lasley (DFL)**Transportation**

Public safety; providing for inspection of commercial motor vehicles; setting fees; prescribing a penalty; increasing complement of state patrol.

HF1899—Kelly (DFL)**Judiciary**

Crimes; redefining the open bottle law to include possessing marijuana and controlled substances in a motor vehicle; prescribing penalties.

HF1900—Ogren (DFL)**Insurance**

Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution requiring that an affordable health insurance program be provided for Minnesota residents.

HF1901—Waltman (IR)**Education**

Providing for the use of average fund balances by cooperating districts in certain instances.

HF1902—Peterson (DFL)**Insurance**

Property and casualty insurance; requiring compensation to certain agents upon termination.

HF1903—Segal (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Authorizing loans to mental health residential programs for physical accessibility improvements; creating an exception to the maximum negotiated rates for residential programs receiving accessibility loans.

HF1904—Segal (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Authorizing grants for research and development of new approaches to services for persons who are both mentally ill and chemically dependent.

HF1905—Segal (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Human rights; prohibiting housing discrimination against disabled persons because of their familial status.

HF1906—Welle (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Requiring proposals for decreasing the size of intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation.

HF1907—Williams (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Requiring increases in rates for wages of employees of intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation, semi-independent living services, home and community-based waived services, developmental achievement centers, and mental health residential programs; requiring a fair wage plan.

HF1908—Cooper (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Requiring duplication, contradiction, and archaic language in laws, rules, and regulations governing human services to be reduced or eliminated; requiring one state agency to administer each service; requiring technical assistance, fiscal responsibility, and interpretative guidelines for all regulatory standards; and establishing a legislative commission on regulatory reduction.

HF1909—Peterson (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Mille Lacs Indian Reservation; providing for the retrocession to the United States of America of criminal jurisdiction over Indians on the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation in Minnesota.

HF1910—Welle (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Establishing limits for nursing home plant and maintenance expenses; authorizing the adjustment of nursing home appraised values to reflect costs of new physical plant mandates, creating a deferred cost adjustment to nursing home operating costs.

HF1911—Welle (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Amending the Medicare certification requirement for nursing homes.

HF1912—Welle (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Allowing an increase to the property rates for a limited period; establishing a capital replacement fund for nursing homes; providing for a phase-up and extending grandfather status for property costs of certain nursing homes.

HF1913—Scheid (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Housing
Commerce; regulating dividends on claims in liquidation proceedings; industrial loan and thrift companies; regulating lending practices; regulating the lending practices of regulated lenders; specifying the loan fees and charges that may be imposed by regulated lenders.

HF1914—Kinkel (DFL)
Education
Allowing Independent School District No. 301 to transfer funds to the general fund upon consolidation.

HF1915—Runbeck (IR)
Health & Human Services
Controlled substances; proposing a variety of measures to improve the enforcement and prosecution of controlled substance cases and the aftercare treatment of persons who are chemically dependent.

HF1916—Scheid (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vets Aff. & Gaming
Elections; requiring the designation of a local government election for election of county, municipal, and school district officers, and officers of all other political subdivisions except certain towns; requiring that certain questions be voted on only at the local government election for the political subdivision; requiring uniform and coordinated election precincts and polling places for municipalities and school districts; superseding certain inconsistent general and special laws and home rule charter provisions; appropriating money.

HF1917—Schafer (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Changing the collection period of the fee; changing the terms for reimbursement of petroleum tank release costs by the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board.

HF1918—Reding (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Metropolitan Waste Control Commission; providing for criminal and civil penalties for violations of pretreatment standards.

HF1919—Pappas (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Ethnic Minnesotans; designating ethnic American day.

HF1920—Pappas (DFL)
Judiciary
Sentencing; establishing standards for court-ordered home detention as a condition of probation; including certain violations of a home detention order within the crime of escape.

HF1921—Wagenius (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Waste; prohibiting the placement of certain dry cell batteries in mixed municipal solid waste; requiring labeling of certain batteries by electrode content; establishing maximum content levels of mercury in batteries; requiring that batteries in certain consumer products be easily removable.

HF1922—Dorn (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Retirement; teachers retirement funds; providing an automatic bounce-back feature for period certain and life optional annuity recipients where the designated beneficiary predeceases the annuitant.

HF1923—Dawkins (DFL)
Transportation
Directing commissioner of transportation not to use stop and go signals on certain entrance ramps to I-94 until 1992.

HF1924—Dawkins (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Housing
Changing the definition of designated home ownership area for the Minnesota rural and urban homesteading program.

HF1925—Neuenschwander (DFL)
Appropriations
Providing a refund of a bond allocation deposit.

HF1926—Knickerbocker (IR)
Financial Institutions & Housing
Permitting interstate banking with an additional reciprocating state.

HF1927—Ogren (DFL)
Transportation
Regulating approaches of vehicles to certain intersections.

HF1928—Begich (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Prohibiting certain acts by protective agents and security guards during a labor dispute.

HF1929—Pelowski (DFL)
Education
Deleting the four-year or equivalent limitation on post-secondary child care grants.

HF1930—Bertram (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vets Aff. & Gaming
Authorizing the creation of a technical advisory task force for emergency dispatch services; requiring the submission of a multidisciplinary report on training needs of emergency dispatchers operating within 911 systems.

HF1931—Tunheim (DFL)
Education
Authorizing certain cooperating districts to qualify for sparsity aid.

HF1932—Tunheim (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Authorizing special property rates for certain nursing homes; extending the construction commencement deadline for certain facilities that have been granted exceptions to the nursing home moratorium.

HF1933—Winter (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Changing the terms for reimbursement of petroleum tank release costs by the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board.

HF1934—Dawkins (DFL)
Judiciary
Eliminating restrictions on disclosing birth record of a child born to an unmarried woman.

HF1935—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Defining the term practitioner for the purpose of dispensing medicines and drugs; prohibiting the dispensing of legend drugs for profit by anyone other than a pharmacist.

HF1936—Rest (DFL)
Taxes
Property taxes; making technical corrections and administrative changes; providing for the management and cleanup of tax-forfeited lands.

HF1937—Kalis (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Providing for location of a bust of Walter Mondale in the State Capitol.

HF1938—Kinkel (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Allowing taking of deer after crop depredation.

HF1939—Kinkel (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Amending a certain requirement relating to the sale of state timber.

HF1940—Kinkel (DFL)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
Hubbard County; permitting the county board to assign certain duties to the county recorder and the county auditor.

HF1941—Blatz (IR)
Transportation
Motor vehicles; regulating ownership and registration.

HF1942—Omann (IR)
Education
Approving a capital loan for the Sartell School District.

HF1943—Omann (IR)
Judiciary
Appropriating money for a grant to cover costs of the investigation of the Jacob Wetterling kidnapping.

HF1944—Orenstein (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Establishing a nursing degree completion scholarship program; providing for funding through a licensing surcharge.

HF1945—Welle (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Renewing the authority for a nursing home to choose to have the commissioner apply the cost limits that apply to facilities in a different geographic group, for purposes of setting the nursing home's payment rates.

HF1946—Clark (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Authorizing grant funds to establish pilot project sobering stations; increasing taxes on wine and dedicating certain revenues to a sobering station project account.

HF1947—Munger (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Recognizing the hydrological cycle of water purification through the atmosphere; establishing a list of persistent toxic substances; requiring the pollution control agency to establish best available reduction technology, to monitor toxic emissions, and to adopt standards and a plan to regulate toxic release/discharge, ambient concentration, and deposition; requiring reports to the Legislature.

HF1948—Price (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Clarifying requirement for water well construction and ownership.

HF1949—Winter (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Changing certain requirements for municipal wastewater treatment grants.

HF1950—Orenstein (DFL)

Judiciary

Privacy; providing for a cause of action for invasion of privacy.

HF1951—Vellenga (DFL)

Judiciary

Making the crime victim ombudsman accountable to the commissioner of public safety; clarifying that certain juvenile records are available to the ombudsman.

HF1952—Kelly (DFL)

Judiciary

Permitting individuals to request that the Department of Public Safety not release the individual's residential address to the public; permitting individuals to designate a mailing address for purposes of the department's public records; increasing penalties for certain acts of harassment; authorizing courts to issue orders to restrain acts of harassment.

HF1953—Macklin (IR)

Health & Human Services

Controlled substances; proposing a variety of measures to improve the enforcement and prosecution of controlled substance cases and the aftercare treatment of persons who are chemically dependent.

HF1954—Tompkins (IR)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

City of Apple Valley; permitting the establishment of special service districts.

HF1955—Tompkins (IR)

Health & Human Services

Dakota County; authorizing the Dakota County Board to establish a juvenile diversion program and a chemical abuse prevention program.

HF1956—Anderson, G. (DFL)

Education

Providing for the notice of and place for meeting of certain joint powers organizations.

HF1957—Anderson, G. (DFL)

Education

Providing for certain notice and board membership requirements under certain joint powers arrangements.

HF1958—Jefferson (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Providing for a Roy Wilkins memorial in the Capitol area.

HF1959—Johnson, A. (DFL)

Transportation

Motor vehicles; clarifying when inspection fee must be paid to receive certificate of inspection for salvage vehicle.

HF1960—Battaglia (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Amending certain provisions concerned with the management of wildlife.

HF1961—Neuenschwander (DFL)

Taxes

Providing that county levies to pay the cost of ambulance service within a subordinate service district are exempt from levy limits.

HF1962—Runbeck (IR)

Education

Making area learning center programs available on Saturday; providing for payment of general education aid.

HF1963—Johnson, R. (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Retirement; reallocating powers and duties among actuaries retained by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement and various public pension plans.

HF1964—Begich (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Mining; amending certain provisions relating to operators' bonds

House Advisory Bills

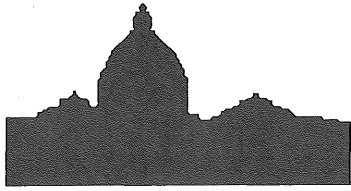
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HA35—Kelly (DFL)

A proposal to study a proposal for a playoff between state high school hockey champions.

Feb. 20, 1855

On this day, the Territorial Legislature established 12 counties — Brown, Carver, Dodge, Faribault, Freeborn, Mower, Olmsted, Renville, Stearns, Steele, Todd, and Wright. Brown County was named after Joseph Renshaw Brown, one of the most prominent pioneers of the state; Carver County after Capt. Jonathan Carver, the Connecticut Yankee explorer who visited Minnesota in the mid-18th century.



Coming Up Next Week...

Feb. 19 - Feb. 23, 1990

Committee Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.
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at (612) 296-9283. All meetings are open
to the public.

MONDAY, Feb. 19

8:00 a.m.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: An update on the University of Minnesota's financial system and physical plant operation. A presentation of the Report on Retention of Minnesota College Students by House Research analysts.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

Agenda: Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) presentation on future choices for 8th graders and parent information initiative.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HF1785 (Dempsey) Real property; providing for placing plat monuments. HF1937 (Kalis) State Capitol; providing for location of a bust of Walter Mondale at the state capitol.

8:30 a.m.

Health & Human Services Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Veterans nursing home report: Department of Administration, Terry Bock, Management Analysis Division.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: To be announced.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly

Agenda: HF1952 (Kelly) Increasing penalties for certain acts of harassment. HF1830 (Morrison) Child abuse; penalty increased for malicious punishment resulting in great bodily harm. HF1846 (Wagenius) Prostitution; penalties increased for certain patrons and driver's licenses revoked for repeat violators who used a motor vehicle during commission of the offense. HF1836 (Carruthers) Government data practices; meetings not closed on basis of data classification, final disposition of certain disciplinary actions defined, and closed meetings allowed for certain discussions of misconduct against government employees.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Holiday Inn Phalen Suite,

Town Square, St. Paul

Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: A demonstration by U.S. West Advanced Technologies. Members and staff only.

12:15 p.m.

Rural Health Care Subcommittee/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Roger Cooper

Agenda: HFXXXX (Cooper) Omnibus rural health care access bill. HFXXXX Health Department; emergency medical services task force bill.

12:30 p.m.

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Maximum Effort Loan Program overview. HF1876 (McEachern) Maximum Effort School Loan Program changes.

Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor

Agenda:

HF1669 (Morrison) Housing; requiring the Housing Finance Agency to restrict funding for new single family housing under certain circumstances.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich

Agenda: HF1839 (Kelly) Minimum wage raised.

1:00 p.m.

Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules

107 State Capitol

Chr. Sen. Gene Waldorf

Agenda: Administrative Procedures Act (APA) amendments: Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules (LCRAR) bill. Follow up on the Department of Labor & Industry truck rental rate rule; a request for extension (120 days) to hold a rulemaking hearing.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

TUESDAY, Feb. 20

8:00 a.m.

JOINT MEETING Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/ APPROPRIATIONS & International Trade & Technology Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building

Chrs. Rep. James Rice

& Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: Presentation from the World Trade Center Corporation, Rick Nolan, president.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: The State University System's bonding request.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Public assistance provider and
recipient anti-fraud efforts.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: State employee health plans:
Department of Employee Relations,
Commissioner Nina Rothchild.

TAXES
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: Department of Revenue bills.

8:30 a.m.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Report on tuition and bonus:
Department of Military Affairs. Budget
review: State Planning Agency, Lani
Kawamura.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: HF1613 (Kostohryz) Employ-
ment; regulating employee inventions.
HF1730 (O'Connor) Commerce; requir-
ing seating furniture in public occupan-
cies to meet flammability and labeling
standards. An overview of the Commerce
Department by Commissioner Tom
Borman.

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL
RESOURCES**
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF1754 (Munger) A resolution
memorializing Congress to enact the
American Heritage Trust Act authorizing
the creation of a federal trust fund to
provide funding for local, state, and
federal land and water conservation and
historic preservation purposes. HF0479
(Munger) Amending Minnesota
Constitution; dedicating certain lottery
revenue to the Environment and Natural
Resources Trust Fund.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle
Agenda: HF1888 (Williams) Early
Childhood Development Planning Board.
HF1887 (Dauner) Physicians assistants
drug dispensing. HF1945 (Welle)
Geographic nursing home bill.

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Todd Otis
Agenda: Continue the update on 1989
legislative initiatives: small business
development centers, Minnesota Project
Outreach, Community and Neighborhood
Development Organizations (CANDO)
and year of the community.

**Elections Division/GENERAL
LEGISLATION, VETERANS
AFFAIRS & GAMING**
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid
Agenda: HF1916 (Scheid) Uniform
municipal election day bill.

**Gaming Division/GENERAL
LEGISLATION, VETERANS
AFFAIRS & GAMING**
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joe Quinn
Agenda: HF 1891 (Quinn) Lawful
Gambling Task Force bill.

**Facilities Assessment Subcommittee /
JUDICIARY**
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Sandy Pappas
Agenda: Team report on jail, workhouse
and prison crowding, Trial Courts Case
Management Report and mandatory
minimum DWI study. HF1920 Definition
of intermediate sanctions and standards
for home detention.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
& METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: HF1772 (Murphy) Towns;
providing for state participation in sewer
and water development; providing for the
issuance of state bonds; appropriating
money. HF1724 (Welle) Kandiyohi
County; permitting the county to merge
the offices of county treasurer and county
auditor.

2:00 p.m.

Legislative Audit Commission
237 State Capitol
Chr. Sen. John Brandl
Agenda: The commission will receive
the evaluation report on local government
lobbying.

2:30 p.m.

**Enterprise Development Subcommit-
tee/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Gene Pelowski
Agenda: Evaluation of technical
assistance providers.

**Rural Health Care Subcommittee/
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Roger Cooper
Agenda: HFXXXX (Cooper) Rural
health care bill.

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF1823 (Vellenga) Child
abuse; mental injuries and threatened
injuries reported as maltreatment of
minors. HFXXXX (Vellenga) Criminal
penalties for child abuse.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21

8:00 a.m.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Reports on enrollment growth
and enrollment policies by all higher
education systems.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Health and veterans homes
capital requests.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Wastewater treatment bonding:
Pollution Control Agency, Rich Sand-
berg. Capital budget hearing: Department
of Administration, Jeff Zlonis.

EDUCATION

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

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: HFXXXX (Jefferson) Small Business Procurement Program.

10:00 a.m.

Higher Education Division/ EDUCATION

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros
Agenda: Student testimony (students lobby day at the capitol). HF1878 (Jaros) Education; establishing students' day.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: HF1838 (Jennings) Electronic fund transfer facilities regulated and access provided for transmission facilities. HF1913 (Scheid) Industrial loan and thrifts.

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF1843 (Kelly) Controlled substances; allowing prosecution in any county of controlled substance offenses involving sales of amounts aggregated over a 90-day period; providing that cocaine base is weighed as a mixture for purposes of first-, second-, and third-degree controlled substance crimes; prohibiting the importing of controlled substances into the state.

12:30 p.m.

INSURANCE

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: HFXXXX (Skoglund) Medicare Supplement Insurance. HFXXXX (Skoglund) Communications with the Department of Commerce/hearing requirements. HFXXXX (Skoglund) Regulating claims practices. HFXXXX (Winter) Civil penalties.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: HF1898 (Lasley) Truck safety and inspection program. HF1859 (Steensma) Volunteer drivers. HFXXXX (Lieder) Minnesota Department of Transportation house keeping. HF1803 (Lieder) Bridge bonding. HFXXXX (A. Johnson) Clarifying salvage inspection fee provisions. HFXXXX (Lasley) Clarifying definitions for school bus drivers' licenses. Reports from: Surface Transportation Subcommittee, Rep. Alice Johnson; Air Transportation Subcommittee, Rep. Bernie Lieder; Truck Regulation Subcommittee, Rep. Katy Olson and minority issues, Reps. Doug Carlson and Art Seaberg.

2:30 p.m.

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: Maximum Effort Loan Program requests: independent school districts 345 (New London-Spicer), 110 (Waconia), 192 (Farmington), 682 (Roseau) and 885 (St. Michael-Albertville).

Privacy Subcommittee/JUDICIARY

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh
Agenda: HF1145 (Pappas) Disclosure of data about communicable diseases. HFXXXX Collection and dissemination of data.

3:00 p.m.

JOINT MEETING

**House Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS & Senate
Education Division/FINANCE**
Coffman Memorial Union Great Hall,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis Campus
Chrs. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
& Sen. Gene Waldorf
Agenda: An overview of projects made possible by use of Indirect Cost Recovery Funds, the Permanent University Fund, and other special appropriations.

7:00 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF1921 (Wagenius) Battery bill. HFXXXX Department of Natural Resources water use permits proposal. HFXXXX (Price) Seneca wastewater treatment facility water use permit proposal. SF956 (Stumpf)/HF1071 (Sparby) County binding referendum requirement for siting and development of a stabilization and containment facility.

THURSDAY, Feb. 22

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi- State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Greater Minnesota Corporation update: Michael Miles, vice president and general counsel.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: University of Minnesota bonding requests.

Health & Human Services Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: The Department of Human Services capital requests.

State Departments Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Judicial center tour. Meet in 300S with jackets.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Regular route vs. irregular route common carriers and the regulatory functions of the Department of Transportation and Public Safety, as well as the Transportation Regulation Board.

TAXES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition Report on Taxes and Justice in Minnesota.

9:00 a.m.

**Redistricting Oversight Subcommittee/
Legislative Coordinating Commission**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Sen. Randy Peterson

Agenda: A review of responses to requests for proposals.

10:00 a.m.

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL
RESOURCES**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HFXXXX (Munger) Toxic Emissions and Deposition Act. HFXXXX (Munger) Toxic Pollution Prevention Act.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: HFXXXX (Cooper) Rural health care bill.

12:30 p.m.

**Community Stabilization
& Development Division/
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

Agenda: HFXXXX (Clark) Alternative youth projects for economic development. HF1031 (Dawkins) State's economy; requiring the commissioner of Trade and Economic Development to submit an annual report on the effect of military spending on the state's economy; appropriating money.

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

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: Panel discussion: how does technology fit into competition? Panel members are Wy Spano, High Technology Council; E.F. Infante, University of Minnesota Institute of Technology; Tom Meskan, Medical Alley and Patsy Randall, Electronics Association.

**Rural Resource Development Division/
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

Agenda: An update on the Rock Hound State Park Report.

**GENERAL LEGISLATION,
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz

Agenda: HF1891

(Quinn) Lawful Gambling Task Force bill.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
& METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: To be announced.

2:30 p.m.

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8:00 a.m.

**Child Care Subcommittee/Education
Division/APPROPRIATIONS**

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Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein

Agenda: Testimony from on-campus child care providers.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: The Hill Annex Mine Study and the Tettegouche Study. American Youth Hostel: the hostel development project.

10:00 a.m.

**Education Finance Division/
EDUCATION**

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Maximum Effort Loan Program requests: independent school districts 115 (Cass Lake), 213 (Osakis), 533 (Dover-Eyota), 390 (Lake of the Woods, Baudette) and 484 (Pierz).

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: An overview of the Webster decision.

JOINT MEETING

**Surface Transportation Subcommittee/
TRANSPORTATION & Metropolitan
Affairs Subcommittee/**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
& METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

10 State Office Building

Chrs. Rep. Alice Johnson

& Rep. Phil Carruthers

Agenda: Report from Regional Transit Board on regional light rail plan. Discussion of bonding to build first stage of light rail transit between Minneapolis and St. Paul.

12:30 p.m.

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Basement Hearing Room

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Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly

Agenda: HF1892 (Peterson) Courts; providing pilot project for Clay County. HFXXXX (Seaberg) Crime victims reparations technical bill. HFXXXX (Kelly) Charitable gambling penalty bill.

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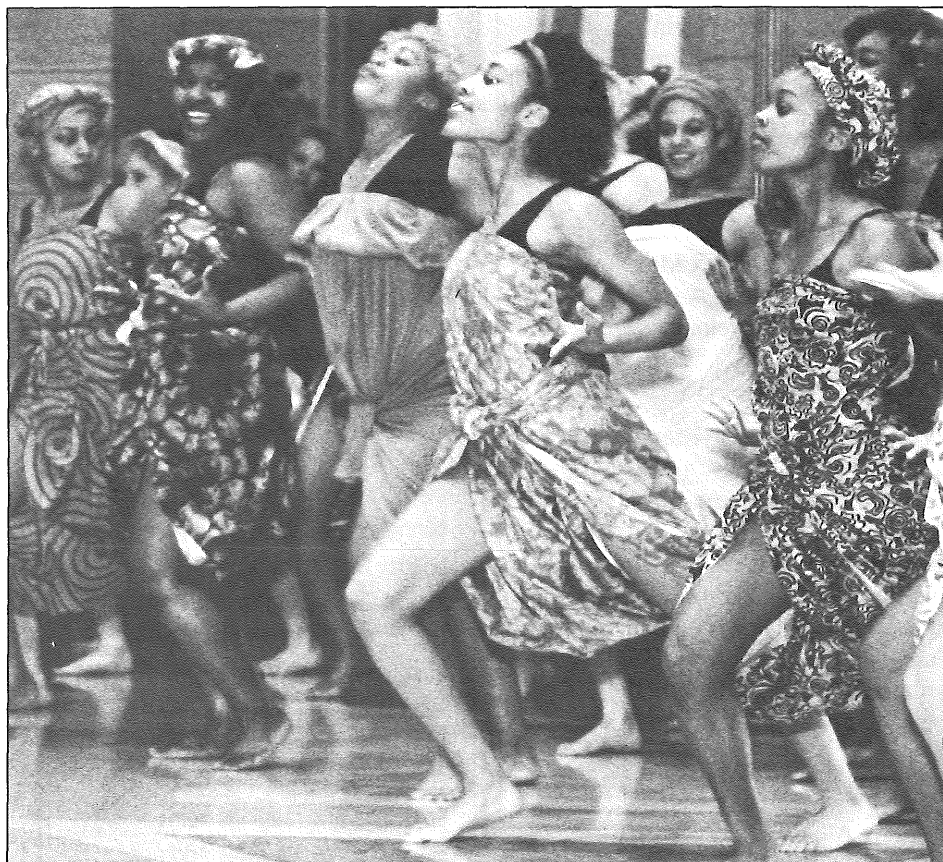
On this day, the Minnesota House passed a bill for an act to make George Washington's birthday a legal holiday. The Senate approved the bill March 1, and in 1861 Minnesotans celebrated the legal holiday for the first time. In St. Paul, a parade including the Pioneer Guard, the Great Western band, the governor, state officials, legislators, and scores of citizens marched from the Capitol to the German Athenaeum to hear speeches and readings from Washington's "Farewell Address."



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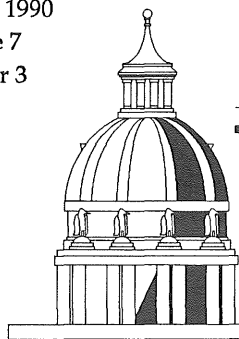
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Highlights

Lottery revenue

A proposal for a constitutional amendment guaranteeing that half of the revenue generated by the state lottery be channeled to the newly created Environmental Trust Fund passed the Environment and Natural Resources Committee Feb. 20.

In addition, the bill that Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth) sponsors would dedicate 4 cents of the tax on cigarette packs to the trust fund.

The measure would place the proposed

amendment on the November ballot so voters could decide whether half the lottery money should go to the trust fund.

State law currently requires that half the lottery money flow into the trust fund over the next five years. But Munger says he wants that provision chiseled into the constitution to prevent future legislatures from raiding the fund.

The bill may face opposition since some lawmakers have hinted they want to use the lottery money to help balance the budget. Projections indicate the state

faces a possible shortfall of \$161 million by mid-1991.

Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), who chairs the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee, says she won't support the bill as written because dedicating tax money for specific causes reduces the Legislature's accountability to voters and makes the state budget less flexible.

The committee sent HF479 to Kahn's division for further consideration.

Harassment penalties

A bill that would make it easier to get a restraining order and increase the penalties for those who commit repeated acts of harassment was approved Feb. 19 by the Judiciary Committee.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul), would allow women to obtain restraining orders regardless of their relationship to the person harassing them. Under current law, a restraining order can be obtained only if the victim was married to, or had a relationship with, the harasser.

The bill would also allow victims of harassment to omit their residential addresses from their driver's licenses provided mailing addresses were listed instead. Currently, residential addresses on driver's licenses are considered a part of the public record.

In addition, the measure would make it a gross misdemeanor to commit a second act of harassment in the same six-month period. It expands the legal definition of harassment to make such cases easier to prosecute, says Kelly.

The committee heard testimony from a

It's a fact!

The first county in Minnesota takes its name from George Washington, "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Washington County, established October 27, 1849, includes 33 townships and villages. The county seat, Stillwater, was named by John McKusick, a state senator from 1863-66, for the stillness of the bodies of water bordering it.

Early explorers to Washington County came up the two major river highways, the St. Croix and the Mississippi, and settled between them in what was later called the "Golden Triangle." This rich, expansive triangle of land became the focal point of early government and the site of the first convention to establish territorial status for the new area — an important step toward Minnesota becoming a state.



Stillwater in 1870 with the courthouse in the background.
Courtesy MN Historical Society



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woman who said she has been repeatedly harassed by a neighbor since 1984, but has been unable to obtain a restraining order against him.

She was unable to seek the court's protection even though police apprehended the man, who was carrying an ice pick, in her yard.

Uniform election day

A bill that would require most elections to be held on the same day beginning in 1993 or 1994 was considered Feb. 20 in the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee's Elections Division.

The bill's chief author, Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park), says the measure would increase voter awareness and participation by eliminating voter confusion in some areas, and by making it as easy to vote as possible. She says the bill would also reduce administrative costs in holding elections.

About 1,600 of the state's 1,800 townships, however, would be exempted under the bill calling for uniform election days for county, municipal, and other local political subdivisions.

The measure would require all other local political subdivisions to hold elections on one of two dates: the first

Tuesday after the first Monday in November in either the even or odd numbered years.

Local primaries would be held the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September of a chosen year. The bill also would require uniform precincts and polling places for all elections.

Under the bill, the first uniform election day would be held in 1993 or 1994. Local governments would be permitted to extend their elected officials' terms so they would face election at that time.

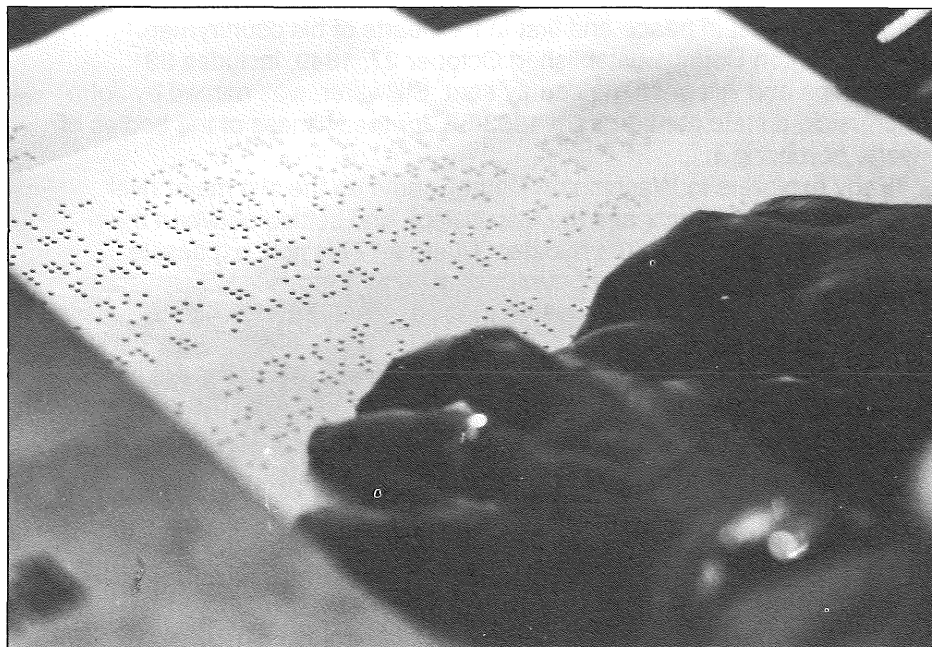
The division will consider HF1916 at a later date.

School system overhaul

The state needs a radical overhaul of its K-12 education system to create a positive learning atmosphere, a college professor and member of the state's board of education told members of the Education Committee Feb. 19.

Doug Wallace, an ethics professor at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, says the state should abolish school districts, license individual schools, define performance-based outcomes, and fund all K-12 operating expenses.

The plan would reduce school struc-



Joyce Scanlon, president of the Minnesota Federation of the Blind, read a proclamation Feb. 20 from Gov. Rudy Perpich declaring February as braille month in Minnesota.

ture, which Wallace views as an impediment to learning. It would also provide the flexibility students and teachers need to create a positive learning atmosphere, he says.

"I no longer think tinkering and incrementalism is going to make much of a difference in motivating students," said Wallace, adding that his plan would dramatically reduce property taxes.

But Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids) questioned what taxes would be raised to cover the almost \$2 billion in additional costs the state would need in order to pay all K-12 operating costs.

Lawmakers also questioned whether an individual school could be licensed, and if so, what would happen to students if a school lost its license.

And lawmakers asked how the plan would benefit rural students and teachers, and who would pay for the construction and upkeep of educational facilities. No one presented a bill regarding Wallace's proposal.

Educational choices

Students shouldn't be able to flounder through high school and get into college.

That's the simple message Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls) wants to send to students, parents, and teachers. And that's the message of the Future Choices brochure, says Joe Graba, deputy executive director of the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The Future Choices brochure is informational material intended for eighth graders that describes what classes they need to get into college, what financial aid is available to students, and what options students have after high school.

"The lack of information by parents and students could keep them from pursuing higher education," says Graba. The materials are currently sent to school counselors. Several lawmakers say the material should be sent to students and their parents. Graba presented the Future Choices initiative to the Education Committee Feb. 19.



Students from around the state rallied in the Capitol rotunda Feb. 21 as part of Student Lobby Day.

Higher education requests

College students became lobbyists at a Feb. 21 meeting of the Education Committee's Higher Education Division. And they didn't run short of suggestions for lawmakers.

They asked for an increase in the level of state scholarships and grants, and an improvement in the way they're delivered.

David Minkinen, a University of Minnesota student representative, says the current living and miscellaneous allowances in state scholarships and grants barely cover food and dorm costs. Minkinen also pointed out that tuition now accounts for only 25 percent of a student's total expenses.

Mary Casserly, representing the private colleges, says increasing student debts are forcing students to choose more lucrative professions such as business and engineering so they can pay off their debts. Students may be less likely to pursue professions such as teaching as a result, she says.

Minkinen suggested the state replace its financial aid model with the federal one.

The students also asked legislators to establish a legislative summer school program for high school and college students that would focus on the legisla-

tive process, and to increase student terms of office on the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB).

In addition, students asked for more child care funding, and that the application process for child care be streamlined. They say it's now very time consuming and stressful to deal with the many funding agencies.

"I don't understand why the system is trying to crucify a person who is trying to get ahead in life," says Debbie Kelleher, a technical college student and mother.

Travel contracts

Ever sign up to join a travel group that offers discounts on hotel rates or travel, and regret it later?

A bill the Commerce Committee approved Feb. 22 calls for a three-day cooling off period to allow people to change their minds.

Bill sponsor Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul) says so-called "membership travel contracts" typically employ high-pressure sales tactics to get people to sign up for long-term agreements.

Kelly cited two examples in which people felt pressured into buying these contracts, only to realize later that they didn't have a chance to change their

minds after reviewing the material.

Joseph Humsey, who was temporarily taken in by a membership travel service, says he supports the measure. "This allows consumers to think again," he says. "Legitimate business people have nothing to fear from passage of this law."

Humsey says he was allowed to cancel his contract after contacting the travel organizer even though the three-day cooling off period for many other sales pitches didn't apply to membership travel contracts.

Seniors' insurance

Senior citizens would have an easier time comparing available health care policies if a bill the Insurance Committee approved Feb. 21 becomes law.

Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls) sponsors the bill that would standardize insurance policies by requiring insurance companies to offer only two policies with four different supplement options.

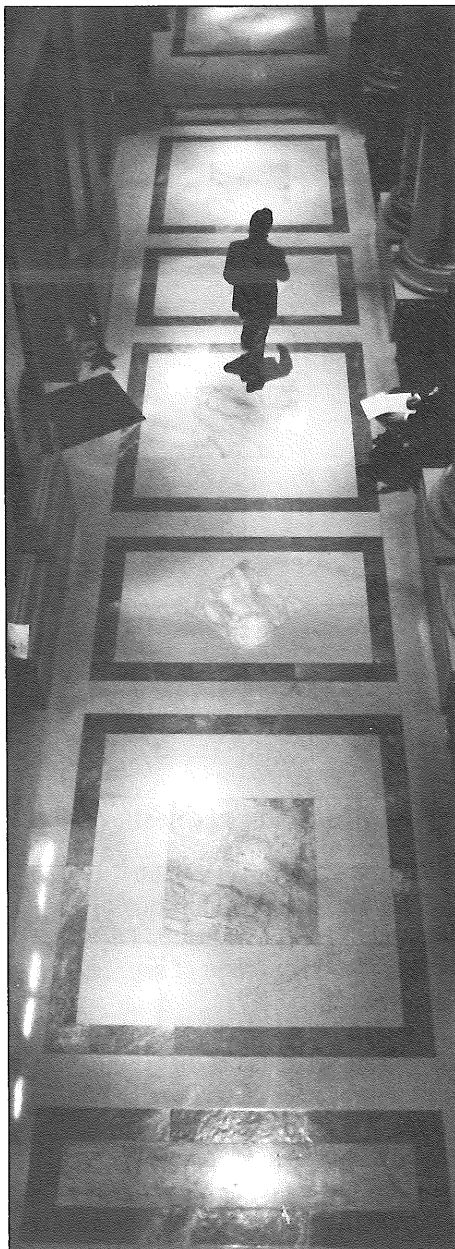
Confusion among seniors over having to choose from so many insurance policies prompted the bill.

Under Skoglund's plan, the two different policies would be called the extended basic Medicare supplement plan and the basic Medicare supplement plan. The policies would help seniors pay for a variety of expenses not covered by Medicare.

Tom Jordan of the Senior Citizen Federation says he supports the measure but hopes lawmakers address a few other concerns as well.

"Seniors want preventive medicine coverage," he says, adding that policies should also cover the costs of hearing aids, eye glasses, immunizations, and physicals.

HF1983 was sent to the House floor for further consideration.



A visitor casts a lonely image as he walks near the Senate Index Department on the second floor of the Capitol.

Budget cuts

Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) and a member of the Perpich administration were at odds at a Feb. 20 Appropriations Committee division meeting over how to proceed in making budget cuts in state government.

Kahn, chair of the Appropriation Committee's State Departments Division, sent a letter to department heads last month for suggestions on how to trim their budgets by about 30 percent.

But Tom Harron, deputy commissioner

of the State Planning Agency, says the administration intends to follow its own process in making budget cuts.

The governor is expected to offer his budget-cutting recommendations at the end of this month following the release of an updated revenue forecast. Earlier projections indicated a budget shortfall of at least \$161 million by mid-1991.

Kahn says she was surprised by the administration's rebuff of her request.

"Has it ever happened before in the history of Minnesota that the governor and the executive branch told agencies to withhold information from the state Legislature?" she asked.

Kahn says she wanted to get started early on the budget-cutting process because only a few weeks remain before committee deadlines at the Legislature.

Truck inspections

Most trucks would be required to pass annual and daily inspections before being allowed on the road if a bill approved by the Transportation Committee Feb. 21 becomes law.

"There's a black hole of trucks out there not being inspected," says bill author Rep. Harold Lasley (DFL-Cambridge). "We want to make the [trucking] industry safe as a whole."

Under the bill, any commercial motor vehicle over 26,000 pounds would have to display a safety inspection decal that would be valid for one year. The State Patrol or people certified by the commissioner of Public Safety would perform the inspections. The bill also would request money for four new staff positions for the program.

In addition, drivers would be required to make daily inspections of their vehicles for possible safety defects and report those findings to truck owners. Drivers could not drive the trucks again until the owners made the necessary repairs.

"This law should keep vehicles at a very high level of maintenance in this state," says Maj. Ralph Church of the State Patrol.

Members amended HF1898 to exempt most farm trucks from these inspections, and sent it to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

State taxes

The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition says Minnesota should rely more heavily on the state's income tax and less on regressive property and sales taxes which impose a heavy burden on the poor.

In addition, leaders of the coalition suggested during a Taxes Committee meeting Feb. 22 that the Minnesota income tax be made more progressive so those in the higher income brackets pay a greater share of taxes.

Mary Kay Sauter, chair of a coalition's taxation task force that prepared a report on Minnesota's tax system, says the state raises about 60 percent of revenues with regressive sales and property taxes compared to only 30 percent with the progressive income tax.

The report also recommends having the Department of Revenue analyze the tax system to see whether it's fair to all income groups. The coalition also wants the state to maintain an adequate budget reserve and to raise income taxes to cover budget deficits.

Coalition member Larry Gibson says research shows business leaders rarely consider tax rates in making business decisions. He says other factors such as markets and labor supplies are more heavily considered.

He says even though state tax rates are considered high, Minnesota has experienced high personal income growth and has been one of the nation's strongest regional economies.

Lending regulations

Loan and thrifts and certain other lender institutions would be allowed to charge higher interest rates on small loans and retain certain payments on prepaid loans under a bill approved by the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee Feb. 21.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park), would allow regulated lenders to charge 33 percent interest on the first \$1,000 of a loan. Currently, they may charge that interest on only the first \$455 of a loan.

They would also be allowed to keep certain discount point payments on prepaid loans. Currently, lenders must return this money to the borrower.

Scheid says lenders are losing money on small loans, which could ultimately force them out of business and make it more difficult for low-income people to get credit. She also says neighboring states have raised the interest rates on such loans.

Jerry Monson, a member of the Minnesota Consumer Finance Conference, says the consumer financing industry has been locked into these interest rates since 1980 even though their costs have been rising.

He says some industry profits are down 40 to 60 percent, and that the number of lender bankruptcies has increased 66 percent over the past three years. He says some lenders are in business today only because of the profits they accrued in the past.

But Harold Turner of the Legal Services Advocacy Project says the bill doesn't provide adequate protection to low-income people. He says the majority of small borrowers have low incomes, and that lenders are trying to make up for other losses by raising interest rates on small loans.

Jim Miller, deputy commissioner of the Department of Commerce, says his department doesn't support the interest rate change.

In contrast to remarks made by the lenders, he says the loss associated with small loans has been insignificant in the past three years. In addition, he says lenders have not reduced the number of such loans made.

HF1913 now goes to the House floor for consideration.

Education access

The pledge of access to higher education may be taking its toll on the quality of education available at Minnesota's colleges and universities, the chancellor of the State University System (SUS) told the Appropriation Committee's Education Division Feb. 21.

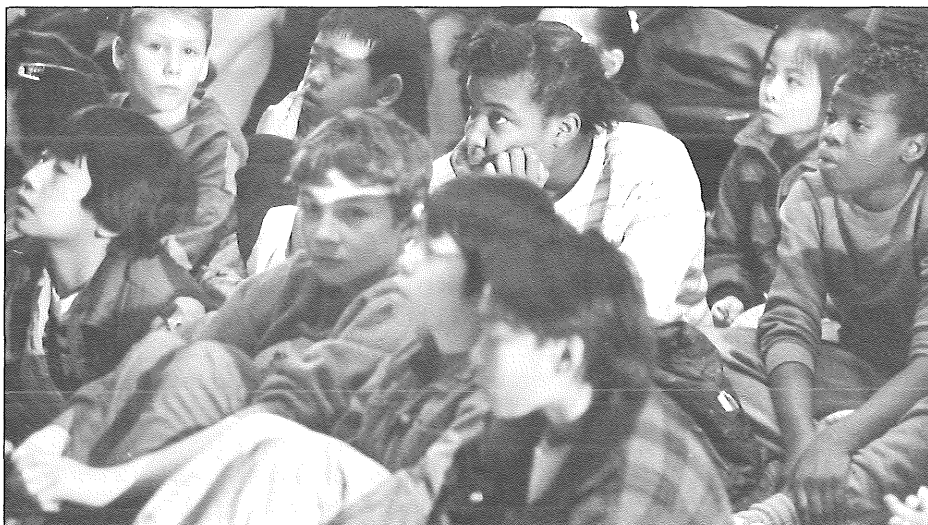
"There's a great deal of emphasis in this state on access," says Chancellor Robert Carothers. "I think it has damaged quality in the meantime."

Carothers says the SUS paid "a significant price in terms of the quality of operation and the stress on people" in trying to serve as many students as possible during the past five years.

College officials need to develop plans to realign their systems to better ensure quality, he says. Since state dollars apparently won't increase appreciably, officials must rely on creativity to assure integrity in their programs.

"It'll be a bloody road," says Carothers, adding that the governor, Legislature, and the education systems have to show the courage and willingness to make meaningful changes.

Minnesota ranks fifth nationally in per taxpayer contribution for education, he told the panel. Yet the state ranks between 25th and 35th nationally in per pupil spending.



Fifth-graders from Homecroft Elementary School in St. Paul listened as Lt. Gov. Marlene Johnson gave her State of the Children address Feb. 21 in the Capitol rotunda.

Drug dispensation

Two bills that would give nurse practitioners and physician assistants authority to prescribe and administer drugs were approved Feb. 20 by the Health and Human Services Committee.

A measure sponsored by Rep. Peter McLaughlin (DFL-Mpls) would allow certain registered nurses to prescribe and administer drugs and therapeutic devices as outlined by the State Board of Nursing. The board would be required to adopt rules to determine the categories of prescription drugs and therapeutic devices nurses could prescribe.

HF1845 would apply to nurses who graduate from a program of advanced study for nurse practitioners, who receive certification through a national organization that certifies nurse practitioners and is approved by the nursing board, or who have a written agreement with a physician defining delegated responsibilities.

The other bill, sponsored by Rep. Marvin Dauner (DFL-Hawley), would allow doctors to permit certain physician assistants to prescribe, administer, and dispense drugs.

HF1887 would apply to physician assistants who are registered with the Board of Medical Examiners and certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Both bills were sent to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Farmer-lender mediation

The farmer-lender mediation program would be extended another year under a bill approved Feb. 19 by the Agriculture Committee.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Wally Sparby (DFL-Thief River Falls), would give \$300,000 this session to the University of Minnesota Extension Service to continue the lending program begun in 1985.

Although most people testifying supported the measure, Jerry Schoenfeld, a lobbyist with the Independent Bankers Association and a former DFL lawmaker from Waseca, spoke against it.

"This mediation was never intended to be permanent and on-going legislation," he said, noting it began in 1985 in



Sara Jane Olson of Herstory Unlimited took on the role of Susan B. Anthony as she spoke before the House Feb. 19 about the women's movement and its long fight for the right to vote.

response to the state's farming crisis. He says farmers are no longer in that kind of emergency situation, and mediation is being used differently than when the program began.

Schoenfeld, a leading architect of farm policy when he served in the House, favors legislation that would give the governor the authority to define an agricultural emergency. Without a legitimate crisis, there is "not necessarily a need" for the program to continue, he says.

Rep. Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn) however, calls the current program one of the only "helping hands" the state gives to farmers.

And an official from Farm Credit Services says the mediations have been positive and have brought results.

HF1815 was referred to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Telecommunications

Members of the Regulated Industries Committee took a look into the future Feb. 19 at a U.S. West demonstration lab in St. Paul.

The lab allowed U.S. West to display its newest telecommunication systems that company officials say could be available if it were not for court-imposed restrictions.

Officials demonstrated prescription telephone systems that automatically adjust the volume of a call for hearing-impaired customers, and another device that converts TDD (telecommunication devices for the deaf) messages into speech.

The device, for example, would allow deaf people to type in a pizza order on their TDD, and the message would then be converted into speech, says a U.S. West spokesman. U.S. West officials say more than 60 percent of the U.S. population has some degree of hearing loss.

Another U.S. West innovation could allow doctors in rural areas to exchange documents and X-rays with colleagues at different locations via video terminals.

U.S. West officials say antiquated federal laws governing the telecommunications industry prohibit either the development or manufacture of such devices. They and others in the telecommunications industry say they support legislation that would remove the restrictions and give U.S. phone companies broader participation in the industry.

Welfare fraud

A Department of Human Services official criticized a local television station's recent report on welfare fraud in Minnesota during a Feb. 20 Appropriations Committee division meeting.

John Petraborg, assistant Human Services commissioner, says the KARE 11 broadcast was riddled with errors and misleading statements. He distributed a two-page memo during the Health and Human Services Division meeting listing what he alleged were 16 false or misleading statements in the broadcast.

He says the series of television reports suggested Minnesota is not interested in helping people who receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children

(AFDC) become self-sufficient.

That allegation is simply not true, says Petraborg.

Minnesota spends about \$15 million per year to provide child care and employment and training services to about 11,000 AFDC recipients, he says. Each year about 10,000 AFDC recipients find jobs and stop receiving welfare payments. Nor does the department stop future welfare payments only when fraud is discovered as the television report alleged, says Petraborg.

Petraborg says the department attempts to collect past payments as well as stop future payments.

He told committee members that Minnesota ranks 32nd in the nation in per capita usage of AFDC benefits, and that the state has the highest AFDC fraud conviction rate in the Midwest region.

"Our efforts at program integrity are considerably more vigorous than the reports gave credit to," says Petraborg, adding that the reports ignored basic facts about Minnesota's income maintenance programs.

Mercury reduction

A bill that would drastically lower the mercury content in a wide variety of batteries was approved Feb. 21 by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls), is designed to reduce the amount of toxic metals in the waste stream — particularly from the burning of batteries in incinerators.

Supporters of the bill say it would reduce the amount of mercury in common alkaline batteries to about 5 percent of present levels.

Although these batteries contain only small amounts of mercury, Wagenius says those tiny levels add up to several tons during the course of a year.

The bill would also require the manufacturers of large specialty batteries — such as those used in television cameras, heart pacemakers, and portable television sets — to be collected at the manufacturer's expense.

Another provision in the bill would ban consumer products with rechargeable batteries unless they have an easily

removable battery pack and have instructions for recycling.

Ray Balfour, representing manufacturers of household and rechargeable batteries, said the industry is prepared to reduce the mercury content in batteries to the levels set in Europe and Canada. But he says it would be impossible to reduce the mercury content in all batteries such as the ones used in hearing aids.

HF1921 was sent to the House floor for further consideration.

Students' Day

A bill that would establish a Students' Day in Minnesota was approved Feb. 21 by the Education Committee's Higher Education Division.

"More students deserve a pat on the back," say students from Northwood West, a Duluth school that has students from around the state. Several of them traveled to St. Paul to testify before the committee.

Northwood students suggested the bill, and Rep. Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth), agreed to be the chief author. Jaros is the division chair.

A students' day would help "recognize students for their efforts and achievements," says David Halver, a Northwood West faculty member, adding that only those who excel in academics or athletics typically receive any recognition.

All students from kindergarten through college would be included in the celebration. Halver says the day could be exciting for kindergarteners finishing their first year of school as well as for adults going back for more education.

The measure calls for Students' Day to be held on the second Friday in May. "It's a real opportunity to look our students in the eye and say 'nice job'," says Halver.

Division members unanimously approved HF1878 and sent it to the Education Committee.

Water, sewer development

Townships could get water and sewer development grants through a state program if a bill approved by the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee Feb. 20 becomes law.

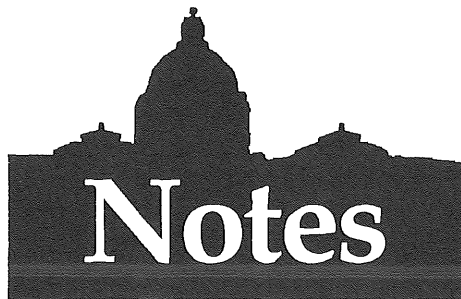
The measure, sponsored by Rep. Mary Murphy (DFL-Hermantown), would allow the state to issue bonds to towns for sewer and water projects that are eligible under the program. The proposal outlines several eligibility requirements, some of which center on environment, health, population density, and special assessment resources, that must be met before the state could consider townships eligible for the grants. The Public Facilities Authority would set up and run the program.

"The competition is so great, the number of households to be hooked up is so few, and the cost of the project is so big that they [townships] never get top priority," says Murphy. "The cities have a lot more places to turn to [for financial help]."

HF 1772 was sent to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Feb. 24, 1858

On this day, legislators introduced the "Five Million Dollar Loan Bill" for building Minnesota railroads. Bitter opposition to the bill surfaced in a satirical cartoon showing a "Gopher Train" drawn by nine striped rodents with human heads. Historians believe that the nickname "Gopher State" has its roots in this cartoon.



Notes

The mosquito-killing briquet the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District uses will soon be distributed nationally. The district patented the slow-acting larvicide used to destroy immature mosquitoes where they breed, members of the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Metropolitan Affairs learned Feb. 13. A Dallas-based company will market the briquet and sales should begin next month.

A bill calling for a bronze bust of Walter Mondale to stand in the state Capitol hit a minor snag Feb. 19. No one had told Walter Mondale about it. HF1937 (Kalis, DFL-Walters) was laid over in the Governmental Operations Committee until the author clears the idea with the former vice president and U.S. senator.

County employees could keep their jobs while serving as county commissioners under HF1916 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park). Current law forbids county employees to serve in both capacities at the same time. The bill is now before the Elections Division of the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) threw its support Feb. 22 behind a proposed Rockhound State Park. Tom Balcom of the DNR says the department is seriously considering plans to make Moose Lake State Park near Duluth an informational center for rockhounding, and to turn some state-owned gravel pits into rockhound collection sites. Balcom spoke before the Economic Development Committee's Rural Resources Development Division. The DNR plans to complete a study on the merits of such a park by July 1.

As it stands now, a blowgun (often containing metal darts) can be sold in Minnesota as a toy for children. This, and other concerns about the potential dangers of the weapon, prompted Majority Leader Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) to get involved. Long is sponsoring a bill calling for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to regulate the sale and use of blowguns as they do any hunting weapon. The bill awaits a hearing in the Environment & Natural Resources Committee.



Jan Smaby, *above*, director of the Office of Drug Policy, testified Feb. 21 before the Criminal Justice Division of the Judiciary Committee about a bill that would increase drug penalties. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul), lowers the amount of cocaine and marijuana needed to sustain criminal first-, second-, and third-degree controlled substance charges. It also increases penalties for controlled substance crimes such as possessing controlled substances in an automobile.

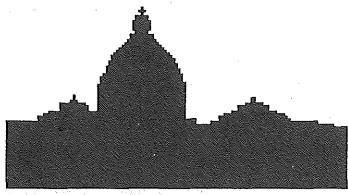
An amendment passed by the division would also establish an intensive supervised release program for inmates. The program would include unannounced searches of the offenders, their vehicles and homes; and weekly urinalysis and breath tests.

The operation of the University of Minnesota's physical plant is on the rebound, the Appropriation Committee's Education Division learned Feb. 19. A legislative auditor's report in 1988 criticized the operation, saying it was fraught with poor management, faulty accounting, and disgruntled workers. A mini-audit conducted recently cites improvement in management, but Gus Donhowe, the university's senior vice president for finance and operations, says, "the progress required by the Physical Plant Operation is more noteworthy than the progress it has made."

Inventions that employees develop on the job would belong to them rather than to their employers in certain cases if a bill sponsored by Rep. Dick Kostohryz (DFL-North St. Paul) becomes law. HF1613 would give employees control over those inventions if their employers don't develop them within a year. The Commerce Committee is expected to resume discussions on the measure next week.

The Department of Human Services' child protection unit lost \$320,000 in federal grants this fiscal year because Minnesota's Child Abuse Reporting Act didn't comply with federal standards, said Erin Sullivan-Sutten, who represented the unit Feb. 20 at a meeting of the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division. The division approved HF1823 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul), a bill that would bring the act into compliance with federal regulations, and sent it on to the full committee.

One out of four bridges in Minnesota need either significant repair work or replacement, says Fred Corrigan of the Minnesota Transportation Alliance. A \$32 million bridge bonding bill, approved by the Transportation Committee Feb. 21, would attempt to mend these deteriorating bridges. HF1803 would provide \$8 million in bonding for the next four years, "keeping us only at a maintenance standard," says author Rep. Bernie Lieder (DFL-Crookston). The money would be split between counties (\$21.9 million), townships (\$4.6 million), and cities (\$5.5 million). The committee sent the bill to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.



Committee Action

AGRICULTURE

Monday, Feb. 19

Farmer-Lender Mediation Act—extension, appropriation
HF1815/SF1750 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

COMMERCE

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Inventions by employees—regulation
HF1613/SF1805 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—laid over. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Public furniture—flammability requirements
HF1730/SF1795 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—amended; laid over. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Thursday, Feb. 22

Membership travel contracts—regulation
HF1841/SF1770 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Community Stabilization & Development Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, Feb. 22

Military spending—impact, conversion
HF1031 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Economic Development Committee.

Military contractors—grants
HF1971 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Economic Development Committee.

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

Monday, Feb. 19

Maximum effort loan program—modification
HF1876/SF1787 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Higher Education/EDUCATION

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Postsecondary training—appropriations
HF168/SF394 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Education Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Students' day—establishment
HF1878/SF1791 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Education Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Environmental Trust Fund—lottery revenue
HF479 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

American Heritage Trust Act—resolution
HF1754/SF1647 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Hazardous waste facility sites
HF1071/SF956* (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Seneca wastewater treatment plant—permit
HF1883/SF1826 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass

as amended.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Battery pollution

HF1921/SF1784 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Thursday, Feb. 22

Toxic emissions

HF1947 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Mine operators—financial assurance
HF1964 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Financial institutions—certain regulated lenders
HF1913 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.

Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Monday, Feb. 19

Single family housing—fund restriction
HF1669/SF1867 (Morrison, IR-Burnsville)—laid over. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Thursday, Feb. 22

Gambling—task force recommendations
HF2005 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—heard.

Elections Division/GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Elections—uniform election day
HF1916/SF1944 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Monday, Feb. 19

Plat monuments—tampering penalties
HF1785 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass.

Capitol—Walter Mondale bust
HF1937/SF1804 (Kalis, DFL-Walters)—laid over.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Nurse practitioners—drug dispensation
HF1845/SF1821 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Physician assistants—drug dispensation
HF1887/SF1798 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Early childhood development—coordinating board
HF1888/SF1915 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—heard; re-referred to Family Health Subcommittee.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Nursing homes—geographic cost limits
HF1945/SF1712 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Thursday, Feb. 22

Emergency dispatch services—task force
HF1930 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—recommended to pass as amended.

Rural health care
HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Governmental Operations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

INSURANCE

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Dept. of Commerce—civil penalties
HF1968 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass as amended.

Medicare supplement plans—regulation
HF1983 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Dept. of Commerce—communications regulations
HF1985 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.

JUDICIARY

Monday, Feb. 19

Child punishment—increased penalties
HF1830 (Morrison, IR-Burnsville)—recommended to pass as amended.

Prostitution—penalties for patrons
HF1846 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Motor vehicle registration—harassment, address
HF1952/SF1843 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Child abuse—mental, threatened injuries
HF1823/SF1845 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child abuse—increased penalties
HF2044 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Drugs—penalty increases
HF1843/SF1759 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—heard.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Monday, Feb. 19

Minimum wage—scheduled increases
HF1839/SF1769 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Sewer, water development
HF1772 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Mille Lacs, Kandiyohi counties—town contributions
HF1893/SF1761 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Apple Valley—special service districts
HF1954/SF1815 (Tompkins, IR-Apple Valley)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.
(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Bridge bonding—appropriations
HF1803 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Volunteer drivers—rule exemptions
HF1859/SF1806 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Truck safety—annual inspections
HF1898 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

A Window on the House

Revisor of Statutes

Revisor corps in the trenches for lawmakers

One of the oldest Minnesota state legislative staff offices also has one of the lowest public profiles. The Office of the Revisor of Statutes, created in 1939, is a vital behind-the-scenes link in the legislative process.

The nonpartisan office translates legislative bill proposals into proper legal form so they can be introduced into the House of Representatives and/or the Senate. It also publishes state laws and administrative rules, and provides computer services to many departments involved in the legislative process.

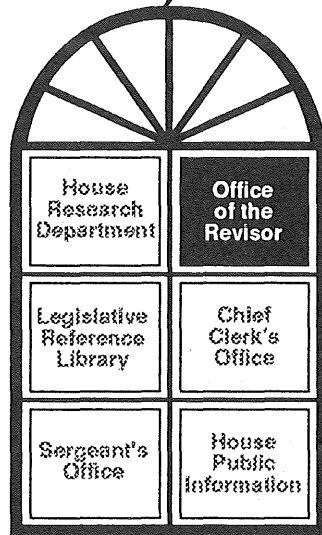
Most of the session is spent working with legislators. The first step in the process is for a bill drafter to discuss a proposed bill with a legislator, and then write a draft.

"We try to deliver what legislators want, when they want it," says Steve Cross, the revisor since 1978. The more lead-time drafters have, the better job they can do, he says.

As the bill moves through committees, other drafts are sometimes substituted for the original and amendments are written and added. Whenever the bill is changed, the office produces an engrossment which combines the bill and its amendments.

After a bill passes both the House and the Senate, the revisor's office checks the House and Senate files to ensure the passed bills are identical. The bill is then printed on special paper and sent to the governor to be signed or vetoed. If a bill passed by both houses of the Legislature differs from the one signed by the governor, the measure would be declared invalid.

While only a fraction of the bills proposed each year cross the governor's desk, all involve the revisor's office. During the 1989 session, over 3,400 bills were introduced in the House and the Senate. The governor signed 353 into law.



Publishing is interim priority

The focus during the interim (the time between sessions) is publishing. Three major publications come out of the Revisor's office: *Laws of Minnesota*, *Minnesota Statutes*, and *Minnesota Rules*.

Laws of Minnesota records the bills and resolutions adopted during a particular session. Published each year, it provides a historical record of the Legislature. It's a good place to look up new law, but an inefficient way to find all the law on a particular topic, Cross says.

Minnesota Statutes, a 10-volume set that lists all Minnesota laws, is more convenient, he says. It's published every two years, with the *Minnesota Statutes Supplement* published in the intervening years.

Also published is *Minnesota Rules*, a compilation of Minnesota's administrative rules. All of the publications are indexed, which is a major undertaking. The office is now double-indexing the *Minnesota Statutes*.

Present builds on past

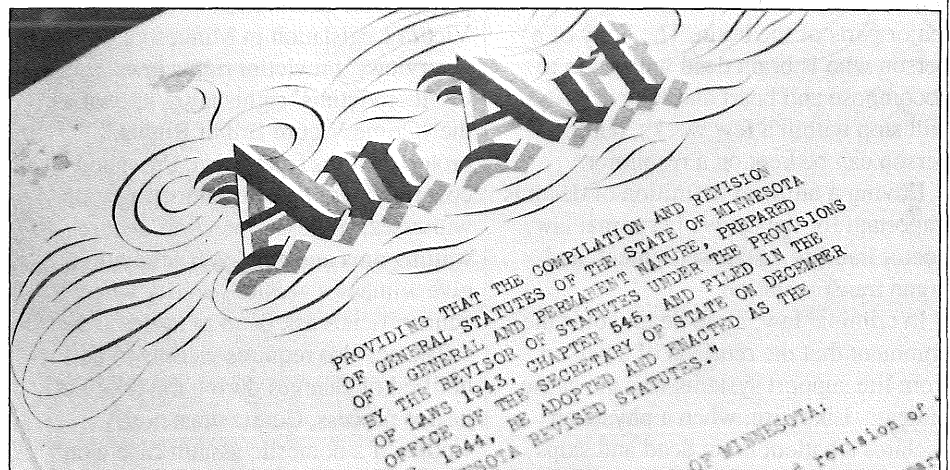
Other responsibilities of the office include examining other states' laws; giving a yearly report on court decisions that criticized, or declared invalid, Minnesota laws; and giving advice on statutes upon request.

The department has 60 staff members during session, including 13 attorneys and 18 bill-drafting and editorial assistants. But the total staff is cut to 48 during the interim.

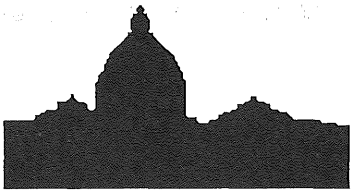
When the department was created it was placed under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Its job was to compile the state laws passed each year.

In 1947, it was given the task of drafting bills. But it was not until 1973 that the office was moved from the judicial branch to the Legislature.

The office computerized in 1970, making it the first in the Legislature to do so. The office's computer staff recently completed work on the electronic mail and scheduling system, which is known as the MLIS, or Minnesota Legislative Information System.



The original act mandating that the Office of the Revisor compile and revise statutes of Minnesota.



For Your Information . . .

The Inside Report

Medical advances reshape definition of death

Advances in medical technology left behind the traditional methods of determining death — the stoppage of heart and lung functions. Life support systems could maintain circulation and breathing indefinitely, even though the brain lost all function.

Medical advances dictated a new definition of death. In the early 1980s, the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research adopted as the definition of brain death the "irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem." A person with these conditions is considered dead.

In 1989, the Minnesota Legislature adopted the Uniform Determination of Death Act that states a person is dead if he/she sustains irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions *or* all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem, according to "Brain Death," a House Research Department information brief. Death must be determined according to generally accepted medical standards.

Brain death is different from a persistent vegetative state. A person in a persistent vegetative state has brain stem functions but irreversible damage to major parts of the brain. The body of a person who is brain dead will begin to decompose and heart and lung activity will stop within a few weeks, but the person can be kept on a respirator.

Having a uniform definition of death is important for the areas of criminal law, doctor liability, estate settlement, and organ transplantation.

In criminal law, brain death voids the argument that the removal of a person from life support systems was the cause of death. Likewise, when a physician declares a patient brain dead and stops

treatment, the physician has a strong defense should a wrongful death action be brought.

In some rare instances — such as near simultaneous deaths — an estate may be settled because of the legal acceptance of brain death. Also, officials have noted that the concept of brain death may affect questions of life insurance, receipt of government benefits, and the statute of limitations in some cases.

Organ transplantation also benefits from the use of brain dead criteria because donated organs should be as fresh as possible. A person who is brain dead, but whose circulation and respiration is artificially maintained, may be a valuable donor.

Crime victim laws offer aid in many ways

Victims' rights legislation in Minnesota began 16 years ago when lawmakers passed the Crime Victims Reparations Act. The act allowed people who are the victims or crimes, or their survivors, to be compensated for the illegal act.

While amended almost every year since its enactment, the changes mainly clarify the act's provisions, so it remains much the same as it did when enacted in 1974. The House Research Department prepared an information brief, "Crime Victim Legislation in Minnesota: An Overview," on victim rights laws.

Other victims' rights laws, known as the "Crime Victim Bill of Rights," protect victims from harm. Provisions covering areas such as tampering with witnesses, address protection, secure waiting area and employer retaliation give witnesses greater security when court officials ask them to testify.

The act also requires victims to be notified of changes during the criminal justice process. Courts must notify victims if a domestic assault case won't

be prosecuted, about plea agreements, or other court schedule changes. Victims also have the right to attend sentencings and to be notified if an offender is scheduled to be released from prison.

Victims also have the right to participate from pretrial hearings through sentencing. Minnesota laws allow victims to offer input regarding plea agreements, to request a speedy trial, and to offer a victim impact statement. In drug cases, the act allows for a neighborhood impact statement to be conducted. They also may request a probation review hearing if the offender fails to pay required restitution.

State laws also govern several assistance programs for victims and/or witnesses. Lawmakers included provisions that establish programs for sexual assault victims and battered women, victim crisis centers, and a crime victim and witness advisory council. They also passed an initiative creating the crime victim ombudsman office in the Department of Public Safety and streamlined collection and payment of restitution.

In the 1988 and 1989 sessions, the Legislature recognized the growth of so-called "hate" crimes — those motivated by bias against an individual because of race, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or sexual orientation. In addition to spelling out penalties, bias crime laws require law enforcement agencies to report bias crime and provide training courses to help peace officers identify and respond to bias crimes.

March 1, 1856

On this day, the Legislature authorized a town government for Minneapolis. It became a city in 1866.

Planning to be in the St. Paul-Minneapolis area for a few days between now and Easter? Why not block out some time for a visit to the state Capitol to watch the Legislature in action.

The 1990 legislative session began Feb. 12 and is the second session of the biennium. The 1989 session lasted about five months; this year's session should last between eight and 10 weeks. House members will hold committee hearings until March 16. After that date, House members will meet more frequently in floor session until adjournment, possibly before Easter.

The Minnesota Legislature can meet up to 120 days during the biennium. This is not an appropriations year because state budgetary matters are considered during the odd-numbered year of the state's two-year spending cycle.

The Legislature is divided into the House of Representatives and the Senate. The House has 134 members and the Senate has 67.

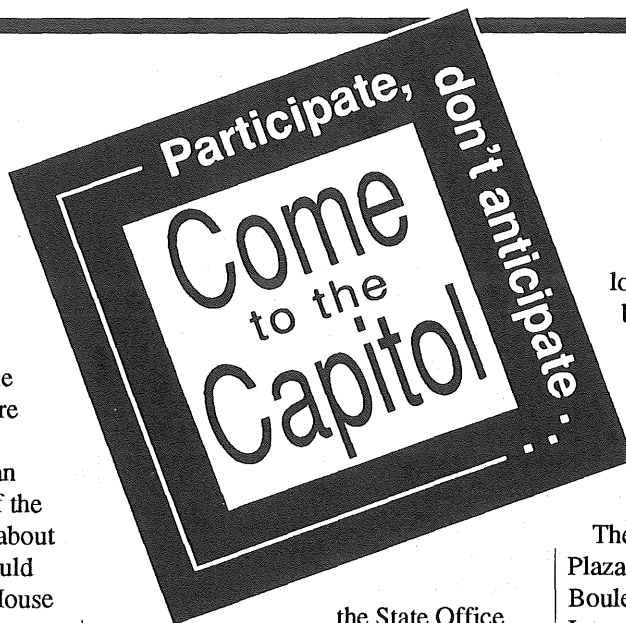
The Capitol complex

The Capitol, designed by architect Cass Gilbert and famed for its four golden horses, is the cog of the Capitol complex. The Capitol, bound by University and Aurora avenues on the north and south, and Cedar and Constitution avenues on the east and west, is central to the other buildings on the hill.

House of Representatives' offices are in the State Office Building on Constitution Avenue, just in front of the Capitol. Committee meeting rooms, the House Public Information Office, the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, the House Research Department, and the Legislative Reference Library are also in the State Office Building.

Other office buildings in the Capitol complex are:

- **Transportation Building**, south of



the State Office Building on John Ireland Boulevard.

- **Historical Society Building**, Cedar Avenue across the mall from the State Office Building.
- **Veterans Service Building**, 12th Street near between John Ireland Boulevard and Cedar Avenue.
- **Centennial Office Building**, Cedar Avenue at Constitution Avenue.
- **Ford Building**, University Avenue facing State Office Building.
- **Capitol Square Building**, Cedar Avenue at 11th Street.
- **Administration Building**, Sherburne Street at Cedar Avenue.

A tunnel system links the Capitol complex buildings. Entrances are on the

lower levels of the state Capitol building, State Office Building, Ford Building, Veterans Service Building, Transportation Building, Historical Society Building and the Centennial Office Building. The tunnel system closes after business hours.

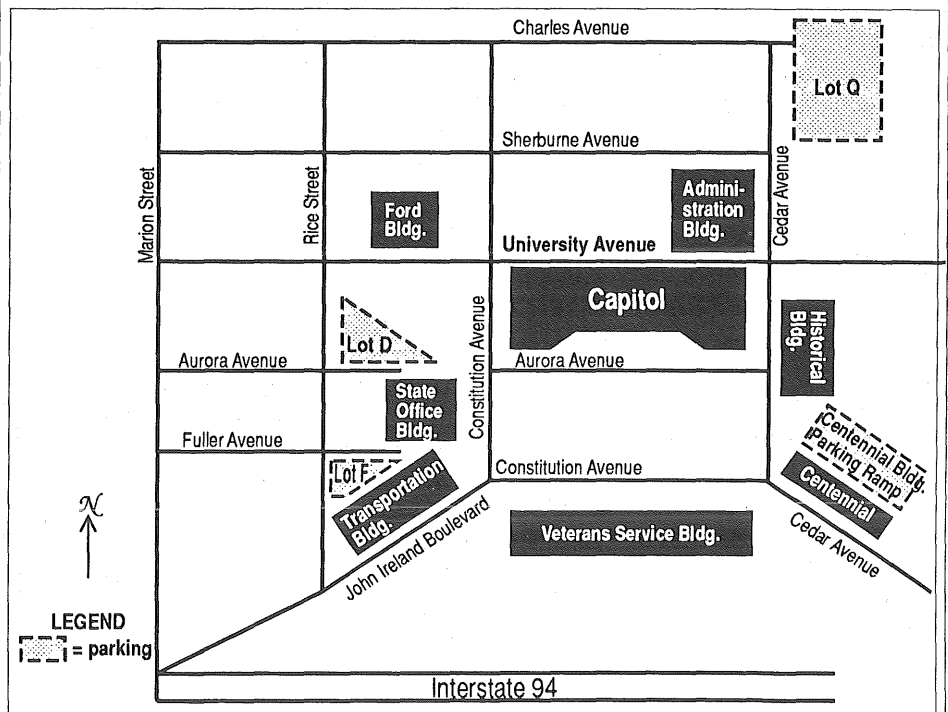
The Revenue Building is in River Place Plaza on Fillmore Avenue at Plato Boulevard, near the Lafayette Bridge and Interstate 94.

The Capitol location

The Capitol complex is to the north of Interstate 94, just minutes from downtown St. Paul. It is accessible from both the east and west on I-94, and from the south and north on Interstate 35E.

To arrive at the complex:

- On I-94 eastbound, exit at Marion Street and continue in one of two ways:
1) Turn left on Marion Street, go to University Avenue and turn right. At Rice Street, turn right again. Go one block to the entrance of an open-air, metered public parking lot.



2) Travel straight to John Ireland Boulevard (you will need to merge to the right at the top of the exit ramp) and turn left, crossing over the interstate. Metered parking spaces line both sides of the boulevard.

- On I-94 westbound, exit at 12th Street, go to Cedar Avenue or Rice Street, depending on which building you want to visit.

- On Interstate 35E south, exit at University Avenue, turn right and go until reaching the Capitol complex.

- On I-35E north, exit at Pennsylvania Avenue, turn right on Pennsylvania, turn right again onto Mississippi Street. At the light, turn right on University Avenue. Travel along University to the Capitol area.

Parking at the Capitol

Public metered parking is available at Lot Q, at Cedar Avenue and Sherburne Street north of the complex; Lot D, next to the State Office Building at West Aurora Avenue and Rice Street; and the orange level of the Centennial Building Ramp at Cedar and Constitution avenues. All-day parking is available in Lot Q and in the Centennial ramp. Public street metered parking is available along John Ireland Boulevard and Fuller Avenue, which are near the Transportation Building. St. Paul meter patrols will issue tickets for expired parking.

Since parking is limited during the session, busing may be better. The capitol is located on several MTC bus routes.

Capitol tours

The golden horses. Civil war relics. Weathered documents. Tattered state flags.

Symbols of Minnesota's heritage grace the Capitol. Visitors may learn more about the state in general and the state-house in particular by taking a Capitol tour conducted by the Minnesota Historical Society's Historic Site Program.

Society tour guides lead the free, 45-minute tours on the hour during the business day. Tours are given from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays; and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays. The tours begin at the society's information desk at the end of the corridor to the right of the Capitol's main entrance. Brochures in several languages, including Japanese, German, and Spanish are also available here.

Tour participants may request customized tours that emphasize either the building's art and architecture or state government. Tours also may be customized for senior citizens or grade school children.

Historical society officials ask that groups of 10 or more call in advance to reserve a tour time.

For more information about the tours or to reserve a time call the Minnesota Historical Society (612) 296-2881.

Representation

Visitors can find out who their representatives are at the House Public Information Office in the State Office Building. The office has directories that list representatives' office room and phone numbers, home and work addresses and phone numbers, committee assignments, and biographical information.

The information office also can provide names and addresses of the state's members of Congress.

House members' offices occupy most of the State Office Building. The offices of Independent-Republican (IR) legislators are generally on the second and third floors, while the Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) members are on the third through fifth floors.

The offices of the House speaker, majority leader, and most of the assistant majority leaders are on the fourth floor. The offices of the minority leader, and most assistant minority leaders, are on the second floor.

There is a floor-by-floor listing of representatives near the elevators on all floors. This listing does not have room numbers. Floor receptionists are at the north and south ends of each floor to help visitors.

Rep. Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) is the House speaker and presides over House sessions. Rep. Dee

Long (DFL-Mpls) is the House Majority Leader and the leader of the DFL caucus on the floor.

Rep. William Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) is the House minority leader and the leader of the IR caucus on the floor.

House Information

The House of Representatives Public Information Office, 175 State Office Building, offers publications and brochures on House activities and the legislative process in general.

The office publishes *Session Weekly*, a digest of House committee action, bill introductions and bill status. It also produces *Today and This Week*, daily and weekly committee schedules with meeting times, places, and agendas.

Visitors also may use a computer terminal to check on the status of a bill if they know the subject or have a bill number.

Visitors also may get House seating charts for House and Senate members, legislators' office room numbers and phone numbers, and legislative and staff directories.

The information office publishes brochures on how a bill becomes law, the state governmental process (a five-part series), and an introduction to the House of Representatives. It also offers a youth-oriented brochure on how a bill becomes law, and a coloring book of Capitol landmarks for pre-school and elementary school children.

Chief Clerk's Office

Visitors can get answers to questions on House proceedings and copies of bills and resolutions at the Chief Clerk's Office in Room 211 of the Capitol building.

The office, located next to the House chamber on the second floor of the Capitol, also has copies of House agendas available before the House convenes. The agendas — the Calendar, General Orders

and Consent Calendar — carry an explanation of their content.

The office also publishes the *Journal of the House*, the official daily record of legislative action.

Next to the Chief Clerk's Office is the House Index Department. The computerized index available in this office allows visitors to get information about a bill's author, status, or committee assignment. House Index lists bills by committee and by more than 150 topics (such as education, agriculture, health) on the computer screen that is available to the public.

House Index also lists bills that the governor has signed into law.

House sessions

All members of the House of Representatives can debate bills when the House is in session.

In the beginning of a legislative session, the pace of floor sessions is generally slow as new bills are assigned to committees and non-controversial items are debated. At about the session's midpoint (March 16 this year), however, the pace and debate pick up.

The House meets on Mondays and Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. during the first few weeks. Floor sessions are scheduled for the afternoon because committees meet in the morning. As the session nears the end, however, the House will meet several times every day, often into the night.

Bills the House will consider are on agendas called Consent Calendar, Calendar, and General Orders, among others. The calendar indicates what action, if any, will be taken on measures listed on it. Debate and amendments occur on General Orders bills.

All House floor action is open to the public. Visitors interested in watching House floor action may call the Chief Clerk's Office or the House Public Information Office to find out the schedule. Spectators may sit in the gallery on the third floor.

Committee meetings

When many people think of the Legislature they conjure up visions of flashy oratory and impassioned speeches on the House or Senate floor. But Capitol insiders know that it's during committee meetings where most of the important changes in bills occur.

Committees consider bills usually several weeks after the session starts. Visitors wanting to attend a committee meeting might want to call the House Public Information Office to find out what the agenda is, for that day. Agendas also appear in each issue of the *Session Weekly*.

Each committee has a chair, vice chair, secretary, and administrator. A list of all committees and their membership is available in the House Public Information Office in Room 175 of the State Office Building.

Committee meetings are open to the public. If a public hearing is scheduled, the committee will listen to comments from the audience (when time permits) in addition to the scheduled speakers. Committees have different policies on hearing testimony depending upon their size and workload. Some committees hear general testimony at the subcommittee level, while others allow general testimony during meetings of the full committee. Information that committee members receive during meetings or hearings is considered public and is available to the audience on a first come, first-served basis.

Controversial or major proposals such as open enrollment or groundwater legislation often have several public hearings so committee members may listen to all arguments for and against a bill.

The committee system starts at the beginning of the session. The first few meetings generally are informational. During these meetings delegates from organizations or other state agencies provide legislators with information about the topic in question.

Committees consider bills shortly after the informational meetings end. Also, committees face deadlines (March 16 this year) on when they may hear, refer, or vote on House or Senate bills. The

deadlines help ensure a bill receives as thorough an airing as possible before the full House votes on it.

The committee meetings are usually held in either the Capitol or the State Office Building. A schedule of the meetings can be obtained from the House Public Information Office, (612) 296-2146.

Dining at the Capitol

All buildings in the Capitol complex have their own cafeterias. The Capitol and State Office Building dining areas are in the basement. The Transportation and Centennial cafeterias are on the ground floor of each building. The Veterans Service Building cafeteria is on the fifth floor, and the Capitol Square Building's dining area is on the lower level. The Capitol also has a snack bar on the second floor (where the House and Senate chambers are located) during session.

Visitors may dine away from the Capitol complex. Several restaurants are within two to three blocks' walking distance *north* on Rice Street. Other restaurants are within an easy walk or drive west on University Avenue.

Visitors may also eat in downtown St. Paul by riding a Metropolitan Transit Authority bus for a dime. Board a 94 or 16 bus at the bus stop area on Constitution Avenue between the State Office Building and the Transportation Building, and get off the bus on Cedar Avenue at either Seventh or Sixth streets. To return to the Capitol area, board a 94 or 16 bus on any corner along Minnesota Avenue (one block north of Cedar) and get off at the bus stop on Constitution Avenue across from the State Office Building entrance.

'Legislative day' helps 'demystify' government

If you hope to change state policy, those in the know say the best way is to spend a "legislative day" at the Capitol.

It "demystifies the people who work there," says Grace Harkness, legislative coordinator for the Minnesota Women's Consortium sponsor of the Women Come to the Capitol day Feb. 19. Several of the estimated 500 women who attended say it helped them understand the process.

"I thought you had to be rich, powerful, and have connections in order to be heard," says Alicia Sellie of Minneapolis.

The experience, she adds, "makes me more aware of the power that I have over the legislative process."

Although many people believe legislators will pay little attention to them, Harkness says that simply isn't the case.

"Legislators are almost always polite and cordial to everybody," she says, adding the opinions of constituents generally hold more weight with legislators than those of paid lobbyists. "You shouldn't feel, 'Who me?'"

Harkness says a carefully planned legislative day is one of the best ways to leave a mark on the issues that are of concern to you.

"You have to have some event to get people (involved)," she says. "Everybody's got a lot of work to do. There needs to be a little bit of motivation."

It also helps to ensure that your group is highly visible so lawmakers feel your presence, she says. At the most recent Women Come to the Capitol Day, for example, consortium members wore day-glow orange name tags and red and white buttons depicting the women's symbol and the Capitol.

In addition to being visible, the group marched to the Capitol and held a press conference to attract media attention to the issues they want addressed.

Perhaps the most important event of the day is the welcoming and inspirational speakers, says Harkness. This year, the speakers included Sharon Sayles Belton, president of the Minneapolis City Council, and state Sen. Nancy Brataas (IR-Rochester), a leader in the pro-choice movement.

Later in the afternoon, the women fanned out to meet one-on-one with legislators from their respective districts. The coalition suggests that topics for discussion be limited to actual bills being considered that year.

"It is too vague to go into the lawmaker's office and say, 'Make this a wonderful and safe state,'" says Harkness. "Instead, go to the office and say, for example, that we want you to keep abortion legal, provide more child care, enforce pay equity, and work for gender fairness in the courts."

TIPS

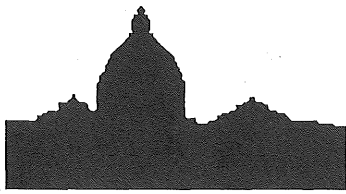
Organizing your Day on the Hill

Here are a few things you may want to keep in mind when organizing your day at the Capitol:

- Schedule a room for the group to gather in at the beginning and at the end of the day by calling Betty Langenberger, room scheduler for the State Office Building, at 296-5974. Some groups gather at a location outside the Capitol complex, but it should be close so invited speakers can get there easily.
- Invite a speaker (legislator, commissioner, administrator) to address your group.
- Make appointments for visits with your representatives.
- Send a letter or a memo to legislators you want to attend your activities.
- Groups wanting to testify at a committee meeting should call the relevant committee secretary or administrator in advance of the meeting and ask to be placed on the agenda.



Georgia Mitchell, 2, enjoys the sixth annual "Women Come to the Capitol" rally sponsored by the Minnesota Women's Consortium. Her mother, Karen Wohllenben, left, is an advocate for child care workers and was one of 500 women at the Capitol Feb. 19.



Bill Introductions

HF1965-HF2267

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HF1965—Cooper (DFL)

Health & Human Services
Omnibus rural health care bill.

HF1966—Cooper (DFL)

Health & Human Services
Emergency medical services advisory council established, and variance authority changed for ambulance attendant training standards.

HF1967—Wenzel (DFL)

Agriculture
Grasshopper control program changed and rulemaking authorized.

HF1968—Winter (DFL)

Insurance
Commerce department allowed to impose larger civil penalties.

HF1969—Price (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing
Contracts for deed cancelled under certain circumstances.

HF1970—Clark (DFL)

Health & Human Services
Lead levels established, education about lead exposure provided, certain residences assessed, and abatement standards established.

HF1971—Clark (DFL)

Economic Development
Military contractors given preference for economic development grants for projects in accordance with alternative use plans designed to eliminate dependency on weapons contracts.

HF1972—Milbert (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources
Landfill fees imposed on facilities disposing of construction or demolition debris.

HF1973—McGuire (DFL)

Governmental Operations
St. Paul Fire Department Relief Association to pay benefits to certain surviving former spouses.

HF1974—Simoneau (DFL)

Governmental Operations
Payroll deposits made directly to credit unions and financial institutions upon employee request.

HF1975—Vellenga (DFL)

Judiciary
Child support orders regulated.

HF1976—Milbert (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Adjutant general allowed to appoint an executive director of the Department of Military Affairs.

HF1977—Kinkel (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Veterans Home Board to appoint an executive director.

HF1978—Kinkel (DFL)

Education
Education districts permitted to conduct meetings via interactive television.

HF1979—Rest (DFL)

Judiciary

Excise tax increased for cigarettes, beer, wine, and alcoholic beverages; local government drug council established; and grants provided for drug treatment and criminal justice programs.

HF1980—Segal (DFL)

Health & Human Services
Community service facilities; bonds issued and money appropriated to build facilities for care of people with mental illness.

HF1981—Johnson, A. (DFL)

Transportation
Motor vehicle registration provisions changed.

HF1982—Hasskamp (DFL)

Judiciary
Visitation suspended when noncustodial parent is convicted of certain crimes, expedited hearings required when child is in danger of harm, and no-contact orders provided.

HF1983—Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance
Medicare supplement insurance plan coverage regulated, and insurers to submit claims experience and earned premiums data.

HF1984—Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance
Health and accident insurance companies allowed to coordinate benefits from group and individual contracts to prohibit excess coverage.

HF1985—Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance
Commerce department; cease and desist orders and various communications regulated.

HF1986—Rest (DFL)

Judiciary
Open bottle law; constructive possession of alcohol prohibited in private vehicles.

HF1987—Jefferson (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing
Low-income housing tax credits allocated.

HF1988—Jefferson (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Absentee ballots automatically provided to permanently ill or disabled people.

HF1989—McEachern (DFL)

Transportation
Driver education vehicles used by private school programs allowed tax-exempt license plates.

HF1990—Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance
Claimants and insureds paid promptly.

HF1991—Johnson, A. (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources
Pipelines; commissioner of natural resources' authority to review pipeline plans repealed.

HF1992—Tompkins (IR)

Education
Sex education; advisory task force formed to develop and review materials and money appropriated.

HF1993—Murphy (DFL)

Transportation
School bus stop sign procedures clarified for

vehicles meeting or overtaking a bus.

HF1994—Murphy (DFL)

Economic Development
Taconite and iron ore tax relief areas redefined to include Proctor.

HF1995—Bauerly (DFL)

Commerce
Amusement rides regulated, with inspections required and money appropriated.

HF1996—Welle (DFL)

Education
School District 345, New London-Spicer, provided a maximum effort capital loan.

HF1997—Jaros (DFL)

Insurance
Health insurance premium and health care cost regulation studied by legislative task force established to study regulation of health insurance premium and health care costs.

HF1998—Reding (DFL)

Governmental Operations
Peace officers; retirement age provided for officers in public safety department's gambling enforcement division.

HF1999—Stanius (IR)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Hockey tournament authority returned to high school league.

HF2000—Stanius (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources
Moose licensure restricted.

HF2001—O'Connor (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Veterans redefined.

HF2002—Beard (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Cemeteries allowed near veterans' homes.

HF2003—Beard (DFL)

Appropriations
National Guard members provided a cash bonus, and money appropriated.

HF2004—McEachern (DFL)

Education
Education department program for implementing governor's drug plan.

HF2005—Quinn (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Charitable gambling provisions changed in comprehensive legislation.

HF2006—Dorn (DFL)

Taxes
Local government equalization aid modified and extended.

HF2007—Price (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources
Metropolitan water management regulated and water management organization provisions changed.

HF2008—Pelowski (DFL)

Education
Undergraduate academic programs; endowments

provided matching state grants through Higher Education Coordinating Board.

HF2009—Kelly (DFL)

Judiciary

Controlled substances; convicted drug dealers incarcerated, drug and alcohol testing required for pretrial release and probation, other changes made and money appropriated.

HF2010—Hartle (IR)

Transportation

Motor vehicle excise tax used for highway and transit purposes, and a constitutional amendment provided.

HF2011—Price (DFL)

Education

Vocational-technical board to provide prospective students with consumer information.

HF2012—Price (DFL)

Agriculture

Food rules made uniform with federal regulations.

HF2013—Segal (DFL)

Judiciary

Mental illness as a criminal defense studied by a legislative study commission.

HF2014—Cooper (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Nursing home central, affiliated, or corporate costs allocated.

HF2015—Sarna (DFL)

Commerce

Residential building contractors and remodelers licensed by state, advisory board established, and money appropriated.

HF2016—Swenson (IR)

Education

Automobile safety awareness week established.

HF2017—Olsen, S. (IR)

Transportation

License plates; special plates authorized for member of United States Armed Forces Ready Reserve.

HF2018—Bertram (DFL)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Legal newspaper filing requirements changed.

HF2019—Murphy (DFL)

Commerce

Cigarettes; local units of government to license retail cigarette sales, and mandatory license suspension provided for sales to minors.

HF2020—Murphy (DFL)

Taxes

Property tax; homestead classification extended for certain estates.

HF2021—Rodosovich (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Health department bill.

HF2022—Quinn (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Liquor licensing powers delegated to town boards in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, and Scott counties.

HF2023—Steensma (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Veterans Home Board allowed to rent certain surplus facilities, and money appropriated.

HF2024—Olson, K. (DFL)

Education

Midwestern higher education compact established and members appointed.

HF2025—Tunheim (DFL)

Agriculture

Seed potatoes; restricted potato growing area created in Kittson County and Marshall County towns of Augsburg and Nelson Park.

HF2026—Tunheim (DFL)

Education

School District 390, Lake of the Woods, provided a maximum effort capital loan.

HF2027—Orenstein (DFL)

Judiciary

Tort system changed.

HF2028—Carlson, L. (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

Credit unions exempted from certain closing agent requirements.

HF2029—Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance

Homeowners warned when future losses may result in nonrenewal of insurance policy.

HF2030—Simoneau (DFL)

Judiciary

Tort reform; punitive damage awards regulated and application of comparative fault limited for joint liability.

HF2031—Simoneau (DFL)

Insurance

Health and prenatal care programs changed.

HF2032—Peterson (DFL)

Judiciary

Presentence investigation reports are discretionary for certain felons.

HF2033—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Medical Assistance coverage modified for abortion services, and money appropriated.

HF2034—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Health insurance premiums paid by state for people with AIDS.

HF2035—Wenzel (DFL)

Agriculture

Farm and small business management programs provided at vocational-technical colleges, and money appropriated.

HF2036—Hasskamp (DFL)

Transportation

Motor vehicle fuel tax exemption extended to private transit systems under contract with cities and towns.

HF2037—Orenstein (DFL)

Taxes

Property tax; homestead classification provided for certain residences where disabled people live.

HF2038—Orenstein (DFL)

Judiciary

Human rights; discrimination statutes changed for age, familial status, pregnant employees, threats against homeowners and renters, and others.

HF2039—Stanisius (IR)

Education

Health and safety expenditures to include cost of science lab safety programs.

HF2040—Stanisius (IR)

Education

Training and experience index modified, formula allowance increased with an inflation adjustment provided, and money appropriated.

HF2041—Scheid (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Voter registration, absentee voter, and polling place

roster provisions clarified, and certain time limits changed.

HF2042—McEachern (DFL)

Commerce

Tobacco vending machine locations restricted.

HF2043—Kostohryz (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Ramsey County Charter Commission; terms set for members.

HF2044—Vellenga (DFL)

Judiciary

Child abuse; penalties increased for malicious punishment resulting in great bodily harm, assault when there is a past pattern of child abuse, and for false claims made to influence custody proceedings.

HF2045—Williams (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Mentally retarded person redefined for purposes of commitment.

HF2046—Valento (IR)

Taxes

Property tax; homestead property valuation provided regardless of zoning.

HF2047—Stanisius (IR)

Governmental Operations

Public Employees Retirement Association; prior service credit authorized for a Metropolitan Transit Commission employee for medical leaves.

HF2048—Bauerly (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Environmental assessment worksheet provisions changed for municipal wastewater treatment facilities.

HF2049—Bauerly (DFL)

Taxes

Motor vehicle excise tax; vehicles used for road maintenance excluded from taxation when purchased by governmental subdivisions.

HF2050—Rodosovich (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services department may lease property to provide state-operated, community-based programs.

HF2051—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Chemical dependency; drug abuse prevention, research, and treatment programs provided, and money appropriated.

HF2052—Richter (IR)

Education

School District 553, New York Mills, provided a maximum effort capital loan.

HF2053—Bertram (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

National Guard members allowed to transfer tuition reimbursement to a child or spouse.

HF2054—Bertram (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Petroleum Tank Release Clean-up Fund; collection period for fees and terms of reimbursement changed.

HF2055—Nelson, K. (DFL)

Education

Academic Excellence Foundation membership increased, status of in-kind goods clarified, staff increased, and money appropriated.

HF2056—Dauner (DFL)

Judiciary

Fleeing a peace officer from another state into Minnesota made a crime, peace officers from other states allowed to pursue into Minnesota, and certain

blood tests from other states permitted.

HF2057—Dauner (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

Detroit Lakes; detached banking facility established under certain conditions.

HF2058—Carlson, L. (DFL)

Education

Vocational-technical colleges; certain titles changed.

HF2059—Carlson, L. (DFL)

Education

Special School District 1, Minneapolis, allowed to use federal funds to remodel the aviation training center at Flying Cloud Airport.

HF2060—Bauerly (DFL)

Agriculture

Agricultural contracts; mediation and arbitration provided for certain disputes, recapture of capital investments provided, certain responsibilities of parent companies clarified, and other changes made.

HF2061—Bauerly (DFL)

Agriculture

Farm products redefined, wholesale produce dealer provisions changed, and money appropriated.

HF2062—Reding (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Graduate assistants at state universities excluded from Employment Labor Relations Act covering public employees.

HF2063—Seaberg (IR)

Judiciary

Crimes victim provisions changed for certain notifications and reparations.

HF2064—Brown (DFL)

Transportation

Track, shop, terminal, and station abandonment standards established.

HF2065—Kelso (DFL)

Taxes

Savage permitted to transfer tax increments between project areas.

HF2066—Kelso (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Savage provided funds for wetlands acquisition, bond sales authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2067—Clark (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Chronically ill and technology dependent people provided health benefits.

HF2068—Kelly (DFL)

Judiciary

Driving while intoxicated; alcohol and chemical use assessments, programs, and funding regulated for people convicted of DWI.

HF2069—Rukavina (DFL)

Education

School District 712, Buhl-Mountain Iron, allowed to establish an account to reduce preconsolidation operating debt.

HF2070—Tunheim (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations

Physical examinations scheduled within 150 miles of employee's residence

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HF2071—Murphy (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Legislative commission on research in agriculture established and money appropriated.

HF2072—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Neuroleptic medication administered to committed people without consent in certain cases.

HF2073—Osthoff (DFL)

Regulated Industries

Flexible gas utility rates continued.

HF2074—Jacobs (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Legislature reduced in size.

HF2075—Jacobs (DFL)

Regulated Industries

Municipal electric utilities included in assessments for adjudicating service area disputes.

HF2076—Jacobs (DFL)

Regulated Industries

Exclusive liquor stores allowed to sell candy liqueurs, signs in large arenas exempted from cost limits, partially consumed bottles of wine removed from restaurants, and certain voting requirements repealed for municipal liquor stores.

HF2077—Ozment (IR)

Judiciary

Sexual contact redefined.

HF2078—Dorn (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Blue Earth County to appoint certain county officials, and county offices reorganized.

HF2079—Kelso (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human Services Licensing Act amended, data requirements changed, and requirements established for receivership.

HF2080—Brown (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Fire chiefs nominal reimbursements abolished, certain fire extinguisher regulations repealed, and other provisions in fire code repealed.

HF2081—Reding (DFL)

Governmental Operations

State employee provisions changed for vacation, sick leaves, certain boards, and other provisions.

HF2082—Quinn (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

Mobile home park residents given right of first refusal on park, homestead treatment provided for resident-owned parks, state Housing Finance Agency to provide mobile home park financing.

HF2083—Skoglund (DFL)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Metropolitan Council compensation provisions clarified.

HF2084—Milbert (DFL)

Judiciary

Revisor's bill to remove redundant and obsolete language and simplify grammar.

HF2085—Kelly (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Water use restricted for one-through cooling systems, fees increased, and money appropriated.

HF2086—Kelly (DFL)

Judiciary

Imposing penalties on persons who commit a crime while wearing or possessing soft body armor.

HF2087—Olson, E. (DFL)

Agriculture

Potato producer checkoff fees are not refundable for certain producers.

HF2088—Kelly (DFL)

Judiciary

Seat belts; proof of failure to use belt is admissible in litigation.

HF2089—Ogren (DFL)

Regulated Industries

Telephone companies defined to include certain resellers of local telephone exchanges, special prices for resellers prohibited, and resale of local exchange classified as a competitive service.

HF2090—Jennings (DFL)

Transportation

U.S. Route 8; a portion in Chisago County designated Moberg Trail.

HF2091—Heap (IR)

Transportation

Sound abatement measures implemented along highways.

HF2092—Skoglund (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Eurasian water milfoil not transferred out of water.

HF2093—Janezich (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Health provisions changed for Infectious Waste Act, ambulance services, hospitals, nursing and medical student scholarships, rural health care, and money appropriated.

HF2094—Brown (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Health provisions changed for Infectious Waste Act, ambulance services, hospitals, nursing and medical student scholarships, rural health care, and money appropriated.

HF2095—Vellenga (DFL)

Judiciary

Juvenile court; rebuttable presumption established in favor of referring certain juveniles to adult court.

HF2096—Battaglia (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Swing bed services covered by Medical Assistance.

HF2097—Dawkins (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

Energy assistance; memorial to President and Congress to reauthorize low-income energy assistance program and increase its appropriation.

HF2098—Rest (DFL)

Education

Intermediate school districts allowed to levy for health and safety aid.

HF2099—Simoneau (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Pet ownership restricted for people convicted of cruelty to animals.

HF2100—Reding (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Public Employees Insurance Trust Fund clarified.

HF2101—Williams (DFL)

Education

Moorhead State University appropriated money for constructing additional parking.

HF2102—Reding (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Public safety employee retirement funds; employer contributions reduced.

HF2103—Reding (DFL)
Governmental Operations
 Public employee retirement plans; certain investment performance reporting required.

HF2104—Reding (DFL)
Governmental Operations
 Teachers retirement fund associations in first class cities allowed increased employee and employer contributions, and supplemental revenue provided.

HF2105—Bertram (DFL)
Governmental Operations
 Industrialized and modular building interstate compact adopted, and definition of public building changed.

HF2106—Welle (DFL)
Health & Human Services
 Regional treatment centers to continue serving people with mental retardation, parents or guardians notified prior to discharge, and objections allowed.

HF2107—Hasskamp (DFL)
Health & Human Services
 Regional treatment centers to continue serving people with mental retardation, parents or guardians notified prior to discharge, and objections allowed.

HF2108—Wagenius (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
 Waste Management Act changed.

HF2109—Kelly (DFL)
Insurance
 Homeowners insurance policies not to exclude any member of household, minimum fines established for failure to purchase automobile insurance, and fines established for failure to prove insurance.

HF2110—Solberg (DFL)
Education
 School District 319, Nashwauk-Keewatin, to make certain fund transfers.

HF2111—Jefferson (DFL)
Health & Human Services
 Chiropractors allowed to make independent medical examinations.

HF2112—Blatz (IR)
Financial Institutions & Housing
 Escrow accounts for mortgaged property regulated.

HF2113—Dorn (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
 LeHillier Mankato hazardous waste site given a permit for consumptive use of groundwater.

HF2114—Kinkel (DFL)
Agriculture
 Potato council areas not to include Hubbard, Becker, Wadena, and Ottertail counties.

HF2115—Weaver (IR)
Judiciary
 Machine guns possessed by makers of ammunition who sell to government agencies.

HF2116—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Commerce
 Nonprofit corporation provisions changed for approvals by board and members with voting rights.

HF2117—Osthoff (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Housing
 Low-rent public housing and Section 8 housing administration changed, local approval limited, special assessment exemption for housing and redevelopment authorities repealed, housing development projects transferred to economic development

HF2118—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
 Health maintenance organization rehabilitation or liquidation provided.

HF2119—Solberg (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
 Hockey tournament structure provided for high school league.

HF2120—Kinkel (DFL)
Taxes
 Property tax; commercial seasonal recreational property tax provisions changed.

HF2121—Frederick (IR)
Governmental Operations
 Legislators Retirement Plan; service credit changed for members elected to complete unexpired terms.

HF2122—Quinn (DFL)
Regulated Industries
 Districts or units of certain cooperatives given equal representation on board of directors.

HF2123—Quinn (DFL)
Regulated Industries
 Open meeting law applied to certain electric cooperatives.

HF2124—Bertram (DFL)
Transportation
 Service brakes required on certain vehicles.

HF2125—Stanisus (IR)
Taxes
 Property tax; homestead treatment provided for unoccupied new residential property offered for sale.

HF2126—Stanisus (IR)
Health & Human Services
 Human services licensing; minimum education standards established for child care workers.

HF2127—Stanisus (IR)
Regulated Industries
 Public utilities commissioners limited to one term.

HF2128—Stanisus (IR)
Judiciary
 Child protection workers; penalties increased for assaulting child protection workers.

HF2129—Stanisus (IR)
Regulated Industries
 Electric utility boundary lines changed in certain circumstances.

HF2130—Stanisus (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
 Fishing season; open crappie season provided on Rainy River and Rainy Lake.

HF2131—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Judiciary
 Arson fires prohibited on wild lands and penalties provided.

HF2132—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
 Child care funding policies changed.

HF2133—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
 Mental health and mental retardation ombudsman's powers and duties clarified.

HF2134—Abrams (IR)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
 Automatic recount provisions changed for primary and general elections.

HF2135—Quinn (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
 Anoka County authorized to sell or exchange certain land.

HF2136—Wagenius (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
 Toxic metals in packaging reduced and money appropriated.

HF2137—Blatz (IR)
Taxes
 Property tax; homestead treatment changed for replacing homesteads acquired under eminent domain.

HF2138—Blatz (IR)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
 Veterans Home Board to have women members.

HF2139—Lynch (IR)
Appropriations
 Alternative care grant program appropriated money.

HF2140—Runbeck (IR)
Appropriations
 Alternative care grant program appropriated money.

HF2141—Waltman (IR)
Appropriations
 Alternative care grant program appropriated money.

HF2142—Uphus (IR)
Agriculture
 Grasshopper control; reimbursement provided to towns, and money appropriated.

HF2143—Janezich (DFL)
Judiciary
 Crime victims reparations provisions changed for acts involving the operation of motor vehicles.

HF2144—Girard (IR)
Education
 Enrollment Options Act; open enrollment provisions expanded to include intrastate transfers.

HF2145—Pugh (DFL)
Health & Human Services
 Allowing cast metal restoration dental services under Medical Assistance.

HF2146—Pugh (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
 Personal watercraft and jet skis regulated.

HF2147—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations
 Surviving spouse and dependent child benefits provided a maximum monthly limit.

HF2148—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations
 Vesting provisions changed for state employees, public employees, and teachers, and other changes made.

HF2149—Hausman (DFL)
Economic Development
 Port authority titles changed for certain officers.

HF2150—Quinn (DFL)
Health & Human Services
 Athletic trainers allowed to perform certain treatments under supervision by a physical therapist.

HF2151—Olson, K. (DFL)
Agriculture
 Crop insurance; memorial to president and Congress to maintain federal crop insurance subsidies.

HF2152—Olson, K. (DFL)
Education
 Educational cooperative service units required to form representative assemblies.

HF2153—Seaberg (IR)
Transportation
 Motor vehicles hauling loose materials must be adequately covered.

HF2154—Pappas (DFL)**Judiciary**

Marriage dissolution statistical reporting changed, joint legal custody provisions changed, funding provided for legal representation in family law matters.

HF2155—Bauerly (DFL)**Appropriations**

St. Cloud Technical College appropriated money for capital improvements, and state bond sales authorized.

HF2156—Pelowski (DFL)**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Performance bonds provisions changed for construction or repair of roads, bridges, and buildings.

HF2157—Johnson, R. (DFL)**Taxes**

Logging chain saw definitions changed.

HF2158—O'Connor (DFL)**Commerce**

Credit card transaction forms regulated for disclosure of personal identification information.

HF2159—Marsh (IR)**Appropriations**

St. Cloud State University appropriated money for a library and conversion of Centennial Hall, and state bond sales authorized.

HF2160—Cooper (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Human services employee wages increased for employees of developmental achievement centers, fair wage plan required, and money appropriated.

HF2161—Winter (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Human services employee wages increased for employees of developmental achievement centers, fair wage plan required, and money appropriated.

HF2162—Williams (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

State contracting procedures changed, advisory task force established, and other changes made.

HF2163—Williams (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Minimum wage excludes certain seasonal children's resident or day camp employees.

HF2164—Kinkel (DFL)**Education**

Levy referendum held in May.

HF2165—Kinkel (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Postal service; memorial to president and Congress to authorize a postage stamp commemorating founding of Itasca State Park.

HF2166—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

Performance bond requirements eliminated for purchases of finished tangible goods.

HF2167—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

School district basic revenue formula allowance and minimum allowance component figures established.

HF2168—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Hospital moratorium enacted for new construction.

HF2169—Swenson (IR)**Judiciary**

Criminal vehicular homicide classified, weight sentencing provided, and negligence eliminated for driving while intoxicated.

HF2170—O'Connor (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

St. Paul and Minneapolis; intern training programs modified.

HF2171—Price (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Horse racing and pari-mutuel provisions changed.

HF2172—Ostrom (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Wells; definition changed to include exploratory drilling for kaolin clay.

HF2173—Ostrom (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Veterans Home Board exempted from contested case provisions.

HF2174—Rest (DFL)**Taxes**

Property tax; filing dates and late period altered.

HF2175—Dawkins (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

St. Paul; on-sale nonintoxicating liquor and wine licenses issued to parks and recreation division for contracted events.

HF2176—Ogren (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Property-related payment rate requirements extended for certain nursing homes with debt refinancing.

HF2177—Ogren (DFL)**Appropriations**

Infrared search device purchased by Department of Public Safety, and money appropriated.

HF2178—Stanis (IR)**Judiciary**

Child kidnapping investigations allowed to search without a warrant in certain circumstances.

HF2179—Stanis (IR)**Judiciary**

Child protection workers allowed to take children in dangerous surroundings into immediate custody.

HF2180—Swenson (IR)**Judiciary**

Criminal vehicular operation expanded to include repeat driving while intoxicated (DWI) offenders who negligently cause death or great bodily harm while having a blood alcohol level of .05 or more.

HF2181—Reding (DFL)**Insurance**

Health and accident insurance to cover outpatient mental and nervous disorders.

HF2182—Omamn (IR)**Education**

Education board to extend capital loan deadlines for districts with delayed financing.

HF2183—Forsythe (IR)**Transportation**

Commercial vehicles prohibited on the cross-town highway.

HF2184—Wagenius (DFL)**Judiciary**

Statute of limitations established for certain environmental statutes.

HF2185—Murphy (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Charitable Gambling Control Board authorized to issue certain licenses.

HF2186—Bauerly (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Excavations; local governments notified of certain excavations.

HF2187—Lieder (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Street vacation notices required.

HF2188—Lieder (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Permitting towns to publish collections of town ordinances, resolutions, rules, and laws.

HF2189—Bauerly (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Clarifying employment terms of city and town assessors.

HF2190—Jefferson (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Authorizing an on-sale liquor license for the Minneapolis Sports Arena.

HF2191—Sparby (DFL)**Education**

Permitting the Argyle School District to transfer money from the debt redemption fund to the capital expenditure fund.

HF2192—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

Permitting the Department of Education to distribute grants to innovative adult basic education providers.

HF2193—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

Providing for the development of two regional assessment and training center sites for learning disabled adults; appropriating money.

HF2194—Krueger (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Authorizing storage of official records by optical disk.

HF2195—Peterson (DFL)**Judiciary**

Making it a crime to obtain telecommunication services by fraud; requiring forfeiture of telecommunication devices used for fraudulent purposes.

HF2196—Wagenius (DFL)**Judiciary**

Judicial administration; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution creating a court of compensation appeals; abolishing the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals; providing for designation by the governor of the chief judge of the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals; regulating the administration of the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals; appropriating money.

HF2197—Clark (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Providing grants and loans for rental property damaged by a police drug raid or during the transfer of controlled substances.

HF2198—Munger (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Providing assistance to eligible recipients on methods to prevent toxic pollution.

HF2199—Johnson, R. (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Making a variety of technical changes in the laws governing benefits and administration of various statewide and local public pension plans.

HF2200—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Education**

Providing for Department of Education initiatives.

HF2201—Simoneau (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Prohibiting lump sum salary payments to employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements; clarifying limit on salary increases for managers and metropolitan agency employees.

HF2202—Nelson, K. (DFL)

Education

Allowing the Board of Teaching to grant variances to its rules in certain cases.

HF2203—Gutknecht (IR)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Proposed constitutional amendment; limiting the term of consecutive service of the governor, senators, and representatives to 12 consecutive years.

HF2204—Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance

Clarifying an insurer's duty to provide loss or claims experience data to an insured.

HF2205—Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance

Regulating the practices and record keeping of, and disclosures by, public adjusters.

HF2206—Ogren (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Public Employees Retirement Association; authorizing a certain member to purchase prior service credit.

HF2207—Winter (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Increasing the Watershed Administrative Fund limit; establishing a natural resource protection fund.

HF2208—O'Connor (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Placing restrictions on use of water for once-through cooling systems.

HF2209—Rest (DFL)

Economic Development

Tax increment financing; modifying the requirements for the collection and expenditure of increments; providing for the computation of state aids.

HF2210—Rest (DFL)

Judiciary

Imposing requirements for adoptions.

HF2211—Cooper (DFL)

Transportation

Exempting fertilizer and agricultural chemical retailers from certain regulations on transporting hazardous materials.

HF2212—Carlson, L. (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Revising, updating, and making substantive changes in the laws of the county extension service.

HF2213—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Modifying the preadmission screening and alternative care grants programs.

HF2214—Dauner (DFL)

Education

Authorizing the State Board of Education to waive certain size requirements for combination.

HF2215—Clark (DFL)

Taxes

Real property; changing the period of redemption for certain property located in a targeted neighborhood.

HF2216—Jennings (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Waters; requiring notice to towns and opportunity for hearing before change in level of public waters.

HF2217—Jennings (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Appropriating money for waste tire feasibility studies.

HF2218—Seaberg (IR)

Judiciary

Including cordless telephones in the Privacy of Communications Act.

HF2219—Rodosovich (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Renaming Helmer Myre and Nerstrand Woods state parks.

HF2220—Milbert (DFL)

Judiciary

Correcting erroneous, ambiguous, and omitted text and obsolete references; eliminating certain redundant, conflicting, and superseded provisions; making miscellaneous technical corrections to statutes and other laws.

HF2221—Segal (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Making employees of charitable hospitals eligible for coverage by the Public Employees Insurance Plan.

HF2222—Peterson (DFL)

Judiciary

Making it a crime to obtain telecommunication services by fraud; requiring forfeiture of telecommunication devices used for fraudulent purposes.

HF2223—Pugh (DFL)

Judiciary

Changing certain trust requirements; abolishing the common law rule against perpetuities.

HF2224—McLaughlin (DFL)

Taxes

Making technical corrections and administrative changes to sales and use, motor vehicle excise, income, franchise, insurance, petroleum products, pull-tab and tipboard taxes, firefighter state aids, and property tax refunds; including lottery prizes as refunds in the Revenue Recapture Act; providing for posting of certain tax delinquencies; requiring a social security number on certain probate applications; imposing a tax on untaxed pull-tabs and tipboards; recodifying license inquiry provisions; providing for payment and settlement of state elections campaign funds to political party state committees; transferring certain powers and duties; updating references to the Internal Revenue Code.

HF2225—Solberg (DFL)

Judiciary

Delaying the effective date of the law requiring counties to pay filing fees in district court actions; exempting certain public authorities from paying filing fees in district court actions in certain circumstances.

HF2226—Swenson (IR)

Judiciary

Reclassifying the crime of criminal vehicular operation resulting in death as "criminal vehicular homicide"; eliminating negligence as an element of the crime when the driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs; clarifying that persons whose alcohol concentration, as measured within two hours of the time of driving, is 0.10 or more may be convicted of criminal vehicular homicide or injury.

HF2227—Gruenes (IR)

Insurance

Regulating the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan.

HF2228—Bishop (IR)

Governmental Operations

Creating an advisory commission on intergovernmental relations.

HF2229—Rukavina (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Requiring condemnation and sale of certain trust lands constituting lakeshore lots; authorizing a bond issue to establish a revolving fund to finance acquisitions; appropriating money.

HF2230—Jefferson (DFL)

Economic Development

Establishing programs for purchasing from certain small targeted group businesses and businesses located in economically disadvantaged areas; requiring prompt payment to subcontractors; providing penalties.

HF2231—Vellenga (DFL)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Creating a legislative commission on children; appropriating money.

HF2232—Kelso (DFL)

Taxes

Providing for imposition of the Scott County admissions tax on full admissions.

HF2233—Long (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Waters; legislative approval to continue to provide water from the Mississippi River to the chain of Lakes and Minnehaha Creek by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

HF2234—O'Connor (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

Authorizing guarantees, requiring limits, and regulating securities relating to certain home loans.

HF2235—Reding (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Regulating the insurance and pension benefits of certain judges.

HF2236—Redalen (IR)

Taxes

Changing the class rates on certain agricultural property.

HF2237—Carruthers (DFL)

Education

Modifying the General Education Fund balance reduction.

HF2238—Lasley (DFL)

Transportation

Drivers' licenses; defining gross vehicle weight and commercial motor vehicle; requiring driver of smaller school bus to have a commercial driver's license with a school bus endorsement; providing for operation of vehicles by holder of class C driver's license; providing for effective date of requirement for commercial driver's license; setting fees; appropriating money.

HF2239—Johnson, V. (IR)

Health & Human Services

Allowing a nursing care facility attached to a nonprofit hospital that has suspended operations to continue its status as a hospital-attached convalescent and nursing care facility for purposes of Medical Assistance reimbursement.

HF2240—Wenzel (DFL)

Appropriations

Authorizing sale of state bonds; appropriating money for the city of Garrison sewer system.

HF2241—Ozment (IR)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Appropriating money for a fence around the cemetery at the veterans home in Hastings.

HF2242—Winter (DFL)**Insurance**

No-fault insurance; exempting certain antique automobiles and recreational vehicles from rental vehicle coverage.

HF2243—Scheid (DFL)**Commerce**

Adopting an article of the Uniform Commercial Code that governs funds transfers.

HF2244—Clark (DFL)**Judiciary**

Providing for chemical use assessments of certain juveniles before case disposition.

HF2245—Dawkins (DFL)**Judiciary**

Limiting the payment that can be required for service of process or notices in order to reinstate a mortgage before a foreclosure sale.

HF2246—Dawkins (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Landlord tenant law; prohibiting actions for rent or eviction against a tenant who has not received the attorney general's statement; permitting a tenant to void any lease which contains an unlawful provision described in the attorney general's statement.

HF2247—Dawkins (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Establishing residential landlord liability for failure to disclose or correct unsafe conditions.

HF2248—Dawkins (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Regulating joint labor-management committees; regulating public employee elections.

HF2249—Carruthers (DFL)**Insurance**

No-fault auto insurance; clarifying eligibility for economic loss benefits.

HF2250—Hausman (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Ramsey County; eliminating certain performance bonds; permitting fees for inspections by the county surveyor.

HF2251—Segal (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Establishing an adolescent pregnancy division within the Minnesota Department of Health; specifying duties; authorizing grants for pregnancy prevention; authorizing emergency rules; appropriating money.

HF2252—Kelso (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Increasing minimum insurance coverage required for abstracters; abolishing requirement of seals by impression; repealing an obsolete provision.

HF2253—Clark (DFL)**Economic Development**

Establishing the Minnesota natural wild rice promotion council; appropriating money.

HF2254—Begich (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Public debt; providing that certain property owners may vote on debt questions.

HF2255—Gruenes (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Establishing an office of rural health; requiring a loan and grant program to encourage medical

practice in rural Minnesota; authorizing health care planning grants and capital equipment loans for small hospitals; establishing a task force; requiring a report; appropriating money.

HF2256—Boo (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Establishing an office of rural health; requiring a loan and grant program to encourage medical practice in rural Minnesota; authorizing health care planning grants and capital equipment loans for small hospitals; establishing a task force; requiring a report; appropriating money.

HF2257—Girard (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Establishing an office of rural health; requiring a loan and grant program to encourage medical practice in rural Minnesota; authorizing health care planning grants and capital equipment loans for small hospitals; establishing a task force; requiring a report; appropriating money.

HF2258—Gruenes (IR)**Judiciary**

Creating a demonstration project for the collection of delinquent child support.

HF2259—Gruenes (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Defining fee requirement for nursing homes that generate infectious waste.

HF2260—Kelso (DFL)**Taxes**

Providing for calculation of aids in the city of Shakopee for 1991.

HF2261—Jaros (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Establishing a human resources trust fund for long-term activities to assure adequate food, housing, employment, health care, and education for state citizens; appropriating money.

HF2262—Wenzel (DFL)**Taxes**

Reducing the lawful gambling combined receipts tax; providing for refunds; appropriating money.

HF2263—Segal (DFL)**Education**

Requiring school districts to offer family life education instruction; encouraging junior and senior high schools to establish school-based health clinics; appropriating money.

HF2264—Johnson, A. (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Providing that certain voter registrations are not deficient for lack of an address; allowing certain persons with no permanent address to vote in certain elections.

HF2265—Johnson, A. (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Clarifying certain campaign financial reporting requirements.

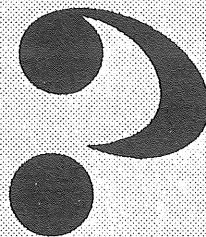
HF2266—Jennings (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Regulating maintenance of tunnels; regulating town meetings; providing for town deputy treasurer.

HF2267—Pappas (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Providing additional funding for family planning grants; establishing an outreach program for pregnant women eligible for Medical Assistance.

Do you know



"Women's Day in Willmar," an event the city is hosting as part of its "Celebrate Minnesota" activities, will be held in the Fine Arts Building at Willmar Community College on March 5.

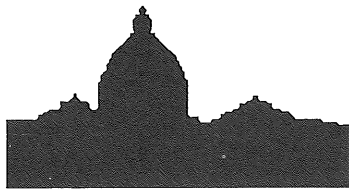
Keynoter Erica Bouza will speak on "Women Peace Activists in the Changing World" at 5:15 p.m. Following her talk, participants can choose between two sessions: "Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling" and "Choices and Challenges: How To Reach Young Women." The Women's Alliance in Iceland will conclude the program by discussing their organization's activities.

The event is sponsored by the community college and various social, business, and women's organizations.

Officials require preregistration by March 1. The cost is \$25 for the general public; \$20 for members of sponsoring organizations. There'll be child care on a limited basis for \$5. For further information, call Sue Minnick at (612) 231-5110.

The First Bank of Willmar and Home State Bank are providing scholarships.

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Coming Up Next Week . . .

Feb. 26 - March 2, 1990

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. 26

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Expanding foreign trade zones.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Technical College System bonding request overview.

State Departments Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Capital budget proposals: Department of Administration, Office of Waste Management, and the Department of Natural Resources.

EDUCATION
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HF1858 (Bauerly) Area learning centers may provide programs on Saturdays. HF1962 (Runbeck) Education; making area learning center programs available on Saturday; providing for payment of general education aid. HF1771 (Lasley) Education; giving Cambridge full campus status in the Community College System; appropriating money. Report: school district spending, legislative auditor.

Pensions Subcommittee/GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob Johnson
Agenda: HF1966 (Cooper) Emergency medical services advisory council established, and variance authority changed for ambulance attendant training

standards. HF1963 (Johnson, B.) Legislative commission on pensions and retirement; powers and duties of actuaries reallocated and money appropriated.

8:30 a.m.

Health & Human Services Division/APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Presentation on Women's, Infant's and Children's (WIC) nutrition program. Continuation of the presentation on Department of Human Services capital issues.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel
Agenda: HF984 (Olson, E.) Agriculture; adopting a state packers and stockyards act. HF2012 (Price) Food rules made uniform with federal regulations.

JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly
Agenda: HF1843 (Kelly) Controlled substance provisions changed and money appropriated. HF2009 (Kelly) Controlled substances; convicted drug dealers incarcerated, drug and alcohol testing required for pretrial release and probation, other changes made and money appropriated.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: To be announced.

12:30 p.m.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: Overview of Department of Education capital budget requests, Minnesota Center for Arts Education capital budget request and the magnet school report.

Banking Subcommittee/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker
Agenda: HF1838 (Jennings) Electronic fund transfer facilities regulated and access provided for transmission facilities. HF2057 (Dauner) Detroit Lakes; detached banking facility established under certain conditions.

Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor
Agenda: HF1669 (Morrison) Housing; requiring the Housing Finance Agency to restrict funding for new single family housing under certain circumstances.

Civil Law Subcommittee/JUDICIARY
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein
Agenda: Overview of state take-over of court financing. SF260 (Merriam)/HF1372 (Pugh) Uniform Statutory Will.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich
Agenda: HF1928 (Begich) Prohibiting certain acts by protective agents and security guards during labor disputes. Presentation by Andy Meuwissen, State Fund.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

After Session

Community Stabilization & Development Division/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Karen Clark
Agenda: HFXXXX (Clark) Establishing the Minnesota natural wild rice promotion council.

Hennepin County House Delegation
118 State Capitol
Chrs. Rep. Sally Olsen
& Rep. Peter McLaughlin

Agenda: HF1877 (Schreiber) Hennepin county to issue bonds for a public safety building.

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY
500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: HF1884 (Pappas) Domestic abuse; prosecution of domestic abuse cases improved, computerized data base studied for feasibility, and money appropriated. HF2013 (Segal) Mental illness as a criminal defense studied by a legislative study commission.

6:00 p.m.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

Kelly Inn Prentiss Room, St. Paul

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Department of Revenue performance evaluation.

TUESDAY, Feb. 27

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: The Department of Transportation capital budget requests.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Community College System bonding overview.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Report on nursing home property reimbursement study. An update on child care, Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund and the Alternative Care Grant Program.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

Kelly Inn Prentiss Room, St. Paul

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Continuation of Department of Revenue performance evaluation.

**Legislative Commission
on Pensions and Retirement**

15 State Capitol

Chr. Sen. Don Moe

Agenda: Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) Unclassified Retirement Plan; inclusion of unclassified state lottery employees. State Patrol Retirement Plan; inclusion of gambling enforcement officers. Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA); elimination of elected official optional membership provision and purchase of prior service. Major and statewide retirement plans; Allocation of Actuarial Valuation and Experience Study. PERA-P & F (Police & Fire) Consolidation Accounts; maximum municipal contribution for Consolidating Relief Associations. State University and Community College Individual Retirement Account Plan; Refund Interest Rate; exclusion for certain part time faculty; and reorganization of College Supplemental Plan. All retirement plans; total rate of return investment performance reporting requirement.

10:00 a.m.

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL
RESOURCES**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HFXXXX (Wagenius) Amendments to the Waste Management Act. HF1949 (Winter) Municipal wastewater treatment grant requirements changed. HFXXXX (McEachern) Environment education bill.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: HF1834 (Wenzel) Abortions not allowed for birth control purposes and informed consent required before performing an abortion. Testimony by proponents of the bill only.

**No meetings are scheduled for the
afternoon due to precinct caucuses.**

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28

8:00 a.m.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Complete University of Minnesota bonding overview. Presentation on Western Interstate Compact for Higher Education. Overview of proposed Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Capital bonding proposals: Minnesota Zoological Garden, Metropolitan Council Metro Parks, Department of Trade and Economic Development, and the Amateur Sports Commission.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

Agenda: Report on January 15 settlement date: Paul Goldberg, Bureau of Mediation Services. HF2059 (Carlson, L.) Special school district 1, Minneapolis, allowed to use federal funds to remodel the aviation training center at Flying Cloud Airport. HF168 (Jaros) Coursework for administrators and faculty. HF1878 (Jaros) Students' Day established.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: To be announced.

9:00 a.m.

Transportation Study Board

400N State Office Building

Chr. Sen. Keith Langseth

Agenda: Review of: the draft performance measures for roadways as a part of the study board's needs study analysis; the Transportation Study Board interim report, Tom Johnson; Minnesota's aging bridges and the need for rehabilitation and reconstruction, Robert J. McFarland, president, Minnesota Transportation Alliance; and the Regional Transit Board's light rail transit proposals, Michael Erhlichman, chair, Regional Transit Board.

10:00 a.m.

**Higher Education Division/
EDUCATION**

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros

Agenda: HF2008 (Pelowski) Undergraduate academic programs; endowments provided matching state grants through higher education coordinating board. Overview: officials of Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education. HF2024 (Olson, K.) Midwestern Higher Education Compact established.

lished and members appointed. HF2011 (Price) Education; changing state board of vocational technical education powers. HF2058 (Carlson, L.) Vocational-technical colleges; certain titles changed.

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HFXXXX (Vellenga) Omnibus child protection revitalization.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: SF1087 (Kroening)/HF136 (Dawkins) Landlord-tenant; provide for action against certain unoccupied buildings. HF693 (D. Carlson) Housing; animals, allow elderly tenants to keep pets.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle
Agenda: HF1834 (Wenzel) Abortions not allowed for birth control purposes and informed consent required before performing an abortion. Testimony by opponents of the bill only.

12:30 p.m.

INSURANCE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: HF1897 (Winter) Liability insurance claim denials regulated and restricted. HF1902 (Peterson) Property and casualty insurance; certain agents compensated upon termination. HF1984 (Skoglund) Health and accident insurance companies allowed to coordinate benefits from group and individual contracts to prohibit excess coverage. HFXXXX (Winter) Rental vehicle coverage. HFXXXX (Carruthers) Auto Assigned Claims Plan, basic economic loss benefits.

TRANSPORTATION
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: HF1857 (Lieder) Regional development commissions allowed to receive state finances for public transport programs, debarred persons further restricted when dealing with public contracts, and interstate motor carrier

registration agreements changed. (Department of Transportation housekeeping) HF1981 (Johnson, A.) Motor vehicle registration provisions changed. (The Department of Public Safety housekeeping.) HF1965 (Cooper) Omnibus rural health care bill. HF1989 (McEachern) Driver education vehicles used by private school programs allowed tax-exempt license plates. HF1860 (Sviggum) Headlights required during inclement weather.

2:30 p.m.

**Education Finance Division/
EDUCATION**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: HFXXXX (Nelson, K.) Department of Education bill.

**ENVIRONMENT
& NATURAL RESOURCES**
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF1948 (Price) Amendments to the Groundwater Protection Act. HF1328 (Reding) Mandating requirements on certain development regarding parking lot runoff. HF1918 (Reding) Metropolitan waste control commission; criminal and civil penalties provided for violations of pretreatment standards. HFXXXX (Johnson, B.) Forest arson. HF1816 (Sparby) Petroleum tank release clean-up fund; collection period and reimbursement terms changed.

Privacy Subcommittee/JUDICIARY
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh
Agenda: HFXXXX Omnibus data practices bill. HFXXXX Interagency data transfers.

**Safety Subcommittee/
TRANSPORTATION**
400N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Andy Steensma
Agenda: HF1819 (Blatz) Motorcycle riders must be at least four years old and able to remain on the seat without artificial support. HF1334 (Kostohryz) Repeal of Dimler Amendment.

4:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Todd Otis
Agenda: HFXXXX (Rest) Tax Incre-

ment Financing (TIF). Meeting will continue at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Todd Otis
Agenda: Continuation of 4:00 agenda and the Greater Minnesota Corporation.

THURSDAY, March 1

8:00 a.m.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: To be announced.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: To be announced.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Presentation of the Governor's Operating Budget and Bonding Proposal: Peter Hutchinson, commissioner of finance.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: To be announced.

Property Tax Subcommittee/TAXES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ann Rest
Agenda: HF1936 (Rest) Property tax; technical corrections and administrative changes made, and management and clean-up of tax-forfeited land provided.

Tax Laws Subcommittee/TAXES
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin
Agenda: HF244 (Carruthers) Administrative procedures bill.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: HF1613 (Kostohryz) Employment; regulating employee inventions.

HF1730 (O'Connor) Commerce; requiring seating furniture in public occupancies to meet flammability and labeling standards.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HFXXXX (Munger) Toxic Pollution Prevention Act.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: HF2021 (Rodosovich) Requiring a surcharge fee for hearing instrument sellers. HF2045 (Williams) Mentally retarded person redefined for purposes of commitment. HF2050 (Rodosovich) Human services department may lease property to provide state-operated, community-based programs.

12:30 p.m.

International Trade & Technology Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger
Agenda: To be announced.

Rural Resource Development Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: Aquiculture in Minnesota

Elections Division/GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid
Agenda: HF1916 (Scheid) Elections provisions changed for local governments and political subdivisions, inconsistent general and special law and home rule charter provisions superseded, and money appropriated. HF1988 (Jefferson) Absentee ballots automatically provided to permanently ill or disabled people. HFXXXX (Abrams) Automatic recounts. HF1870 (McEachern) School district election procedures changed. HFXXXX (Osthoff) Presidential primary. HF2041 (Scheid) Voter registration, absentee voter, and polling place roster provisions clarified, and certain time limits changed. (Secretary of State housekeeping.) This meeting is scheduled to continue after session.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: HF2018 (Bertram) Legal

newspaper filing requirements changed. HF1555 (Blatz) Fees; providing for fees charged by county recorder. HF2022 (Quinn) Liquor licensing powers delegated to town boards in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, and Scott counties. HF1877 (Schreiber) Hennepin county to issue bonds for a public safety building.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

After Session

AGRICULTURE

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

Elections Division/GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid
Agenda: Continuation of earlier meeting.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

400N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Dee Long
Agenda: Amendments to the Permanent Rules of the House.

6:00 p.m.

**Marriage and Dissolution
Subcommittee/JUDICIARY**
200 Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly
Agenda: To be announced.

**6:30 p.m. or after session
(whichever is later)**

INSURANCE

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: To be announced.

FRIDAY, March 2

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: Budget overview/Department of Finance.

Property Tax Subcommittee/TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ann Rest
Agenda: HF1817 (Olson, E.) Equalization aid and net tax capacity programs modified.

9:00 a.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle
Agenda: HF1834 (Wenzel) Abortions not allowed for birth control purposes and informed consent required before performing an abortion. Continued consideration, no public testimony. This meeting is scheduled to last all day.

10:00 a.m.

Child Care Task Force

Kelly Inn Room Sibley A & B, St. Paul
Agenda: The current child care delivery system at the state level. A panel representing State Planning, the Department of Education, the Department of Human Services, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Department of Jobs and Training will discuss the responsibilities of each department in regards to child care. Jim Nicholie will be presenting a report on the child care subsidy and how it affects the family.

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: Overview of the Governor's Operating and Capital Budget Recommendations.

JOINT MEETING

**Surface Transportation Subcommittee/
TRANSPORTATION & Metropolitan
Affairs Subcommittee/LOCAL GOV-
ERNMENT & METROPOLITAN
AFFAIRS**

5 State Office Building
Chrs. Rep. Alice Johnson
& Rep. Phil Carruthers
Agenda: Report on the status of airport studies: Metropolitan Council and Metropolitan Airport Commission.

12:30 p.m.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly
Agenda: Report from federal consultant Dr. Roger Lauen on Ramsey and Hennepin County pre-sentence jail needs. HFXXXX (Vellenga) Omnibus child abuse HF2038 (Orenstein) Human rights; discrimination statutes changed for age, familial status, pregnant employees, threats against homeowners and renters, and others.



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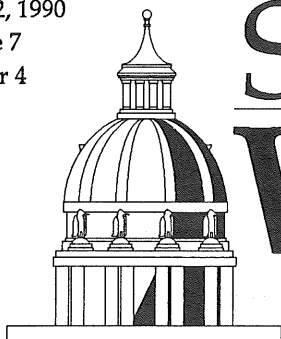


Fourth-graders from St. Paul Academy got a history lesson from American flag historian Robert I. Richardson Feb. 22 in the Capitol Rotunda. All but one of the flags pictured are predecessors to the current American flag.

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It's a fact!

Here's some Capitol trivia that may have gone unnoticed:

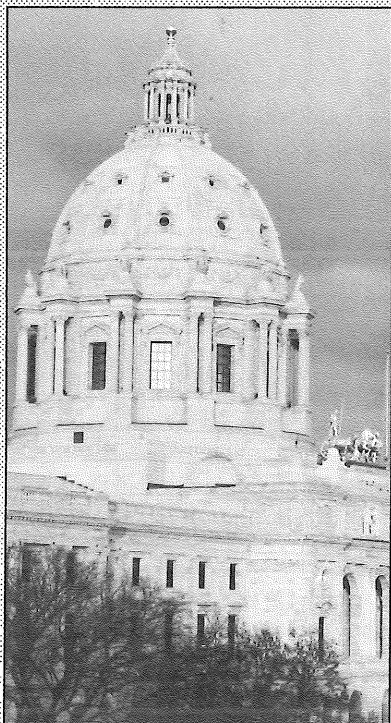
Did you know that the ball at the top of the Capitol dome is 41.7 inches in diameter, that there are 315 steps from the north entrance of the Capitol to the top of the dome, and that there are 214 steps from the third floor of the Capitol to the top of the dome?

Those are among the discoveries made by an eight-person crew during the 1988 Capitol exterior restoration project. The crew repaired the Capitol ball and the lantern near its base.

Also noteworthy:

The chandelier/electrolier in the center of the dome is suspended on a chain 28 feet long, and the chandelier itself is 7 feet high, 6 feet wide and weighs slightly over a ton. The chandelier is made from 38,844 pieces of Austrian beaded glass.

And it's 223 feet from the top of the dome to the ground.



Highlights

Open meetings

Public officials would be required to state why they intend to close public meetings under a bill approved Feb. 26 by the Judiciary Committee.

The measure would also allow government officials to publicly discuss the reasons for final disciplinary actions against most public employees.

"This bill is a compromise between openness and privacy," says Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), the bill's chief author. "We've had a lot of closed meetings going on, situations where the public is sitting in a meeting and all of a sudden it's closed and they're kicked out."

The bill would require officials at such public meetings to disclose the kind of business they'll discuss and to specify the grounds for closure. Currently, public officials are allowed to close public meetings whenever "non-public data" is discussed.

The measure also provides immunity to public officials when discussing non-public data as long as the remarks are not malicious and the discussion is necessary to conduct the business of the body.

The bill includes a provision that would allow those in a meeting to assign a letter or number to people under discussion to shield their identities.

Starter homes

A bill that would encourage first-time home buyers in the metro area to move into already existing homes instead of building new ones was approved by the Housing Division of the Financial

Institutions and Housing Committee Feb. 26.

Under the bill sponsored by Rep. Connie Morrison (IR-Burnsville), the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) and local housing authorities would be restricted from making loans for new single family housing in the metro area during the first eight months that financing is available.

Too many tax dollars are being channeled into new communities at the expense of older ones, says Morrison, who objects to the use of tax money to finance the infrastructure of new communities.

"When people find that the new house they built has a skylight, but doesn't have a sidewalk and doesn't have a park, they immediately go to city hall and ask for these things to be put in," she says.

The restriction on new homes wouldn't apply to redevelopment areas, parcels of land acquired through tax forfeiture, and on homes that are financed with some form of government assistance to make them more affordable.

Jill Sammon of the Minnesota Realtors Association opposed the bill.

"I don't think it's right for the government to say that people of lower or moderate income can't choose what kind of house they want to live in," she says.

The bill also applies to manufactured homes; an amendment that would have exempted such homes from the proposed law was defeated.

HF1669 was sent to the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee for further consideration.



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Garage door regulation

How do homeowners test the safety of their garage door openers?

Officials answered that question for Commerce Committee members during a March 1 hearing on a bill that would regulate garage door opening systems.

They told lawmakers that to determine whether a garage door opener meets the minimum safety standard, one should place a two-inch piece of wood on the floor, and close the garage door. If the door works properly, it will reverse itself within two seconds of striking the wood.

HF2393 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul) would require automatic garage door openers to meet that standard, which Underwriters Laboratories developed, beginning in 1991.

Garage door openers installed before the effective date would be affected only if the homeowner sells the property. Then, the homeowner would either fix or remove the defective opener.

The proposal also would require garage door openers in 1993 to have a fail-safe system of remaining closed if the reverse mechanism doesn't work.

The committee approved the bill.

School district spending

School districts around Minnesota spend about \$3 per student for every hour the student is in school, according to a report from the Office of the Legislative Auditor. That translates into a yearly average of \$4,243 per student to operate the state's 436 districts.

The legislative auditor's examination of school district spending also found that smaller school districts spend more per student than larger ones. The office surveyed 97 districts and presented its findings to the Education Committee Feb. 26.

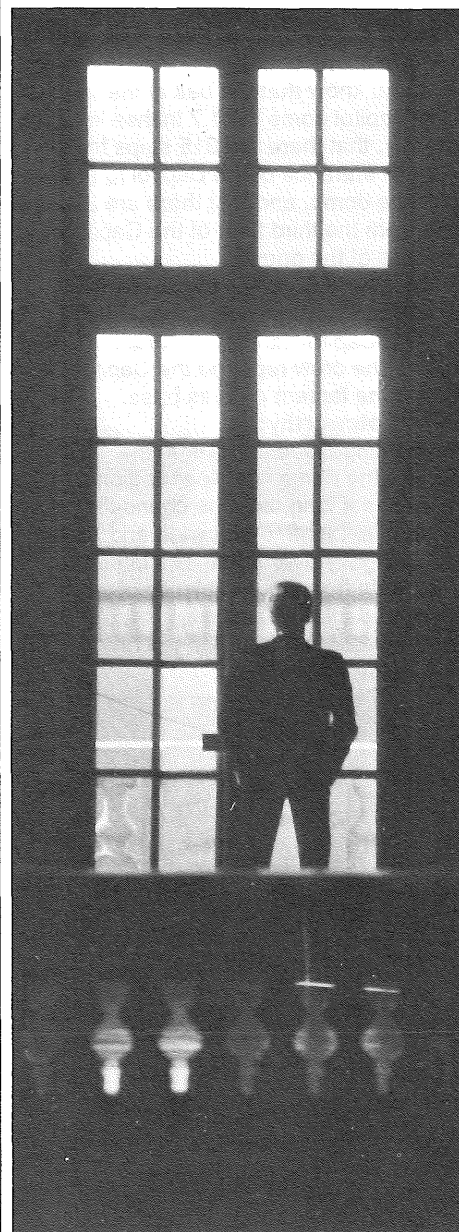
Fewer students mean less leeway in spreading the costs around, so smaller schools' per-pupil costs are about \$1,000 above the state average, the report says. Auditors suggest that the state could save about \$10 million if 85 of the state's smallest school districts closed.

Other cost-saving measures the report recommends are sharing superintendents, reducing compensation for school board

members, and pricing lunches to recover costs of the hot lunch program.

The report also finds that districts misreported 45 percent of the expenditure items tested to the Department of Education.

The report concludes that current method of reporting is cumbersome, complex, and difficult to understand, and that simplifying the system would lead to more reliable and consistent information.



Lobbyist Bob Orth could only gaze from a Capitol window at the spring-like weather as temperatures climbed above 50 degrees.



Several hundred workers representing privately operated residential group homes for the retarded rallied at the Capitol Feb. 27 for pay equal to that of workers in state facilities.

Bargaining deadlines

The Jan. 15 deadline for teacher contract settlements is better than a September or October deadline, the Education Committee learned Feb. 28.

The Legislature last session imposed the Jan. 15 deadline for school districts and teacher unions to reach contract settlements or lose \$25 in state aid per pupil for each day beyond the deadline. The idea behind the deadline was to provide an incentive to school districts and teachers to settle contracts quickly.

The contract deadline was imposed for the 1990 fiscal year only, and will expire if the Legislature doesn't extend it to future contract periods. But so far, no one has introduced a House bill that would continue the deadline.

Bureau of Mediation Services Commissioner Paul Goldberg says only one contract was settled after the Jan. 15 deadline, but 11 union locals issued strike notifications.

Representatives of both the Minnesota Education Association and the Minnesota Federation of Teachers say their groups have no official positions on the Jan. 15 deadline.

But both representatives say they are opposed to pushing the deadline back to September or October. They say that would be unrealistic because members of

negotiation teams may not be available during the summer.

A spokesman for the State School Board Association says his group favors delaying any legislative action until the 1991 session so all the consequences of a deadline can be measured.

Arts school funding

The Minnesota Center for Arts Education in Golden Valley spends almost twice as much per student than other public schools when you include state-paid living expenses, according to testimony Feb. 26 at the Education Committee's Education Finance Division meeting.

The center spends about \$8,500 per year per student, says Jim Undercofler, director of the center. That includes \$5,500 per student in operating expenses and \$3,000 per year for living expenses for those students who live on campus.

In contrast, the state average for K-12 spending per student is \$4,200, according to a legislative auditor's report on Minnesota school spending. But that figure doesn't include any living expenses. Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls) says he's concerned whether the compari-

son is accurate and asked Undercofler to analyze the figures to see if they're being calculated in the same way.

Area learning centers

Helping more people earn high school diplomas is the idea behind a bill that would allow area learning centers to conduct Saturday classes.

Under the bill sponsored by Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids), the state's 20 area learning centers could be open on Saturdays, although they wouldn't be required to open.

"We're trying to provide access to the students so they can meet their graduation requirements, and indeed, graduate," said Bauerly at a Feb. 26 Education Committee meeting. By operating on Saturdays, students who work could be better served.

Area learning centers offer year-round educational programs for adults and youth who haven't earned a high school diploma in a traditional way because they've either dropped out of school or are disadvantaged in some way.

Bauerly says the bill would limit Saturday sessions to area learning centers. After hearing the bill, the committee sent it to the Education Finance Division for further review.

Education endowments

The state would match private endowment gifts to college undergraduate programs, if a bill approved by the Education Committee's Higher Education Division Feb. 28 becomes law.

The matching program would apply to the University of Minnesota, state universities, and private colleges. The Higher Education Coordinating Board would become the administrator.

Bill sponsor Gene Pelowski (DFL-Winona) says the bill would allow the private sector, "which in some instances has been critical of our educational systems, to put its money where its mouth is and say, 'all right, if you want to assist higher education in Minnesota . . .

fine, we will create a state program that will assist you in leveraging those dollars.”

Tim Burchell, a representative from St. Mary's College, says the bill would help motivate donors to invest money in programs that are sometimes difficult to find support for, such as endowed chairs, library endowments, and undergraduate research endowments.

A community college official says that the program, which calls for no funding this year but a \$15 million to 20 million appropriation next biennium, would fight for dollars with other higher education programs seeking funds. In addition, some legislators say the matching program should also apply to community and technical colleges.

The division sent HF2008 to the full Education Committee.

Child protection

A child protection bill heard Feb. 28 in the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division meeting would ensure that a child's best interests are met in cases of child abuse.

Under HF2390 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul), children could be removed from their home if child protection workers suspect abuse and the parent has had other children removed for the same reason. Currently, when a victim is removed from a home and the abuse falls on another child, the courts must again prove the parent unfit before the new victim can be removed.

The bill also states that the child's best interests rather than reunification with the family is the main court consideration. It would terminate parental rights if the parent has failed to successfully complete required treatment programs two or more times. And it would permit local welfare agencies and law enforcement agencies to exchange child abuse and neglect reports with similar agencies in other states. Currently, such information is classified as private data.

Pollution prevention

On March 1, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee recommended passage of a bill that would reduce the amount of toxic chemicals used by industries and others.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), says the bill is important because it deals with the pollution problem by reducing the use of harmful chemicals instead of the conventional method of curbing pollution in smoke stacks.

Environmental groups and industries support the bill which includes provisions for financial aid to industries for the development of technology that reduces the amount of chemicals they need. The bill also requires industries to submit to the Office of Waste Management a toxic reduction plan that identifies the steps the company is taking to reduce or eliminate the need for toxic chemicals.

Fees imposed on toxic users and generators will pay administrative costs.

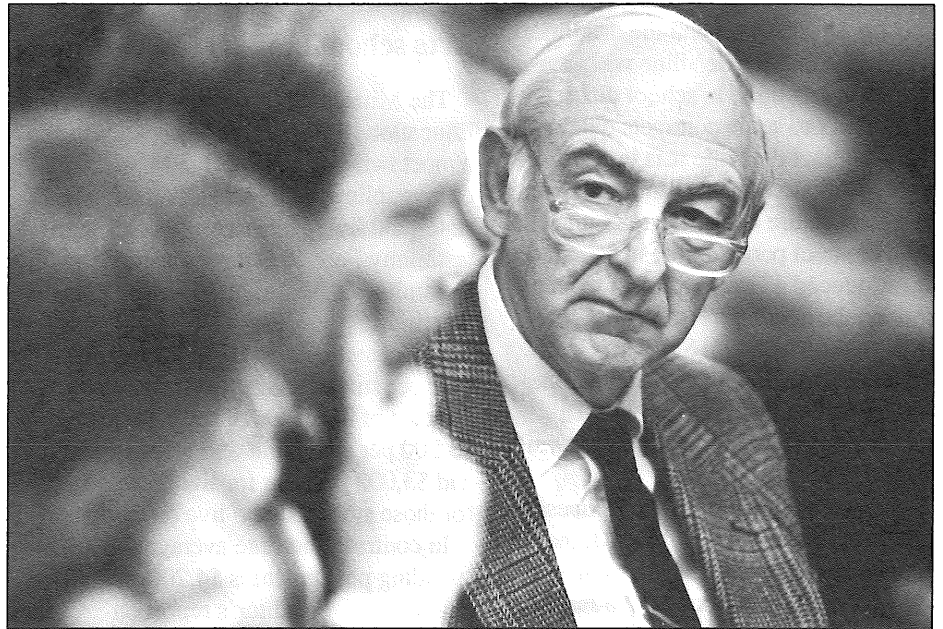
Wild land arson

Arsonists would face a felony charge if they set fire to Minnesota wilderness under provisions of a bill the Environment and Natural Resources Committee passed March 1.

Bill sponsor Rep. Bob Johnson (DFL-Bemidji) says Minnesota has a large wilderness fire problem compared to other states. He worries about the increased numbers of fires in Minnesota. Johnson says a study conducted during the legislative interim reports that arsonists caused 35 percent of fires in the wilderness. In 1987, the state appropriated \$15 million for fire fighting efforts.

Johnson says current Minnesota laws don't include wild land arson which makes prosecution difficult. In 1988, arsonists torched more than 100,000 acres in 39 counties.

He says areas of sparse population aren't the only areas being burned. Increasingly, arsonists strike areas close to homes and farmland, resulting in vast



State architect Bruce Tabor looks on as Tom Maloy, an assistant commissioner for the Department of Health, testifies during a meeting of the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 27.

property damage.

Moose Lake Fire Chief Osten Berg says he welcomes any means law enforcement can muster to deter arsonists since the continuing drought makes Minnesota vulnerable to fires.

"This law could help us get out the message that you don't burn Minnesota," says Berg.

The panel referred the bill to the Judiciary Committee for further discussion.

Gambling regulations

A bill regulating the state's lawful gambling industry that's designed to stop cheating by operators and money laundering by organizations was heard Feb. 22 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee.

The bill would require pulltab operators to mark off winning tickets as they are won and to post the names of the people winning them. Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester) says a recent study found about 4 percent of the players were winning 90 percent of the prizes. He says there's reason to believe someone is tipping these players off on when they should play a game. Listing the winners left in a jar and the names of people winning could correct this problem, he says.

The bill also is aimed at stopping the laundering of gaming funds. Licensed charitable gambling organizations would be prohibited from giving money to each other and from giving money to a national parent organization if the parent returns anything of value back to the local affiliate.

Tom Anzelc, director of the Gambling Control Board, says when money is swapped between organizations or between a local affiliate and a national parent organization, the money is put into the organizations' general funds and is no longer under the control of his office. He says some organizations are doing this, and for his office to properly regulate gaming profits, he must have a better mechanism for tracking the money.

The committee will hear the bill again March 6.



Under the watchful eye of William R. Marshall, Minnesota's fifth governor, Melissa Swerdfiger checks her notes for a story she's writing for a reporting class at the University of Minnesota.

Security guard limits

A bill that would limit the activities of security guards during labor disputes was approved Feb. 26 by the Labor-Management Relations Committee.

The bill Rep. Joe Begich (DFL-Eveleth) sponsors would prohibit security guards from using inflammatory speech or gestures to provoke strikers, or from photographing strikers off company property.

The bill would also prohibit security guards from conducting surveillance of strikers and stopping vehicles off company property. Begich says he introduced the bill in response to actions by security guards during the recent labor dispute in International Falls.

Bill Peterson, president of the Minnesota State Building & Construction Trades Council, says he supports the bill because of the behavior of Vance International security guards during the strike.

"What this company has done, in conjunction with Boise Cascade and BE&K, is torn a once peaceful settlement of International Falls into a town that is absolutely scared to death," says Peterson, whose council represents some of the striking workers at the Boise Cascade plant. "People are afraid to leave their homes at night because of the invasion of BE&K and Vance Security."

BE&K is the Alabama-based general contractor that was hired by Boise to do construction work on the Boise expansion. The firm employed non-union labor.

Peterson says Vance security guards used language and gestures to provoke strikers, arbitrarily stopped vehicles on public roads, and videotaped strikers and other city residents away from the Boise plant.

But Lawrence May of the Minnesota Association of Private Detective Agencies, opposes the bill.

"Private security certainly doesn't condone what I've heard about the activities of Vance Security," he says. "Our company has provided security for about 70 labor disputes. In 31 years, we have never had a complaint filed against our company — ever."

HF1928 was sent to the House floor for further consideration.

Speeding violations

A bill that would place all speeding violations on a person's driving record sped through its first hearing and was unanimously approved by a Transportation subcommittee Feb.28.

The provision would repeal the so-called Dimler Amendment, which shields minor speeding violations — those up to 10 miles over the speed limit — from being placed on a person's driving record.

Proponents of the bill, sponsored by Rep. Dick Kostohryz (DFL-North St. Paul), say some courts are lowering speeding violations to between 65 mph and 55 mph in return for guilty pleas.

Jake Crandall of the American Automobile Association says the "sophisticated speeder" with a driving violation of 70 mph, might use the Dimler loophole to plea bargain down to 64 mph, thus avoiding a fine and a mark on their record.

Kevin Kittridge, chief of the Minnesota State Patrol, told lawmakers about a Dakota County driver who was clocked at 106 miles per hour in a 55 mile-per-hour zone and successfully plea bargained the ticket down to 64 miles per hour. He says a repeal would help state troopers enforce speeding laws and "sell traffic safety."

Proponents also say current law shields drivers from paying insurance premiums that reflect their driving habits. A representative from the Minnesota Trucking Association says when his industry hires drivers, the amendment may conceal their true road record.

No one testified against the bill.

The subcommittee sent HF1334 to the Transportation Committee for further consideration.

FACES AT THE CAPITOL

Phillips puts "Jolly Joe" Rolette days to rest

Phillips Legislative Service has been working for the Chief Clerk's Office since before the invention of the copy machine.

Back in the 1950s "the only copy of a bill was the original and the only person who had a copy of that bill was the committee chair," says William Lane Phillips, Sr., now semi-retired from the family business. As time went on, Lorna Phillips, the founder of the service, saw the obvious need for more bill copies to be reproduced beyond the few mimeographs taken from the chief clerk's original.

Currently, Phillips Legislative

Service, located near the state Capitol, prints and mails copies of every bill the day it's introduced. They are delivered to House and Senate members, staff, and various subscribers (which include lobbyists, state agencies, and local government units) by the following morning.

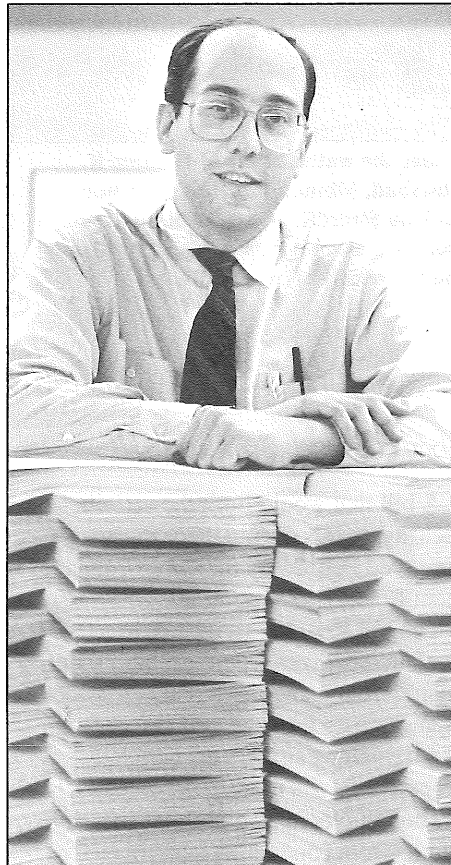
Simply put, it would be next to impossible today for "Jolly Joe" Rolette to take off with the only copy of the bill that would have made St. Peter the capital of Minnesota. Rolette's stunt back in 1857 kept St. Paul the capital.

Phillips also prints copies of bills for each member of a standing committee to which a bill was referred. When, or if, the bill supply is exhausted, or if a piece of legislation has a lot of public interest, more copies are ordered.

In addition to copying bills, Phillips now mails out a condensed, detailed version of every new bill that is introduced, including its author and the action taken.

House members, staff, and subscribers can usually run through one of the summaries in about 15 minutes, says owner Lane Phillips, Jr. They have become "a basic working tool for people at the Capitol" who don't have the time or desire to read through a lengthy bill, he adds. Lane does the bill breakdowns himself, with extra help from a lawyer or law student during the session.

Other services Phillips provides for the House include last-minute copying, printing of weekly schedules of committee hearings during the interim, and a separate publication listing bills that have been signed and filed by the governor.



Lane Phillips, Jr.



Notes

Guests who purchase a bottle of wine with their meal in a restaurant may be able to take the partially consumed bottle with them when they leave. The Regulated Industries Committee approved such a bill Feb. 26. The bottle, however, would have to be carried in the trunk of their vehicle.

Minnesota may have a new resource to improve its higher education system if HF2024 becomes law. The Education Committee's Higher Education Division approved a measure that would allow Minnesota to take part in a higher education compact with other midwestern states. The compact would allow member states to exchange higher education ideas and opportunities, and eliminate overlapping programs, says bill sponsor Rep. Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn). Five member states are needed for the compact to go into effect.

Minnesota minnows have a bad reputation, says Mike Mulford, chair of the state Aquiculture Commission. That's because early minnow exporters couldn't ship the fish to other states without great losses. But, he says, that's changing. Mulford asked the Rural Resources Development Division of the Economic Development Committee March 1 to consider laws that would encourage aquiculture in Minnesota.

Roy Wilkins, former NAACP executive director and St. Paul resident, may be memorialized on the Capitol grounds. Wilkins' accomplishments helped bring about the federal civil rights acts of the 1950s and '60s, says bill sponsor Rep. Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls). The Governmental Operations Committee approved his bill to permit the building of a memorial, Feb. 28. The bill goes now to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

The legislative auditor's recommendation to close 85 small schools is premature, says Robert Wedl, deputy commissioner of the Department of Education. Speaking before the Education Committee's Education Finance Division Feb. 28, Wedl said that since the audit was based on 1987-88 figures, it failed to consider savings these schools had last year because of cooperation programs between districts.

Depositors would receive priority over creditors in the liquidation of a financial institution under a bill the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee approved Feb. 21. Current law gives depositors and creditors equal priority. HF1913 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park) is now on the House Floor.

Elderly renters 55 or older would be allowed to keep a pet if they receive financial assistance to pay their rent or reside in a government subsidized building under a bill approved Feb. 28 by the Financial Institutions & Housing Committee. They would be allowed to keep a dog, cat, or two birds for companionship, as long as the pet doesn't cause a public nuisance. HF693 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone) is on the House Floor.

About \$100 million in state bonding would be available to develop a light rail transit system demonstration project in the Twin Cities metro area under a bill discussed by two subcommittees last week. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), would authorize \$10 million in state bonds for the remainder of this fiscal year and another \$90 million during the next biennium.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) may buy a Control Data building in St. Paul to meet its expansion needs, MnDOT representatives told a division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 27. Ed Cohoon, MnDOT's assistant commissioner, says they're considering the building because it can handle the high-tech equipment and computerization MnDOT requires. Several MnDOT departments now in rented buildings would move into the Control Data building. Cost estimates for the project are yet unknown, Cohoon says.

There's reason to celebrate if you're an ethnic American living in Minnesota. A proposal designating an Ethnic American day in Minnesota was approved by the Governmental Operations Committee Feb. 28. The purpose of Ethnic American day would be to "celebrate the diversity of Minnesotans," says Agnea Antoniades, a supporter of the bill. The day would be the first Sunday in June.

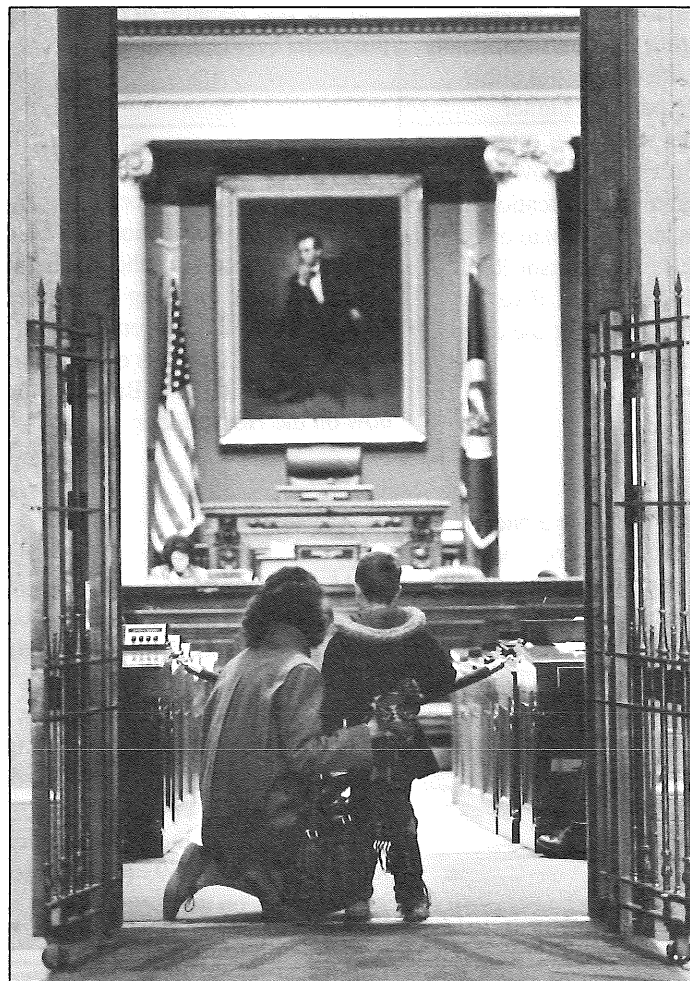
Small gas stations could be eligible for up to \$1 million for oil cleanup if a bill the Environment and Natural Resources Committee approved March 1 becomes law. Gas stations currently may receive up to \$250,000. Bill sponsor Rep. Wally Sparby (DFL-Thief River Falls) says these gas stations must pay high insurance fees because of the small amount available to them in the Petrofund; raising the amount of money available to owners would lower insurance costs.

Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul) is sponsoring a bill that would require the commissioner of Trade and Economic Development to submit a report on the effects of military spending on the state's economy. The Minnesota Task Force on Economic Conversion found that Minnesotans paid \$4.7 billion in taxes to the military in 1987.

Days honoring mothers, fathers, grandparents, secretaries, and bosses abound. Why not honor students? Rep. Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth) sponsors a bill that would set aside a day for high school and college students. Jaros says all students — not just athletes or student government members — deserve a day of recognition. The Education Committee okayed the bill Feb. 28 and sent it on to the House Floor.

March 3, 1855

On this day, the Legislature abolished imprisonment for debt in Minnesota.



Kathy Lynch of St. Paul shows her five-year-old son Brian the House chamber as the pair tour the State Capitol.

Minnesota House of Representatives 1990 Membership

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45A Abrams, Ron (IR)	211	9934
10B Anderson, Bob (IR)	317	4946
20A Anderson, Glen H. (DFL)	335	4228
6A Battaglia, David P. (DFL)	517	2190
18B Bauerly, Jerry J. (DFL)	349	5377
56B Beard, Pat (DFL)	565	3135
6B Begich, Joseph (DFL)	477	5063
53A Bennett, Tony L. (IR)	209	2907
16B Bertram, Jeff (DFL)	571	4373
33B Bishop, Dave (IR)	357	0573
41B Blatz, Kathleen (IR)	259	4218
8B Boo, Ben (IR)	311	2228
11A Brown, Chuck (DFL)	569	4929
43A Burger, John (IR)	225	9188
14B Carlson, Doug (IR)	203	4308
46B Carlson, Lyndon R. (DFL)	379	4255
47B Carruthers, Phil (DFL)	575	3709
60A Clark, Karen (DFL)	407	0294
30B Conway, Jeff (DFL)	423	8635
21B Cooper, Roger (DFL)	507	4346
9B Dauner, Marvin K. (DFL)	581	6829
65A Dawkins, Andy (DFL)	371	5158
23A Dempsey, Terry (IR)	261	9303
21A Dille, Steve (IR)	227	4344
24A Dorn, John (DFL)	533	3248
42B Forsythe, Mary (IR)	245	4363
24B Frederick, Marcel "Sal" (IR)	303	5513
32A Frerichs, Donald L. (IR)	389	4378
27A Girard, Jim (IR)	213	5374
61A Greenfield, Lee (DFL)	375	0173
17B Gruenes, Dave (IR)	201	6316
33A Gutknecht, Gil (IR)	309	9249
30A Hartle, Dean (IR)	233	5368
13A Hasskamp, Kris (DFL)	413	4333
31A Haukoos, Bob (IR)	279	8216
63B Hausman, Alice (DFL)	439	3824
45B Heap, Jim (IR)	281	7026
40B Henry, Joyce (IR)	323	7158
41A Himle, John (IR)	247	7803
29A Hugoson, Gene (IR)	221	3240
49B Jacobs, Joel (DFL)	485	4231
5B Janezich, Jerry (DFL)	597	0172
7B Jaros, Mike (DFL)	559	4246
57B Jefferson, Richard H. (DFL)	431	8659
19B Jennings, Loren G. (DFL)	331	0518
51A Johnson, Alice M. (DFL)	539	5510
4A Johnson, Bob (DFL)	345	5516
34A Johnson, Virgil J. (IR)	207	1069
58B Kahn, Phyllis (DFL)	369	4257
29B Kalis, Henry J. (DFL)	543	4240
67A Kelly, Randy C. (DFL)	509	4277
36A Kelso, Becky (DFL)	415	1072
4B Kinkel, Anthony G. "Tony" (DFL)	449	2451
43B Knickerbocker, Jerry (IR)	283	4315
54B Kostohryz, Dick (DFL)	585	4936
12B Krueger, Richard "Rick" (DFL)	433	3201
19A Lasley, Harold (DFL)	553	5364
2A Lieder, Bernard L. "Bernie" (DFL)	527	5091
48A Limmer, Warren E. (IR)	327	5502
59A Long, Dee (DFL)	459	0171
50A Lynch, Teresa (IR)	313	5369
36B Macklin, Bill (IR)	307	6926
17A Marsh, Marcus (IR)	295	7806
35B McDonald, K.J. (IR)	273	8872
22A McEachern, Bob (DFL)	343	4237
63A McGuire, Mary Jo (DFL)	377	4342
60B McLaughlin, Peter (DFL)	577	7152

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39B Milbert, Robert P. (DFL)	579	4192
20B Miller, Howard (IR)	353	5066
38A Morrison, Connie (IR)	387	4212
7A Munger, Willard (DFL)	479	4282
8A Murphy, Mary (DFL)	557	2676
11B Nelson, Clair (DFL)	515	4317
62A Nelson, Ken (DFL)	367	4244
3A Neuenschwander, Bob (DFL)	337	1188
66B O'Connor, Rich (DFL)	593	7807
14A Ogren, Paul Anders (DFL)	443	7808
44A Olsen, Sally (IR)	255	3964
2B Olson, Edgar (DFL)	529	4265
28B Olson, Katy (DFL)	523	5373
16A Omann, Bernie (IR)	229	6612
22B Onnen, Tony (IR)	277	1534
64B Orenstein, Howard (DFL)	521	4199
66A Osthoff, Tom (DFL)	591	4224
23B Ostrom, Don (DFL)	401	7065
59B Otis, Todd (DFL)	403	9281
37B Ozment, Dennis (IR)	287	4306
65B Pappas, Sandy (DFL)	503	9714
42A Pauly, Sidney (IR)	291	7449
52B Pellow, Dick (IR)	215	0141
34B Pelowski, Gene, Jr. (DFL)	531	8637
18A Peterson, Jerome "JP" (DFL)	421	6746
10A Poppenhagen, Dennis (IR)	301	5387
56A Price, Len (DFL)	417	3018
39A Pugh, Thomas W. (DFL)	501	6828
50B Quinn, Joe (DFL)	445	2439
32B Redalen, Elton R. (IR)	251	9278
31B Reding, Leo J. (DFL)	537	4193
46A Rest, Ann H. (DFL)	429	4176
57A Rice, James I. (DFL)	381	4262
12A Richter, Don (IR)	223	4293
25B Rodosovich, Peter (DFL)	451	8237
5A Rukavina, Tom (DFL)	473	0170
52A Runbeck, Linda (IR)	329	4226
58A Sarna, John J. (DFL)	563	4219
35A Schafer, Gary (IR)	217	8634
47A Scheid, Linda (DFL)	583	3751
48B Schreiber, Bill (IR)	267	4128
38B Seaberg, Art (IR)	393	3533
44B Segal, Gloria (DFL)	551	9889
51B Simoneau, Wayne (DFL)	365	4331
61B Skoglund, Wesley J. "Wes" (DFL)	409	4330
3B Solberg, Loren A. (DFL)	453	2365
1B Sparby, Wally (DFL)	351	9918
53B Stanius, Brad (IR)	315	5363
27B Steensma, Andy (DFL)	471	4336
26A Sviggum, Steven (IR)	237	2273
55A Swenson, Doug (IR)	321	4124
40A Tjornhom, Chris (IR)	239	5375
37A Tompkins, Eileen (IR)	231	5506
67B Trimble, Steve (DFL)	491	4201
1A Tunheim, Jim (DFL)	525	9635
15A Uphus, Sylvester (IR)	253	5185
54A Valento, Don (IR)	359	7153
25A Vanasek, Robert (DFL)	463	4229
64A Vellenga, Kathleen (DFL)	549	8799
62B Wagenius, Jean (DFL)	545	4200
26B Waltman, Bob (IR)	289	9236
49A Weaver, Charlie (IR)	241	1729
15B Welle, Alan W. (DFL)	437	6206
13B Wenzel, Stephen G. (DFL)	487	4247
9A Williams, Diane Wray (DFL)	567	5515
28A Winter, Ted (DFL)	411	5505

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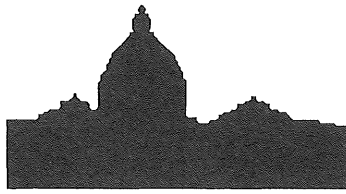
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22 Adkins, Betty A. (DFL)	235 Cap5981	67 Lantry, Marilyn M. (DFL)	328 Cap8017
12 Anderson, Don (IR)	153 SOB6455	10 Larson, Cal (IR)	145 SOB5655
29 Beckman, Tracy L. (DFL)	G-9 Cap5713	3 Lessard, Bob (DFL)	111 Cap4136
41 Belanger, William V., Jr. (IR)	107 SOB5975	47 Luther, William P. (DFL)	205 Cap8869
32 Benson, Duane D. (IR)	147 SOB3903	63 Marty, John J. (DFL)	235 Cap5645
11 Berg, Charles A. (DFL)	328 Cap5094	48 McGowan, Patrick D. (IR)	121 SOB2159
60 Berglin, Linda (DFL)	G-29 Cap4261	44 McQuaid, Phyllis W. (IR)	135 SOB1279
21 Bernhagen, John (IR)	113 SOB4131	26 Mehrkens, Lyle G. (IR)	127 SOB8075
16 Bertram, Joe, Sr. (DFL)	323 Cap2084	49 Merriam, Gene (DFL)	122 Cap4154
62 Brandl, John E. (DFL)	306 Cap4837	39 Metzen, James (DFL)	303 Cap4370
33 Brataas, Nancy (IR)	139 SOB4848	65 Moe, Donald M. (DFL)	309 Cap4264
14 Chmielewski, Florian (DFL)	325 Cap4182	2 Moe, Roger D. (DFL)	208 Cap2577
64 Cohen, Richard J. (DFL)	G-27 Cap5931	34 Morse, Steven (DFL)	309 Cap5649
50 Dahl, Gregory L. (DFL)	111 Cap5003	52 Novak, Steven G. (DFL)	301 Cap4334
18 Davis, Charles R. (DFL)	G-24 Cap2302	43 Olson, Gen (IR)	133 SOB1282
4 Decker, Bob (IR)	109 SOB0415	37 Pariseau, Pat (IR)	151 SOB5252
27 DeCramer, Gary M. (DFL)	303 Cap6820	17 Pehler, James C. (DFL)	G-9 Cap4241
5 Dicklich, Ronald R. (DFL)	235 Cap2859	19 Peterson, Randolph W. (DFL)	G-9 Cap8018
56 Diessner, A.W. "Bill" (DFL)	323 Cap8298	24 Piepho, Mark (IR)	105 SOB9457
61 Flynn, Carol (DFL)	G-274274	31 Piper, Pat (DFL)	325 Cap9248
51 Frank, Don (DFL)	G-9 Cap2877	58 Pogemiller, Lawrence J. (DFL)	306 Cap7809
30 Frederick, Mel (IR)	119 SOB4123	25 Purfeerst, Clarence M. (DFL)	303 Cap4167
20 Frederickson, David J. (DFL)	G-24 Cap5640	45 Ramstad, Jim (IR)	123 SOB9251
23 Frederickson, Dennis R. (IR)	143 SOB8138	46 Reichgott, Ember D. (DFL)	G-24 Cap2889
40 Freeman, Michael O. (DFL)	122 Cap9307	35 Renneke, Earl W. (IR)	117 SOB4125
8 Gustafson, Jim (IR)	115 SOB4314	13 Samuelson, Don (DFL)	124 Cap4875
54 Hughes, Jerome M. (DFL)	328 Cap4183	36 Schmitz, Robert J. (DFL)	235 Cap7157
15 Johnson, Dean E. (IR)	181 SOB3826	7 Solon, Sam G. (DFL)	303 Cap4188
6 Johnson, Douglas J. (DFL)	205 Cap8881	59 Spear, Allan H. (DFL)	G-27 Cap4191
53 Knaak, Fritz (IR)	149 SOB1253	42 Storm, Donald A. (IR)	125 SOB6238
38 Knutson, Howard A. (IR)	129 SOB4120	1 Stumpf, LeRoy A. (DFL)	306 Cap8660
57 Kroening, Carl W. (DFL)	124 Cap4302	28 Vickerman, Jim (DFL)	G-29 Cap5650
55 Laidig, Gary W. (IR)	141 SOB4351	66 Waldorf, Gene (DFL)	124 Cap3809
9 Langseth, Keith (DFL)	G-24 Cap3205	*Capitol or State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155	

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Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Monday, Feb. 26

State packers, stockyards act
HF984/SF889 (Olson E., DFL-Fosston)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Food rules—federal uniformity
HF2012/SF1902 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Seed potatoes—growing area restriction
HF2025/SF1982 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

COMMERCE

Thursday, March 1

Public furniture—flammability requirements
HF1730/SF1795 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Garage door openers—regulation
HF2393 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Tax increment financing—modification
HF2209 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—heard, amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

Community Stabilization Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, March 1

Wild rice—promotion council establishment
HF2253 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Economic Development Committee.

EDUCATION

Monday, Feb. 26

Cambridge—community college status
HF1771/SF1645 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Area learning centers—Saturday operations
HF1858/SF1686 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—heard; amended; re-referred to Education Finance Division.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Postsecondary training
HF168/SF394 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Students' day—establishment
HF1878/SF1791 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Aviation Training Center—remodeling
HF2059/SF1895 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Area learning centers—Saturday operations
HF1858/SF1686 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—heard; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Akeley school—fund transfer
HF1914 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—heard; amended into HF2200.

Joint power meetings—notice
HF1956/SF1975 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)—heard; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

School districts—notice requirement
HF1957/SF1976 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)—heard; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Area learning centers—Saturday operations
HF1962/SF1803 (Runbeck, IR-Circle Pines)—heard; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Mountain Iron-Buhl—account establishment
HF2069/SF2076 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—heard; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Shakopee—aid calculation
HF2260/SF2065 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)—heard; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Higher Education/EDUCATION

Wednesday, Feb. 28

College endowments—matching program
HF2008/SF2027 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Education Committee.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Vocational-technical board—changes
HF2011/SF1927 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Education Committee.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Higher education—midwestern compact

HF2024 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Education Committee.

Vocational-technical colleges—title changes

HF2058 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Education Committee.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Wastewater treatment grants—requirement changes

HF1949/SF1925 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Waste Management Act—changes

HF2108/SF1996 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—laid over. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Metropolitan Waste Control Commission—penalties

HF1918/SF2205 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Well construction, ownership—requirement clarification

HF1948/SF2126 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Waste Management Act—changes

HF2108/SF1996 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Thursday March 1

Water development—regulation

HF1328/SF2059 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Petroleum tank clean-up fund—changes

HF1816/SF1725 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Wild land arson—penalties

HF2131/SF2175 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Toxic pollution—prevention

HF2198/SF2173 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Neighborhood organizations—tenants' rights

HF136/SF1087* (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

Rental housing—elderly tenants' pets

HF693/SF1049 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Monday, Feb. 26

Single family housing—fund restriction

HF1669/SF1867 (Morrison, IR-Burnsville)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Elections Division/GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Thursday, March 1

Elections—uniform election day

HF1916/SF1944 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Presidential primary—changes

HF2325 (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)—heard.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Ethnic American day—designation

HF1919/SF1737 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate General Legislation & Gaming Committee)

Roy Wilkins memorial—establishment

HF1958/SF1823 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Rural health care

HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Transportation Committee. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

State contracts—task force establishment

HF2162/SF2114 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

County extension service—changes

HF2212 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—recommended to pass.

Thursday, March 1

Wholesale drug distributors—licensing

HF1847/SF1758 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Graduate assistants—public employee coverage

HF2062/SF1936 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

State employee provisions—changes
HF2081/SF1953 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Pension plans—technical changes
HF2199/SF2128 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Birth control abortions—prevention
HF1834/SF1688 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—heard. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Wednesday, Feb. 28

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HF1834/SF1688 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—heard. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Thursday, March 1

Dept. of Health—housekeeping bill
HF2021 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Mental retardation—definition
HF2045/SF1905 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Dept. of Human Services—property lease
HF2050/SF2041 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

INSURANCE

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Property, casualty insurance—agent compensation
HF1902/SF1995 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—laid over. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

JUDICIARY

Friday, Feb. 23

Government data practices—open meetings
HF1836/SF1874 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—heard; amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Charitable gambling—changes
HF1891/SF1853 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

Clay County—child custody mediation
HF1892/SF1800 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Second Judicial District—dispute resolution

HF1895/SF1917 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Crime victims rights, reparations
HF2063/SF1873 (Seaberg, IR-Eagan)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Monday, Feb. 26

Child abuse—definition expansion
HF1823/SF1845 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—heard. (SF on Senate Floor)

Government data practices—open meetings
HF1836/SF1874 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Drugs—penalty increases
HF1843/SF1759 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—heard; laid over. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child abuse—increased penalties
HF2044/SF1969 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—heard. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

DWI—crime victims reparations
HF2143/SF2043 (Janezich, DFL-Chisholm)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

**Criminal Justice Division/
JUDICIARY**

Monday, Feb. 26

Domestic abuse—prosecution
HF1884/SF1860 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—heard. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Mental illness—criminal defense study commission
HF2013 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

Telecommunication—criminal penalties
HF2195 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—recommended to pass as amended.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Child protection worker—assault penalty increase
HF2128 (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

Child abuse—protection, services
HF2390/SF2188 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—heard; amended. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Thursday, March 1

Domestic abuse—restraining orders
HF1884/SF1860 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child protection—omnibus bill
HF2390/SF2188 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Monday, Feb. 26

Labor disputes—security guards, agents

HF1928/SF2149 (Begich, DFL-
Eveleth)—recommended to pass as
amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 1

County recorders—fees

HF1555/SF1238 (Blatz, IR-
Bloomington)—recommended to pass;
placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Hennepin County—bond issuance

HF1877/SF1807 (Schreiber, IR-
Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass;
re-referred to Taxes Committee.
(SF in Senate Local & Urban
Government Committee)

Legal newspaper—deadline change

HF2018/SF1909 (Bertram, DFL-
Paynesville)—recommended to pass as
amended; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Anoka County—land sale, exchange authorization

HF2135/SF2024 (Quinn, DFL-
Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration
Committee)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, Feb. 26

Itasca County—off-sale liquor licenses

HF1807/SF1754 (Solberg, DFL-
Bovey)—heard; amended into HF2076.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Earle Brown Heritage Center— liquor license

HF1844 (Carruthers, DFL-
Brooklyn Center)—heard; amended in
to HF2076.

Liquor sales—candy liqueurs

HF2076/SF2108 (Jacobs, DFL-
Coon Rapids)—recommended to
pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

St. Paul parks, recreation— liquor license

HF2175/SF1961 (Dawkins, DFL-
St. Paul)—heard; amended into HF2076.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Minneapolis sports arena— liquor license

HF2190/SF2044 (Jefferson, DFL-
Mpls)—heard; amended into HF2076.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Dept. of Transportation— housekeeping bill

HF1857 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—
recommended to pass as amended.

Headlights—weather requirements

HF1860/SF1729 (Sviggum, IR-
Kenyon)—laid over.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Rural health care

HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-
Bird Island)—heard.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services
Committee)

Motor vehicle registration—changes

HF1981/SF2084 (A. Johnson, DFL-
Spring Lake Park)—recommended to
pass.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Driver education—tax exempt plates

HF1989/SF1775 (McEachern, DFL-
Maple Lake)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Driver licenses—electronic pictures

HF2294/SF2212 (Hausman, DFL-St.
Paul)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

FLOOR ACTION

CALENDER

Monday, Feb. 26

Water statutes—recodification

HF771/SF60* (Dille, IR-Dassel)—passed
(130-0).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 26

Volunteer drivers—rule exemptions

HF1859*/SF1806 (Steensma, DFL-
Luverne)—passed (129-0).
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Dept. of Commerce—communications regulations

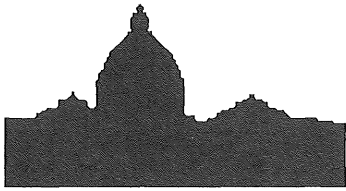
HF1985* (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—
passed (123-0).

GENERAL ORDERS

Thursday, Feb. 22

Water statutes—recodification

HF771/SF60* (Dille, IR-Dassel)—
recommended to pass.



For Your Information . . .

The Inside Report

Information brief examines state abortion law

The state's preference of birth over abortion and its interests in fetal life and maternal life were examined in "Minnesota Abortion Law," a brief prepared by the House Research Department.

Since 1978 the state has favored childbirth over abortion as being in the best interests of Minnesota citizens. The Medical Assistance (MA) law also includes this preference.

Minnesota laws prohibit the use of MA money for abortions unless one of three conditions are met:

- 1) the abortion is medically necessary to save the mother's life and the woman (or legal guardian) has consented to the procedure;
- 2) the pregnancy is the result of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and the crime, in most cases, was reported within 48 hours; or
- 3) the pregnancy is the result of incest, and the crime was reported to law enforcement officials before the abortion was performed.

The prohibition includes county welfare boards that provide medical assistance grants and reimbursements, political subdivisions that participate in the medical assistance program, and federal Medicaid funds that the state treasury receives.

Family planning grants administered by the state health commissioner can also not be used for abortion counseling. According to Minnesota law, the commissioner may make special grants to cities, counties and non-profit organizations to provide family planning services that *include* voluntary action by individuals to prevent or aid conception and *exclude* the performance of or referrals that encourage abortions.

In addition, insurance laws mandating maternity benefits do not cover elective, induced abortions. However, laws covering health maintenance organizations (HMOs) state that elective, induced abortions, except as medically necessary to save the mother's life, shall not be mandatory for any HMO.

Abortion performance regulation

Before the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion in 1973, it was a crime in Minnesota for a person to prescribe or administer drugs or instruments to cause an abortion. In 1974, the state Legislature enacted laws to bring the state's abortion laws in line with changes outlined in *Roe*. However, the Eighth District Federal Court of Appeals found three major flaws in the reconstructed Minnesota law.

The court struck down sections on a fetus' potential viability, saying the provision was too broad and presumed viability before the 24th week. In addition, the federal court struck down a portion of the law that prohibited abortions performed on an unconscious woman unless the abortion was necessary to save her life. The court said *Roe* gave the woman the right to decide on an abortion in the first trimester. The court also overturned a section that stated that no person, hospital, or institution shall be coerced, held liable, or discriminated against because of a refusal to perform, accommodate, or assist in an abortion. The court said the section was unconstitutional as applied to public hospitals and institutions because these facilities must be available for abortions.

State law also requires the state Department of Health to set up a confidential abortion reporting system to collect statistics on maternal health and gives the department the authority to regulate abortion facilities.

Parental notification

Nine years ago the Legislature enacted a law requiring minors to notify both parents at least 48 hours before having an abortion. However, in case a court invalidated this requirement, lawmakers included a "judicial bypass" provision, which allows a pregnant minor who chooses not to notify one or both parents

to petition the court to authorize the abortion without parental notification. The court could authorize the abortion if it found the minor was mature and capable of informed consent, or if the abortion were to be performed in the minor's best interest, regardless of maturity. A federal appeals court overturned an effort to eliminate judicial bypass.

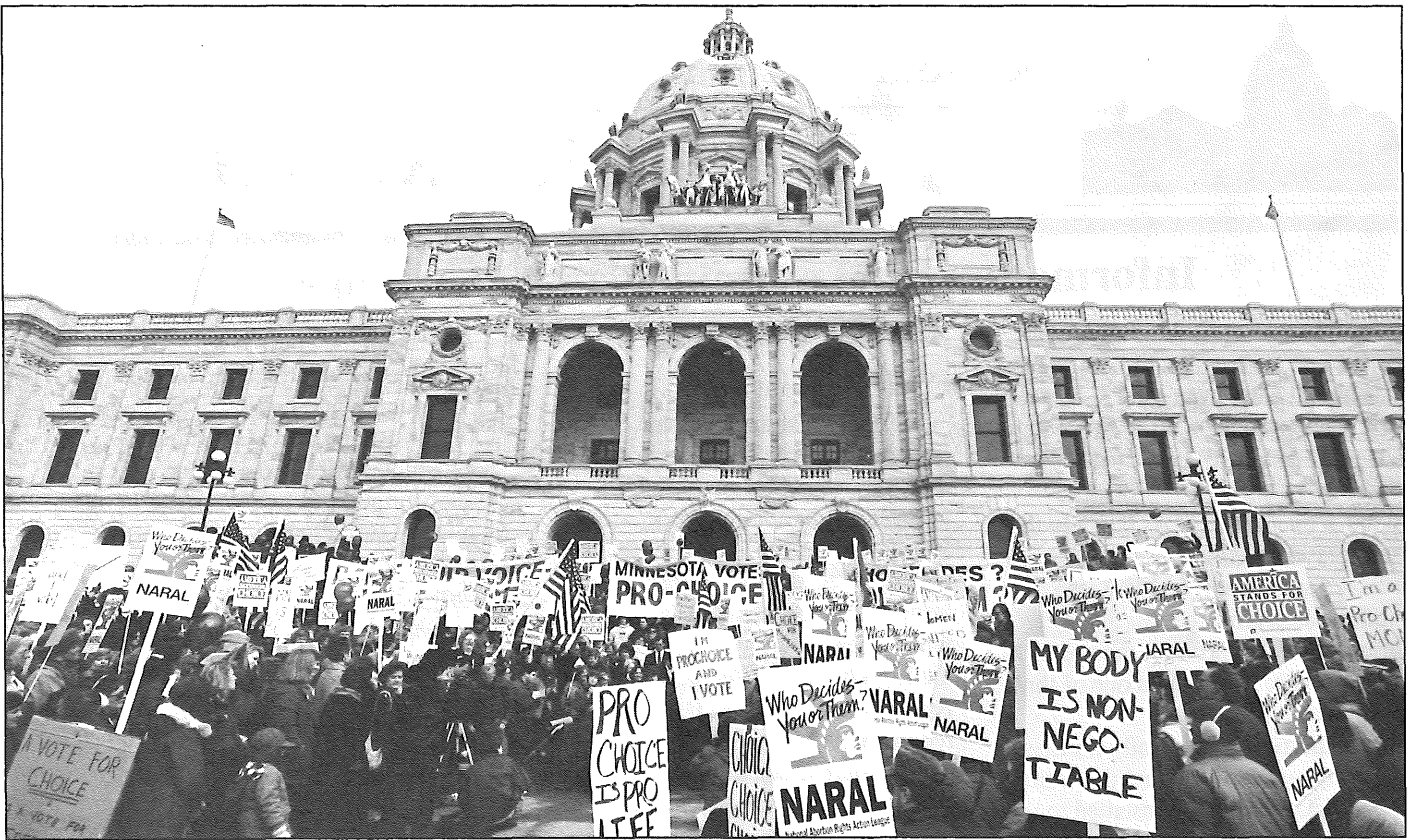
The U.S. Supreme Court late last year heard arguments on the parental notification rule and is expected to reach a decision sometime this year.

Other laws on fetal tissue and remains, liability

Experimentation or sale of a living human conceptus, or organism, for any type of scientific or laboratory research except to protect the life or health of the conceptus is a gross misdemeanor under state law. Another exception provides for research and experiments that have been shown harmless to the living human organism. It is also a gross misdemeanor, with exceptions, for a person to buy or sell a living human organism or nonrenewable body organ.

The Legislature also enacted a law that provides for a dignified and sanitary disposal of fetal remains. Medical facilities are required to dispose of the remains by cremation, burial, or in a manner directed by the health commissioner. A federal appeals court permanently enjoined the state from enforcing this statute, saying it was too vague. It is on appeal to a federal district court.

Using a common law cause of action called "wrongful conception," a doctor cannot be sued for negligently failing to give information so a pregnant woman may make an informed decision about abortion. But a parent could sue if a child is born as a result of a doctor's negligent performance of a sterilization procedure.



More than 2,000 abortion rights advocates rallied in front of the state Capitol Feb. 28.



Mary Spaulding, an attorney and member of the National Right to Life Committee, testified before the Health and Human Services Committee Feb. 27.

Scores of people sporting "Vote life" and "Choice" buttons arrived. Some rallied in the hallways and on the Capitol steps; some remained silent. State troopers patrolled the crowds, walkie-talkies in hand. The hearing room filled to capacity with the press in its own section; staff members in theirs. The media lights went on. And abortion foes and proponents pressed their points to lawmakers on a bill that would ban most abortions in Minnesota.

Lawmakers heard testimony on HF1834 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls) during two Health and Human Services Committee meetings Feb. 27 and 28.

The bill would outlaw abortions except to save the life of the mother or in cases of pregnancies caused by rape or incest or in cases of severe fetal deformity.

The Minnesota Medical Association also opposes the bill, saying it would create a significant intrusion on the physician-patient relationship and would have an overall negative impact on attempts to provide quality care and services to pregnant women and children.

But Dr. Steve Calvin, a Minneapolis obstetrician, says that the bill is necessary and that it serves to promote the health and well-being of Minnesota women and their unborn children.

Audience members listened attentively to testimony during the Feb. 27 hearing.



The ABORTION Hearings



Kate Michelman, executive director of the National Abortion Rights Action League, took the microphone during the Feb. 28 committee meeting.



Some onlookers wore clothing to emphasize their message



Members of the Health and Human Services Committee held two hearings (one for proponents; one for opponents) on HF1834 (Wenzel-DFL).

1990 House Leaders

Assistant Majority Leaders

Four members offer behind-the-scenes support

Speaker Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) and Majority Leader Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) are the most visible DFL leaders in the House, but they have a supporting cast of four assistant majority leaders who are often working behind the scenes.

Reps. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault) and Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples) represent the Greater Minnesota contingent; Reps. Peter McLaughlin (DFL-Mpls) and Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope) represent the metropolitan and suburban areas.

Directing the DFL caucus is a team effort between Vanasek, Long, and the assistant majority leaders. They attend weekly leadership meetings where DFL leaders discuss and plan caucus strategies.

Rodosovich and Krueger say communicating with members of the DFL caucus is a big part of their job.

"Talking with all of the caucus members gives me the pulse of how the caucus feels on a specific subject," says Krueger.

Rodosovich says he "serves as a listening post for other members." "And," he says, "I inform other members of discussions between the Legislature and

other branches of government, of decisions between the House and Senate on key issues, and on decisions of the DFL leadership."

Rodosovich says he also talks with members to find out how they feel about a particular issue. Rodosovich then tells the other caucus leaders of these views, which helps them formulate a better idea of what position the caucus should take.

Assistant majority leaders also serve as floor leaders during House sessions. The DFL caucus is split into four sections on the floor, and each covers a quadrant. They assist the majority leader in planning floor strategy and in day-to-day operations. They will survey members on a particular issue to see if the necessary votes are present on the floor to support a caucus position, and will make the necessary floor motions in support of the majority leader.

Krueger says one of his primary responsibilities is to ensure that tax and appropriation bills pass when they are brought up for discussion on the House floor.

"If you went by the inclination of the [House] body, much like the public, you would end up with a lot more spending and a lot less taxes. . . if you didn't have certain people such as assistants working to hold together the budget," says Krueger.

Rodosovich says he likes being an assistant majority leader because of the opportunities it gives him.

"I like the ability to work with all the members of the caucus and to learn more about the procedures and proceedings of the House," Rodosovich says.

In addition, Rodosovich says he "enjoys being a part of the planning, strategy, and focus mechanism of the caucus." He says the opportunity to talk and work with all caucus members isn't available to every member.

The assistant leaders are exposed to more issues facing the House and state than most members are and, oftentimes, will travel around the state to represent the House and DFL positions on issues.

They also take on extra duties because of their positions. Last year, Krueger was appointed a member of the committee

that negotiates salaries for House employee salaries. And Rodosovich recently finished directing the restoration of the House chamber.



Assistant Majority Leaders. (Left to right:) Reps. Peter McLaughlin, Rick Krueger, Ann Rest, and Peter Rodosovich.

A Window on the House

House Public Information Office

The Minnesota House of Representatives Public Information Office is the "first point of contact" for people who want state government information but aren't sure where to find it, says David Cummiskey, acting public information officer.

Whether constituents need to know their districts, the phone number of their representative, or directions to committee hearings, the purpose of the non-partisan office is to help people participate in the government process, he says. The office serves a variety of publics including the media, House members, staff, and all Minnesotans.

"We walk a tight line by serving the public as well as all 134 House members," says Peg Hamerston, assistant public information officer. "We try to stay with the issues and give fair coverage to all committees and divisions."

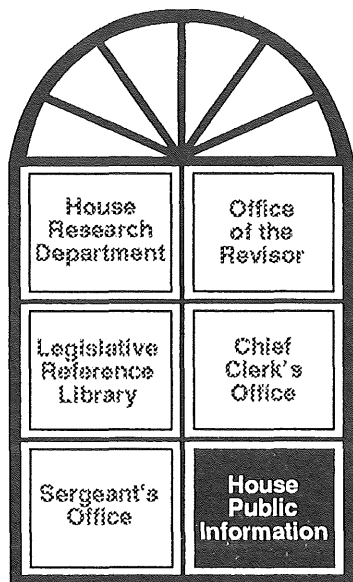
During each legislative session, the staff publishes a weekly newsletter, the *Session Weekly*, which covers committee and floor action on bills, lists bill introductions, highlights the week's legislative activities, gives the upcoming week's committee schedule and agendas, and provides other useful information about the House. Between sessions, the office reports on statewide mini-sessions, interim hearings and studies, and other state government news.

The *Session Weekly* staff aims to produce a weekly product that makes the legislative process easier to understand and more approachable. Writers cover committees and attend all scheduled hearings.

The office opens before the legislative day begins so that staff members can help people find committee hearing rooms. After the legislative day ends, the staff is available to answer questions about the day's events.

The office's radio line provides radio stations throughout Minnesota with access to up-to-date committee and floor action. A weekly news release service keeps media throughout the state informed of legislative action.

Two 24-hour call-in lines also provide



session information: (612) 296-9283 gives committee schedules and agendas; (612) 297-1264 reports bill actions from the preceding day. For general information, the public can call (612) 296-2146 or 1-800-657-3550. The staff answers telephone queries between 7:30 a.m. and 9 p.m.

A TDD, or telecommunications device for the deaf, is also provided by the office. Those with hearing impairments can ask questions or leave messages on the TDD line, (612) 296-9896, during

regular office hours.

The office staff publishes informational material about the lawmaking process. The material explains how to contact elected representatives, how a bill becomes law, and other helpful facts about the state and its government.

The House Information Office's main outreach program is a booth at the State Fair. "It takes a big piece of effort but it's a good way to let people know what our office does," says Cummiskey. Informational brochures, publications about the Legislature, and colorful district maps are available to locate representatives. And legislators and staff are there to discuss issues.

At the beginning of each biennium, the office sponsors a Media Day in which Minnesota journalists who are new to the Legislature learn how the process works. The journalists participate in a mock committee hearing and sit in on a legislative session in the House Chamber. During the day, representatives and other state officials are available for press conferences.

Beginning with the 1990 Session, the House Information Office added a new form of publishing geared to help the public find what they want faster and more easily.

Committee hearing information is now available on the Minnesota Legislative Information Systems (MLIS) computer. Previously, this information has been on the office's telephone recordings, but only on a limited basis.

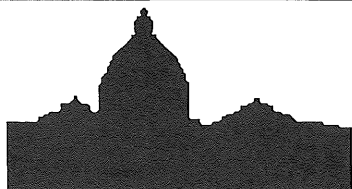
The service is for those who are at the Capitol regularly and want to look up bill information on their own, Cummiskey says. This means lobbyists or members of the public can now find the hearing history of a bill without having to go to several sources, he adds.

The computer service also makes it easier for people doing legislative history research to find the committee hearing history of a bill after session ends. "In the past, it has been very difficult to reconstruct a committee hearing history for those seeking more clarification of legislation," says Cummiskey.

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Publications

- **Session Weekly** — Newsletter that highlights daily House and committee action, lists bill introductions, advance committee schedules, and provides other information to help you follow the legislative process.
- **Interim Report** — A newsletter covering all legislative activity when the House is not in session.
- **Session Summary** — Book published after a legislative session adjourns summarizing all bills the governor signed.
- **Membership Directories** — A listing of House and Senate members.
- **Educational Materials** — Pamphlets and informational brochures explaining how government works, including "Your House on the Hill Coloring Book."
- **Chamber Seating Charts** — For both the House and Senate.



Bill Introductions

HF2268-HF2525

Monday, Feb. 26

HF2268—Simoneau (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
Energy efficiency projects; municipalities allowed to enter guaranteed energy savings contracts.

HF2269—Carlson, L. (DFL)

Appropriations
Permanent university fund investment provisions changed, and fund used to endow professorial chairs.

HF2270—Rest (DFL)

Education
Intermediate school district levy per pupil unit cap eliminated.

HF2271—Kelso (DFL)

Education
Independent school districts allowed to join intermediate districts, with requirements provided for technical colleges, special education, and other programs.

HF2272—Sviggum (IR)

Education
School district equity revenue changed.

HF2273—O'Connor (DFL)

Commerce
Credit card disclosure reports filed with state treasurer.

HF2274—O'Connor (DFL)

Commerce
Credit card late payment and delinquency charges regulated.

HF2275—O'Connor (DFL)

Governmental Operations
St. Paul police pension benefits changed.

HF2276—Kelly (DFL)

Judiciary
Peace officers to hold college degrees, professional peace officer education programs certified, and other peace officer licensing provisions changed.

HF2277—Pappas (DFL)

Judiciary
Sexual assault victims notified to risk of developing AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases, and money appropriated.

HF2278—Pappas (DFL)

Education
Labor studies and resource center established to train teachers, and money appropriated.

HF2279—Simoneau (DFL)

Governmental Operations
Public Employees Retirement Association and local relief associations to prepare calculations and complete consolidation.

HF2280—Bertram (DFL)

Health & Human Services
Physicians reimbursement increased under Medical Assistance, and money appropriated.

HF2281—O'Connor (DFL)

Governmental Operations
St. Paul police and firefighters relief associations authorized to make investments related to post-retirement adjustments.

HF2282—Uphus (IR)

Education
Driver's licenses issued as a condition of school attendance.

HF2283—Jefferson (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing
Low-income housing provided, council on homelessness established, related changes made, and money appropriated.

HF2284—Swenson (IR)

Taxes
Property tax; agricultural land expanded to include land used for boarding horses.

HF2285—Schreiber (IR)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Lobbyist contributions prohibited during legislative sessions.

HF2286—Gruenes (IR)

Insurance
Health care provided for uninsured residents, minimum benefits provided, tax credits allowed, and money appropriated.

HF2287—Gruenes (IR)

Transportation
Handicapped parking; mandatory minimum fines established for violations.

HF2288—Gruenes (IR)

Taxes
Sales tax exemption provided for removal of certain diseased shade trees.

HF2289—Olsen, S. (IR)

Judiciary
Controlled substance penalties increased for offenses in school or park zones, school and park boundaries increased for purposes of drug sales, and certain notices provided.

HF2290—Bertram (DFL)

Judiciary
Police dogs; penalty increased for killing a police dog engaged in correctional duties.

HF2291—McLaughlin (DFL)

Governmental Operations
Affirmative action; sanctions applied for failure to comply with affirmative action.

HF2292—Waltman (IR)

Transportation
Towns reimbursed for building certain bridge approaches, and money appropriated.

HF2293—Jaros (DFL)

Insurance
Health insurance; commissioners of commerce and health to help design uninsured low-income demonstration project.

HF2294—Hausman (DFL)

Transportation

Driver's licenses may bear electronically produced pictures.

HF2295—Marsh (IR)

Judiciary
District courts to maintain information on felony sentencing practices.

HF2296—Poppenhagen (IR)

Governmental Operations
Becker County to sell certain tax-forfeited land.

HF2297—Macklin (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources
Scott County; certain land sold by Department of Natural Resources, with proceeds appropriated.

HF2298—Solberg (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources
Well and groundwater use applications to include contingency plans.

HF2299—Solberg (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources
Drought emergencies planning and drought task force created.

HF2300—Johnson, R. (DFL)

Taxes
Income maintenance programs; equalization aid payments changed.

HF2301—Dawkins (DFL)

Health & Human Services
Chemical dependency consolidated treatment fund reported on by Department of Human Services.

HF2302—Swenson (IR)

Health & Human Services
Alternative care grants appropriated money.

HF2303—Stanilus (IR)

Judiciary
Adoption; independent and private adoptions and certain payments connected with adoptions prohibited.

HF2304—Bauerly (DFL)

Governmental Operations
Rental agreements for state property changed, and state to pay tenants for capital improvements when a lease is not renewed.

HF2305—Krueger (DFL)

Agriculture
Dairy products; standards established for light butter.

HF2306—Bishop (IR)

Transportation
Driver's licenses to carry living will designations.

HF2307—Quinn (DFL)

Education
Equalized aid and levies for exceptional need provided for school districts, and money appropriated.

HF2308—Quinn (DFL)

Education
Pupil unit weights changed for AFDC students, and money appropriated.

HF2309—Kinkel (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Cass County to sell certain tax-forfeited lands bordering Stevens Lake, Long Lake, and Lake Louise.

HF2310—Kinkel (DFL)**Education**

Education districts and school districts operating under joint powers agreements allowed to hold meetings via interactive television.

HF2311—Greenfield (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Radioactive waste; certain low-level waste not deposited at unlicensed facilities.

HF2312—Gutknecht (IR)**Insurance**

Health care provided for uninsured residents, benefits provided, tax credits allowed and money appropriated.

HF2313—Omann (IR)**Regulated Industries**

Off-sale liquor license provided for sale of Minnesota wine at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

HF2314—Stanisius (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Personal flotation devices required for people being towed on water.

HF2315—Stanisius (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Wage subsidy programs; one month probationary period provided.

HF2316—Ostrom (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Municipal electric companies to keep records as for public utilities and undergo annual financial audits.

HF2317—McDonald (IR)**Agriculture**

University of Minnesota to evaluate its agriculture programs.

HF2318—Uphus (IR)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Municipal hospital financial operating provisions changed.

HF2319—Olson, E. (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

District court administrators not allowed to appeal salary set by county board.

HF2320—Limmer (IR)**Judiciary**

Firearms; penalties increased for dangerous weapon offenses.

HF2321—Haukoos (IR)**Commerce**

Automobile purchase price refunds required to include an itemized statement.

HF2322—McDonald (IR)**Judiciary**

Flag burning prohibited in certain circumstances.

HF2323—Simoneau (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Public Employees Insurance Plan expanded, and classes of premiums established.

HF2324—Carruthers (DFL)**Insurance**

Health insurance; nondiagnostic use of X-rays prohibited, trade practices regulated, and payment of claims regulated.

HF2325—Osthoff (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Presidential primary provisions changed.

HF2326—Anderson, R. (IR)**Transportation**

Tires; retread tires prohibited on front wheels of commercial motor vehicle towing units.

HF2327—Jacobs (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Metropolitan telephone area expanded.

HF2328—Lasley (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Cambridge Regional Human Services Center to transfer water and sewer facilities to city, and money appropriated.

HF2329—McLaughlin (DFL)**Economic Development**

Legislative task force on employment in 1990s created.

HF2330—Reding (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Firefighters; professional firefighter certification established under board of professional firefighters.

HF2331—Tunheim (DFL)**Taxes**

Counties of Lake of the Woods, Beltrami, and Roseau reimbursed for funds lost through federal Bankhead Jones Farm Tenant Act leases.

HF2332—Begich (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Essential employee arbitration awards provided interest.

HF2333—Pappas (DFL)**Judiciary**

Privacy; right to privacy created by constitutional amendment.

HF2334—Orenstein (DFL)**Judiciary**

Toxic chemical not discharged into air or water, penalties increased for illegal disposal of solid waste, felony penalties imposed for tampering with pollution monitoring devices, and environmental cleanup imposed as restitution.

HF2335—Carruthers (DFL)**Insurance**

Health claims appeals regulated.

HF2336—Frederick (IR)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Waseca County; FarmAmerica exempted.

HF2337—Hausman (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Family planning and birth control research provided, and money appropriated.

HF2338—Kahn (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Lottery director to establish National Football League championship betting.

HF2339—Kahn (DFL)**Judiciary**

Ticket scalping penalties repealed.

HF2340—Kahn (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

On-sale liquor licenses issued by cities and counties for sales until 3 a.m.

HF2341—Pugh (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Private shooting preserves exempted from certain

licensing provisions for game birds and pheasant release provisions changed.

HF2342—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Preferred health care provider organizations to be licensed and regulated.

HF2343—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Comprehensive health insurance data classified and disclosure provided.

HF2344—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Medicare supplement insurance coverage regulated.

HF2345—Trimble (DFL)**Education**

Community colleges; student activity fee and fund established.

HF2346—Trimble (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Nursing home moratorium exception provided.

HF2347—Segal (DFL)**Commerce**

Asbestos contractors, consultants, and project monitors licensed.

HF2348—McLaughlin (DFL)**Taxes**

Medical debts exempted from collection; income levels increased for debtors.

HF2349—McGuire (DFL)**Judiciary**

Criminal vehicular homicide.

HF2350—McGuire (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

State park permits sold by designated agents.

HF2351—McGuire (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Conservation officers to seek issuance of and to serve search warrants.

HF2352—McGuire (DFL)**Taxes**

Property tax class rate reduced for certain nonprofit student housing.

HF2353—McGuire (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Property acquired for response actions provided disposition.

HF2354—Miller (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

PCBs burned only after an environmental impact statement, counties compensated for human health risks, permits and local approval required for burning PCBs, and other changes made.

HF2355—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

Training and experience funding changed.

HF2356—McEachern (DFL)**Education**

School District 885, St. Michael-Albertville, provided a capital loan.

HF2357—Valento (IR)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Elected county, city, town, and school district official salaries and per diem payments limited as a percent of governor's salary.

HF2358—Abrams (IR)
Health & Human Services
Intermediate care facilities serving people with mental retardation given temporary exemption from moratorium.

HF2359—Abrams (IR)
Taxes
Income and franchise tax checkoff provided for chemical abuse resistance education grants.

HF2360—Abrams (IR)
Insurance
Automobile insurance; uninsured motorist coverage regulated.

HF2361—Abrams (IR)
Taxes
Property tax; income qualifications changed for disabled people qualifying for class 1b tax treatment.

HF2362—Abrams (IR)
Insurance
Beneficiaries not changed without prior notice.

HF2363—Abrams (IR)
Health & Human Services
Child care; amount of care per child increased for children in drop-in day care programs.

HF2364—Dorn (DFL)
Appropriations
Mankato State University appropriated money from bond sales for capital improvements to Trafton Hall.

HF2365—Pugh (DFL)
Judiciary
Data classification provided

HF2366—Greenfield (DFL)
Judiciary
Juvenile court; juveniles prosecuted as adults for felony acts when they have also escaped from local juvenile delinquent correctional facility.

HF2367—Greenfield (DFL)
Judiciary
Juvenile delinquents who are 18 and escape from local juvenile correctional facility given criminal penalties.

HF2368—Bertram (DFL)
Agriculture
Noxious weed law provided to supersede old law.

HF2369—Orenstein (DFL)
Education
Human rights curriculum provided in elementary and high schools.

HF2370—Orenstein (DFL)
Judiciary
Medical facility access not to be blocked.

HF2371—Orenstein (DFL)
Judiciary
Tort liability; monetary limit raised for claims settled without court approval.

HF2372—Orenstein (DFL)
Transportation
License plates; manufacturer's registration plates and their use regulated.

HF2373—Olson, K. (DFL)
Transportation
Wheel flaps and covered loads regulated, with penalties provided.

HF2374—Bauerly (DFL)
Agriculture

Potato research and promotion council makeup changed.

HF2375—Tunheim (DFL)
Transportation
Transportation provided for nonresident students who present themselves on a regular transportation route.

HF2376—Tunheim (DFL)
Education
Secondary sparsity revenue increased.

HF2377—Tunheim (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Recreational all-terrain vehicles used for agricultural purposes or on private lands exempted from registration, with use limited.

HF2378—Tunheim (DFL)
Education
School District 676, Badger, allowed to borrow against taxes levied by district.

HF2379—Welle (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Case management services clarified for Medical Assistance, requirements specified for individual service plans, and certain county documentation required.

HF2380—Welle (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Mentally retarded people provided services in Willmar area.

HF2381—Nelson, K. (DFL)
Education
Education Organization Task Force continued and membership increased.

HF2382—Lasley (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Forestry; statewide program implemented to encourage maintenance and expansion of community and urban forests.

HF2383—McEachern (DFL)
Education
Environmental education act provided and office of environmental education created in planning agency.

HF2384—Rice (DFL)
Economic Development
Port authorities allowed to use foreign trade zone powers.

HF2385—Olson, E. (DFL)
Agriculture
Agricultural products sold with cash discount if interest discounts are provided for other sales.

HF2386—Rukavina (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
St. Louis County; solid waste management provisions changed.

HF2387—Olson, K. (DFL)
Education
Transportation not provided for nonresident pupils without school board approval.

HF2388—Lieder (DFL)
Education
General education revenue reduction revised.

HF2389—Otis (DFL)
Education
Incentives provided to motivate teachers and administrators to improve school performance, and money appropriated.

HF2390—Vellenga (DFL)
Judiciary
Child abuse; protection provided for abused and neglected children in comprehensive legislation.

HF2391—Kahn (DFL)
Appropriations
General fund revenues not used to pay for revenue bonds or notes.

HF2392—Kahn (DFL)
Judiciary
Forfeiture proceeds deposited in state treasury and allocated among agencies that assisted with forfeiture, and money appropriated.

HF2393—Milbert (DFL)
Commerce
Garage door systems regulated for residential buildings.

HF2394—Price (DFL)
Taxes
Property tax; homestead property subject to preferential class rates provided an increased market value.

HF2395—Sparby (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Thief River Falls Police Relief Association trust fund allowed less frequent actuarial surveys.

HF2396—Price (DFL)
Taxes
Watershed capital improvement costs paid by special levy.

HF2397—Kelly (DFL)
Judiciary
Traffic citation quotas prohibited.

HF2398—Beard (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Occupational safety and health; written programs for reducing work-place injuries prepared by employers.

HF2399—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Public assistance; counties allowed to keep half of what they recover for assistance costs.

HF2400—Greenfield (DFL)
Judiciary
Court-ordered care, examination, or treatment of juveniles by counties provided partial state reimbursement, and money appropriated.

HF2401—Tunheim (DFL)
Transportation
Railroad crossings; penalties provided for disregarding crossing warnings, crossing safety instruction provided, standards provided for closing a crossing, and other changes made.

HF2402—Vellenga (DFL)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
Ramsey County and St. Paul to issue general revenue obligation bonds for restoration of St. Paul Union Depot.

HF2403—Pappas (DFL)
Judiciary
Child custody investigators to consider statutory factors, bonds authorized to ensure compliance with protection orders, and other changes made.

HF2404—Jefferson (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Child support and medical support enforcement incentives, requirements, and procedures established, and money appropriated.

HF2405—Wagenius (DFL)**Education**

Early childhood family education programs to recruit and retain at-risk families.

HF2406—Wagenius (DFL)**Taxes**

Sales tax exemption provided for certain chair lifts, ramps, and elevators.

HF2407—Olson, K. (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Asbestos abatement provisions changed for containment barriers.

HF2408—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Comprehensive health plan to accept enrollments of employees working for small employers.

HF2409—Dempsey (IR)**Judiciary**

Child support provisions changed.

Thursday, March 1**HF2410—Onnen (IR)****Insurance**

Comprehensive insurance plan expanded to cover additional employees.

HF2411—Pappas (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Capitol area; money appropriated for a Roy Wilkins memorial.

HF2412—Simoneau (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Houses damaged by drought repaired using low-interest loans.

HF2413—Wenzel (DFL)**Taxes**

Morrison County; state compensation provided for certain land.

HF2414—Otis (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Electric utilities encouraged to undertake conservation programs that reduce energy consumption, financial incentives provided and money appropriated.

HF2415—Segal (DFL)**Insurance**

Health plans must provide mental health coverage.

HF2416—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

Teachers and school boards provided certain rights and responsibilities.

HF2417—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Education**

School district levy and bonding authority extended for first class cities.

HF2418—Otis (DFL)**Education**

University of Minnesota Board of Regents Advisory Council deadline changed for submitting recommendations.

HF2419—Solberg (DFL)**Appropriations**

Mississippi headwaters board appropriated money.

HF2420—Rest (DFL)**Transportation**

Driving while intoxicated; license plates impounded for repeat violations.

HF2421—Pelowski (DFL)**Appropriations**

State university board authorized to issue revenue bonds.

HF2422—Stanisus (IR)**Judiciary**

Peace officers to operate unlighted motor vehicles and watercraft in certain situations.

HF2423—Stanisus (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Moose licenses restricted.

HF2424—Dempsey (IR)**Regulated Industries**

Absentee ballots are secret ballots.

HF2425—Solberg (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Aging board to use a formula for distribution of funds for congregate meals.

HF2426—Rice (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Contract enforcement provisions strengthened for labor contract successors.

HF2427—Redalen (IR)**Regulated Industries**

Off-sale liquor licensees authorized to make limited sales between other off-sale licensees.

HF2428—Lasley (DFL)**Education**

Special education levy equalized with equalization aid provided.

HF2429—Williams (DFL)**Insurance**

State, agency, and political subdivision insurance plans to provide equal access to providers.

HF2430—Forsythe (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Nursing home moratorium provided an exception for existing, freestanding hospice.

HF2431—Ostrom (DFL)**Education**

Transportation formula modified to create a category of funding for nonpublic pupils.

HF2432—Jacobs (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Public utility sales and service of energy-consuming products, appliances, and equipment regulated.

HF2433—Bennett (IR)**Judiciary**

Sentencing Guidelines Commission to increase weight assigned to prior convictions for certain repeat offenders.

HF2434—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Judiciary**

Assault of social workers or other medical and social service employees provided penalties and threats of violence prohibited.

HF2435—Weaver (IR)**Education**

Parental involvement in schools increased, eligibility expanded for early childhood family education programs, other changes made, and money appropriated.

HF2436—McDonald (IR)**Regulated Industries**

Telephone service; metropolitan extended service area expanded.

HF2437—Stanisus (IR)**Ways and Means**

Finance commissioner to prepare quarterly revenue and spending forecasts.

HF2438—Carruthers (DFL)**Judiciary**

Controlled substance crime provisions changed, and money appropriated.

HF2439—Carlson, D. (IR)**Governmental Operations**

Moose Lake Fire Protection District; Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association provisions clarified.

HF2440—Stanisus (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Lake Superior sportfishing zone established, with certain gill nets prohibited.

HF2441—Dempsey (IR)**Judiciary**

Court administrator responsibility for certain vital statistic, notary public, hospital lien, and marriage license provisions transferred to county departments.

HF2442—Johnson, V. (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Mississippi River game and fish and water safety zone established with Wisconsin.

HF2443—Kinkel (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Hubbard County; original meander corners restored.

HF2444—Rukavina (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Solid waste; diversions required for counties seeking resource recovery permits, moratorium placed on new permits until after a study of environmental effects, and money appropriated.

HF2445—Carruthers (DFL)**Insurance**

Liability limits not reduced by cost of defense for professional and umbrella liability policies.

HF2446—Kahn (DFL)**Appropriations**

Minneapolis refunded a bond application, and money appropriated.

HF2447—Pugh (DFL)**Judiciary**

Security guards and people with history of child abuse or criminal sexual behavior excluded from certain predictions for criminals.

HF2448—Bishop (IR)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Olmsted County permitted to consolidate offices of auditor and treasurer.

HF2449—Segal (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Prisoners in correctional or detention facilities allowed General Assistance medical care.

HF2450—Osthoff (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Local police and fire relief association consolidation provided amount for maximum municipal contributions.

HF2451—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

School district debt service levy equalized, and money appropriated.

HF2452—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

School district referendum levy equalized.

HF2453—Orenstein (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Nursing homes with addendum to provider agreements given case mix rates and assessment process.

HF2454—Anderson, G. (DFL)**Education**

Legislative summer school established for high school and college students, and money appropriated.

HF2455—Jefferson (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Hennepin County professional prehospital emergency services retirement plan established.

HF2456—Pelowski (DFL)**Education**

World math and science school planned and money appropriated.

HF2457—Rest (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Public finance; authority allocated to issue tax exempt revenue bonds.

HF2458—Reding (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Regional hazardous materials incident response system planned by public safety commissioner, advisory council established, and money appropriated.

HF2459—Jaros (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Lake Superior information, research, and education authority established.

HF2460—Ogren (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Occupational disease surveillance system; money appropriated for planning.

HF2461—Johnson, V. (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Deer taken without a license on private agricultural property.

HF2462—Gruenes (IR)**Governmental Operations**

Administrative procedures changed, statements of need and reasonableness sent to legislative commission on rules and regulations, and other changes made affecting rulemaking procedures.

HF2463—Ostrom (DFL)**Education**

Community education retirement and FICA obligations paid with general or community education funds.

HF2464—Hasskamp (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Reporting requirements provided for pregnancy terminations.

HF2465—Hasskamp (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Parental leave lengthened and child care leave provided.

HF2466—Hasskamp (DFL)**Judiciary**

Informed consent defined, liability provided, and other changes made in abortion laws.

HF2467—Hasskamp (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Outpatient surgical clinics licensed and regulated.

HF2468—Hasskamp (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Maternal health office established in planning agency to coordinate services for pregnant women, and money appropriated.

HF2469—Hasskamp (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Filter strips required along wooded areas to protect surface water.

HF2470—Jennings (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Welfare fraud; unified process established for handling civil, criminal, and financial recovery in human service programs.

HF2471—Beard (DFL)**Commerce**

Fuel burner equipment installation and repair regulated.

HF2472—Rukavina (DFL)**Taxes**

Enterprise zone duration extended.

HF2473—Krueger (DFL)**Education**

School districts 789 and 790 in Eagle Bend allowed to have two election districts upon consolidation.

HF2474—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Long-term care insurance provisions changed.

HF2475—Welle (DFL)**Taxes**

Property tax; levy limit changed for certain county jail or correctional facility costs.

HF2476—Segal (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Crisis pregnancies and abortion prevention commission established.

HF2477—McEachern (DFL)**Education**

Education district provisions changed in comprehensive bill.

HF2478—Ogren (DFL)**Taxes**

Internal Revenue Service references updated.

HF2479—Munger (DFL)**Appropriations**

Great Lakes Protection Fund membership approved.

HF2480—McLaughlin (DFL)**Taxes**

Technical corrections provided for sales, motor vehicle excise, income, franchise, insurance, fuel, gambling, property, and other taxes.

HF2481—Peterson (DFL)**Judiciary**

Presentence investigation reports are discretionary for defendants convicted of felonies.

HF2482—Olsen, S. (IR)**Taxes**

Property tax statements to include additional information.

HF2483—Morrison (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Child care providers provided special variances under human services licensing law.

HF2484—Bertram (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Public contracts to give preference to resident bidders in certain situations, and certain restrictions provided for transportation contracts.

HF2485—Macklin (IR)**Judiciary**

Shock incarceration (labor camp) permitted for certain nonviolent offenders, with shock incarceration program established and regulated by commissioner of corrections.

HF2486—Osthoff (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Regional Open Space Program; systemwide administrative costs paid, lands acquired and improved by Metropolitan Council and local governmental units, state bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF2487—Cooper (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Providing for supported employment programs.

HF2488—Rukavina (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Defining the term "employee" for the purpose of the Public Employees Labor Relations Act.

HF2489—Simoneau (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Requiring the State Board of Investment to invest certain assets currently managed by the commerce department.

HF2490—Janezich (DFL)**Commerce**

Requiring crane operators to be licensed by the state.

HF2491—Quinn (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Providing for integrated resource planning for electric utilities.

HF2492—Price (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Providing scholarship fund program for spouse and dependent children of public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

HF2493—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Education**

Establishing a state loan program for minority teachers.

HF2494—O'Connor (DFL)**Education**

Providing for flagging of school records of missing children.

HF2495—Dille (IR)**Agriculture**

Providing for a pilot project of comprehensive farm safety audits.

HF2496—Kahn (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Authorizing the issuance of state bonds and expenditure of the proceeds to acquire and to better state parks and other areas.

HF2497—Ogren (DFL)**Agriculture**

Changing certain duties, procedures, and requirements related to organic food.

HF2498—Cooper (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Permitting county boards to assign certain duties.

HF2499—Carruthers (DFL)

Insurance

Regulating cancellations, reductions, and nonrenewals of commercial property and liability insurance.

HF2500—Carruthers (DFL)

Insurance

Modifying the effective date of the statutory notice requirement for cancellation or nonrenewal of individual life policies.

HF2501—McLaughlin (DFL)

Insurance

Providing for chiropractic care coverage by health maintenance organizations.

HF2502—Cooper (DFL)

Taxes

Clarifying the application of certain rates of gross premium tax to mutual insurance companies.

HF2503—Janezich (DFL)

Transportation

Deferring enforcement actions against irregular route common carriers pending legislative study.

HF2504—Jefferson (DFL)

Judiciary

Creating a commission to recommend measures for eliminating racism in Minnesota.

HF2505—Dorn (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Permitting participants in the College Supplemental Retirement Plan to designate beneficiaries.

HF2506—McLaughlin (DFL)

Taxes

Authorizing a tax checkoff for foodshelf programs.

HF2507—Johnson, A. (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Authorizing the Department of Jobs & Training to enter a lease for collocation of certain programs.

HF2508—Wagenius (DFL)

Education

Placing certain positions in Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis, in the unclassified service.

HF2509—Hasskamp (DFL)

Insurance

Regulating health maintenance organizations; limiting risk-sharing arrangements with providers.

HF2510—Marsh (IR)

Governmental Operations

Providing survivor benefits to certain spouses of deceased former state correctional employees.

HF2511—Sparby (DFL)

Economic Development

Establishing regional international trade centers.

HF2512—Morrison (IR)

Health & Human Services

Prohibiting termination of eligible families from the Basic Child Care Sliding Fee Program; adjusting county contribution requirements.

HF2513—Jennings (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Revenue Recapture Act; expanding the definition of claimant.

HF2514—Ozment (IR)

Agriculture

Changing certain regional districts of the State Agricultural Society.

HF2515—Kelly (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Independent School District No. 625; requiring the election of board members by an alley system.

HF2516—Milbert (DFL)

Education

Permitting a school district levy for chemical abuse prevention.

HF2517—Dauner (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; relating to the powers of the commissioner.

HF2518—Trimble (DFL)

Education

Establishing the state university endowment fund.

HF2519—Winter (DFL)

Taxes

Property taxes; changing the class rates on certain agricultural property.

HF2520—Jacobs (DFL)

Regulated Industries

Regulating flexible gas utility rates; repealing sunset provisions relating to flexible gas utility rates.

HF2521—Ogren (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Increasing the membership of the Health Care Access Commission.

HF2522—McEachern (DFL)

Education

Establishing the Minnesota education in agriculture council.

HF2523—Hasskamp (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Increasing retirement and survivor benefits for certain retired members of the Brainerd Police Relief Association and surviving spouses and children of deceased members.

HF2524—Onnen (IR)

Insurance

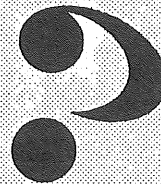
Restricting underwriting practices for group health insurance.

HF2525—Osthoff (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Allowing a graduate social work license to be issued without examination to an applicant who was unable to apply before the transition period ended.

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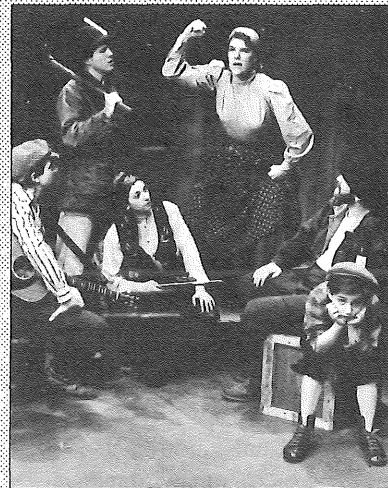
St. Paul's Great North American History Theatre will stage a production with a middle European flavor March 8 through April 1 as a part of the "Celebrate Minnesota" campaign.

"Mesabi Red" is a play about the Iron Range, where iron mining dominated the lives of immigrants from more than 50 nations. The play focuses on the events of 1916.

The musical is a collaboration between the theater and the Croatian National Theatre of Split, Yugoslavia. Lynn Lohr, the theater's founder, producer, and co-artistic director, and Lance Belville, playwright-in-residence and co-artistic director, met with the Croatian National Theatre director about 18 months ago to discuss doing a project together.

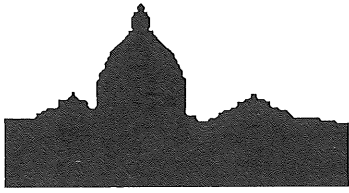
"We thought of doing a piece on the Iron Range for some time," says Linda Twiss, publicity director. "The more we talked, the more we felt this [collaboration] was the right thing to do."

A historical discussion will follow the performances. For more information about "Mesabi Red," call the box office (612) 292-4323.



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Committee Schedule

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MONDAY, March 5

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Capital budget request: the Department of Public Safety.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: The governor's budget adjustments and capital budget recommendations, by the Department of Finance.

State Departments Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Capital budget hearings: the Office of Waste Management, the International Wolf Center, the environmental learning centers, and the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board.

EDUCATION
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HF2024 (Olson, K.) Midwest-ern higher education compact established and members appointed. HF2008 (Pelowski) Undergraduate academic programs; endowments provided matching state grants through Higher Education Coordinating Board. HF2383 (McEachern) Environmental education act provided and office of environmental education created in planning agency. HF2058 (Carlson, L.) Vocational-technical colleges; certain titles changed.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: HF2103 (Reding) Public

employee retirement plans; certain investment performance reporting required. HF2319 (Olson, E.) District court administrators not allowed to appeal salary set by county board. HF1198 (Simoneau) Public employment; defining equitable compensation relationships; requiring an implementation report; providing for review of plans. HF2323 (Simoneau) Public Employees Insurance Plan expanded, and classes of premiums established.

8:30 a.m.

Health & Human Services Division/APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: A review of the governor's capital and operating budget recommendations.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel
Agenda: HF173 (Steensma) Agriculture; requiring consumers to be informed concerning the point of origin of certain food ingredients. HF2087 (Olson, E.) Potato producer checkoff fees are not refundable for certain producers. HFXXXX (Dille) Farm safety. HF2305 (Krueger) Dairy products; standards established for light butter.

JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly
Agenda: Any bills remaining from the last meeting, or bills coming out of the division or subcommittee. HF1884 (Pappas) Domestic abuse; prosecution of domestic abuse cases improved, computerized data base studied for feasibility, and money appropriated. HF2226 (Swenson) Criminal vehicular homicide. HF2027 (Orenstein) Tort system changed. HF2088 (Kelly) Seat belts; proof of failure to use belt is admissible in litigation.

JOINT MEETING HOUSE REGULATED INDUSTRIES & SENATE PUBLIC UTILITIES & ENERGY

200 State Office Building
Chrs. Rep. Joel Jacobs
& Sen. Ron Dicklich
Agenda: Telecommunications: the current status of the regulatory environment and the effect of technology on the future of communications.

12:30 p.m.

JOINT MEETING Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION & Facilities Subcommittee/EDUCATION

5 State Office Building
Chrs. Rep. Ken Nelson
& Rep. Becky Kelso
Agenda: HF1876 (McEachern) Maximum effort school aid capital loan program modified, state bonds issued, and money appropriated. HF1805 (Kelso) School buildings inspected by state fire marshal every three years, additional personnel provided in public safety department, and money appropriated. The review and comment process and board facilities proposals.

Banking Subcommittee/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: HF1926 (Knickerbocker) Interstate banking permitted with Indiana. HF2028 (Carlson, L.) Credit unions exempted from certain closing agent requirements. HF2112 (Blatz) Escrow accounts for mortgaged property regulated.

Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor
Agenda: HF2082 (Quinn) Mobile home park residents given right of first refusal on park, homestead treatment provided for resident-owned parks, state Housing Finance Agency to provide mobile home

park financing. HF2097 (Dawkins) Energy assistance; memorial to president and Congress to reauthorize low-income energy assistance program and increase its appropriation. HF1924 (Dawkins) Homesteading; designated home ownership area redefined for rural and urban homesteading program. HF2197 (Clark) Drug raids; grants provided to repair property damaged in raids or during controlled substance investigations. HF2234 (O'Connor) Home loans; guarantees authorized, limits required, and securities regulated for home equity conversion and other home loans. HF1987 (Jefferson) Low-income housing tax credits allocated. HF2283 (Jefferson) Low-income housing provided, council on homelessness established, related changes made, and money appropriated. (Minnesota Housing Finance Agency bill) This meeting will continue at 6:00 p.m.

Civil Law Subcommittee/JUDICIARY
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein
Agenda: HF1810 (Hartle) Religious corporations; certain deeds to real property conveyed by religious corporations validated. HF1869 (Rest) County boards allowed to charge for examining real estate titles for certain possessory estate procedures. HF1854 (Pugh) Joint tenancy provisions changed in cases of marriage dissolution and certain contract cancellations validated. HF2223 (Pugh) Perpetuities; common law rule against perpetuities abolished.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich
Agenda: Presentation by Andy Meuwissen, State Fund. HF367 (McLaughlin) Employment; providing a medical leave of absence and a leave to care for family members. HF2398 (Beard) Occupational safety and health; written programs for reducing work-place injuries prepared by employers. HF2248 (Dawkins) Joint labor-management committees and public employee elections regulated.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

After session

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF2244 (Clark) Juvenile court; chemical use assessments provided for juveniles before case deposition. HF2056 (Dauner) Fleeing a peace officer from another state into Minnesota made a crime, peace officers from other states allowed to pursue into Minnesota, and certain blood tests from other states permitted.

**After session or 5:00 p.m.
(whichever is later)**

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HFXXXX (Rukavina) Incinerator moratorium.

6:00 p.m.

Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor
Agenda: A continuation of the 12:30 p.m. meeting.

TUESDAY, March 6

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: To be announced.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: The Higher Education Coordinating Board supplemental budget request and reciprocity.

Health & Human Services Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: A review of the governor's capital and operating budget recommendations continued.

State Departments Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Capital budget hearing; the Department of Natural Resources.

Pensions Subcommittee/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob Johnson
Agenda: HF802 (Johnson, R.) 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. HF2147 (Johnson, R.) Surviving spouse and dependent child benefits provided a maximum monthly limit. HF2235 (Reding) Judges insurance and pension benefit provisions changed. HF2395 (Sparby) Thief River Falls Police Relief Association trust fund allowed less frequent actuarial surveys. HFXXXX (Otis)

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: Forecast overview by the Department of Revenue and the Department of Finance.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: HF2042 (McEachern) Tobacco vending machine locations restricted.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF2311 (Greenfield) Radioactive waste; certain low-level waste not deposited at unlicensed facilities. HF1991 (Johnson, A.) Pipelines; commissioner of natural resources' authority to review pipeline plans repealed. HFXXXX (McGuire) Regulating the disposition of property required for response action. HF1960 (Battaglia) Wildlife Management Act. HF1617 (Kahn) Global warming and reforestation.



Higher Education Division/Education Committee.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: HF2132 (Greenfield) Child care funding policies changed. HF2380 (Welle) Mentally retarded people provided services in Willmar area. Department of Human Services bill. HFXXXX Welfare reform.

12:00 noon

WAYS & MEANS

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Robert Vanasek

Agenda: Department of Finance will explain the governor's budget.

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Todd Otis

Agenda: HFXXXX (Otis) Placing requirements on businesses accepting economic development assistance. HF1031 (Dawkins) Requiring Department of Trade and Economic Development to prepare a report on military spending. HF2253 (Clark) Wild rice; natural wild rice promotion council established and money appropriated. HF1971 (Clark) Military contractors given preference for economic development grants for projects in accordance with alternative use plans designed to eliminate dependency on weapons contracts.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz

Agenda: HF2005 (Quinn) Charitable gambling provisions changed in comprehensive legislation. HF1916 (Scheid) Elections provisions changed for local governments and political subdivisions, inconsistent general and special law and home rule charter provisions superseded, and money appropriated. (Uniform elections bill.) HF1806 (O'Connor) Veterans redefined. HF1977 (Kinkel) Veterans Home Board to appoint an executive director. HF2023 (Steensma) Veterans Home Board allowed to rent certain surplus facilities, and money appropriated. HF2002 (Beard) Cemeteries allowed near veterans' homes. HF2173 (Ostrom) Veterans Home Board exempted from contested case provisions. HF1976 (Milbert) Adjutant general allowed to appoint an executive director of the Department of Military Affairs. HF2053 (Bertram) National Guard members allowed to transfer tuition reimbursement to a child or spouse. SF1692 (Brown) Department of Public Safety bill. HF1988 (Jefferson) Absentee ballots automatically provided to permanently ill or disabled people. HF2134 (Abrams) Automatic recount provisions changed for primary and general elections. HF1870 (McEachern) School district election procedures changed. HF2325 (Osthoff) Presidential primary provisions changed. HF2041 (Scheid) Voter registration, absentee voter, and polling place roster provisions clarified, and certain time limits changed. HF2171 (Price) Horse racing and pari-mutuel

provisions changed. HF2185 (Murphy) Charitable Gambling Control Board authorized to issue certain licenses. HF2138 (Blatz) Veterans Home Board to have women members. HF2264 (Johnson, A.) Voter registration provisions changed, and certain people without permanent addresses allowed to vote in certain elections. HF2265 (Johnson, A.) Campaign financial reporting requirements clarified. HF2119 (Solberg) Hockey tournament structure provided for high school league. Also on the agenda is the confirmation of Vanne Hayes to the Ethical Practices Board. Note: this meeting is scheduled to last until 4:00 p.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: HF2254 (Begich) Public debt questions voted on by additional property owners. HF2187 (Lieder) Street vacation notices required. HF2188 (Lieder) Towns allowed to publish collections of ordinances, resolutions, rules, and laws. HF2149 (Hausman) Economic development port authority titles changed for certain officers. HF2250 (Hausman) Ramsey County; certain performance bond requirements eliminated, and fees permitted for inspections by the county surveyor. HF2156 (Pelowski) Performance bonds provisions changed for construction or repair of roads, bridges, and buildings. HF2078 (Dorn) Blue Earth County to appoint certain county officials, and county offices reorganized.

2:30 p.m.

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: HF2210 (Rest) Comprehensive adoption legislation classifying records, clarifying certain placements, providing studies for independent adoptions, and other changes made. HF1986 (Rest) Open bottle law; constructive possession of alcohol prohibited in private vehicles. HF2180 (Swenson) Criminal vehicular operation expanded to include repeat driving while intoxicated (DWI) offenders who negligently cause death or great bodily harm while having a blood alcohol level of .05 or more. HF1979

(Rest) Excise tax increased for cigarettes, beer, wine, and alcoholic beverages; local government drug council established; and grants provided for drug treatment and criminal justice programs.

4:00 p.m.

INSURANCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: Any bills not completed at the Thursday, March 1 meeting.

HF2204 (Skoglund) Insurer's duty to provide loss or claims experience data to insureds clarified. HF2293 (Jaros) Health insurance; commissioners of commerce and health to help design uninsured low-income demonstration project.

WEDNESDAY, March 7

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: To be announced.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: A Continuation of the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Health & Human Services Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: A review of the governor's capital and operating budget recommendations continued.

State Departments Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Capital budget hearing; the Department of Natural Resources.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

Agenda: HFXXXX (Pelowski) Corporal punishment. HF1849 (Johnson, A.) Early childhood family education programs expanded, model sites and grants provided for parenting programs, and

money appropriated. HF2004 (McEachern) Education department program for implementing governor's drug plan. HFXXXX (Bauerly) Teacher dismissal.

10:00 a.m.

Higher Education Division/ EDUCATION

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros

Agenda: HF45 (Johnson, A.) Appropriating money to administer "2+2" program at Anoka-Ramsey Community College. HF1929 (Pelowski) Post-secondary child care grants; four year limit removed.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: HF1669 (Morrison) Housing; requiring the Housing Finance Agency to restrict funding for new single family housing under certain circumstances. HF1838 (Jennings) Electronic fund transfer facilities regulated and access provided for transmission facilities. HF2057 (Dauner) Detroit Lakes; detached banking facility established under certain conditions. HF2117 (Osthoff) Low-rent public housing and Section 8 housing administration changed, local approval limited, special assessment exemption for housing and redevelopment authorities repealed, housing development projects transferred to economic development. Also on the agenda will be any bills from the division or subcommittee.

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: To be announced.

12:30 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz

Agenda: HF1826 (Milbert) Hockey; two-tier tournament requirement repealed and responsibility returned to high school league. A continuation of the March 6 agenda.

INSURANCE

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: Any bills not completed at the Tuesday, March 6 meeting. Additional bills to be announced.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: HF1927 (Ogren) Right-of-way established for certain intersections. HF1965 (Cooper) Omnibus rural health care bill. HF2090 (Jennings) U.S. Route 8; a portion in Chisago County designated Moberg trail. HF2211 (Cooper) Hazardous materials; fertilizer and agricultural chemical retailers exempted from certain transportation requirements. HF2064 (Brown) Track, shop, terminal, and station abandonment standards established. HF2401 (Tunheim) Railroad crossings; penalties provided for disregarding crossing warnings, crossing safety instruction provided, standards provided for closing a crossing, and other changes made. HF1712 (Olson, K.) Triple recreational vehicle combinations. HF2124 (Bertram) Service brakes required on certain vehicles. If the agenda is not completed at this meeting, it will be continued at 7:00 in the basement hearing room.

2:30 p.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: HF2243 (Scheid) Uniform Commercial Code provisions governing fund transfers adopted.

Job Training & Retraining Subcommittee/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin

Agenda: Review of 1989 legislative initiatives. HF2329 (McLaughlin) Legislative task force on employment in 1990s created.

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: HF1813 (Olson, K.) Education district levy limits clarified. Academic calendars; requirement for a common calendar in education districts repealed. HF1864 (Sviggum) Academic calendars;

requirement for a common calendar in education districts repealed. HF1992 (Kinkel) Permit education district boards to hold meetings using interactive television.

4:00 p.m.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: HF2327 (Jacobs) Metropolitan telephone area expanded. HF1704 (Jacobs) Metropolitan extended area telephone service. HFXXXX (Jacobs) Flexible gas rates. HF2075 (Jacobs) Municipal electric utilities included in assessments for adjudicating service area disputes.

4:30 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: To be announced.

6:30 p.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: The Greater Minnesota Corporation funding.

JUDICIARY

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly

Agenda: Any bills remaining from the last meeting and any bills coming out of the division or subcommittee. HF1843 (Kelly) Controlled substance provisions changed and money appropriated. HF2032 (Peterson) Presentence investigation reports are discretionary for certain felons.

THURSDAY, March 8

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: Capital budget request: the Historical Society.

Education Division/

APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: The Higher Education Systems' supplemental budget requests.

Health & Human Services Division/APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: A review of the governor's capital and operating budget recommendations continued.

State Departments Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: To be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: To be announced.

Property Tax Subcommittee/TAXES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ann Rest

Agenda: HF2209 (Rest) Tax increment financing provisions modified in comprehensive legislation.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: To be announced.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF1939 (Kinkel) Timber sales requirement changed. HF1879 (Tunheim) Lake of the Woods state forest established. HF2219 (Rodosovich) Helmer Myre and Nerstrand Woods state parks renamed Myre-Big Island and Nerstrand Big Woods state parks. HF2092 (Skoglund) Eurasian water milfoil not transferred out of water. HF2386 (Rukavina) St. Louis county; solid waste management provisions changed. HF2207 (Winter) Watershed administrative fund limit increased, and natural resources protection fund established. HF2350 (McGuire) State park permits sold by designated agents. HFHF2351 (McGuire) Conservation officers to seek issuance of and to serve search warrants.

HF1861 (Long) Blowgun regulations provided by commissioner of natural resources.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: HF2390 (Vellenga) Child abuse; protection provided for abused and neglected children in comprehensive legislation. HF1889 (Weaver) Bone marrow donations encouraged through paid leaves for employees, tax credits to certain employers, donor drives, and other programs and incentives. Money appropriated. Department of Human Services bills. HFXXXX Long term care HFXXXX General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC)

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Todd Otis

Agenda: HF2384 (Rice) Port authorities allowed to use foreign trade zone powers. HFXXXX (Otis) Changes in several economic development statutes.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz

Agenda: HF2336 (Frederick) Waseca County; FarmAmerica exempted A continuation of the March 7 agenda.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: HF2043 (Kostohryz) Ramsey County Charter Commission; terms set for members. HF2252 (Kelso) Abstracters insurance coverage increased and other changes made. HF2189 (Bauerly) Property tax; employment terms clarified for city and town assessors. HF2186 (Bauerly) Excavations; local governments notified of certain excavations. HF1784 (Dempsey) Real property; providing for filing and recording of maps or plats for proposed rights-of-way by local governing bodies. HF1792 (Girard) Redwood County; abandoning Judicial Ditch Number 37.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

5:00 p.m. or after session

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT
RELATIONS**

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich

Agenda: HF2163 (Williams) Minimum wage excludes certain seasonal children's resident or day camp employees. HFXXXX (Rice) Collective bargaining HFXXXX Department of Jobs & Training, unemployment insurance. HFXXXX (Begich) Workers' compensation loggers' bill.

6:00 p.m.

Soil & Water Resources

Subcommittee/AGRICULTURE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jeff Bertram

Agenda: HF31 (Marsh) Act relating to natural resources prohibiting drainage of certain wetlands.

FRIDAY, March 9

8:00 a.m.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: To be announced.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

Agenda: HF2011 (Price) Vocational-technical board to provide prospective students with consumer information. HF2381 (Nelson, K.) Education Organization Task Force continued and membership increased. HF2405 (Wagenius) Early childhood family education programs to recruit and retain at-risk families.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: To be announced.

8:15 a.m.

Tax Laws Subcommittee/TAXES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin

Agenda: HF2157 (Johnson, R.) Logging chain saw definitions changed. HFXXXX (McLaughlin) Sales, miscellaneous taxes.

10:00 a.m.

**Education Finance Division/
EDUCATION**

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: To be announced.

Civil Law Subcommittee/JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein

Agenda: To be announced.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: A continuation of the March 7 meeting.

12:30 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: To be announced.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly

Agenda: Any bills remaining from the last meeting and any bills coming out of the division or subcommittee. HF2220 (Milbert) Revisor's bill to correct erroneous, ambiguous, and obsolete references and texts. HF2397 (Kelly) Traffic citation quotas prohibited. HF2276 (Kelly) Peace officers to hold college degrees, professional peace officer education programs certified, and other peace officer licensing provisions changed. HF2295 (Marsh) District courts to maintain information on felony sentencing practices.

2:30 p.m.

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL
RESOURCES**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF2383 (McEachern) Environmental education act provided and office of environmental education created in planning agency.

March 2, 1878

On this day, the *Lyon County News* of Marshall, Minn., claimed the word "blizzard" was first used in the town of Marshall. The article says that a local man, in describing the severity of the 1873 storm, drew on the German language and exclaimed, "It's a blitzardt!" Recent research, however, has found a still earlier occurrence of the word in the April 23, 1870, issue of the *Northern Vindicator* of Estherville, Iowa.



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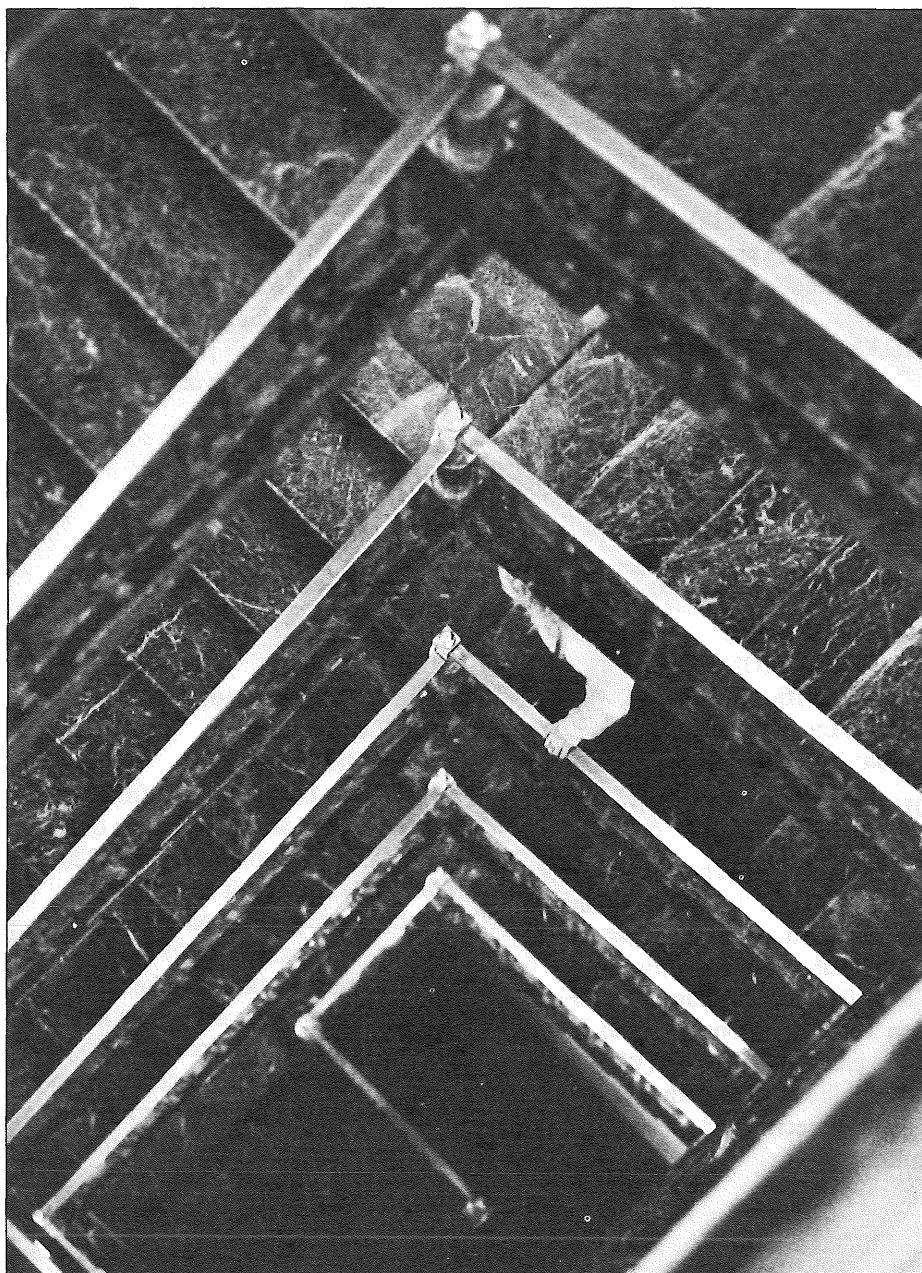
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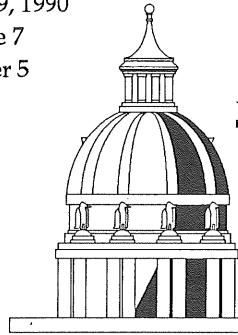
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It's a fact!

Minnesota's first laws were passed in the dining room of the Central House, a two-story log hotel in St. Paul where the Territorial Legislature convened. The 27-member, seven-district Legislature began meeting there on Sept. 3, 1849.

Before lawmakers could begin their morning session, breakfast dishes and dining tables had to be cleared from the room. They brought in small desks, the speaker called the meeting to order, and the business of the day began.

When lunch was ready, members stuffed their papers into their pockets and hats, picked up their desks, and piled them in an office. Tables and dishes were set up and lunch was served. Later, the room again became the meeting place for the House of Representatives...until it was time for supper.



Finance Commissioner Peter Hutchinson briefed members of the Appropriations Committee March 2 on the governor's 1990 budget recommendations.

Highlights

Fundraising ban

The Minnesota House banned its members from soliciting or accepting contributions during a regular legislative session and from accepting honorariums from certain groups.

On March 5, the House voted 134-0 to ban in-session fundraisers effective March 10.

"The close temporal relationship between the fundraising activity and the legislative action can lead to at least the appearance of possible undue influences," says House Majority Leader Dee Long (DFL-Mpls).

House Minority Leader Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) agrees that the practice must stop.

"I am pleased to see that we are now going to have, as a part of our rules, a ban on fundraisers by members of the

Legislature while the Legislature is in session," he says.

The bill also prohibits House members from accepting honorariums from any individual or group which has a direct interest in legislation before the House. But the measure wouldn't ban reimbursement, for example, of expenses incurred when a lawmaker gives a speech to a group.

The new rule does not prevent House members from soliciting funds from their constituents in their home districts. It also would allow in-session fundraisers as long as they are sponsored by a political caucus or a group of representatives (more than one). Since House rules only apply to its members, the rule does not prevent a candidate for the House from soliciting funds during a legislative session. The change in the House rules



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also doesn't affect the state Senate.

Violations of this rule will be referred to the House Ethics Committee, which could require that the money be returned or impose other disciplinary action.

Tobacco vending machines

A vending machine that doesn't release a pack of cigarettes when money is deposited would be operating properly if a bill approved March 6 by the Commerce Committee becomes law.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake), would require that most cigarette machines have a device that rings to alert an attendant when a person drops the first coin into the machine. The clerk would then push a button to activate the machine, which would release the cigarettes.

But the measure would pre-empt the ordinances on vending machines that have already been adopted in 23 Minnesota communities — a provision that proved controversial during the committee hearing.

Uniformity over local rule-making authority was the deciding factor in the debate over restricting the location and accessibility of cigarette vending machines statewide.

The bill would restrict cigarette machines to places closed to the general public or normally inaccessible to teenagers under the age of 18. These machines would not need the locking device.

"We want to prevent children from buying cigarettes," says McEachern. "We want to limit easy access."

Cigarette machines also could be located in bars and liquor stores if the machines are in plain view of an employee.

Nine Minnesota communities have enacted outright bans on vending machines, and 14 others have adopted some form of restrictions. Opponents say the bill would revoke actions communities already have taken to restrict cigarette vending machine sales.

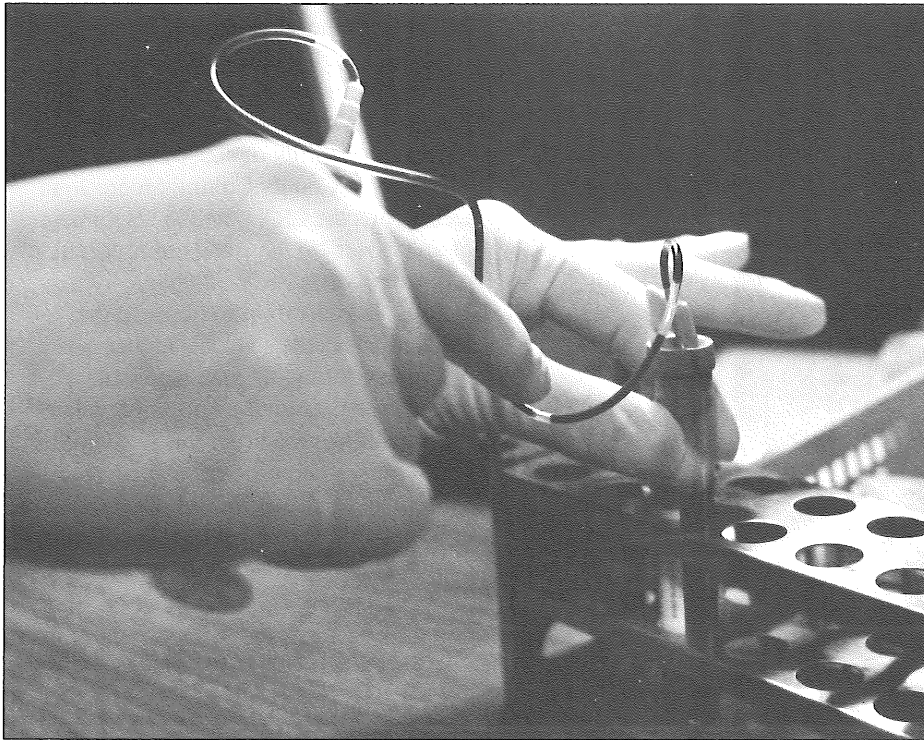
"We're asking you not to take away the authority of the local community," said Jerry Briggs, mayor of White Bear Lake, which has a total ban.

Supporters of the measure countered that it provides uniformity across the state, and that local officials could still control cigarette vending machines in their municipalities through licensing procedures.

HF2042 was sent to the House floor for further consideration.



Sister Mary Madonna Ashton testified against a bill March 5 that would pre-empt restrictions imposed on cigarette vending machines in 23 Minnesota communities. Ashton, commissioner of health, said she would support the measure if the pre-emption was removed.



Several lawmakers gave blood March 6 in recognition of the state's Bone Marrow Donor Week. Their blood was used to see if it matched samples from people in need of bone of bone marrow transplants.

Bone marrow

Several lawmakers and other officials rolled up their sleeves March 6 and took the first step toward becoming bone marrow donors in an effort help people dying of leukemia and other blood-related diseases.

They gave blood so it could be matched with people from across the country who are in need of bone marrow transplants.

And two days later members of the Health and Human Services Committee unanimously approved a bill that would allow employees time off to undergo a medical procedure to donate bone marrow.

In addition, the measure sponsored by Rep. Charlie Weaver (IR-Champlin) requires the commissioner of health to educate the public about the issue and to recruit potential donors.

In an attempt to recruit state employees as potential bone marrow donors, the measure also allocates funding for lab fees — which usually cost about \$75 — for each of the first 200 state employees tested.

Weaver told the committee that approximately 9,000 people die in the United States every year from blood-related diseases. He says some of them

could be cured with bone marrow transplants.

Gov. Rudy Perpich designated March 4-10 as Bone Marrow Donor Week in Minnesota.

HF1889 was sent to the Appropriations Committee for further review.

Radioactive waste ban

Low-level radioactive waste would be banned from Minnesota landfills and incinerators if a bill passed March 6 by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee becomes law.

Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls) says the bill is needed because the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) may allow some low-level radioactive waste to be disposed of in landfills and incinerators.

Currently, radioactive waste generated in Minnesota is shipped to Michigan for disposal in a special facility there.

Members of the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) support Greenfield's bill and say there are no safe levels of exposure to radioactivity. They want all radioactive waste to be disposed of in proper facilities and say

the long-term cost to the state could be enormous if the wastes contaminate the environment.

But John Windschill, superintendent of radioactive protection for the Northern States Power Co. (NSP), opposed the bill, saying people are exposed to more background radiation than what is contained in the low-level radioactive waste.

Windschill says the NRC's proposal to deregulate certain radioactive wastes would greatly reduce disposal costs of the material for NSP. He says the cost of disposing the wastes would drop from about \$5,000 per ton to \$25 per ton.

The committee sent HF2311 to the House floor.

DWI jail time

Repeat DWI offenders would face a mandatory 10-day sentence behind real bars under a bill approved March 2 by the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester), who authored the amendment to the omnibus drug bill, says DWI offenders need the "shock value" of jail time instead of being confined to their homes under house arrest.

Under the amendment, people convicted of a second DWI offense within five years or a third offense within 10 years would be required to spend at least 10 days in jail in addition to time in home detention or performing community work service.

Bishop says judges in some communities are increasingly sentencing DWI offenders to the alternative programs as a way to ease jail overcrowding.

Mandating jail sentences, however, could result in increased costs. Mark Cunniff, director of corrections for Hennepin County, says the proposal could burden smaller counties that lack the jail space and the finances to build larger jails to accommodate the increased DWI penalties.

HF1843 was sent to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.



Robert Lohman, and his daughter Maria were part of a group of about 300 people that assembled March 5 in the Capitol rotunda to protest the destruction of the environment. Lohman is from Garrison.

Garbage incinerators

A bill that would impose a temporary moratorium on the construction of all but two garbage incinerators in the state was approved March 5 by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia), exempts incinerators planned in Dakota and Winona counties from the moratorium that would continue until the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) conducts an environmental impact study of incinerators. The measure calls on the MPCA to issue a report on its findings by June of 1993.

Rep. Leo Reding (DFL-Austin), who offered the amendment to exempt the two counties, says the counties have spent several years and millions of dollars in planning the incinerators.

Rukavina's measure had called for a complete moratorium. He says more information is needed about the environmental effects of garbage burning, and that the Legislature needs to send a clear message that recycling and composting is the best solution to the garbage problem.

The measure, HF2444, also requires

that counties recycle 35 percent of their solid waste and that at least 35 percent of the heavy metals such as lead and cadmium be sorted out of the waste stream before future incinerator permits could be renewed.

The bill now goes to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Light rail transit

A bill that would get the building of a light rail transit (LRT) system underway was approved by the Transportation Committee March 7.

The measure would call for \$10 million in state bonding money this year; a \$90 million appropriation for next biennium was stripped from the bill. Mike Ehrlichman of the Regional Transit Board says the \$10 million would at least allow some planning and engineering to go forward.

"It's time we ask ourselves . . . is the state behind LRT or not?" says Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), the bill sponsor. "We really need a statement that says the state is willing to be a partner in this."

The preliminary plan would locate the

LRT line in the so-called Midway corridor, which would link the downtowns of Minneapolis and St. Paul. LRT planners say the site would have the highest probability of success.

Hennepin County Commissioner John Derus calls the LRT plan the "beginning of an answer" to the state's transportation problems.

Some lawmakers who opposed the legislation say the state has higher priorities for funding than a new mass transit system. And they question where the remaining money for the \$300 million preliminary system would come from.

Members sent HF1788 to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Budget deficit

"We're spending more than we're taking in . . . to the tune of \$540 million dollars," says Peter Hutchinson, commissioner of the Department of Finance. He and other state officials presented the governor's budget recommendation to the Taxes Committee on March 6.

Hutchinson has forecasted the state will face a \$145 million dollar deficit at the end of fiscal year 1991. If current spending trends continue, the state can expect a \$537 million dollar shortfall by the end of the 1992-1993 biennium.

He says the state must correct the imbalance between its spending and revenues to provide a balanced budget.

Department of Revenue Commissioner John James said the governor proposed a 3 percent reduction in the aid given to local governments. These local government aid reductions would include eliminating some automatic increases in certain aids and restricting the uses of other forms of aid.

James says the governor is also recommending reducing some business loans and credits. He says these include reducing the Office of Tourism's revolving loan program, sunsetting the Job Skills Partnership Program, and eliminating the commercial/industrial equalization property tax refund.

James also says the governor is recommending reducing state agencies' budgets by 5 percent.

The committee will continue hearing the governor's recommendations March 12.

Triple-vehicle trailers

A measure that would allow triple-vehicle trailers on most Minnesota highways successfully steered its way through the Transportation Committee March 7.

It would allow a vehicle to pull both a camper and a boat. Combinations measuring as long as 70 feet would be allowed on most Minnesota roads, but would be banned from the metro area.

Bill sponsor Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn) says restricting triple recreational vehicles is "keeping a lot of tourism out of Minnesota." She adds that states that permit triple-vehicle trailers have had no problems.

But the bill could face some difficult navigating in the weeks ahead. Maj. Ralph Church of the State Patrol told lawmakers his department is "really fearful of them." He says that in other states the triple rigs are allowed only on four-lane highways. Under Olson's proposal there would be no such restriction.

A driver of the vehicle wouldn't need a commercial license.

"We could have a 16-year-old driving a 70-foot vehicle with no training," says Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park).

Lawmakers sent HF1712 to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Environmental education

In an effort to increase awareness of environmental issues, the Education Committee approved a bill March 5 that would create an environmental education program.

The program is designed to teach people about the ecological system and the cause-and-effect relationship between humans and the environment, says Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls), the bill's chief author.

The measure, officially called the Environmental Education Act, would create the Office of Environmental Education. The office would be part of the State Planning Agency and would coordinate informal environmental

education with schools, colleges, and the general public.

Nelson explained that housing the office within the planning agency would allow the office the flexibility to work with different communities, educators, and environmental organizations.

The bill also includes provisions for environmental resource centers throughout the state. These centers would be focal points for environmental education aids, curricula, and general information for schools or groups.

Lawmakers sent HF2383 to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee for further review.



Agnea Antoniades, who is of Greek descent and lives in St. Paul, was on the House floor March 5 to listen to the debate on a bill that would designate an ethnic American day. The House passed the bill unanimously.

Farm safety

Recognizing that farming is one of America's most dangerous occupations, the Agriculture Committee unanimously approved a bill March 5 that would take steps to eliminate safety and environmental hazards on farms.

During the 1980s there was an average of 48 farm work related deaths in Minnesota per year, according to a farm

safety task force report. Children under the age of 15 accounted for 19 percent of the deaths; 23 percent of those who died were senior citizens. Most accidents involved machinery.

"I think there's a danger that we've become callous to what's been taking place," says Herb Halvorson, assistant commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

Under the proposal, sponsored by Rep. Steve Dille (IR-Dassel), the Minnesota Extension Service would carry out a pilot project of comprehensive farm safety audits which would be performed in cooperation with certain farm mutual insurance companies.

The measure would also direct the Department of Public Safety to seek greater compliance with existing farm safety laws.

The state would allocate \$38,660 for the program over the next two years, and findings of the farm safety pilot project would be presented to the Legislature by 1993.

Committee members sent HF2495 to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Family sick time

A bill that would allow employees to take time off from their jobs to care for family members who are ill was approved by the Labor-Management Relations Committee March 5.

The bill, authored by Rep. Peter McLaughlin (DFL-Mpls), would grant workers up to 10 days leave per year to care for seriously ill family members or for a personal illness. It also would allow employees to use three of the 10 days to attend school conferences for their children.

McLaughlin says the bill reflects the changing makeup of today's workforce. He says oftentimes a parent isn't available to care for a sick child or other family member because more parents are working.

To qualify for the leave, an employee would have to have worked on the job for at least a year, and the business or agency

would have to employ at least 21 workers.

Employers wouldn't have to pay workers for the time off, but an employee could use accrued paid leave time during the absence. Employers would be required to continue the employee's group health insurance coverage as long as the employee continued to make normal insurance premium contributions.

The committee sent HF367 to the House floor for further consideration.

Telephone service

A bill that could require more telephone calls made within the seven-county metro area to be considered "local" was approved by the Regulated Industries Committee March 7.

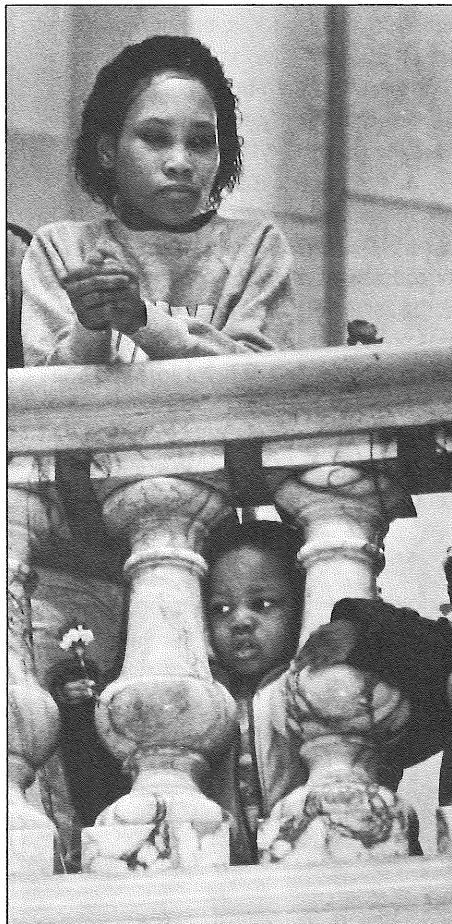
With much debate, the committee adopted a measure sponsored by Rep. Joel Jacobs (DFL-Coon Rapids) that would require expansion of the metropolitan Extended Area Service (EAS).

The effect could be that telephone calls made within the seven-county metro area would not be considered "long-distance" as long as a variety of conditions are met.

The measure would give the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) authority to grant petitions for inclusion in an EAS only when certain criteria are met. One requirement would be that at least half the customers in the area requesting the extended service make one or more calls per month to the area they want included in the toll-free calling zone.

An amendment to the bill would require that existing EAS customers pay 25 percent of the costs, with the remainder being picked up by those petitioning for the extended service.

The committee sent HF2327 to the House floor for further consideration.



One hundred fifty women and children gathered in the Capitol rotunda March 7 to rally for changes in law and attitudes about domestic violence. The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women sponsored the rally.

Child support enforcement

Those ordered to make child support payments would be required to provide child support agencies with their bank account numbers under a bill approved March 5 by the Judiciary Committee.

The bill, proposed by Rep. Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls), would allow courts to order the financial institution to pay monthly support if a person failed to make the payments and income withholding was ineffective.

It would also give child support agencies access to driver's license records, and require those ordered to pay child support to provide their social security numbers and date of birth to child support agencies.

Currently, a person's income can be withheld if they are more than one month behind in support payments and written notice of the income withholding has been served to the person. But oftentimes

it's difficult to obtain the delinquent payments — particularly from those who are self-employed, says Jefferson.

"This will increase the effectiveness of child support agencies," he says. "It will give them the ability to do their job."

HF2404 was sent to the Health and Human Services Committee for further consideration.

School condemnation

School districts could raise funds for building projects without voter approval under a bill heard March 6 by the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee.

Under an amendment to a bill authored by Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake), districts would be permitted to levy more taxes without voter approval for repair of facilities or the construction of new ones if the Department of Education orders the work done.

Currently, school districts must ask voters for approval if additional money is sought to repair or replace buildings.

The amendment would also give the Department of Education the power to condemn school buildings, based on the recommendation of the state fire marshal.

The department would then determine what portion of the cost of repairs or building project could come out of the district's existing capital funds. The remaining costs would be levied against the taxpayers in the districts.

McEachern says the measure will ensure districts are complying with fire and safety standards.

But Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids) expressed concern about the costs the measure would have on school districts.

"Behind this floodgate is a deluge of schools that are going to be asking us for loans," says Bauerly.

The committee took no action on HF1876.

Powers of arrest

Police officers from other states would no longer be foiled when pursuing a suspect across Minnesota state lines if a bill approved March 7 by the Judiciary Committee becomes law.

HF2056 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley) would give officers from other states the authority to arrest and detain a suspect inside Minnesota state boundaries.

Under current Minnesota state law, officers from other states can't arrest suspects who cross the state line into Minnesota.

The bill would also make results of blood tests taken in other states admissible in Minnesota courts. Currently, such tests taken on suspected drunk drivers are often ruled inadmissible on the grounds they weren't performed in Minnesota.

The committee sent the bill to the House floor for further consideration.

Police ticket quotas

A bill that would prohibit law enforcement agencies from setting "ticket quotas" for their officers was approved by the Judiciary Committee March 7.

Requiring officers to issue a certain number of tickets doesn't serve the public interest and is bad policy, says Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul).

"Threatening officers with poor evaluations or disciplinary action in order to get them to write traffic citations or to arrest people for DWI seems like the worst kind of public policy that could possibly exist for law enforcement agencies," says Kelly.

But St. Louis Park Police Chief Mancel Mirchren says ticket quotas aren't a problem.

"We don't give out tickets. People earn them," he says.

HF2397 was sent to the House floor for further consideration.

Insurance agents

The Department of Commerce will establish a review board to hear complaints from insurance agents who have been dismissed from their jobs if a bill

passed by the Insurance Committee March 7 becomes law.

Bill sponsor Rep. Jerome Peterson (DFL-Princeton) says many award-winning insurance agents have lost their jobs when the insurance company they had been employed with for decades decided to terminate them for no good reasons.

The bill spells out a process that kicks in if an insurance agent requests a review of his or her termination. The department would then organize a hearing within 30 days. Three members of a hearing panel — selected from a pool of 10 insurance agents and 10 representatives from insurance companies — would hear the complaint.

If the review board decides the termination was unjustified, the commissioner of commerce would decide the amount of the compensation to the insurance agents.

Scott Goldsmith of Farmers Insurance opposed the bill, and questioned whether the bill is constitutional. He says the Legislature can't deprive people of a right to a contract and can't change existing contracts.

Governor's drug plan

The governor's drug intervention program for school-aged children got its first legislative airing March 7 in the

Education Committee.

The plan, presented by Jan Smaby, director of the Office of Drug Policy, would weave existing school and community programs to work with children who may be at risk for drug or alcohol abuse.

"We do not intend to fill in the gaps with this bill," Smaby told the committee. "We do seek to lay a foundation for the future."

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake), would also seek to establish 10 demonstration sites to develop early childhood and family education programs for parents of kindergarten and early elementary grade children, and the development of a plan to help at-risk children.

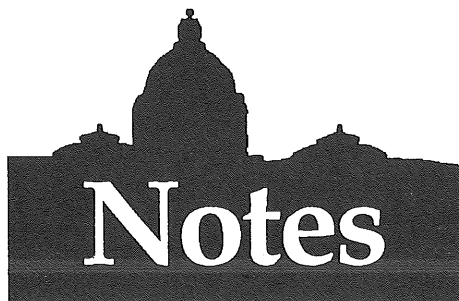
The committee sent HF2004 to its Education Finance Division for further review.

Correction

The penalty for missing the state-imposed bargaining deadline for settling teacher contracts was incorrectly reported in the March 2 *Session Weekly*. The penalty is \$25 in state aid per pupil.



On the eve of the state hockey tournament, a group of legislators told Minnesota State High School League officials that more teams should participate in the annual event. On March 7, the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee postponed a vote to repeal the two-tier hockey tourney to give the league time to find a solution.



Notes

We've got light beer, light mayonnaise and even light fruit cocktail. So why not light butter? That, apparently, was the collective thinking of the Agriculture Committee March 5 when it approved HF2305, a measure that would permit light butter to be sold in Minnesota. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples), would allow butter containing only 52 percent butterfat, which has one-third less cholesterol, fat, and calories than regular butter, to be sold in the state. In Minnesota, it's currently illegal to sell butter that contains less than 80 percent butterfat. Krueger says butter sales have declined in recent years because consumers are more diet conscious.

Minnesota can do its part to help curb the growing problem of global warming, says Rep. Phyllis Kahn. The DFLer from Minneapolis has proposed a state tree-planting program to be paid for with a surcharge on automobiles and carbon dioxide-producing facilities. Kahn says trees play a big role in keeping the earth's carbon cycle balanced. The Environment and Natural Resources Committee approved HF1617 and sent it to the Appropriations Committee for further review.

A proposed constitutional amendment calling for the creation of a compensation court of appeals to deal with employee/employer issues may be on the ballot next November. A measure sponsored by Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls) seeks to abolish the current Worker's Compensation Court of Appeals and replace it with the compensation court. The measure, which has the support of both labor and business, would make those sitting on the compensation court bench judges. Currently, they are considered administration officials. The Judiciary Committee approved HF2196 and sent it to the Labor-Management Relations Committee for further review.



James Maida, president of New Jersey-based Gaming Laboratories International, demonstrates a video pulltab machine during a press conference March 6.

Ever see piles of pulltabs in a club? After Jan. 1, 1991, those pulltabs may have to be manufactured from recycled paper. The requirement was added to HF2005 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids), a bill regulating the state's lawful gambling industry. The General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Committee approved the measure March 8 and sent it to the Appropriations Committee.

Minneapolis reported 15 violent crimes per 100,000 people in 1988, second only to Portland, Ore., in a nationwide comparison of 39 mid-sized cities. But St. Paul averaged only nine reported violent crimes per 100,000 people, well below the average of 12.5 reported violent crimes among the 39 cities compared. Hennepin County's Criminal Justice Department presented the comparison March 2 to the Judiciary Committee. St. Paul's rank among the cities wasn't mentioned during the committee meeting.

Concern over the safety of school buildings has prompted a division of the Education Committee to consider mandatory inspection by the state fire marshal of public school buildings. Rep. Becky Kelso (DFL-Shakopee), author of HF1805, says the state shouldn't wait until children become casualties of unsafe school buildings. A survey of 614 school buildings built before 1940 showed that almost 40 percent of them had never been inspected by the state fire marshal. The Department of Education conducted the survey.

Minnesotans will go to the polls on the first Tuesday in April 1992 to make their choices in the state's new presidential primary. Voters also may be required to sign a certificate and mark which political party's ballot they intend to use. Both are changes from the law passed in 1989 creating the presidential primary. The General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Committee approved HF 2325 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park) March 8 and sent it to the House floor.

The International Wolf Center (IWC) in Ely could have a new and improved home if a request for \$2.2 million in bonding money is approved for the project. Nancy Gibson, president of the IWC, says that last year 35,000 people visited the Voyageur Visitors Center, and that a new building is necessary to accommodate the ever-increasing number of visitors. The wolf center would be built alongside the Voyageur Visitors Center. The visitors center is seeking an additional \$600,000 for other improvements. Gibson appeared before the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee.

Commissioner of Corrections Orville Pung told an Appropriations Committee division March 6 that the number of women at the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Shakopee has increased substantially over the last decade. In early 1977 there were 47 women at the prison, the only one in the state for women. Now there are more than 170 female inmates. Pung speculated that drugs and longer sentences could explain some of the increase.

"Let the buyer beware" shouldn't pertain to higher education. That was the idea behind a bill sponsored by Rep. Len Price (DFL-Woodbury) that would direct the State Board of Vocational Technical Education to provide prospective students with information about the jobs they hope to land after finishing their schooling. Specifically, the board would provide information about the job market, working conditions, wages for different jobs and qualifications of technical college instructors. The Education Committee approved the bill March 6.

A council on homelessness would be established if a bill approved by the Housing Division of the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee becomes law. The council would be under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Supporters of HF2283 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls) say that without an organization to coordinate services for the homeless and to apply for federal grants for programs for the homeless, Minnesota could stand to lose millions in federal dollars.

MnDOT wants to upgrade and expand the state's bicycle system, says Ken Buckeye, the state's bike coordinator. Buckeye told the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division of the Appropriations Committee March 6 that there is a lot of interest in cycling in Minnesota. Bicycles outsold cars in Minnesota in 1989, 73 percent of Minnesota households own one or more bicycles, and an estimated \$20 million was saved in operating costs because people chose biking instead of driving, Buckeye says.

Drivers may think twice before ignoring a railroad crossing signal if a bill approved by the Transportation Committee March 7 becomes law. The proposal would make driving through a railroad crossing's warning signal a misdemeanor; the crime would be a gross misdemeanor if the driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Members sent HF2401 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy) to the Judiciary Committee for further consideration.

Women veterans would have at least two spots on the Veteran Homes Board under a measure approved March 7 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Committee. The bill, HF2138 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington), would require the governor to appoint at least two women to the nine-member board. The bill is now on the House floor.

Bullet-proof vests are under attack by Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul). A bill Kelly has proposed makes the wearing of "soft body armor" during the course of a felony a felony itself, punishable by a maximum of five years in prison. The armor could also be confiscated without question by police. The Judiciary Committee approved HF2086 on March 2.

A resolution that would encourage the U.S. Congress to reauthorize the Low Income Energy Assistance Program was approved in the Housing Division of the Financial Institutions & Housing Committee March 5. The program, which helps the poor pay for heating costs, has been extremely beneficial for the state, says bill sponsor Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul). The resolution calls on Congress to increase funding for the program to \$2.3 billion. Last year, Minnesota received \$55.2 million through the program.

A proposal to help fund pensions for volunteer ambulance crew members was approved March 7 in the Transportation Committee. The bill would require Minnesotans to pay a \$2 fee every time they renew their driver's license. The bulk of the money — \$1.3 million — would be channeled into a pension fund for volunteer ambulance crew members in rural areas. Members sent HF1965 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island) to the Taxes Committee for further consideration.

1990 House Leaders

Assistant Minority Leaders

Assistants help keep the minority caucus running

House Minority Leader Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) leads the minority caucus, but he relies on his six assistant leaders to help him perform his duties.

They stand in for him at caucus meetings, direct the Independent-Republicans during floor sessions, and make public appearances on Schreiber's behalf.

Reps. Kathleen Blatz (IR-Bloomington), Terry Dempsey (IR-New Ulm), Dave Gruenes (IR-St. Cloud), Brad Stanius (IR-White Bear Lake), Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon), and Don Valento (IR-Little Canada) are all assistant minority leaders.

Although each perform a variety of duties, some assistants develop specific areas of responsibility.

Blatz, an assistant leader for four years, for example, orients freshman caucus members.

"I help freshman members procedurally, getting their bills through committees," she says.

IR leadership meets at least two times a week, and Blatz says the assistants act as a "conduit back and forth between the minority leader and the caucus members."

She also briefs other members about upcoming

legislation. Most members serve on only a few committees, and can't follow every bill through the House.

"I inform the caucus members of what is going to be on the agenda so there will not be any surprises," she says.

Dempsey also fills in for Schreiber whenever the need arises. In Schreiber's absence, he conducts IR caucus meetings, and often has been assigned to chairing ad hoc committees on specific issues facing the caucus.

Dempsey says he likes being an assistant leader because it "gives you access to a decision-making level that you might not otherwise be at."

"Caucus policy is formulated at the leadership level, and then brought back to the caucus for approval and refinement."

Having that early voice in planning caucus positions isn't available to all caucus members.

He also helps mediate disputes between groups within the caucus such as flare-ups between rural and suburban lawmakers.

Stanius says his duties are "multi-functional," but that his "biggest duty is to set policy and direction for the Republican caucus in the House."

"I articulate the problems with the way this state is going, and outline answers to those problems," he says.

He helps IR caucus members understand how they can reach solutions to various problems. "Some of the folks have great ideas, but they sometimes need a little help to get their bills heard and made into laws."

The part of the job he likes best is that he feels he is making a difference. "I think what we do, and the decisions we make as assistant minority leaders, are implemented 90 percent of the time," he says.

Sviggum has been an assistant leader for two years. He was also an assistant majority leader when the IRs controlled the House in 1985 and 1986.

Sviggum is the IR floor leader and assists Schreiber during floor sessions, acting as the IR point man when prepar-

ing strategy and offering amendments to legislation on the floor.

"I like the involvement with the floor activity, the charge of being floor leader . . . and to lead the caucus philosophically on various positions," he says.



Assistant minority leaders from left to right: Reps. Don Valento, Kathleen Blatz, Dave Gruenes, Brad Stanius, Steven Sviggum, and Terry Dempsey.

A Window on the House

Legislative Reference Library

Legislative library works to answer questions

There is no traditional card catalogue but every piece of information is meticulously filed. The room appears to hold as many study tables as shelves but there is an endless wealth of information available.

This is the Legislative Reference Library (LRL), the department where a broad range of information is found and obscure questions are answered.

Legislators preparing bills use the library to gather statistics and background information, says Jan LeSuer, one of four reference librarians. They also read how other states deal with issues, the local response to proposed bills, and the fate of past proposals.

The clipping files, a collection unique to the LRL, are frequently used as a resource, LeSuer says. The files, started in 1969, contain articles clipped from almost every Minnesota newspaper. They are arranged topically, from crime and disabled housing to public lands and U.S. presidents.

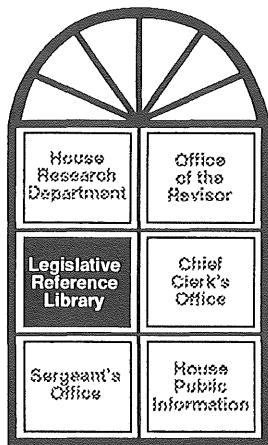
"Legislators are very interested in how issues are covered in the press. The files provide great background information and give a sense of how an issue is growing," he says.

The majority of library users belong to the Legislature or a state government agency.

"Our first duty is to legislators and their staff. If the public or a state agency or even the governor comes in, great. But they may have to work independently," LeSuer says.

The priority given to legislators and their needs is why the library emphasizes research materials, according to Director Marilyn Cathcart.

"We do just about anything to get information for a legislator or legislator's staff—call other states and national associations and connect into various computer data bases. We're like detectives," Cathcart says.



Computers give "let-work" new meaning

Originally located in a small room in the Capitol, the department has grown as the needs of patrons have grown.

Because legislators want up-to-date information from all levels of government, the LRL uses extensive on-line

database systems. In 1983, the library's records became a part of the State University System's on-line catalog, PALS. The computer search service gives quick and easy access to the library's collection of books, government publications, and reports.

NEXIS, an electronic news service, includes information from major newspapers, magazines and wire services, and SISP (State Information Systems Project) indexes information collected by Minnesota state agencies.

Another valuable service is DIALOG, a vendor of several hundred data bases which LRL uses to fetch a wide range of information.

"DIALOG bursts our ability to get information beyond our walls," Cathcart says. With it and other data bases, LRL staff are able to answer almost any question.

The information connection

When a person needed information on Eurasian water milfoil, for example, Cathcart reached for the computer. The search yielded valuable background articles about the algae that has contaminated Minnesota lakes.

Other questions are more straightforward. Cathcart says some people call and ask for the governor's address or a quotation from former Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. The LRL staff receives an average of 80 questions every day, she says.

"During session, most of our questions come from legislators. After session, we get questions from the public wanting to know what the Legislature did," Cathcart says.

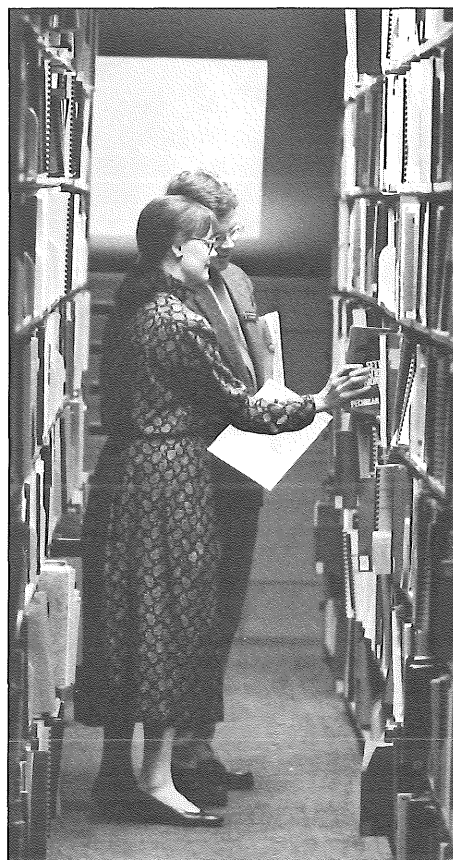
Instead of waiting for questions to come up, the staff gathers information they know is of interest to legislators.

Cathcart emphasized that the library is non-partisan, and keeps requests for information confidential.

"Most library users are concerned about confidentiality because they have a political agenda, but we don't reveal—and never will—what we're doing for someone or who we're doing it for," she says.

While the LRL can't do as much

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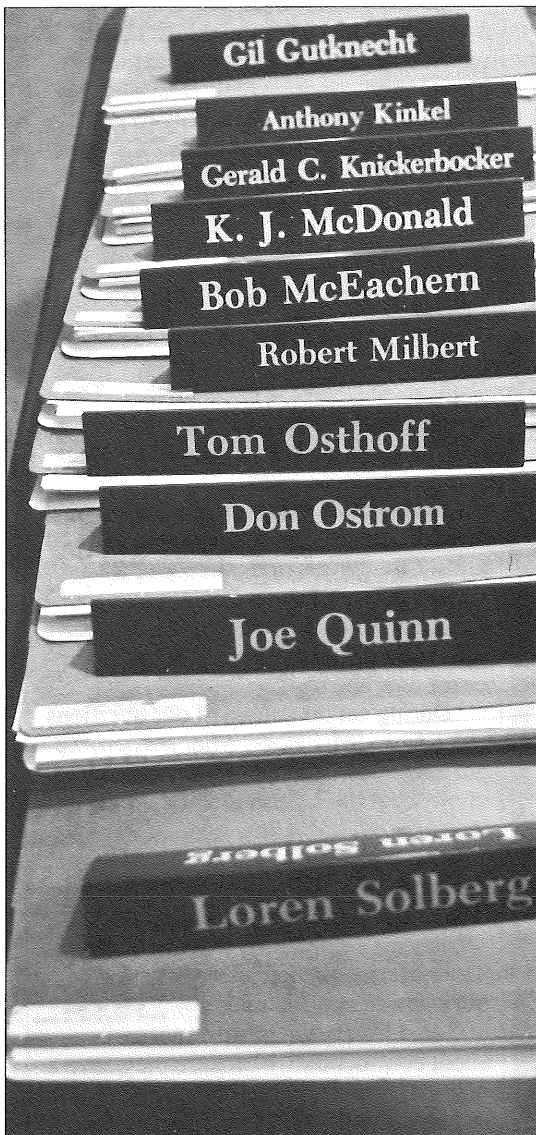
Marilyn Cathcart and Dan Gjeltten inspect part of the Legislative Reference Library's collection. Cathcart is the director; Gjeltten, the assistant director.

COMMITTEE ACTION

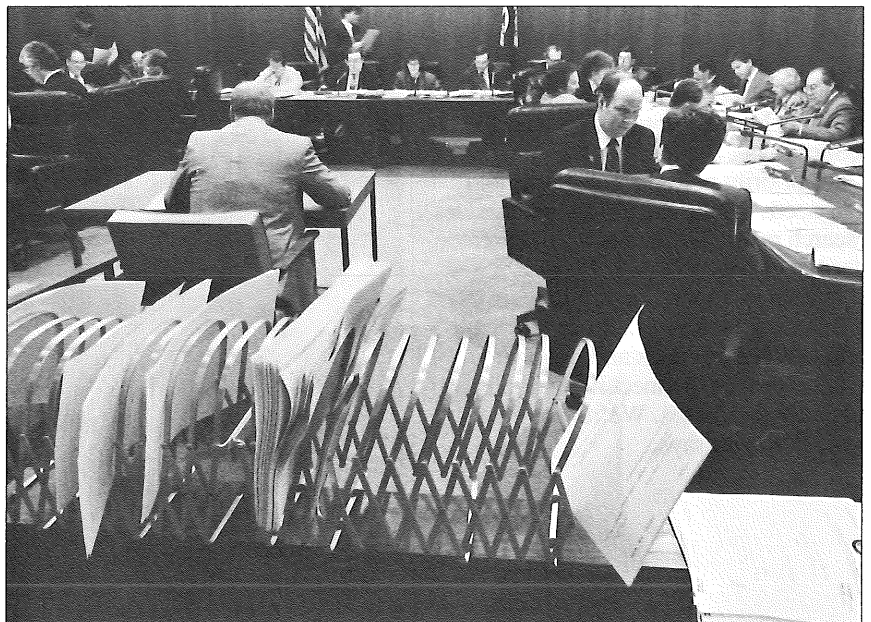
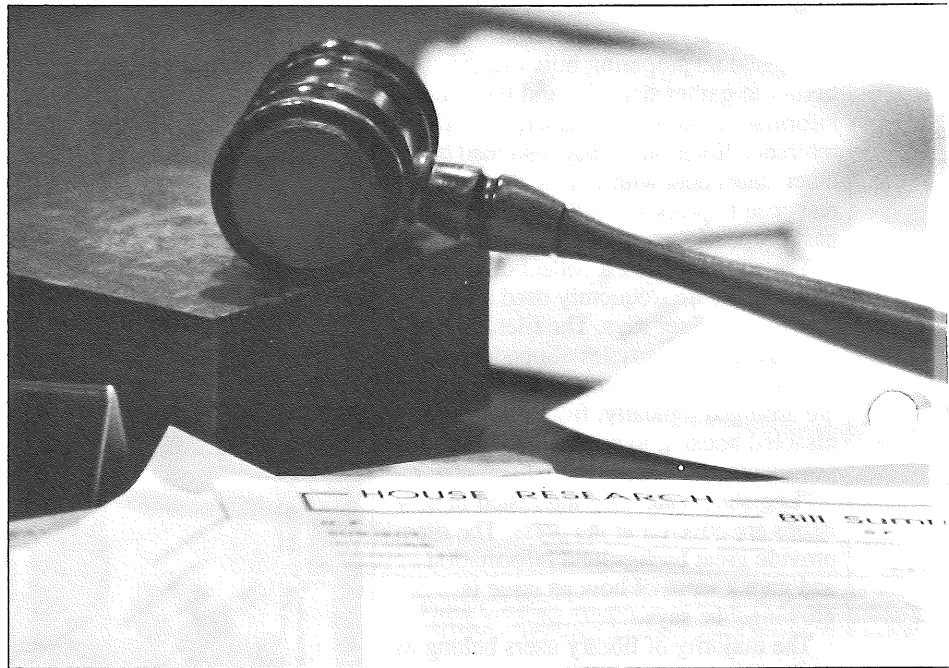
If floor action is the heart of the House, then committee action is its soul.

The committee molds the bill by amending it — sometimes adding just a word, sometimes deleting just a sentence, sometimes substituting an entirely new version. And the amending process can happen more than once if a bill moves through several committees before reaching the floor.

But every bill undergoes the committee process because a bill must pass through at least one before it reaches the House floor for debate.



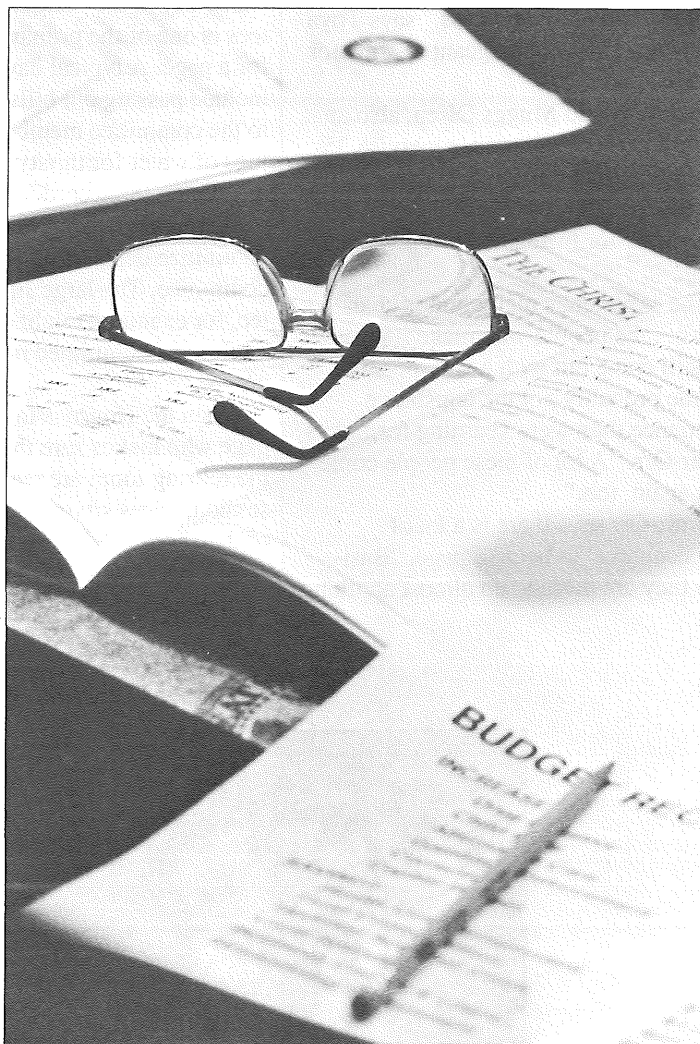
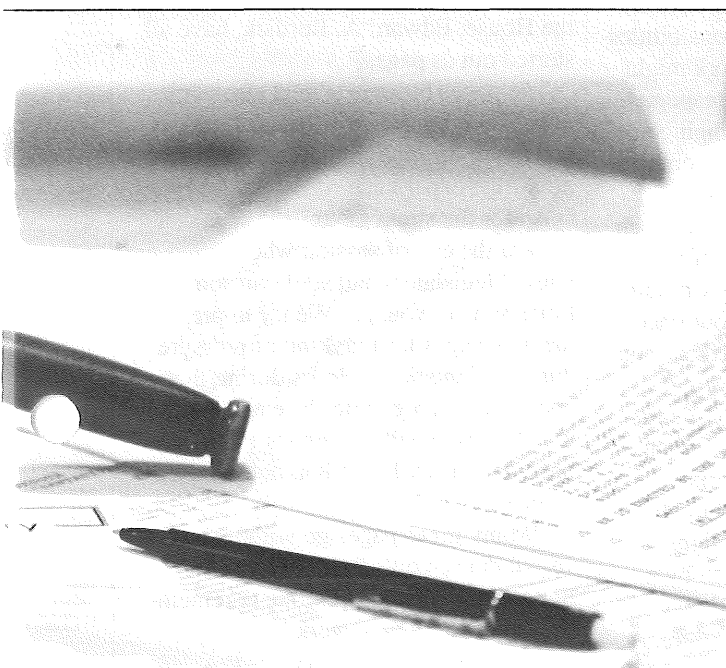
Nameplates and information packets greet committee members as they arrive to tackle the topics of the day.



Information awaits distribution during a committee hearing.



Left: Testimony is paramount during a committee hearing. House members and witnesses explain a bill to other lawmakers.
Center: A gavel, pen, and the all-important bill summary are trademarks found at any House committee hearing.



Committee members' eyes often grow weary after a long and tedious budget hearing.



Tape recordings provide a complete record of committee sessions. The taping began in 1973. Old tapes (1973-1980) are stored at the Minnesota Historical Society's Research Center; newer tapes (1981-1989) are stored in the Legislative Reference Library.

Say 'thanks' to the House pages

The hours are long. Sometimes very long. There's no overtime pay and the stress at times can be great. So why would anybody want to be a House page?

"People want to be pages because it allows them to get their feet wet in the political arena and gain more knowledge about the legislative process," says Toya Farrar-Orr, assistant sergeant at arms for the House.

Farrar-Orr and Muggs Olsen, also an assistant sergeant at arms, supervise 35-40 full-time pages every session. Andy Remke, chief sergeant at arms, is responsible for hiring and training the group.

"The experience really builds character . . . the people who make it through and still come out with a very positive attitude probably got the legislative experience they were yearning for," says Farrar-Orr. "A lot of these people come back again, too."

Farrar-Orr says there is a lot of "physicalness" in being a page. "Basically they are there to do almost anything

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that will help a House member or staff member get their work done," she says.

Serving in the various House committees is one of the primary responsibilities for a page. A typical day of work might include passing out bills and amendments to the committee members, bringing up jugs of water for thirsty House members, or running the recording system.

The number of pages assigned to each committee depends on the size of the committee. The large Judiciary Committee, for example, might need four pages, while a subcommittee may need only one or two.

When the House is in session it's the page who makes sure the chamber and the retiring room are ready. During session, pages sit on a bench in the front of the chamber waiting for the light signal that means they're needed by a representative. After session, it's the

pages' job to clean up the chamber.

Farrar-Orr says that 65-70 percent of pages are recent college graduates, mostly political science majors. However, pages come from a variety of backgrounds and range in age from 18 to 80. Many are using the job as a "stepping stone" to other state government positions. Legislators, staff members, the chief sergeant at arms, and chief clerk of the House, Edward A. Burdick, have all started out as pages.

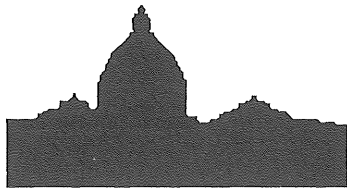
The pages become a "real close knit group" during sessions, Farrar-Orr says, and many lasting relationships have come out of the experience.

As for the stress factor, she says that toward the end of session when things are tense, "legislators and staff can sometimes snap at you. . . . We try to prepare the new pages for that kind of pressure during orientation." Hours during that hectic time can go into the early morning, which is especially rough for pages who have to be back for an 8 a.m. committee meeting.

"Many times pages go without any verbal thank-you's," she says. "The important thing for everyone to remember is how hard they work."



Pages gather around Muggs Olsen to get last minute instructions before the House meets in session.



Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Monday, March 5

Food ingredients—consumer information

HF173 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—heard; re-referred to Dairy & Livestock Subcommittee.

Potato producers—checkoff fees

HF2087/SF2012 (E. Olson, DFL-Fosston)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Light butter—standards

HF2305 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—recommended to pass.

Farm safety audit—pilot project

HF2495/SF2345 (Dille, IR-Dassel)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

Agricultural contracts—mediation, arbitration

HF2060/SF1779 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Farm products—redefinition, penalties

HF2061/SF2037 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Agriculture societies—district changes

HF2514 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended.

COMMERCE

Tuesday, March 6

Tobacco vending machines—restrictions

HF2042/SF1923 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

Universal Commercial Code—fund transfers

HF2243/SF2064 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Real estate brokers—securities transactions

HF2610 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—laid over.

Thursday, March 8

Amusement rides—regulation

HF1995/SF1751 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Non-profit organizations—voting

HF2116 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass.

Auto purchase price refunds—itemized statement

HF2321/SF2253 (Haukoos, IR-Albert Lea)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Free newspapers—distribution sites

HF2594/SF2391 (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Real estate brokers—securities transactions

HF2610 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, March 6

Military contractors—grants

HF1971/SF2245 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—not recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Wild rice—promotion council establishment

HF2253/SF2299 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Prevailing wage requirement

HF2601 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

Thursday, March 8

Military spending—impact, conversion

HF1031 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—not recommended to pass.

Employment task force—creation

HF2329/SF2319 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Governmental Operations. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Port authorities—trade zone power

HF2384/SF2281 (Rice, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Minnesota Project Outreach Corp.—changes

HF2534/SF2360 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

South St. Paul—land improvement grant

HF2636/SF2435 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

EDUCATION

Monday, March 5

College endowments—matching program

HF2008/SF2027 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Higher education—midwestern compact

HF2024/SF2248 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Vocational-technical colleges—title changes

HF2058 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Environmental Education Act

HF2383/SF2160 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Environment & Natural Resources Committee.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

Parenting programs

HF1849 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—heard; amended; amended into HF2004.

Governor's drug plan

HF2004/SF1929 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard; amended; re-referred to Education Finance Division. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Vocational-technical board—changes

HF2011/SF1927 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Education task force—member changes

HF2381/SF2136 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Minneapolis school district—unclassified positions

HF2508/SF2314 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Education Finance/EDUCATION

Monday, March 5

Public schools—mandatory fire inspections

HF1805 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)—heard.

Maximum effort loan program—modifications

HF1876/SF1787 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard; amended.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Thursday, March 7

Education district levy limits—clarification

HF1813 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—heard.

Education districts—transfers

HF1850/SF1783 (Schafer, IR-Gibbon)—heard.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Academic calendars—requirements removal

HF1864/SF1863 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—heard.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Education, school district meetings—interactive TV

HF2310 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—recommended to pass; amended into education omnibus bill.

Transportation—non-resident students

HF2375/SF2083 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—heard.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Transportation—non-resident pupils

HF2387 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—heard.

Transportation formula—modification

HF2431/SF2324 (Ostrom, DFL-St. Peter)—withdrawn.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Education districts—initiatives increase

HF2477/SF2254 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Higher Education/EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 7

Anoka-Ramsey Community College—appropriation

HF45 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Education Committee.

Postsecondary child care—limit removal

HF1929/SF2191 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Education Committee.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Friday, March 2

Washington County—Highway 21

HF1881/SF2049 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Transportation Committee.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Metropolitan water management—regulation

HF2007 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

Water use—cooling restriction

HF2085 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Drought emergencies—task force

HF2299/SF2172 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Monday, March 5

Solid waste—resource recovery permits

HF2444 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—recommended to pass as amended.

Tuesday, March 6**Greenhouse effect—reduction**

HF1617/SF1473 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Pipeline plans—authority repeal

HF1991 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass.

Radioactive waste—regulation

HF2311/SF2195 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

PCA property—disposition

HF2353/SF2396 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Environmental education program

HF2383/SF2160 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Thursday, March 8**Deer hunters—two deer**

HF232 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass.

Lake of the Woods state forest—establishment

HF1879/SF1772 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Timber sales—multiple sale locations

HF1939/SF1879 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Wild life management—farmer agreements

HF1960/SF1706 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Eurasian water milfoil—regulation

HF2092 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Watershed administrative fund—limit increase

HF2207/SF2231 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Helmer Myre, Newstrand Woods state parks—name changes

HF2219/SF2079 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

State park permits—agent sales

HF2350/SF2408 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Conservation officers—search warrants

HF2351/SF1704 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

St. Louis County—solid waste management authority

HF2386/SF2270 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING**Wednesday, March 7****Homesteading—area redefinition**

HF1924/SF1955 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Low-income housing—tax credits

HF1987/SF1850 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Credit unions—closing agent requirements exemption

HF2028/SF1922 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—recommended to pass. (SF passed Senate)

Detroit Lakes—detached banking facility

HF2057/SF1871 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Energy assistance—resolution

HF2097/SF1973 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Public housing—low-rent, Section 8 changes

HF2117/SF1822 (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Home loans—securities regulation

HF2234/SF1848 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Housing Finance Agency—loans, grants

HF2283/SF1950 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING**Monday, March 5****Homesteading—area redefinition**

HF1924/SF1955 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Low income housing—tax credits

HF1987/SF1850 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Energy assistance—resolution

HF2097/SF1973 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass; re-referred

to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Rental property—drug raid damage

HF2197/SF2095 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—heard; laid over.

(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Home loans—securities regulation

HF2234/SF1848 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee.

(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Housing Finance Agency—loans, grants

HF2283/SF1950 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee.

(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**GENERAL LEGISLATION,
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING**

Tuesday, March 6

**Gambling—task force
recommendations**

HF2005/SF2018 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—heard; amended.

(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

School district elections—changes

HF1870/SF1920 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Dept. of Military Affairs—executive director

HF1976/SF1851 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Veterans Home Board—executive director

HF1977/SF1880 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Veterans—redefinition

HF2001/SF1882 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Veterans & Military Affairs Committee)

Veterans' homes—cemeteries

HF2002/SF1967 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Gambling—task force recommendations

HF2005/SF2018 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—heard; amended.

(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

National Guard—tuition reimbursement

HF2053/SF1884 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—laid over.

(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Elections—automatic recounts

HF2134/SF2002 (Abrams, IR-Minnetonka)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Veterans Home Board—women members

HF2138/SF1989 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Veterans & Military Affairs Committee)

Veterans Home Board—contested case exemption

HF2173/SF1918 (Ostrom, DFL-St. Peter)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Thursday, March 8

Elections—uniform election day

HF1916/SF1944 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Absentee ballots—ill, disabled

HF1988/SF2057 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—amended into HF2041.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

**Gambling—task force
recommendations**

HF2005/SF2018 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

Veterans Home Board—surplus facilities

HF2023 (DFL-Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—recommended to pass.

Election changes—secretary of state

HF2041/SF2229 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Gambling—horse racing, pari-mutuel betting changes

HF2171/SF1870 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Presidential primary—changes

HF2325/SF2421 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Waseca County—FarmAmerica exemption

HF2336/SF1890 (Frederick, IR-Mankato)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

St. Paul—school board election changes

HF2515/SF2386 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—laid over.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

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

Thursday, March 1

School district elections—changes

HF1870/SF1920 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Absentee ballots—ill, disabled
HF1988/SF2057 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Election changes—secretary of state
HF2041/SF2229 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Elections—automatic recounts
HF2134/SF2002 (Abrams, IR-Minnetonka)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Presidential primary—changes
HF2325/SF2421 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Monday, March 5

Public employees—pay equity
HF1198/SF448 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—heard.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Public employee retirement—investment reports
HF2103/SF2105 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Court administrators—salary appeals
HF2319/SF2250 (E. Olson, DFL-Fosston)—not recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

Public employees—severance payment limits
HF1894/SF2117 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Public employees—vesting
HF2148 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass as amended.

Lake Superior authority—establishment
HF2459/SF1866 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Safety officers' dependents—scholarship fund
HF2492/SF2301 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Thursday, March 8

Public employees—pay equity
HF1198/SF488 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—heard; postponed.
(SF on Senate floor)

Public buildings—recodification
HF2105/SF2431 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Intergovernmental relations—advisory commission
HF2228 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Public employees—insurance plan
HF2323/SF2246 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Anoka County—jobs, training
HF2507/SF2333 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, March 6

Prescription drugs—financial assistance
HF1739/SF1617 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Child care funding—county payments
HF2132/SF1726 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Willmar area—mental retardation services
HF2380/SF2164 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Vocational rehabilitation—employment programs
HF2487/2353 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Welfare reform
HF2632/SF2419 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Thursday, March 8

Bone marrow donors—education
HF1889/SF1903 (Weaver, IR-Champlin)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Lead assessment standards—education
HF1970/SF1937 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Child support—enforcement
HF2404/SF2204 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

General Assistance Medical Care—housekeeping bill
HF2649/SF2478 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—laid over.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

INSURANCE

Thursday, March 1

Liability insurance—claim denials
HF1897/SF1942 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Health, accident insurance—benefits coordination
HF1984/SF2110 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Comprehensive health insurance—data classification
HF2343 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Wednesday, March 7

Property, casualty insurance—agent compensation
HF1902/SF1995 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Better beginnings act—establishment
HF2031/SF1835 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Health & Human Services Committee.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Insurance information disclosure—clarification
HF2204/SF2153 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Automobile insurance—antique, recreational vehicles
HF2242/SF2264 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

No-fault car insurance—clarification
HF2249/SF2068 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Health insurance—demonstration project
HF2293/SF1696* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Health & Human Services Committee.
(SF passed Senate)

Life insurance—benefits acceleration
HF2572/SF2424 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Domestic insurers—foreign insurers
HF2645 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.

JUDICIARY

Friday, March 2

Child abuse—definition expansion
HF1823/SF1845 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—amended into HF2390.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Human rights—discrimination law changes
HF2038/SF1847 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child abuse—penalties increase
HF2044/SF1969 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—amended; amended into HF2390.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Drugs, alcohol—assessment regulation
HF2068/SF2047 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—heard; laid over.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Revisor's bill—changes
HF2084/SF1986 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Body armor—penalties
HF2086/SF2134 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child protection worker—assault penalty increases
HF2128/SF2312 (Stanis, IR-White Bear Lake)—amended; amended into HF2390.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child abuse—omnibus bill
HF2390/SF2188 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Health & Human Services Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Data practices—omnibus bill
HF2365/SF2200 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Monday, March 5

Bail reform—constitutional amendment
HF1279 (Seaberg, IR-Eagan)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Domestic abuse—restraining orders
HF1884/SF1860 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—heard; amended; laid over.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

District courts—county filing fees
HF2225/SF2004 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child support—enforcement
HF2404/SF2204 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Health & Human Services Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Felony—pre-sentence investigations
HF2481/SF2237 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

Drugs—penalty increases
HF1843/SF1759 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child support, custody—omnibus bill
HF1855/SF1745 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Peace officers—jurisdictional increase
HF2056/SF1916 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Wild land arson—penalties
HF2131/SF2175 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Environmental offenses—statute of limitations
HF2184/SF2355 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Court of compensation appeals—creation

HF2196/SF2045 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Labor-Management Relations Committee.

(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Telecommunications—fraud

HF2222/SF2132 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Trust requirements—modifications

HF2223/SF1891 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF passed the Senate)

Juveniles—chemical assessment

HF2244/SF2042 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—heard; amended into HF1843.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Police officers—ticket quotas

HF2397/SF2267 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Conciliation court—regulations

HF2530 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

**Criminal Justice Division/
JUDICIARY**

Thursday, March 1

Domestic abuse—prosecution

HF1884/SF1860 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child protection—omnibus bill

HF2390/SF2188 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Monday, March 5

Peace officers—jurisdictional increase

HF2056/SF1916 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—heard; laid over.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Juveniles—chemical assessments

HF2244/SF2042 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Tuesday, March 6

Drugs, alcohol—excise tax

HF1979/SF1945 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—heard; laid over.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Peace officers—jurisdiction expansion

HF2056/SF1916 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Sexual contact—definition expansion

HF2077 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

Adoption—procedure changes

HF2210/SF2199 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—heard; laid over.

(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

Drugs, alcohol—excise tax

HF1979/SF1945 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT
RELATIONS**

Monday, March 5

Medical, family care leaves

HF367/SF409 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Labor-management committees—mediation services

HF2248/SF2181 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Occupational safety—employer programs

HF2398/SF1869 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
& METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, March 6

Blue Earth County—office appointment

HF2078/SF2119 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Port authorities—title changes

HF2149/SF1960 (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

County performance bonds

HF2156 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—recommended to pass as amended.

Street vacation—notification

HF2187/SF1980 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Township ordinance codification

HF2188/SF1979 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Ramsey County—performance bond waiver, fee authorization

HF2250/SF2179 (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Public debt issues—voting

HF2254 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

Metropolitan airport search area protection

HF2614/SF2433 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Thursday, March 8

Rights-of-way—map, plat filings

HF1784 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass.

Metropolitan Waste Management—regulation

HF2007 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

Ramsey County—charter commission members' terms

HF2043/SF1777 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF on Senate Floor)

City, county assessors—appointment clarification

HF2189/SF1897 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Abstractors—minimum insurance coverage

HF2252 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)—recommended to pass.

Olmstead County—treasurer, auditor combination

HF2448/SF2373 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Revenue recapture—claimant agency definition

HF2513/SF2399 (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Law Committee)

Cemetery—land transfer

HF2650/SF2455 (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Wednesday, March 7

Municipal electric utilities

HF2075/SF2317 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Public Utilities & Energy Committee)

Metropolitan telephone service—expansion

HF2327/SF1743 (Jacobs, DFL-

Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Public Utilities & Energy Committee)

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, March 7

Motor carriers—irregular route regulation

HF869/SF677 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Triple recreational vehicles—authorization

HF1712/SF1603 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Light rail transit—bonding

HF1788 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Intersection right-of-way—clarification

HF1927/SF2138 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Rural health care

HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Track abandonment—standards

HF2064/SF1752 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)—laid over.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Chisago County—Moberg Trail

HF2090/SF1947 (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF passed Senate)

Service brakes—requirements

HF2124/SF2074 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Hazardous materials—dealer exemptions, regulations

HF2211/SF2147 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Railroad crossings—penalties, changes

HF2401/SF2400 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

FLOOR ACTION

CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 1

Mille Lacs, Kanabec counties—town contributions

HF1893*/SF1761 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—passed 131-0.

(SF in Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Second Judicial District—dispute resolution

HF1895*/SF1917 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed 132-0.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Monday, March 5

Ethnic American day—designation

HF1919*/SF1737 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (134-0).

(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

DWI—crime victims reparations

HF2143*/SF2043 (Janezich, DFL-Chisholm)—passed (133-0).

(SF on Senate Floor)

GENERAL ORDERS

Monday, March 5

State-aid system—changes

HF1569/SF1420 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park) recommended to pass as amended.

(SF on Senate Floor)

American Heritage Trust Act—resolution

HF1754/SF1647 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Plat monuments—tampering penalties

HF1785/SF2141 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm) recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child punishment—penalties increase

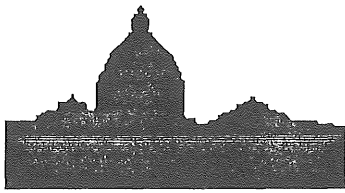
HF1830/SF1978 (Morrison, IR-Burnsville)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Prostitution—penalties for patrons

HF1846/SF1977 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)



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Bill Introductions

HF2526-HF2721

Monday, March 5

HF2526—Pauly (IR)

Health & Human Services

Birth control; memorial to Congress to support birth control and fertility research.

HF2527—Tunheim (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Health insurance coverage provided by certain providers outside of network.

HF2528—Tunheim (DFL)

Regulated Industries

Emergency 911 telephone services to have local location identification data bases.

HF2529—Tunheim (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Red Lake River flood control; Clearwater and Beltrami counties appropriated money for floodwater retention, with state bonds sold.

HF2530—Pugh (DFL)

Judiciary

Conciliation court judgments collected under Revenue Recapture Act, and other changes made.

HF2531—Omann (IR)

Agriculture

Drought relief provided to farmers and small business, with money appropriated.

HF2532—Carlson, D. (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Regional park land acquisition provisions repealed for Lake Minnetonka Regional Park.

HF2533—Carlson, D. (IR)

Appropriations

Game and fish license fees increases reduced, and certain transfers reversed.

HF2534—Otis (DFL)

Economic Development

Project Outreach Corporation provisions changed, capital access program to require certain notifications, and other changes provided.

HF2535—Bertram (DFL)

Transportation

Motorcycles; off-road motorcycle registration and operation regulated as for all-terrain vehicles, fees and penalties set, and money appropriated.

HF2536—Redalen (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Forest resource center in Lanesboro appropriated money to provide classroom space, shiitake mushroom facility, and maple syrup demonstration.

HF2537—Girard (IR)

Agriculture

Honeybees; money appropriated to compensate for colonies lost due to grasshopper control.

HF2538—Jaros (DFL)

Taxes

Income tax subtraction for elderly modified for federal retirees.

HF2539—Bauerly (DFL)

Education

School aid provided for classes with independent study credits, and adult high school graduation aid conformed to that for other pupils.

HF2540—Olson, K. (DFL)

Education

Special education fund reductions restricted, and educational cooperative service unit self-insurance pools exempted from certain requirements.

HF2541—Beard (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations

Unemployment compensation provisions changed for Conservation Corps members and entertainers, income disregard, holiday pay, administrative hearings, and appropriation of certain federal funds.

HF2542—McDonald (IR)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Racing days assigned to both thoroughbreds and quarter horses.

HF2543—O'Connor (DFL)

Regulated Industries

Minnesota-produced beer sold at public facilities selling other beers.

HF2544—Dawkins (DFL)

Appropriations

Capitol area; Roy Wilkins memorial provided and money appropriated.

HF2545—Johnson, R. (DFL)

Appropriations

Bemidji; money appropriated for tourist facilities, with state bond sales authorized.

HF2546—Swenson (IR)

Judiciary

Driving while intoxicated; motor vehicle forfeiture required for certain repeat violators.

HF2547—Olsen, S. (IR)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Charitable gambling regulations changed for allowable expenses, posting of pulltab prizes and winners, and audits, with money appropriated.

HF2548—Kelly (DFL)

Judiciary

Judicial election provisions changed for district judges.

HF2549—Bertram (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Vietnam POW/MIA's; rewards for return authorized and a tax checkoff provided for POW/MIA rescue fund.

HF2550—Bertram (DFL)

Judiciary

Controlled substances; penalty increased for possession of marijuana.

HF2551—Bertram (DFL)

Commerce

Flags made of nonflammable materials and treated to maintain flame-resistant condition.

HF2552—Olsen, S. (IR)

Education

Parental involvement increased.

HF2553—Frederick (IR)

Taxes

Sales and use tax exemption provided for materials used and consumed to produce certain taxable services.

HF2554—Ogren (DFL)

Governmental Operations

McGregor; a certain school district employee allowed to repay benefits and resume status as an active member.

HF2555—McPherson (IR)

Taxes

Bayport; special levy authorized for city library.

HF2556—Stanisus (IR)

Education

School district equity revenue provided to all districts.

HF2557—Pugh (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Police and fire retirement associations; municipal contributions refunded after consolidation.

HF2558—Waltman (IR)

Education

School district equity revenue provided to all districts.

HF2559—Stanisus (IR)

Taxes

Sales tax imposed on retail game fish sales, with proceeds dedicated to aquiculture tax revenue fund.

HF2560—Stanisus (IR)

Health & Human Services

Pharmacy board to regulate sale of over-the-counter drugs, with drug outlets required to register.

HF2561—Richter (IR)

Transportation

Transportation department to erect a sign near Perham giving mileage to Ottertail.

HF2562—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Nursing home reimbursement level continued for a certain facility.

HF2563—Uphus (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Reinvest in Minnesota and wastewater treatment grants appropriated money from state bond sales.

HF2564—Brown (DFL)

Education

Educational opportunity task force created to coordinate opportunities on Minnesota-South Dakota border.

HF2565—Scheid (DFL)

Education

Teachers; arbitration provided for disputes due to proposed termination or discharge of teachers following probationary period.

HF2566—Wenzel (DFL)**Appropriations**

Secondary vocational education program appropriated money.

HF2567—Kelso (DFL)**Commerce**

Performance bonds required for building and construction contractors.

HF2568—Rest (DFL)**Judiciary**

Driving while intoxicated; penalties increased for refusal to submit to implied consent test, and crime of aggravated driving while intoxicated expanded.

HF2569—Segal (DFL)**Insurance**

Health insurance to cover mental illness as other illnesses.

HF2570—Steensma (DFL)**Education**

College credit allowed for some military activities and experiences.

HF2571—Pelowski (DFL)**Education**

State universities required to use semester system.

HF2572—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Life insurance policies regulated for accelerated benefits, and other changes made.

HF2573—Solberg (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Aging board appropriated money for supplemental funds for congregate meals.

HF2574—Rest (DFL)**Commerce**

Contracts for deed; certain deed interests recorded if no taxes were delinquent when contract was executed.

HF2575—Pelowski (DFL)**Economic Development**

Small businesses aided in procuring federal government contracts, Winona State University to administer procurement assistance program, and money appropriated.

HF2576—McEachern (DFL)**Education**

American Indian long-range education plans provided.

HF2577—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

Cultural education programs provided, and money appropriated.

HF2578—Krueger (DFL)**Education**

School District 213 in Osakis provided a capital loan.

HF2579—Johnson, A. (DFL)**Education**

Preparation time; equal preparation time provided to teachers at all levels.

HF2580—Cooper (DFL)**Agriculture**

Agricultural societies; county and district fairs appropriated money.

HF2581—Greenfield (DFL)**Judiciary**

Abuse and neglect; criminal penalties provided for

health care facilities or programs guilty of abuse or culpable neglect of patients.

HF2582—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Medical examiners board; provisions changed for membership, disciplinary actions, and reporting for liability coverage.

HF2583—Pelowski (DFL)**Appropriations**

Winona State University appropriated money for a new library, with state bonds issued.

HF2584—Pelowski (DFL)**Appropriations**

Winona Technical College appropriated money from state bond sales for capital expenses.

HF2585—Pugh (DFL)**Judiciary**

Labor and industry department data regulated for collection, classification, and dissemination.

HF2586—Jacobs (DFL)**Judiciary**

Information released to adopted people earlier.

HF2587—Otis (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Public Employees Retirement Association; a certain Minneapolis employee allowed to purchase prior service credit.

HF2588—Onnen (IR)**Insurance**

Health care; affordable health care and insurance studied, and money appropriated.

HF2589—Lynch (IR)**Insurance**

Automobile insurance made available for home child care providers.

HF2590—Otis (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Plastic recycling provided in all state food services.

HF2591—Richter (IR)**Taxes**

Sales tax deduction provided for certain postage costs.

HF2592—Jennings (DFL)**Agriculture**

Liming law established and money appropriated.

HF2593—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

Way to Grow school readiness program appropriated money.

HF2594—Hausman (DFL)**Commerce**

Free newspapers; contracts establishing an exclusive right to display free newspapers prohibited.

HF2595—Osthoff (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Community development block grant program; Housing Finance Agency to approve housing grants through small cities development program.

HF2596—Simoneau (DFL)**Appropriations**

Oil overcharge funds appropriated to energy conservation programs for low-income people.

HF2597—Lynch (IR)**Regulated Industries**

Communication-impaired board; program administrator placed in unclassified service.

HF2598—Simoneau (DFL)**Judiciary**

Trial court system given 12 additional judges.

HF2599—Simoneau (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Minneapolis municipal employees; funds consolidated, mandatory retirement age removed, bounce-back annuity provided, and survivor benefits increased.

HF2600—Waltman (IR)**Taxes**

Wabasha County; certain reassessment costs transferred, and other changes made.

HF2601—Osthoff (DFL)**Economic Development**

Prevailing wage required for projects with economic development state financial assistance, and certifications required for certain past violations.

HF2602—Osthoff (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Government employee interchanges regulated.

HF2603—Janezich (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Criminal penalties provided for removing trespass signs, possession of firearms prohibited when intoxicated, transported animals covered, firearms not discharged on or over highways, and deer stand restrictions changed.

HF2604—Bertram (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Ice blocks of a certain size prohibited on frozen waters.

HF2605—Wagenius (DFL)**Education**

School district aversive and deprivation procedure rules conformed to those of Department of Human Services.

HF2606—Wagenius (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Authors and editors' names included on certain public documents.

HF2607—Janezich (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Employees allowed to purchase certain nursing facilities.

HF2608—Rodosovich (DFL)**Transportation**

Legislative Route 298 added to trunk highway system at Faribault.

HF2609—Milbert (DFL)**Appropriations**

Inver Hills Community College appropriated money for emergency capital expenses due to college center building fire, with state bond sales authorized.

HF2610—Scheid (DFL)**Commerce**

Real estate brokers; licensing exceptions clarified.

HF2611—Scheid (DFL)**Commerce**

Interest rate advertising modified for "yield to maturity."

HF2612—Kahn (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Abortion provisions changed for minors.

HF2613—Milbert (DFL)**Taxes**

Dakota County provided a property tax review.

HF2614—Lieder (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Metropolitan airport development; Metropolitan Council to review and approve changes in certain land uses.

HF2615—Begich (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Workers' compensation; mental retardation and related conditions included for subsequent disability fund.

HF2616—Begich (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Loggers covered under workers' compensation, commissioner of labor and industry to study issues concerning loggers, and money appropriated.

HF2617—Valento (IR)**Commerce**

Liens for improvements on real property are prospective in effect, service of notice required for each interested party.

HF2618—McGuire (DFL)**Education**

School districts provided aid for certain nonnative born students.

HF2619—Poppenhagen (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Fishing licenses provided to nonresident seasonal property owners at resident rates.

HF2620—Sparby (DFL)**Appropriations**

Thief River Falls Technical College appropriated money for capital improvements, with state bond sales authorized.

HF2621—Kalis (DFL)**Transportation**

Water well driller vehicles exempted from certain registration and taxation requirements.

HF2622—McEachern (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Charitable gambling; certain expenditures for real property allowed.

HF2623—Begich (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Insurance rate regulation provided.

HF2624—Schafer (IR)**Agriculture**

Dairy producers election held to determine continuation of dairy research and promotion order.

HF2625—Simoneau (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Public employees defined contribution plan provided for elected county attorneys, and ambulance service plan renamed.

HF2626—Johnson, R. (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Public Employees Retirement Association, State Retirement System, Duluth Reach Retirement Fund, and State Investment Board provisions changed.

HF2627—Limmer (IR)**Judiciary**

Hennepin County reimbursed for cost of confining felons at adult correctional facility.

HF2628—Sparby (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Jobs and training department to establish position of state job training office director.

HF2629—Skoglund (DFL)**Taxes**

Property tax; open space treatment to require equal access to food or beverage services at golf courses.

HF2630—Hausman (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Drilling for oil, gas, or other hydrocarbon-based fuels regulated for well spacing, unitization, and enforcement.

HF2631—Hausman (DFL)**Judiciary**

Human Rights Act; statute of limitations extended.

HF2632—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Human services provisions changed for employment and training programs, child care programs, work readiness, and others.

HF2633—Kelso (DFL)**Education**

Alternative preparation programs allowed for teacher licensing, and money appropriated.

HF2634—Johnson, A. (DFL)**Education**

Elementary school students provided counseling, referral, assessment, and other support services.

HF2635—Carlson, D. (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Public employees and facilities not used to perform abortions.

HF2636—Pugh (DFL)**Economic Development**

South St. Paul appropriated money to prepare land for economic development, and state bonds sold.

HF2637—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Subrogation provisions clarified for prohibition on actions against insureds.

HF2638—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Insurance provisions clarified and corrected.

HF2639—Kostohryz (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals; judges given increased salaries and included in managerial plan.

HF2640—Wenzel (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Ice blocks prohibited on frozen waters.

HF2641—Wenzel (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Deer licenses provided free to all disabled veterans.

HF2642—Wenzel (DFL)**Appropriations**

St. Cloud State University appropriated money for wood-fired boiler heating.

HF2643—Bertram (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Tuition waived at vocational-technical colleges for certain veterans.

HF2644—Bertram (DFL)**Appropriations**

United States Armed Forces services personnel given a cash bonus.

HF2645—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Domestic insurers; domestications and conversions provided for foreign insurers.

HF2646—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Long-term care provisions changed.

HF2647—Price (DFL)**Appropriations**

Higher Education Coordinating Board; responsibilities and authority clarified.

HF2648—Sarna (DFL)**Commerce**

Mortgage payment services regulated, licenses and bonds required, and fees established.

HF2649—Welle (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Clarifying Medical Assistance payment rate procedures for hospitals.

HF2650—Waltman (IR)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Cemetery property transferred to religious corporations.

Thursday, March 8**HF2651—Simoneau (DFL)****Appropriations**

Finance commissioner to make certain covenants to purchasers of bonds and certificates of indebtedness, certain accounts identified, certain bond sales reduced and cancelled, and money appropriated.

HF2652—Wenzel (DFL)**Agriculture**

Agriculture; memorial to president and Congress to protect family farm system.

HF2653—Bertram (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Peace officers killed in the line of duty given death benefits, and activities included under line of duty expanded.

HF2654—Simoneau (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Animal cruelty hotline established.

HF2655—Winter (DFL)**Economic Development**

Rural development zones established.

HF2656—Rukavina (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Tax-forfeited and other lands sold in various counties.

HF2657—Rukavina (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

American Indians; chair of Advisory Council on Urban Indians added to Indian Affairs Council.

HF2658—Bertram (DFL)**Agriculture**

Foreclosure sales; deficiency judgments provided, and fair market value of agricultural property determined.

HF2659—Sparby (DFL)**Education**

Telecommunication grants given to certain school districts, and money appropriated.

HF2660—Ozment (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Shooting preserves; licenses provided for family

HF2661—Carlson, D. (IR)**Governmental Operations**

Game and fish provisions changed for emergency rulemaking, seasons and limits on migratory birds and waterfowl, and hunting prohibitions on certain state lands.

HF2662—Wenzel (DFL)**Judiciary**

Controlled substances; student loans or grants terminated, driver's licenses revoked, mandatory life in prison required for drug related murders, and other changes made.

HF2663—Pauly (IR)**Governmental Operations**

State book designated as Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House on the Prairie".

HF2664—Carruthers (DFL)**Appropriations**

University of Minnesota; proceeds from state bond sales appropriated to construct Minnesota Daily center.

HF2665—Carruthers (DFL)**Judiciary**

Juvenile delinquents; statewide data base provided, and juveniles convicted of violent crimes prohibited from possessing pistols.

HF2666—Scheid (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Campaign provisions changed in comprehensive bill, with money appropriated for congressional campaign subsidies.

HF2667—Winter (DFL)**Rules & Legislative Administration**

Economic development activities studied by joint legislative subcommittee.

HF2668—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Education**

Education task force recommendations implemented, incentives provided for school districts participating in outcome-based learning programs, and school boards to set school calendars.

HF2669—Dorn (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Mankato permitted to adopt fire codes stricter than those established by Uniform Building Code.

HF2670—Dorn (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Mankato exempted from statutes restricting towing of vehicles.

HF2671—McEachern (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Otsego in Wright County permitted to become a statutory city.

HF2672—Simoneau (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Fiduciary economic interest statements regulated.

HF2673—Price (DFL)**Agriculture**

Food advisory committee established, and money appropriated.

HF2674—Bauerly (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Overtime payments provided for certain employees.

HF2675—Simoneau (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Wild rice harvesting, processing, and sale regulated; marketing program provided, and money appropriated.

HF2676—Kalis (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Faribault County local redevelopment board allowed additional members.

HF2677—Milbert (DFL)**Education**

School district exceptional need revenue modified.

HF2678—Pugh (DFL)**Commerce**

Nonprofit corporation provisions clarified for organization and operation.

HF2679—McEachern (DFL)**Taxes**

Automobile rental surcharge established.

HF2680—Begich (DFL)**Education**

Bonds issued by various northern Minnesota school districts.

HF2681—Begich (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Premium calculation established.

HF2682—Bertram (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Emergency 911 telephone service fee reduced.

HF2683—Bertram (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Upsala permitted to establish a boundary commission.

HF2684—Wenzel (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Hunting and fishing licenses issued to minors for reduced fees.

HF2685—Pelowski (DFL)**Education**

Corporal punishment provisions clarified.

HF2686—Pugh (DFL)**Judiciary**

Dishonored check; liability clarified, fees established for use of law enforcement agencies, and penalties made consistent with theft penalties.

HF2687—Simoneau (DFL)**Appropriations**

Oil overcharge money appropriated to commissioner of jobs and training for low-income energy conservation projects.

HF2688—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Nursing home property cost provisions changed.

HF2689—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Nursing homes; certain restrictions waived for controlling individuals.

HF2690—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Long-term care plan developed by Planning Agency.

HF2691—Poppenhagen (IR)**Education**

Pine Point School on White Earth Reservation allowed to qualify for federal impact aid.

HF2692—McPherson (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board given two public members.

HF2693—Bishop (IR)**Judiciary**

Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals replaced by court of compensation appeals, judges provided, and money appropriated.

HF2694—Gruenes (IR)**Taxes**

Sales tax exemption provided for removal of diseased shade trees.

HF2695—Kahn (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Infectious or pathological waste provisions changed.

HF2696—Weaver (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Child care; real estate and rental agreements not to prohibit licensed day care service.

HF2697—Pauly (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Solid or hazardous waste business owners required to undergo background checks, and money appropriated.

HF2698—Stanislaus (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Health clubs to have CPR trained staff.

HF2699—Uphus (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Decoy provisions changed for decoys set out by peace officers.

HF2700—Uphus (IR)**Agriculture**

Crop insurance reimbursement provided to farmers eligible for drought relief, and money appropriated.

HF2701—Uphus (IR)**Education**

School District 615 in Villard provided a capital loan.

HF2702—Johnson, R. (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Police officers pension increased.

HF2703—Rukavina (DFL)**Education**

Northeast Educational Cooperative Service Unit; a certain district allowed to levy for its share of deficit.

HF2704—Scheid (DFL)**Commerce**

Real estate license provisions changed for corporate and partnership licenses.

HF2705—Olson, K. (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Medical provider payments increased, and wages increased for nursing home, intermediate care facility, developmental achievement center, and other staff.

HF2706—Blatz (IR)**Judiciary**

Cemetery owners to report unlawful removal of bodies.

HF2707—Sparby (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Workers' compensation notice provisions changed for coverage and cancellation.

HF2708—Rukavina (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Classified service job titles and classes regulated.

HF2709—Trimble (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Conservation officers allowed to enforce certain game and fish laws.

HF2710—Pappas (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Citizens center for improving education established to improve and develop human resources.

HF2711—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Telephone services; local service provided to schools at reduced rates.

HF2712—Henry (IR)**Education**

Parental involvement in children's education increased, and parental leaves provided.

HF2713—Abrams (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Shooting preserves; family shooting preserves licensed, and money appropriated.

HF2714—Abrams (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Child care standards provided.

HF2715—Abrams (IR)**Judiciary**

Premarital agreements clarified for purposes of real estate.

HF2716—Rukavina (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Iron ore adopted as state mineral.

HF2717—Carlson, D. (IR)**Governmental Operations**

North Pine Area Hospital District employees excluded from membership in Public Employees Retirement Association.

HF2718—Otis (DFL)**Transportation**

Towing; motor vehicles parked in taxi zones towed without regard for waiting period.

HF2719—Wenzel (DFL)**Agriculture**

Drought relief; emergency relief provided for farmers and small businesses, water supplies provided for emergency use, hay and hayfield reseeding provided, and money appropriated.

HF2720—Sparby (DFL)**Economic Development**

Invention board established and appropriated money.

HF2721—Sarna (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Minneapolis; police and firefighter provisions changed for medical and surviving spouse benefits.

First Readings/Senate Bills**Monday, March 5****SF1663—DeCramer (DFL)****Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Redwood and Lyon counties; abandoning Judicial Ditch No. 37.

SF1692—Piper (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vets Affairs & Gaming**

Providing for fire code regulations revisions.

SF1778—Solon (DFL)**Insurance**

Creating and regulating the life and health insurance guaranty association.

SF1366—Marty (DFL)**Judiciary**

Making harassment in certain cases an unfair discriminatory practice.

SF1694—Berglin (DFL)**Judiciary**

Regulating child support orders.

SF1696—Solon (DFL)**Insurance**

Including the commissioners of commerce and health in designing the demonstration project for uninsured low-income persons.

SF1727—Moe, R. (DFL)**Gen'l Leg, Vets. Affairs & Gaming**

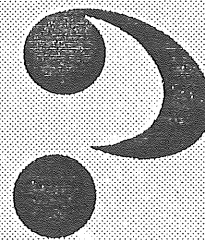
Repealing the requirement that the Minnesota State High School League conduct a two-class high school hockey championship.

House Advisories**Monday, March 5****HA36—O'Connor (DFL)****Education**

A proposal to study making the St. Paul School Board full time, elected by wards.

Thursday, March 8**HA37—Blatz (IR)****Health & Human Services**

A proposal to study the possibility of a state-sponsored group health insurance plan.

Do you know

As part of "Celebrate Minnesota," Blaine will host junior weightlifters from around the state for a two-day competition March 31 and April 1 at the National Sports Center in Blaine. The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. each day.

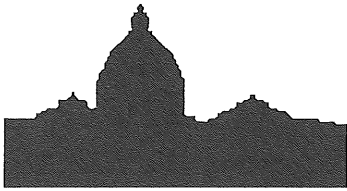
The competition, organized by the Minnesota Weightlifting Federation, includes representatives from the state's six junior weightlifting clubs. Organizers expect about 100 weightlifters from around the state to compete.

Participants will compete in either the 14 to 16-year-old division or the 17 to 19-year-old division. Each age group is divided into 10 weight classes. Winners will go on to compete for a spot on the National Junior Squad and the Junior World Team.

In addition, the Women's World Team trials will be on the evening of March 31. Organizers expect 15-20 competitors. Winners will go on to international competition in Yugoslavia.

Admission, \$3 for youths and \$5 for adults, is good for both days of the event. For more information, contact Brian Derwin at (612) 724-6753.

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Coming Up Next Week . . .

March 12 - March 16, 1990

Committee Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.
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to the public.

MONDAY, March 12

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Capital budget allocations.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: HF2609 (Milbert) Inver Hills Community College appropriated money for emergency capital expenses due to college center building fire, with state bond sales authorized. Completion of the capital budget requests from the higher education systems.

State Departments Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Budget proposals relating to pensions: Ron Hackett, team leader, Department of Finance; Arne Carlson, state auditor, and Robert Perkins, commission actuary, Wayatt Company.

TAXES
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: A continuation of the governor's budget proposal by the Department of Revenue.

8:30 a.m.

Health & Human Services Division/APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: The governor's proposed capital budget for Department of Human Services.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel
Agenda: HF2035 (Wenzel) Farm and small business management programs provided at vocational-technical colleges, and money appropriated.

JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly
Agenda: SF1104/HF1101 (Greenfield) Probate uniform anatomical gifts. HF1882 (Abrams) Guardianship; right to counsel provided for wards in certain guardianship and conservatorship proceedings. HF1439 (Pugh) Creditors remedies; regulating executions and garnishments. SF1267/HF1596 (Pugh) Notice before disposing of collateral. SF260/HF1372 (Pugh) Uniform statutory will act. HF596 (Rest) Allow creation of custodial trusts. HF2277 (Pappas) Sexual assault victims notified to risk of developing AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases, and money appropriated.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: SF2158/HF2520 (Jacobs) Flexible gas utility rates continued. SF2302/HF2528 (Tunheim) Emergency 911 telephone services to have local location identification data bases. SF2488/HFXXXX (McEachern) Local telephone service to schools. SF1983/HF2313 (Omamn) Off-sale liquor license provided for sale of Minnesota wine at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

12:30 p.m.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: HF2110 (Solberg) School District 319, Nashwauk-Keewatin, to make certain fund transfers. HF2166 (Bauerly) Performance bond requirements eliminated for purchases of finished tangible goods. HF2192 (Bauerly) Adult education; Department of Education grants distributed to innovative adult basic education providers. HF2237 (Carruthers) School district general education fund balance reduction modified. HF2378 (Tunheim) School District 676, Badger, allowed to borrow against taxes levied by district. Also on the agenda are referendum date amendments, alternative special education model, bargaining deadline amendment and other technical amendments.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich
Agenda: HF2460 (Ogren) Occupational disease surveillance system; money appropriated for planning.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

After session

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF2420 (Rest) Driving while intoxicated; license plates impounded for repeat violations. HF1986 (Rest) Open bottle law; constructive possession of alcohol prohibited in private vehicles. HF2180 (Swenson) Criminal vehicular operation expanded to include repeat driving while intoxicated (DWI) offenders who negligently cause death or great bodily harm while having a blood

alcohol level of .05 or more. HF2226 (Swenson) Criminal vehicular homicide

Tax Laws Subcommittee/TAXES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin

Agenda: HF2157 (Johnson, R.) Logging chain saw definitions changed. HF2480 (McLaughlin) Sales, miscellaneous taxes.

TUESDAY, March 13

No meetings are scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, March 14

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: Operating budget hearing: the Department of Transportation, Transportation Regulation Board, Regional Transit Board, Arts Board, Animal Health Board, Board of Architecture, Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architecture and the Department of Public Service.

Health & Human Services Division/APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: The governor's proposed capital budget for Department of Human Services, the Veterans Home Board, the Department of Health, and the Department of Jobs and Training.

State Departments Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

Agenda: To be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HF1198 (Simoneau) Pay equity bill.

10:00 a.m.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: To be announced.

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: Driving while intoxicated bills from previous meeting.

HF1824 (Vellenga) Foster care; procedures established for placement and removal of children in foster homes.

12:30 p.m.

INSURANCE

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: SF2130/HF2205 (Skoglund) Public adjuster recordkeeping and practices regulated. SF2392/HF2445 (Carruthers) Liability limits not reduced by cost of defense for professional and umbrella liability policies. SF2109/HF2499 (Carruthers) Commercial property and liability insurance regulated for cancellations, reductions, and nonrenewal notices. SF2129/HF2500 (Carruthers) Life insurance policy cancellation and nonrenewal provisions changed. This meeting is scheduled to last until 4:30 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: SF2039/HF2621 (Kalis) Water well driller vehicles exempted from certain registration and taxation requirements. SF1752/HF2064 (Brown) Track, shop, terminal, and station abandonment standards established. SF2060/HF2238 (Lasley) Drivers' licenses; various provisions changed, and money appropriated. SF2146/HF2372 (Orenstein) License plates; manufacturer's registration plates and their use regulated. SF2213/HF2373 (Olson, K.) Wheel flaps and covered loads regulated, with penalties provided. SF1729/HF1860 (Sviggum) Headlights required during inclement weather.

2:30 p.m.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Capital bonding recommendations and bills referred to the division. This meeting is scheduled to last until 6:00 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: SF1931/HF2051 (Greenfield) Chemical dependency; drug abuse prevention, research, and treatment programs provided, and money appropriated. SF2286/HF2521 (Ogren) Health Care Access Commission provided additional members. SF2216/HF2582 (Greenfield) Medical examiners board; provisions changed for membership, disciplinary actions, and reporting for liability coverage. SF1789/HF1935 (Greenfield) Prescription drugs; practitioner defined for purposes of dispensing drugs. Only pharmacists allowed to dispense drugs for profit. SF1888/HF2096 (Battaglia) Swing bed services covered by Medical Assistance. SF1507/HF1673 (Stanis) Regulating medical devices by Board of Pharmacy. SF1696/HF2293 (Jaros) Arrowhead Demonstration Project.

4:00 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: SF2127/HF2382 (Lasley) Forestry; statewide program implemented to encourage maintenance and expansion of community and urban forests.

WAYS & MEANS

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Robert Vanasek

Agenda: House budget resolution.

7:00 p.m.

Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Johnson High School Room 208,

1349 Arcade St., St. Paul

Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor

Agenda: Overview of Urban Revitaliza-

tion Action Program (URAP) money: how it's spent and current proposals on how the money should be spent. Full committee members are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY, March 15

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: Operating budget allocations: the Department of Gaming and the Department of Public Safety.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Allocations for capital bill.

Health & Human Services Division/APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: The governor's proposed capital budget for Department of Corrections. Public testimony is being taken.

State Departments Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

TAXES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: HF2478 (Ogren) Internal Revenue Service references updated.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: HF2015 (Sarna) Residential building contractors and remodelers licensed by state, advisory board established, and money appropriated.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: SF824/HF1025 (Trimble) Environment; requiring labeling of CFC-processed materials and materials



Insurance Committee.

containing CFC's. SF1703/HFXXXX Authorizing enforcement of natural resources laws by conservation officers.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: SF2073/HF2106 (Welle) Regional treatment centers to continue serving people with mental retardation, parents or guardians notified prior to discharge, and objections allowed. SF2224/HF2346 (Trimble) Nursing home moratorium exception provided. SF2051/HFXXXX (Greenfield) Controlling persons of a nursing home.

12:30 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz

Agenda: To be announced.

Privacy Subcommittee/JUDICIARY

400N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

Agenda: HF2218 (Seaberg) Cordless telephones included under Privacy of Communications Act. HF1890 (Pugh) Government data practices; procedures established for computerized data comparisons, with matching agreements required and contesting procedures provided.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: SF2156/HF2268 (Simoneau) Energy efficiency projects; municipalities allowed to enter guaranteed energy savings contracts. SF1739/HF2083

(Skoglund) Metropolitan Council compensation provisions clarified. SF2090/HF2266(Jennings) Town meeting provisions changed, town deputy treasurer provided, and maintenance of tunnels regulated. SF1663/HF1792 (Girard) Redwood County; abandoning Judicial Ditch No. 37. SF2092/HF2318 (Uphus) Municipal hospital financial operating provisions changed.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

7:00 p.m.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: A continuation of the Wednesday, March 14 meeting and bills referred to the division.

FRIDAY, March 16

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: Operating budget hearing: the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Agriculture.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Vote capital bill out of division. Presentation of reports: Teacher Placement, Technical College Student Place-

ment, and Higher Education Coordinating Board Student Placement.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Allocations for the capital bill.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: To be announced.

10:00 a.m.

**Education Finance Division/
EDUCATION**

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: To be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: SF1828/HF1912 (Welle) Nursing home capital replacement fund established, and property rates allowed to increase for a limited time. SF576/HF274 (Jefferson) Chiropractors certified. SF1689/HF2034 (Greenfield) Health insurance premiums paid by state for people with AIDS.

JUDICIARY

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly

Agenda: HF2027 (Orenstein) Tort system changed. HF2088 (Kelly) Seat belts; proof of failure to use belt is admissible in litigation.

Recess for lunch until 12:30 p.m.
HF1884 (Pappas) Domestic abuse; prosecution of domestic abuse cases improved, computerized data base studied for feasibility, and money appropriated. HF2420 (Rest) Driving while intoxicated; license plates impounded for repeat violations. HF1866 (Kelly) Judicial vacancies filled in accordance with the commission on judicial selection. SF1366/HF1690 (Pappas) Discriminatory practice to harass because of race. HF2631 (Hausman) Human Rights Act; statute of limitations extended. SF1016/HF134

(Johnson, R.) Beltrami County; regulating dogs and cats.

This meeting is scheduled to last from 10:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m., then reconvene at 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: To be announced.

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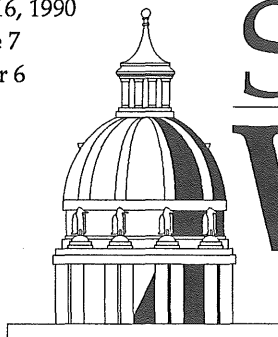


Neither rain nor snow stops the appointed rounds of lobbyist John Horner of the Minnesota Multi Housing Association as he made his way to the State Office Building March 8.

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It's a fact!

The first recorded case of capital punishment in Minnesota occurred when Ann Bilansky, convicted of poisoning her husband, was hanged outside the Ramsey County Jail in St. Paul.

Public pressure and petitions aimed at stopping the execution. The Legislature passed a bill to commute her sentence to life imprisonment. But after Gov. Alexander Ramsey vetoed the bill, Bilansky's sentence was carried out March 23, 1860.

Bilansky told the crowd of over 1,500 who witnessed her execution, "I die for my soul, not for murder."

In 1911, a House bill to abolish the death sentence in Minnesota passed on a 95-19 vote; it won Senate approval on the last day of the session.



On March 13, workers who contributed to the restoration of the House chamber attended a rededication ceremony in their honor. The event celebrated the completion of a team effort to restore and modernize the chamber. See photo story on page 10.

Highlights

Ethics seminars

Should lawmakers sit on a bank's board of directors? Or should they represent someone in a legal matter who may have a future stake in a proposal before the Legislature?

Legislators grappled with these and other gray areas of public life — those instances when the action is legal but may be questionable — during half-day seminars on ethics March 13.

Martin Linsky and Gary Orren, both from Harvard College's John F. Kennedy School of Government, posed ethical questions and led discussions about a variety of scenarios in the two closed-door seminars.

During a news conference to review the day's discussions, the presenters said

they didn't come to preach ethics. The seminar's purpose, Orren said, was to draw attention to the "ethical minefield" that legislators face.

Linsky said, "Our purpose here is to give them an opportunity to think more intensely about their own standards. This is not an attempt to teach people about ethics."

DWI laws

Repeat DWI offenders and the judges who sentence them came under attack March 12 when members of the Criminal Justice Division of the Judiciary Committee heard four bills that would affect Minnesota's drunk driving laws.

Division members amended the



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measures into one large bill — HF2420 — and approved it March 14.

The bill would allow police officers to impound the license plates of third-time DWI offenders, treat passengers in a car with an open bottle the same as the driver, lower the blood-alcohol level to .07 for repeat offenders, and change the crime of "criminal vehicular operation resulting in death" to "criminal vehicular homicide."

While judges can impound the license plates of repeat DWI offenders, it happens to less than 10 percent of third-time offenders, says Steve Simon, director of the Minnesota Justice System DWI task force. His task force found that 80 percent of those whose plates were removed stopped driving, says Simon.

Rep. Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope), co-author of the bill with Rep. Doug Swenson (IR-Forest Lake), says the measure would allow police officers to remove license plates immediately after pulling over a repeat DWI offender.

"We're trying to toughen the law by taking it out of the courts," says Rest.

Parents whose children have been killed or injured by drunk drivers spoke in favor of re-naming the criminal-vehicular-operation-resulting-in-death statute.

Sandie Swenson, wife of Rep. Doug Swenson, says the current terminology makes it sound as if the car were at fault — not the driver. The Swensons' son was killed by a drunk driver last year.

"It's time we start calling it what it is: murder," says Sandie Swenson.

HF2420 was sent to the Judiciary Committee for further review.

Pay equity

A bill that would reform the current pay equity law to help eliminate sex-based wage discrimination among public employees was approved by the Governmental Operations Committee March 15.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley), would help redefine what pay equity is and would penalize local units of governments that are not complying with it.

The Department of Employee Relations would judge whether local governments were paying female-dominated job classes consistently less than male-dominated job classes. The Legislature

would review their reports to see if a local unit should be penalized for failure to comply with the law.

"Women are consistently being paid less (than men) in comparable jobs," says Susan Stebbins of the National Organization of Women (NOW). She adds that many women and their children are living below the poverty level because of inequitable pay.

Simoneau agrees. "We have to pay people enough to get by in this world."

However, Roger Peterson, representing several metropolitan cities, says local governments "don't have a bottomless pit of money" to implement the pay equity program. The committee approved an amendment that would allow counties, cities, and schools the option of having their tax levy limit increased. Some opponents of the bill also say they are experiencing salary freezes due to the current pay equity law.

Under the measure, local governments would be able to compare pay equity programs of other local governments and the private sector to help determine what their own employees should be paid. Simoneau spoke against the change to his bill, saying it would allow local units of government to "take a snapshot of institutional wage discrimination."

Members referred HF1198 to the Taxes Committee for further consideration.

'Per diem' compensation

Members of metropolitan agencies could receive only one per diem payment per day if a bill the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee approved March 15 becomes law.

The bill clarifies that metro agency members are compensated for the entire day, not for every agency meeting they attend, says bill sponsor Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls).

A recent legislative auditor's report found that some agency commissioners filed for compensation for each meeting they attended. Some received as many as four per diem payments in a single day, according to information Skoglund supplied to the committee.

"Per diem means 'by the day,'" says Skoglund. "This bill makes sure it's *by the day*."

The bill applies to agencies in the seven-county metropolitan area.



A dejected Grand Rapids hockey player skated past a jubilant group of Roseau players after they scored their third goal in the championship game during the Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament March 10.

Two-tier hockey

A bill that would repeal a 1989 law requiring the Minnesota State High School League to conduct a two-tier hockey tournament was approved March 15 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee.

Rep. Bob Milbert (DFL-South St. Paul), author of the bill, says the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) and member schools are better equipped to decide the issue than the Legislature.

The committee heard an MSHSL resolution adopted earlier in the day stating the league will work with the Minnesota Hockey Coaches Association and schools that play hockey to create a new format for the high school hockey tournament.

"It represents an agreement between hockey playing schools and their coaches, and the high school league to set into place an orderly process to ensure more participation in post-season play," says Milbert.

The groups will meet and plan a new tournament format before the 1992 tournament.

The bill, SF1727, will be considered next on the House floor.

Domestic abuse

People who violate a domestic abuse protection order could be out as much as \$10,000 under a bill approved March 12 by the Judiciary Committee.

The measure that Rep. Sandy Pappas (DFL-St. Paul) sponsors would require people convicted of violating a judicial protection order to post up to \$10,000 bond that would be in place for the duration of the order.

If the order is violated, the money would be forfeited. And those who refuse to post the bond could be placed in jail for the duration of the protection order.

A protection order issued by the courts is designed to protect victims of domestic abuse by prohibiting abusers from coming near their victims.

But supporters of Pappas' bill say abusers often ignore the orders. And even when they are violated, they say the courts take little, if any, action.

The bill would also allow the courts to bar the abuser from the victim's place of employment, and would require judicial districts with a 50 percent or higher domestic abuse dismissal rate to carry out a plan to improve the domestic abuse conviction rate.

"The most successful prosecutions

occur where there are active advocacy programs and victim services," says Pappas. But she adds that the Department of Corrections estimates it would cost \$3.2 million to make an advocacy program available in every Minnesota county.

"A better solution, and a less expensive solution, would be to develop the public mandate that there is no excuse for abuse," Pappas says.

HF1884 will move to the House floor for further review.

BST ban

A measure that would place a three-year moratorium on the commercial use of an artificial growth hormone in dairy cows — provided at least a few other states enact similar bans — was approved by the Agriculture Committee March 9.

On a 10-8 vote, the committee voted to provisionally ban bovine somatotropin (BST), which is used to increase milk production in cows. But the ban would only go into effect if states representing 40 percent of U.S. milk production would enact similar legislation.

Opponents of the bill say the proposal runs the risk of making Minnesota an "island" among other dairy states, thus reducing its competitiveness on the national and international milk market. They also note there is no evidence of health risks from the injected hormone, and that the moratorium would send a bad signal to the milk consumer.

"We're talking about isolating Minnesota," says Sue Harlander, an assistant professor of food science and nutrition at the University of Minnesota. She adds that new technology is important to the states' dairy industry.

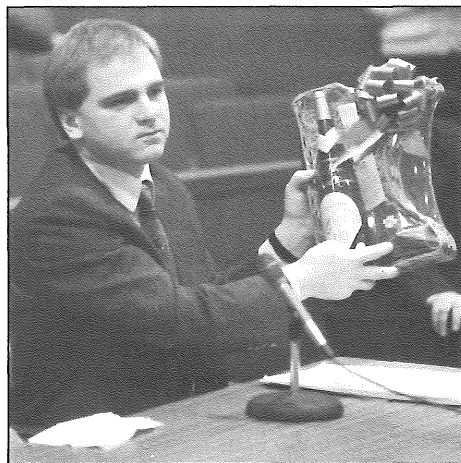
Bill sponsor Rep. Chuck Brown (DFL-Appleton), however, says more research is needed on BST.

"I respectfully submit to you this question, if it's so . . . safe, why are you all so worried about a little moratorium. Allow the testing to proceed, let's have conclusive, beyond a doubt evidence . . . let's calm the fears of those milk-using folks in this country . . . that's all this bill would do," says Brown.

Supporters of the bill fear that with increased milk production, prices would

drop and smaller dairy farmers would be driven out of business. They also argue that consumers have a right to know what's in their milk.

Members sent HF1463 to the House floor for further consideration.



Rep. Bernie Omann (IR-St. Joseph) displays an example of Minnesota-produced wine that could be sold at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport if his bill is approved.

Wine at the airport?

Travelers from around the country may get a chance to take a taste of Minnesota home with them if a bill the Regulated Industries Committee approved March 12 becomes law.

The measure sponsored by Rep. Bernie Omann (IR-St. Joseph), would give the Metropolitan Airports Commission the authority to issue off-sale liquor licenses to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport so it could sell Minnesota-produced wine.

Steve Kaminski, a Minnesota wine producer, told the committee that allowing Minnesota-produced wine to be sold in the airport would promote agriculture in the state, which in turn would create more jobs and a larger tax base.

Kaminski says selling Minnesota wine in liquor stores is often unsuccessful because of the competition with other American and international wines.

The measure, HF2313, now moves to the House floor for further review.

Compensation court

A bill proposing a constitutional amendment to create a court of compensation appeals and abolish the current Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals was approved March 9 by the Labor-Management Relations Committee.

"There is an absolute consensus that we could do better than we are doing now for our employees and our employers," says Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls), referring to discussions with business, labor, and judicial leaders. "There is also a consensus that the best that we could do is give them a judicial court with the same status, with the same rules, and with the same public scrutiny that the Minnesota Court of Appeals has."

The new court would be established within the state's judicial system to decide workers' compensation and unemployment insurance cases. Currently, workers' compensation cases are handled by the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, an administrative agency under the executive branch.

The proposed amendment would be presented to voters at the 1990 general election. If approved, the new court would begin hearing cases Jan. 1, 1991.

The bill would affect the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals whether or not the proposed constitutional amendment is adopted. It would set new qualifications for judges to sit on the court and change procedures for hearing cases. In addition, it would set time limits for the hearing and disposition of cases.

The committee sent HF2196 to the Appropriations Committee for further review.

Wetlands

A measure that's designed to preserve Minnesota's remaining wetlands was approved on a 16-4 vote by the Agriculture Committee March 9. But not before some wetland types protected under the original proposal were removed from the bill.

"If it passes like this you don't have much of a bill here," says Jim Nichols, commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

The original "no net loss" proposal would have prohibited the draining of

most wetlands in excess of one acre unless they were replaced by comparable wetlands in the same area. The modified bill exempts wetlands under 10 acres in size and water-filled meadows known as "type 2" wetlands from protection.

Marsh told lawmakers that Minnesota is continuing to lose wetlands "at an alarming rate." He says that 90 percent of the wetlands in the prairie pothole region of western Minnesota have been tapped dry.

"I think we have to get away from the thought that this is somehow ducks versus farmers or anything of the sort . . . this is a water quality issue and a water issue in general," says Marsh.

Wetlands help control flooding, recharge groundwater, reduce soil erosion, and provide habitat for wildlife.

Some concerns voiced by opponents of the bill included: the added "bureaucracy" farmers would be subjected to, how the measure would affect farmers existing drainage systems, and the cost of the plan — which would call for \$10 million in bonding money to compensate farmers and \$2.1 million for local governments and the DNR to implement the program.

Wetlands would be tax exempt under the bill, and the state would reimburse counties for lost tax revenue as a result of the exemptions.

The legislation wouldn't go into effect until the DNR develops rules for enforcing the wetlands preservation plan. But Marsh and others expressed concern that many more wetlands could be drained during the delay.

Members sent HF31 to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Trust fund lands

People who lease lake shore cabin lots from the state would have first dibs on the property when it comes up for sale if a bill approved March 9 by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee becomes law.

Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia) says some tenants have been out-bid since the DNR began selling lake shore lands at public auctions.

Under his proposal, the tenants would have first crack at the property if they agreed to pay the appraised value, plus 5

percent. If they can't pay the price within four months, the land could be sold to others for the same price. The measure would eliminate the requirement that public auctions be held to sell such property.

Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), committee chair, opposed the bill. He says it's unconstitutional to sell trust fund land without holding a public auction, and adds that the land shouldn't be sold at all.

"Selling of public land for private use is the beginning of the end," wrote Munger in a letter to Minnesota Lake-shore Leaseholders Association.

Most of the land in question is school trust fund land; the proceeds of the rent have been used to fund education. Rukavina's bill would reimburse the school trust fund with up to \$2.5 million per year in bonding money to replace the lost rent.

Rukavina says he believes the bill will survive a constitutional challenge.

Lawmakers sent HF 2229 to the Education Committee for further discussion.

Blowguns

Blowguns — a weapon traditionally associated with the deepest jungle — would be regulated like other weapons in Minnesota under a bill approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 9.

The measure requires the DNR to regulate the sale and use of blowguns by July 1, 1991, but leaves it up to the department to determine exactly what regulations are needed.

While some may consider blowguns nothing more than a toy, hunter Kurt Johnson seemed to dispel that notion when he gave a demonstration to committee members of how lethal blow guns can be.

He blasted one dart through a two-pound slab of meat and another through a 200-page directory.

Rep. Dee Long (DFL-Mpls), the bill's sponsor, says people can carry blowguns uncased in their cars and are shooting at grouse and other small game from their car windows. The laws prohibits this practice when guns are used.

Specifically, the bill asks the DNR to

determine whether the sale of blowguns to minors should be prohibited, whether blowguns should be regulated as bows and arrows are, and whether limitations should be placed on the kinds of game that can be hunted with blowguns.

Critics of blowguns say they are inaccurate and can sometimes wound game, causing a slow and painful death.

Members placed HF 1861 on the Consent Calendar.

Batten the hatches

A bill aimed at protecting motorists from being struck by stray objects falling from trucks was unanimously approved by the Transportation Committee March 14.

Under the measure sponsored by Rep. Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn), bottom dumptrucks carrying rocks, sand, gravel,

or similar materials would be required to cover their loads if their cargo is within two feet of the top of the compartment or if material rises to within six inches of the top of the sides. Failure to do so would be a misdemeanor.

Currently, a ticket is given for unsecured loads only if highway patrolmen actually see debris fall off trucks.

Trucks carrying farm produce would be exempt from covering their load, but their operators could be charged with a petty misdemeanor for any food spillage.

Bruce Erickson, a Maple Grove resident whose daughter was killed by a rock that fell from a truck, says the partial load exemption loophole in the bill weakens the measure and would make the restriction difficult to enforce.

Members sent HF2373 to the House floor for further consideration.

Budget resolution

The budgets of state agencies would be trimmed by \$113.4 million and \$100 million would be taken from the state's budget reserve under a House budget resolution approved March 15 by the House.

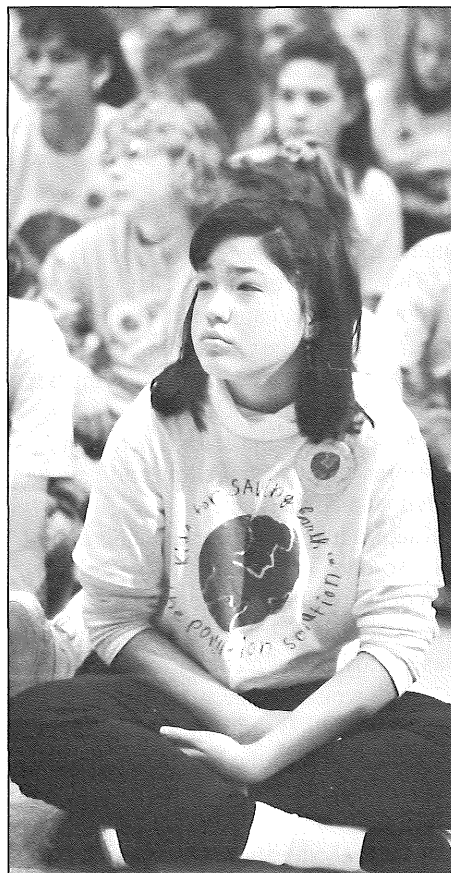
The resolution is designed to help the state through a \$144.6 million budget shortfall predicted for fiscal year 1991 by the Department of Finance.

The resolution calls for the following budget adjustments:

- \$113.4 million in budget reductions for state agencies;
- \$65.4 million in increases for programs in drug prevention and treatment, child care, gambling enforcement, and other state programs;
- \$25.6 million for the sale of bonds for building construction in the areas of education, environment and natural resources, public safety, transportation, and other state building needs;
- \$22.4 million in "additional revenues" from various sources would be included into the general fund.

The resolution would spend \$100 million of the current \$550 million reserve and calls for the state to have a \$450 million budget reserve account.

House Minority Leader Rep. Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) says the state is facing a fiscal crisis, and that the



Biana Johnson and her sixth-grade class from Sunny Hollow Elementary School in New Hope came to the Capitol rotunda March 15 to promote Earth Day 1990. The class presented Gov. Rudy Perpich with an Earth Day flag they created in honor of former classmate Clinton Hill, who died of brain cancer last November. Hill had established the "Kids for Saving Earth" club. The flag will fly over the Capitol on April 22 — Earth Day 1990.

budget resolution doesn't address the problem that the state is spending more money than it's raising.

"Somehow we have to come to grips with the fact that we're out-of-balance, that we're spending more than were taking in, and it's catching up with us in a real hurry," said Schreiber at a Ways and Means Committee hearing March 14.

He says the budget reserve money shouldn't be spent, and that the imbalance between state spending and revenue should be corrected to provide for long-term economic stability.

The Appropriations and Taxes committees will decide where state agency budget cuts are made, which could include reductions in state aid to local governments.

'Hopper' invasion

A measure that would compensate farmers for crop damages due to last year's grasshopper invasion — while also addressing the concerns of beekeepers and environmentalists — was approved by the Agriculture Committee March 9.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Clair Nelson (DFL-Barrett) would allocate \$2.5 million to partially reimburse counties and townships for last year's grasshopper control costs. The measure would also compensate beekeepers for bee colonies that are damaged by grasshopper spraying in 1990.

"In spraying [for grasshoppers last year] we inadvertently damaged another industry," says Rep. Jim Girard (IR-Lynd).

In addition, the measure would require that farmers notify beekeepers at least 24 hours before spraying near their bee colonies, provided the beekeepers fill out maps for county extension agents pinpointing where the colonies are located.

"The whole pretext of this bill is to get farmers, beekeepers, and pesticide applicators communicating," says Nelson.

The bill would also exempt "sensitive areas" such as nature conservatories and organic farms from grasshopper spraying. And the Minnesota Department of Agriculture would be required to recom-

mend pesticides that would eliminate grasshoppers, but at the same time be environmentally safe.

Members sent HF1808 to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Handicapped children

Kathryn Cassner returned to a "normal" classroom last year, fulfilling a lifetime dream. More handicapped children may follow suit if an experimental "inclusionary" program is approved by the Legislature this year.

Kathryn's mother testified March 12 before the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee in support of a proposed pilot program designed to place handicapped children in mainstream public school classrooms.

The pilot program would give parents in St. Paul and nine other school districts the option of allowing their handicapped children to be taught in classrooms alongside non-handicapped students.

Kathryn died last summer of a seizure, but her mother recounted how much Kathryn enjoyed being a part of the mainstream school system.

"The best part of Kathy's day — the most responsive, happy part of the day — was the time in the classroom," says Diane Cassner. "I dreamed of having her totally integrated. To me, that meant she was a member of the class. There's quite a difference between visiting and being a fully included member."

Kathryn had a degenerative neurological disorder.

People speaking for the program requested that districts where the program was approved be given the amount of money it would normally receive for its special education program. The program proposal is part of the Education Finance Division's budget bill.

The program would establish ways to keep special education students in regular classrooms with their peers, says Helen McClain, a first-grade teacher at St. Paul's Eastern Heights School.

McClain says it's often best to treat special education students and gifted students in the same way — teach to the whole class, then break into groups to focus on children's special needs.

"If St. Paul can plan so beautifully for such a severely handicapped child, think what they could do for other individual learning needs," says Cassner.

Occupational safety

The Department of Health would plan and research an occupational health surveillance system to promote a safer working environment under a bill approved March 12 by the Labor-Management Relations Committee.

Rep. Paul Ogren (DFL-Aitkin) says his proposal is a "preventive health approach" and stems from workplace illnesses associated with the Conwed Corp. in Cloquet.

"Widespread exposure to asbestos caused severe injury to literally hundreds of workers — injuries that in fact could have, and should have, been avoided," says Ogren.

Ogren says those injuries could have been avoided had information been given to the appropriate officials.

"If this sort of state occupational health surveillance system had been in place 20-some years ago, literally tens of millions of dollars in exposure, relative to workers' compensation and other claims, would have been averted in the Conwed circumstance alone."

The surveillance system would not be limited to industrial sites, and would include studying safety conditions in agricultural and other jobs.

The \$63,500 study would be completed by June 1991 and would be funded by the special compensation fund.

Members sent HF2460 to the Appropriations Committee for further review.

Labor contracts

Collective bargaining agreements would have to be honored by a business's new owner under a bill approved March 8 by the Labor-Management Relations Committee.

The bill allows collective bargaining agreements to contain clauses that specify the agreement would be honored by a new owner for up to three years from the signing date of the contract.

"It just provides the same protection in contract law for contracts between an

employer and a labor organization that exists in any type of contract between two persons, two entities, two corporations, or a person and corporation," says Rep. Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls), chief author of the measure.

Oftentimes, companies will buy another business but won't honor the labor contracts. Rice's bill would curb that practice.

Bernard Brommer, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), says he supports the bill because "a contract entered into in good faith ought to be honored."

He says the message to prospective new owners would be "you buy the enterprise, you honor the legally binding contractual obligations until they terminate."

He says a survey conducted for the AFL-CIO found that 86 percent of the respondents supported having labor contracts honored by a business's new owner.

An employer who has agreed to such a clause in a collective bargaining agreement would have to notify prospective buyers of the clause. Labor contracts signed by a company in bankruptcy proceedings wouldn't be protected by the bill.

Members sent HF2426 to the House floor for further review.

Repairs at Inver Hills

Emergency funding to repair fire-related damages to the Inver Hills Community College earned the unanimous approval of the Appropriations Committee March 13.

The emergency measure would allow college officials to use about \$2 million in state funds for the repairs. The state would sell bonds to cover the costs.

The Appropriations Committee's Education Division heard the request March 12. During that hearing, bill author Rep. Bob Milbert (DFL-South St. Paul) told the education panel that repair and clean-up costs for the college's main complex should be just under \$2 million. The fire broke out earlier this month.

While fire damage was confined to the roof of the 10-year-old college center,

extensive smoke and water damage affected the entire building. Fire officials traced the blaze to a faulty coffee pot.

Public adjusters

Public adjusters would no longer be allowed to chase fire trucks in an effort to drum up business if a bill approved by the Insurance Committee March 14 becomes law.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls), says the measure is designed to take away some of the profit motive for public adjusters, who, for a fee, work for the owners of fire-damaged property to obtain a settlement with insurance companies.

Skoglund says his bill, which was prompted by a series of articles last year in the Minneapolis-based *Star Tribune*, could help curb arson.

The measure would spell out how public adjusters should conduct business. For example, public adjusters would no longer be able to accept payments for referrals, offer rebates to clients, repre-

sent both an insurance company and the insured at the same time, or contact prospective clients between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.

It would also require them to maintain at least five years of records, have an office, show their licenses to prospective clients, and provide clients with a card specifying their fee.

Members sent HF 2205 to the House floor for further action.

Building contractors

Residential building contractors, remodelers, and specialty contractors would fall within the state's purview under provisions of a bill the Commerce Committee heard March 15.

Committee chair Rep. John Sarna (DFL-Mpls) sponsors the bill that would require statewide licensing of residential building contractors, remodelers, and people who perform specialty work such as refinishing or concrete work. Minnesota handles licensing on a city-to-city basis, while 34 states require contractors



Members took advantage of record breaking temperatures on their way back to the State Office Building after session March 12.

and remodelers to either be licensed or registered with a state agency.

Under provisions of the bill, contractors and remodelers must complete a written exam to receive a license from the Department of Commerce. The bill also includes provisions for continuing education as well as establishing a Builder State Advisory Board.

"A home typically is the most expensive investment we make," says Lowell Pratt of the Builders Association of Minnesota, who spoke in favor of the bill. "Yet it's worked on by one of the most uncontrolled businesses."

Pratt called the proposed state oversight of contractors an instance of "less, better government."

Sarna says the bill will be discussed and modified during the interim.

Wage increase

Employees of privately run facilities for the mentally retarded and workers at private developmental achievement centers would receive a 5 percent pay increase under a bill approved by the Health and Human Services Committee March 8.

The measure would also require the commissioner of the Department of Human Services to establish a task force to address staff turnover, recruitment, and training at such privately run facilities. The task force would be required to submit recommendations to the commissioner by November.

The amendment to increase wages offered by Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) is designed to bring the wages of private workers closer to that of their counterparts in state-operated facilities.

Critics say the method the state uses to reimburse private facilities for the mentally retarded allows workers to be paid significantly less than if they were employed by the state.

It's estimated that the increase in wages would cost the state about \$2 million over nine months.

Members sent HF1907 to the Appropriations Committee for further review.

Sobering station

A measure that would establish an enhanced detoxification unit in the metropolitan area was approved by the Health and Human Services Committee March 15.

Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls) says the proposed "sobering station" would provide people with a humane and safe environment off the streets, and would offer chemical dependency services that aren't currently available at some existing detox centers.

The measure Clark sponsors would prohibit the "sobering station" from being in a residential area or within one-fourth of a mile of a place selling alcohol.

In addition, the sobering station would have to be designed to serve the needs of American Indians and veterans, and must also provide vans to transport clients so the police wouldn't have to.

The bill calls on the Department of Human Services to develop a grant program to fund the pilot project.

Currently, people aren't getting the services they need at a detox center in south Minneapolis because of overcrowding, says Clark. That unit serves more than 50 percent of the people in need of detoxification services in Minnesota and is one of the largest in the United States. The overcrowding has caused some people to be discharged in as little as eight hours, before they have time to sober up, says Clark.

In addition, Clark says the heavy traffic at the south Minneapolis detox center has caused problems for residents and businesses.

Members sent HF1946 to the Appropriations Committee for further review. No one mentioned cost figures during the Health and Human Services Committee meeting.

Medical board

The State Board of Medical Examiners would increase in size from 11 to 16 members if a bill approved March 14 by the Health and Human Services Committee becomes law.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), would increase the number of medical doctors on the board from seven to 10, and the number of public members from three to five.

It would also change procedural requirements for reporting disciplinary action and encourage the governor to make appointments to the board that reflect both the state's geography and its broad mix of expertise.

The measure would make public disciplinary actions imposed by the board through a contested case or settlement agreement public data, and would name the address of the licensee and the nature of their misconduct. If disciplinary action is by settlement agreement, the entire agreement would be considered public data.

Greenfield says the extra members would help the board carry out additional duties assigned to it in recent years.

The legislation would also exempt doctors who come to Minnesota for the sole purpose of providing medical services at an athletic event from the requirement of having to be licensed to practice in the state. Currently, they must be licensed by the state before being allowed to practice.

For example, an athlete participating in the U.S. Olympic festival this summer could be treated by their personal doctors, says Greenfield, without becoming licensed in Minnesota.

However, registration requirements would be established for these doctors and a \$50 registration fee would be imposed.

Lawmakers sent HF2582 to the Governmental Operations Committee for further review.

Freon dumping

The use of freon, a coolant that is widely used in refrigerators and air conditioners, would have to be reduced if a bill approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 15 becomes law.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Steve Trimble (DFL St. Paul), would prohibit refrigerators and air conditioners containing freon from being dumped in Minnesota landfills. And the recycling of freon would be required.

Trimble says he wants Minnesota to be a leader in the protection of the earth's ozone layer. Each year, about 100,000 pounds of freon is dumped in Minnesota landfills.

The committee sent HF 1025 to the House floor for further consideration.

People convicted of animal abuse could have their pets taken away and could be prevented from getting another pet under a bill approved March 15 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Committee. A judge would decide when such a person could again have a pet, and would establish the conditions under which the individual could get one. Conditions could include requiring periodic visits to the person's home, community service in an animal humane facility, and receiving behavioral counseling. The bill, HF2099 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley), is on the House floor. Simoneau says the bill was prompted by a recent case in his district where a man is accused of severely beating a dog.

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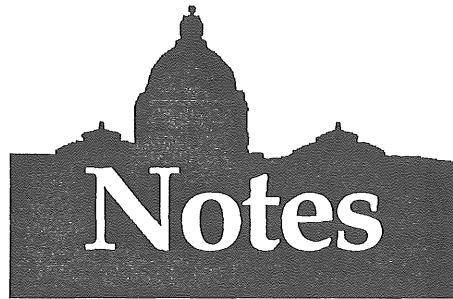
Anyone driving in rain, hail, sleet, snow, or other nasty weather would be required to keep their headlights on, under a bill approved by the Transportation Committee March 14. Drivers failing to do so would be tagged with the same violation as those driving without headlights at night. The committee sent HF1860 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon) to the House floor.

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The consumer has the right to know whether they're eating real cheese, says Rep. Andy Steensma (DFL-Luverne). His bill, approved by the Agriculture Committee March 9, would require restaurants and retailers who use cheese substitutes in preparing food to post signs saying so. Steensma told lawmakers that the measure would help promote Minnesota's dairy industry. Members sent HF173 to the House floor for further review.

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Women and minority-owned businesses in Minnesota are being discriminated against, according to a Department of Administration report on small business procurements. A bill, approved by the Governmental Operations Committee March 14, would set up a bid preference and set-aside program so public agencies would use women- and minority-owned businesses more. HF2230 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls) was sent to the House floor for further consideration.



Notes

The average blood-alcohol level of people arrested for drunk driving is .16 — well over the legal threshold of .10, says Steve Simon, director of the Minnesota Criminal Justice System DWI Task Force. The Criminal Justice Division of the Judiciary Committee approved a bill March 14 to lower the blood-alcohol threshold for repeat DWI offenders to .07. Currently, it's illegal to drive in Minnesota with a blood-alcohol content of .10 or above.

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Insurance companies would no longer be able to reject child care providers' request for insurance under a bill approved in the Insurance Committee March 8. But the measure, sponsored by Rep. Teresa Lynch (IR-Andover), would also allow insurance companies to charge child care providers a higher rate. In case of an accident, the child's medical bills first would be paid by the auto insurance company of the child's parents. If the parents had no auto insurance, the child care provider's insurance would pay. Members sent HF2589 to the House floor.

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Adults interested in furthering their education would get some help with child care and transportation costs under a bill proposed by Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids). The bill allocates up to \$50,000 to help pay for child care and transportation — both frequently cited reasons for not pursuing further education. The Education Finance Division of the Education Committee heard HF2192 on March 12.

People would focus attention on automobile safety during the third week in March if a bill the Education Committee approved March 9 becomes law. A bill proposing an automobile safety awareness week, sponsored by Rep. Doug Swenson (IR-Forest Lake), would ask public school teachers to pay special heed to safety behind the wheel (including the use of seat belts), the hazards of drinking and driving, and automobile travel safety tips.

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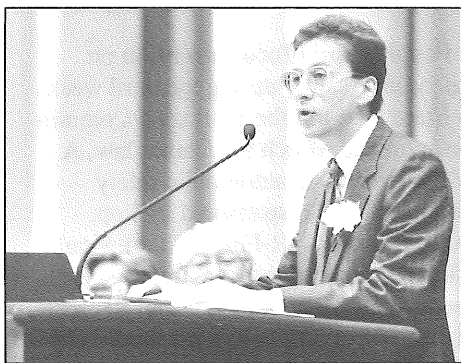
People wanting to learn about the Minnesota Legislature could attend a legislative school under provisions of a bill approved by the Education Committee March 9. Bill sponsor Glen Anderson (DFL-Bellingham) proposes a school to teach high school and college students about the legislative process. Students would attend classes during the summer. Members sent the bill to the Appropriations Committee for further study.

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"Essential employees" would be paid interest from the time their contracts expired until a new contract takes effect under a proposal approved March 9 by the Labor-Management Relations Committee. The measure is designed to prod units of government into settling contracts sooner. Interest paid would be based on the total salary package awarded and would be prorated on each employee's salary. "Essential employees" include workers such as policemen, firefighters, and nurses who aren't allowed to strike, and would affect five of the state's 16 bargaining units. The Appropriations Committee will consider HF2332 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth) soon.

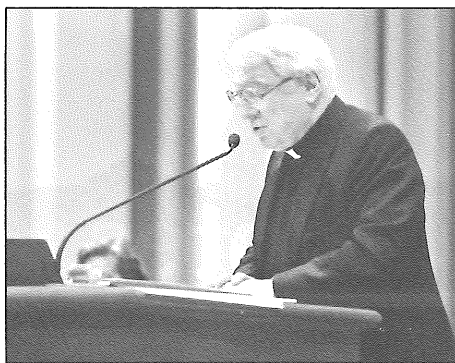
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Bruce Willis and Vanne Hayes received initial approval from the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Committee March 15 for their appointments to the Minnesota Ethical Practices Board. Willis, a Minneapolis attorney, would fill an unexpired term and serve until January 1992. Vanne, an assistant dean at the University of Minnesota Law School, would serve until 1994. The full House will consider their appointments.



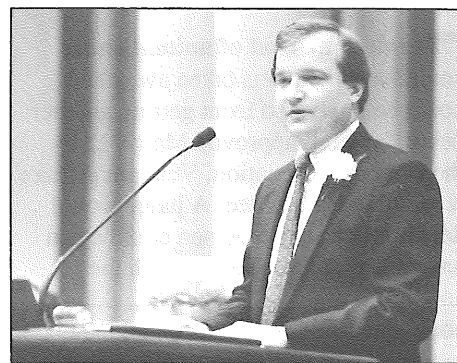
"Over the last year, we've witnessed the special care and pride each artist, each worker, each craftsperson has taken in completing this restoration."

—Rep. Peter Rodosovich,
House Restoration Committee chair



"The work and the workers we are celebrating this evening should enliven our faith and make us grateful."

—Monsignor James Habiger, House chaplain



"Everything looks neater and cleaner and brighter than it did last year."

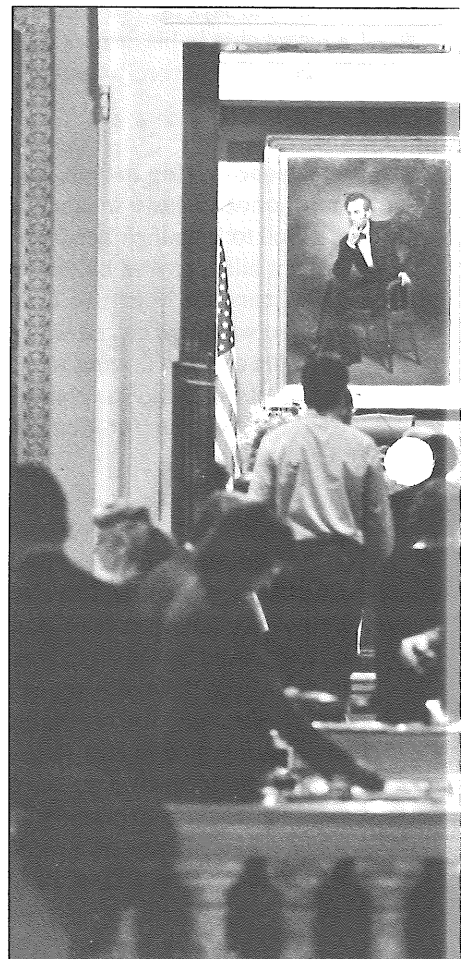
—Rep. Robert Vanasek, House speaker

"To get a final product, you have to have good people on the job . . . those are the people who make the building."

—Rep. Don Valento, House Restoration Committee member



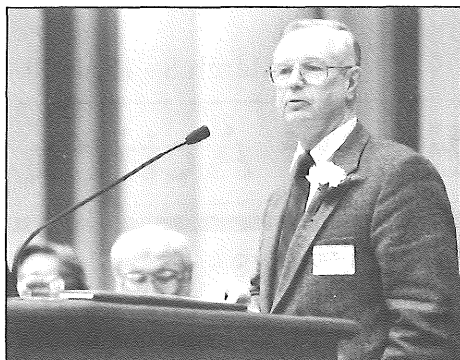
The White Bear Lake High School Choir sang under the direction of David Briggs.



"The color schemes that you see around you this evening are identical to the paint colors that were here in 1905."



"... natural daylight has been reintroduced into the chamber through the restoration of the skylight."



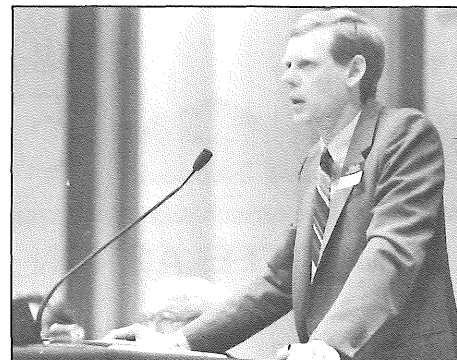
"The restoration of the House chamber is part of an ongoing preservation plan for restoring the entire Capitol to its original appearance."

—Foster Dunwiddie, architect



"When this building marks its centennial in the year 2005 . . . the public will see it as the people saw it in 1905."

—Carolyn Kompelien, Capitol historic site manager:



"This fine project is an example of what can happen when a team effort takes place."

—Michael Petersen, division manager,
M.A. Mortenson Company



Ross Ukkelberg, University of Minnesota, sang "Minnesota, Hail to Thee" before the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"My wish and the committee's wish is that as we deliberate and execute our laws, may they be done with as much excellence as your work has been done in the last seven months."

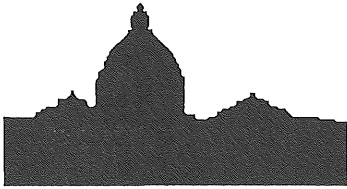
—Rep. Mary Murphy, House Restoration Committee vice chair.

House chamber Rededication

In celebration of a job well done, some 500 people gathered at the House chamber in the state Capitol March 13 to see the fruits of their labor. The rededication ceremony honored those individuals, businesses, and corporations who over the last year demolished, rebuilt, restored, and transformed the House chamber to its original stately appearance, one that Capitol architect Cass Gilbert designed in 1905.

Speakers paid tribute to everyone who contributed to the project. House Speaker Robert Vanasek said that House members were proud to hold sessions in the new chamber. "They're honored," he said, "to conduct the business of the citizens of Minnesota in a chamber that now is as historically accurate as it is elegant and efficient."





Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Friday, March 9

Wetlands—drainage prohibition
HF31/SF905 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Food ingredients—consumer information
HF173 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—recommended to pass.

Bovine growth hormone—restrictions
HF1463/SF1028 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Grasshopper control—program modifications
HF1808/SF1674 (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Crop insurance—resolution
HF2151 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass.

Potato research—promotion council changes
HF2374/SF1889 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Agricultural products—interest discounts
HF2385/SF2207 (E. Olson, DFL-Fosston)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Organic foods—certification
HF2497/SF1999 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—postponed. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Agricultural societies—supplemental funding
HF2580/SF2411 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Liming law—establishment
HF2592/SF2527 (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Family farm system—resolution
HF2652 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Emergency drought relief—appropriations
HF2719 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee

Wednesday, March 14

Technical colleges—agriculture programs
HF2035/SF1718 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Organic foods—certification changes
HF2497/SF1999 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Foreclosure sales—deficiency judgements
HF2658/SF1946 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

APPROPRIATIONS

Tuesday, March 13

Inver Hills Community College—emergency funding
HF2609/SF2371 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

APPROPRIATIONS/ Education Division

Monday, March 12

Inver Hills Community College—emergency funding
HF2609/SF2371 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

COMMERCE

Thursday, March 15

Rental-purchase agreements—regulation
HF1234/SF1499 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Building contractors—regulation
HF2015/SF1792 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls)—heard; re-referred for interim study. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Real estate licensing prohibition—removal
HF2704/SF2403 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, March 15

Government procurement assistance program

HF2575/SF2415 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

EDUCATION

Friday, March 9

Anoka-Ramsey CC—appropriation

HF45 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Students—Higher Education Coordinating Board

HF1067/SF1551 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Postsecondary child care—limit removal

HF1929/SF2191 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Automobile safety awareness week

HF2016/SF1971 (Swenson, IR-Forest Lake)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Open enrollment—border state expansion

HF2144 (Girard, IR-Lynd)—recommended to pass as amended.

ECSU—representative assembly

HF2152 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass as amended.

Board of Teaching—variances

HF2202/SF1809 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Legislative school—establishment
HF2454/SF2440 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Missing children—flagging school records

HF2494/SF2443 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Agriculture education council—establishment

HF2522/SF2332 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard; re-referred to Education Finance Division.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Education task force—Minnesota-S. Dakota border

HF2564/SF1717 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Rules & Legislative Administration Committee.
(SF passed Senate)

Indian education—long-term planning

HF2576/SF2464 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard; re-referred to Education Finance Division.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Aversion, deprivation procedures—definitions

HF2605/SF2318 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Teaching licenses—

alternative requirements

HF2633/SF2442 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)—heard; re-referred to Education Finance Division.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Corporal punishment

HF2685/SF2048 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Education Finance/EDUCATION

Monday, March 12

Nashwauk-Keewatin School District—fund transfers

HF2110/SF2093 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—amended; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Performance bond—requirements elimination

HF2166 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—amended; amended into HF2200.

Adult education—grant distribution

HF2192/SF2201 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—heard; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

General education fund balance—reduction modification

HF2237/SF2094 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—amended; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Badger School District—borrowing

HF2378/SF2085 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—heard; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Wednesday, March 14

Subcapital appropriations—open, standing

HF626 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—withdrawn.

Fund balance reduction—modifications

HF1209/SF1243 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—heard.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Open enrollment—transportation

HF1863/SF2001 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Maximum effort loan program—changes

HF1876/SF1787 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard; amended; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

**Health, safety expenditures—
science lab**

HF2039/SF1957 (Stanis, IR-
White Bear Lake)—heard; withdrawn.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

**School district formula allowance—
increase**

HF2040/SF1956 (Stanis, IR-
White Bear Lake)—heard.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

**Minnesota Academic Excellence
Foundation—modifications**

HF2055/SF1910 (K. Nelson, DFL-
Mpls)—heard; amended; amended into
HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

**School district revenue formula
allowance—establishment**

HF2167 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—
heard.

**School district equity revenue—
changes**

HF2272/SF2242 (Bauerly, DFL-
Sauk Rapids)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

School districts—equalized aid, levies

HF2307/SF2343 (Quinn, DFL-
Coon Rapids)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

AFDC students—pupil unit changes

HF2308/SF2344 (Quinn, DFL-
Coon Rapids)—heard.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

**Mpls., St. Paul—levies, bonding
extension**

HF2417/SF2206 (K. Nelson, DFL-
Mpls)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Special education levy—equalization

HF2428/SF2265 (Lasley, DFL-
Cambridge)—heard.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

**Parental school involvement—
initiatives increase**

HF2435 (Weaver, IR-Champlin)—heard;
amended.

**School district debt service levy—
equalization**

HF2451/SF2125 (Bauerly, DFL-
Sauk Rapids)—heard.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

**School district referendum levy—
equalization**

HF2452/SF2142 (Bauerly, DFL-
Sauk Rapids)—heard.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Special education funds—reductions

HF2540 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—
heard.

Bond issuance—authorization

HF2680/SF2429 (Begich, DFL-
Eveleth)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws
Committee)

**ENVIRONMENT
& NATURAL RESOURCES**

Friday, March 9

Blowgun regulations

HF1861 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—recom-
mended to pass; placed on Consent
Calendar.

Moose licensure—restrictions

HF2000 (Stanis, IR-White Bear Lake)—
recommended to pass as amended.

**Trust, non-trust fund land—con-
demnation, sale**

HF2229/SF2144 (Rukavina, DFL-
Virginia)—recommended to pass as
amended; re-referred to Education
Committee.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Lake Superior—sportfishing zone

HF2440 (Stanis, IR-White Bear Lake)—
re-referred to Game & Fish Subcommit-
tee.

**Dept. of Natural Resources—
bonding bill**

HF2496/SF2447 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—
recommended to pass; re-referred to
Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural
Resources Committee)

Lanesboro—forest resource center

HF2536/SF2426 (Redalen, IR-Foun-
tain)—recommended to pass; re-referred
to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural
Resources Committee)

Fuel—drilling regulation

HF2630 (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—
recommended to pass as amended.

Thursday, March 15

**Chlorofluorocarbons—recycling
requirements**

HF1025/SF824 (Trimble, DFL-
St. Paul)—recommended to pass as
amended.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws
Committee)

**Forestry—expansion, maintainance
program**

HF2382/SF2127 (Lasley, DFL-
Cambridge)—recommended to pass as
amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Tax-forfeited land—sales

HF2656/SF2489 (Rukavina, DFL-
Virginia)—recommended to pass as
amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Infectious waste control act—
modifications**

HF2695/SF2236 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—
recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Conservation officers—enforcement
expansion**

HF2709/SF1703 (Trimble, DFL-
St. Paul)—recommended to pass as
amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Friday, March 9

Uniform Commercial Code—fund transfers

HF2243/SF2064 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Public financing—tax exempt revenue bonds

HF2457/SF2329 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Thursday, March 14

Hockey—two-class tournament repeal
HF1826/SF1727* (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

Public safety—fire code changes
HF2080/SF1692* (Brown, DFL-Appleton)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.

Animals—ownership restriction
HF2099/SF1968 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Elections, ethics—changes
HF2666/2334 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Friday, March 9

Teachers' retirement act— establishment

HF365/SF691 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—laid over.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Motor carriers—legislative commission establishment

HF869/SF677 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Retirement—LCPR powers

HF1963/SF2186 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Public records—optical disk recordkeeping

HF2194 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—laid over.

Wild rice—promotion council establishment

HF2253/SF2299 (Clark, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Affirmative action—requirements, penalties

HF2291/SF2103 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Becker County—tax forfeited land
HF2296/SF2161 (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

State property—rental agreement changes

HF2304/SF2233 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Cambridge regional center— water, sewer facilities

HF2328/SF2220 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Environmental Education Act

HF2383/SF2160 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Administrative procedures— regulations

HF2462/SF2252 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Retirement—beneficiary designation

HF2505 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)—recommended to pass.

Minneapolis employees' retirement fund—modification

HF2599/SF2361 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Retirement funds—State Board of Investment changes

HF2626 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass as amended.

Dept. of Jobs & Training— unclassified position

HF2628/SF2445 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Workers' compensation court— judicial salaries

HF2639/SF2453 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—laid over.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Tax-forfeited lands—sale

HF2656/SF2489 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Environment & Natural Resources Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Indian Affairs Council membership—
increase**

HF2657/SF1861 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Environment & Natural Resources Committee.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

**Minneapolis police, firefighters—
benefit changes**

HF2721 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Monday, March 12

**Public purchasing requirement—
targeted groups**

HF2230/SF2075 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—heard; postponed.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Wednesday, March 14

Pay equity—definition, penalties
HF1198/SF488 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—heard; laid over.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Setaside program—targeted groups
HF2230/SF2075 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Hazardous materials—incident
response program**
HF2458/SF2194 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Thursday, March 15

Pay equity—definitions, penalties
HF1198/SF488 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Lake of the Woods state forest—
establishment**
HF1879/SF1772 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, March 8

**Employee wages—intermediate care
facilities**
HF1907 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Chiropractors—medical exams
HF2111/SF2165 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Child protection—omnibus bill
HF2390/SF2188 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Asbestos abatement—changes
HF2407/SF2481 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Welfare fraud reform
HF2470/SF2277 (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Long-term health care
HF2646/SF2417 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

GMAC—housekeeping
HF2649/SF2478 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Wednesday, March 14

Board of Pharmacy—medical devices
HF1673/SF1507 (Stanis, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Prescription drugs—dispensation
HF1935/SF1789 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF passed Senate)

**Chemical dependency—research,
treatment programs**
HF2051/SF1931 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Governmental Operations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Medical Assistance—
swing bed services**
HF2096/SF1888 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Health Maintenance Organizations—
regulations**
HF2118/SF1940 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Insurance Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Hospitals—new construction
moratorium**
HF2168/SF1698 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

**Health insurance—
demonstration project**
HF2293/SF1696* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass.

**Health Care Access Commission—
membership increase**
HF2521/SF2286 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Board of Medical Examiners—procedures

HF2582/SF2216 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Thursday, March 15

Podiatric medicine—standards

HF524/SF443* (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—recommended to pass as amended.

Early childhood coordinating board—establishment

HF1888/SF1915 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Chemical dependency—sobering stations

HF1946/SF1693 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Mental health, retardation—ombudsman powers

HF2133/SF2370 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Nursing home moratorium—exception

HF2346/SF2224 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Medical Assistance—case management services

HF2379/SF2073 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Medical Assistance—nursing home case mix rates

HF2453/SF2247 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Nursing home—waiver restrictions

HF2689/SF2051 (Greenfield, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

INSURANCE

Thursday, March 8

MCHA—certain employers acceptance

HF2408/SF2258 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—laid over.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Long-term care insurance—changes

HF2474 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Auto insurance—home child care providers

HF2589/SF2493 (Lynch, IR-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Insurance—subrogation clarification

HF2637/SF2514 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Wednesday, March 14

Health, insurance costs—task force

HF1997/SF1790 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Governmental Operations Committee.
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)

Public insurance adjusters—regulations

HF2205/SF2130 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF passed Senate)

Commercial property, liability insurance—notices

HF2499/SF2109 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Life insurance—cancellation nonrenewal

HF2500/SF2129 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—recommended to pass and placed on the Consent Calendar.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Auto insurance—motorcycles.

HF2735/SF2349 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—laid over.
(SF on Senate Floor)

JUDICIARY

Friday, March 9

Bias crimes—curriculum development

HF1561/SF1365 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Real estate—dissolution

HF1854/SF1757 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Drugs, alcohol—excise tax

HF1979/SF1945 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Criminal sexual conduct—definition

HF2077 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended.

Revisor's bill—statutory corrections

HF2220/SF2072 (Milbert)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Peace officers—degree requirements

HF2276/SF2178 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Toxic chemical discharge—penalties increase

HF2334/SF2287 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Railroad crossings—penalties, changes
HF2401/SF2400 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Social worker assaults—penalties increase
HF2434/SF2089 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Controlled substances—penalties increase
HF2662 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—heard.

Monday, March 12

Uniform statutory will act—adoption
HF1372/SF260* (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—heard; laid over.

Anatomical gifts—language update
HF1101/SF1102 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Creditors remedies
HF1439/SF1150 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Domestic abuse—prosecution
HF1884/SF1860 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Sexual assault victims—notice of risk
HF2277/SF2046 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Criminal Justice Division/ JUDICIARY

Monday, March 12

Open bottle law—expansion
HF1986/SF1901 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—heard.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

DWI repeat offenders—blood alcohol level
HF2180/SF2031 (Swenson, IR-Forest Lake)—heard.
(SF in Senate Judiciary)

Criminal vehicular homicide—name change
HF2226/SF2176 (Swenson, IR-Forest Lake)—heard.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

DWI repeat offenders—license plate impoundment
HF2420/SF2177 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Wednesday, March 14

DWI repeaters—license plate impoundment
HF2420/SF2177 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Thursday, March 8

Minimum wage—exemption
HF2163/SF2313 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Employment—labor contracts
HF2426/SF2282 (Rice, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Unemployment compensation—technical changes
HF2541/SF2395 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Workers' compensation—loggers
HF2616/SF2375 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Workers' compensation—regulating insurance rates
HF2623/SF2482 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Friday, March 9

Public safety dispatchers—essential employees
HF301/SF325 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—amended; laid over.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Court of compensation appeals—creation
HF2196/SF2045 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Essential employees—arbitration awards
HF2332/SF2145 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Workers' compensation—mentally retarded registered
HF2615/SF2490 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Monday, March 12

Occupational health—surveillance system

HF2460/SF2139 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
& METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

Thursday, March 15

Zoning—comprehensive plans

HF84/SF158 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Redwood County—ditch abandonment
HF1792/SF1663* (Girard, IR-Lynd)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.

Metro agencies—per diem compensation

HF2083/SF1739 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Townships—elections

HF2266/SF2090 (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Energy contracts—municipalities

HF2268/SF2156 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

City hospital payments—special fund

HF2318/SF2092 (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

St. Louis County—solid waste management

HF2386/SF2270 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Upsala—boundary commission

HF2683/SF2383 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Court administrators—duties assignment

HF2498/SF1820* (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, March 12

Minnesota wine—airport sales

HF2313/SF1983 (Omann, IR-St. Joseph)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Flexible gas rates—regulation

HF2520/SF2158 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Emergency 911 system—local identification

HF2528/SF2302 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

TAXES

Thursday, March 15

Hennepin County—bond issuance

HF1877/SF1807 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Rural health care

HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Gambling—horse racing, pari-mutuel betting

HF2171/SF1870 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Public finance—tax exempt bonds

HF2457/SF2329 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—laid over.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, March 14

Headlights—weather requirements

HF1860/SF1729 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Track abandonment—standards

HF2064/SF1752 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Commercial drivers licenses—changes

HF2238/SF2060 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

License plates—regulations

HF2372/SF2146 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Covered truck loads—regulations, penalties

HF2373/SF2213 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Faribault—legislative route 298

HF2608/SF2381 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Well drilling vehicle—tax exemption

HF2621/SF2039 (Kalis, DFL-Walters)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

FLOOR ACTION

CALENDAR

Monday, March 12

State-aid system—changes

HF1569*/SF1420 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—passed 73-58.
(SF on Senate Floor)

American Heritage Trust Act—resolution

HF1754*/SF1647 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—passed 130-0.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Plat monuments—tampering penalties

HF1785*/SF2141 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed 128-0.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child punishment—penalties increase

HF1830*/SF1978 (Morrison, IR-Burnsville)—passed 130-0.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Prostitution—penalties for patrons

HF1846*/SF1977 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—passed 118-9.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 8

County recorders—fees

HF1555*/SF1238 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed 124-0.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Driver education—tax exempt plates

HF1989*/SF1775 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—passed 132-0.
(SF in Senate Taxes Committee)

Legal newspaper—deadline change

HF2018*/SF1909 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—passed 132-0.
(SF withdrawn by Senate author)

Monday, March 12

Intersection right-of-way—clarification

HF1927*/SF2138 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—passed 131-0.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Health, accident insurance—benefits coordination

HF1984*/SF2110 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed 132-0.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Mental retardation—definition

HF2045*/SF1905 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—passed 132-0.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Vocational-technical colleges—title changes

HF2058*/SF1926 (Carlson, L., DFL-Brooklyn Center)—passed 129-3.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Port authorities—title changes

HF2149*/SF1960 (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—passed 129-2.
(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Township ordinances codification

HF2188*/SF1979 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—passed 132-0.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Felony—presentence investigation

HF2481*/SF2237 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—passed 132-0.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Minneapolis schools—unclassified positions

HF2508*/SF2314 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—passed 131-0.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Wednesday, March 14

Veterans' homes—cemeteries

HF2002*/SF1967 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—passed 125-0.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Elections—automatic recounts

HF2134*/SF2002 (Abrams, IR-Minnetonka)—passed 128-0.
(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Board of Teaching—variances

HF2202*/SF1809 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—passed 128-0.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Becker County—tax forfeited land

HF2296*/SF2161 (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—passed 128-0.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Auto purchase price refunds—statements

HF2321*/SF2253 (Haukoos, IR-Albert Lea)—passed as amended 129-0.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Waseca County—FarmAmerica exemption

HF2336*/SF1890 (Frederick, IR-Mankato)—passed 128-0.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Asbestos abatement—changes

HF2407*/SF2481 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—passed 128-0.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Retirement—beneficiary designation

HF2505* (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)—passed 127-0.

Domestic insurers—foreign insurers

HF2645*/SF2549 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed 128-0.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Cemetery—land transfer

HF2650*/SF2455 (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—passed 128-0.
(SF on Senate Floor)

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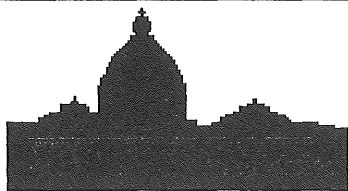
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For Your Information . . .

The Inside Report

Plan to control nursing home costs dates to 1983

Placing a loved one in a nursing home may hinge on nursing home reimbursement decisions.

The state's nursing home reimbursement system provides the ways to pay nursing home care costs provided to Medical Assistance (MA) recipients, according to a House Research Department information brief. Reimbursement decisions affect all nursing home residents — MA recipients and private payors — as well as the state budget. Private pay residents can't be charged more than the MA rates under Minnesota's equalization law.

Reimbursement to a nursing home is based on expenses incurred during the previous reporting year, adjusted for expected inflation and number of resident days, and resident care needs.

The total reimbursement to a nursing home is the sum of four separate cost

components: care-related costs, other operating costs, pass-through costs (property taxes, assessments, or licensing or screening fees), and property costs. Payment for care-related costs varies with the care needs of each resident. Costs that are care related, other operating and property are subject to reimbursement limits.

In 1983, the Legislature set up the current reimbursement system and made other changes in the long-term care system to help control costs. The changes include a moratorium on nursing home beds, the expansion of the pre-admission screening requirement, and the creation of the Interagency Board for Quality Assurance.

These changes also affected MA spending. Reductions were made in the number of nursing home residents, the

rate of increase in MA nursing home costs, and the proportion of MA spending directed to nursing home care.

During the 1989 legislative session, Minnesota lawmakers provided money to nursing homes to help offset the costs of complying with the federal Nursing Home Reform Act, passed as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1987. The federal act sets training and competency evaluation requirements for nurse aids, sets up a single classification standard for MA certification, and requires homes to meet higher standards for nursing staff.

Besides providing money to meet OBRA-related costs, the Legislature also provided wage and inflation adjustment increases to nursing home providers and made other modifications to the reimbursement system.

Sculptor returns for House ceremony

Among those who returned for the House rededication on March 13 was sculptor Amerigo Brioschi of St. Paul.

Brioschi and his father created the statuary at the front of the House chamber more than 50 years ago.

"It looked as good as it ever did," says Brioschi, who is 82.

So, too, he added, did the rest of the renovation.

"I thought the House was beautifully done. Everything was well-chosen and completed. I thought it was a grand party and I thought it was nice of the House to give recognition to all the workers who did such a beautiful job."

Brioschi and his father Carl were commissioned by the State Emergency Relief Administration to design the statuary.



Sculptor Amerigo Brioschi and his father Carl created the "Minnesota, Spirit of Government" sculpture in the House chamber back in 1938.

Lobbyists for all seasons, and then some

You see them clustered outside the House chamber, milling about at committee hearings and gathering wherever legislators meet. They're legislative lobbyists, and their numbers are growing.

"There's a lobbyist for just about anything you can think of to lobby for," says Jenny Engh, a lobbyist for the law firm of Opperman, Heinz and Paquin.

This year, there are 1,185 lobbyists registered with the Minnesota Ethical Practices Board — nearly twice the number registered just a decade ago.

In 1980, only 690 lobbyists were registered; in 1985, that number had increased to 1,074. They're all the more visible now with their portable telephones and electronic pagers.

And they're representing more organizations than ever before. This year's lobbyists will report for about 2,185 associations — nearly three times the number of organizations represented 10 years ago. In 1980, there were only 780 associations represented, according to the Minnesota Ethical Practices Board.

Wanda Schumacher, a legislative consultant for the lobbying firm known as the Governmental Relations Group, describes the lobbyist's job this way:

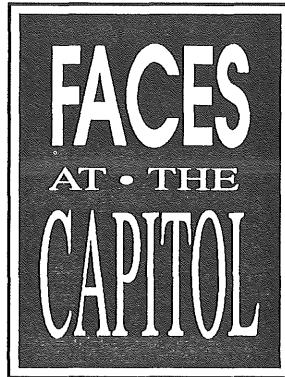
"We help clients develop a legislative package to take to the Legislature (if needed), we watch for legislation that could have an impact on their business or association, and we attempt to educate legislators and convince them that our proposal is the appropriate way to go," she says.

Just how difficult is it for a lobbyist to get a message out to the appropriate people?

"Legislators will hear you out — even if they may not agree with you," says Engh. The best relationship, says Engh, is one in which both the legislator and the lobbyist are "up front with each other."

"You might be fighting someone one day and helping them out the next," she adds.

Schumacher sees lobbying as "a very positive sort of thing." Legislators can't be experts on everything because there isn't enough time to be familiar with all the issues, she says. "They need to rely on outside staff and resources for information . . . that's what we try to



provide."

Lobbyists may also work with state agencies on legislative proposals as well as to develop alternatives to legislation, she says.

A typical day of lobbying during a legislative session would likely include a check on a bill's status for a client and talks with appropriate committee chairs, she says. Sometimes committee chairs need to be convinced to hear a certain bill, she adds.

Lobbyists also try to persuade committees to vote on a bill; attempt to convince members of a bill's merits; write amendments or accept amendments to legislation; look for legislators to author bills; and make sure the House bill they're pushing has also passed in the Senate.

Toward the end of session when conference committees meet, a lobbyist's main task is to "safeguard" what they

have already successfully lobbied for, says Schumacher.

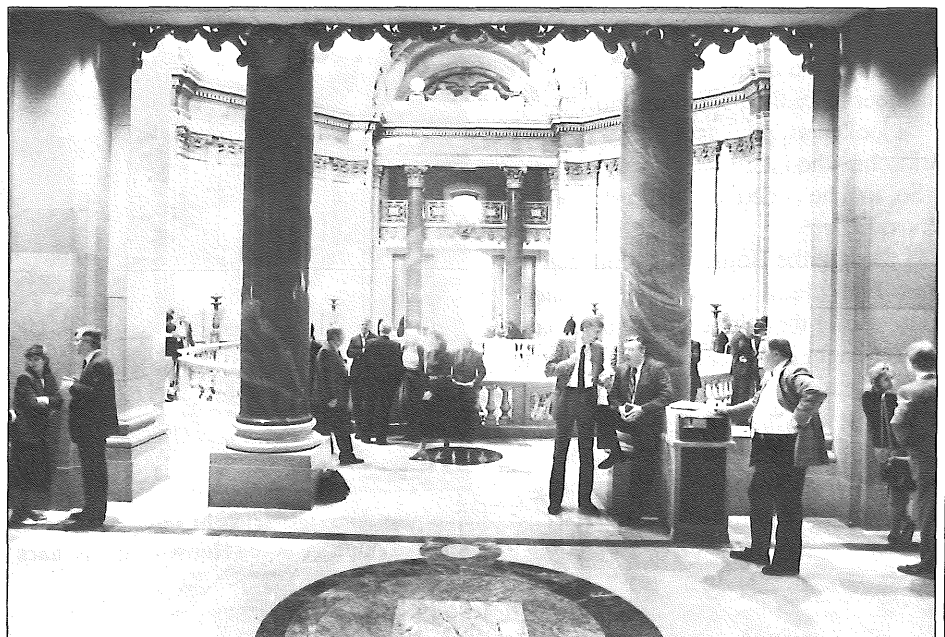
By that point during a session, the agenda has largely been set, says Schumacher, adding that lobbyists have considerably less influence at this time.

Although lobbying is often associated with back-room politics, Schumacher says the process has become much more open since the 1973 Minnesota open meeting law. Before then, committee meetings were not always public. Now, meeting agendas must be published in advance to ensure that more people have a chance to express their opinions, she says.

In addition, lobbyists must now file quarterly reports disclosing any gift, loan, food, travel or lodging given to a legislator valued at \$50 or more. However, they do not have to report political contributions or their salaries.

Although lawmakers leave the Capitol during the interim, lobbyists continue to remain active. They evaluate what effects, if any, a new law will have on their clients, how they might want to change a particular law, or how they can work with it.

And they continue to stay in contact with legislators. Wherever you find legislators — whether at outstate mini-sessions, conferences, or interim committee meetings — you'll also find lobbyists.



Lawmakers are greeted by a swarm of lobbyists as they leave the House chamber.

A Window on the House

Chief Clerk's Office

When people apply to work for the Chief Clerk's Office, Edward Burdick says he first asks if they have "any outside activities that would prevent them from working 25 hours a day during session."

All joking aside, Chief Clerk Burdick says the staff often works 75 or more hours a week during session, including weekends. They spend the time processing the enormous paperwork that flows through the House, including the bills, reports, amendments, motions, and resolutions that legislators act on.

And because Minnesota is one of the few states that use the *Journal of the House* as legal evidence to determine the validity of a law, the office has to be particularly careful with its editing, says Burdick.

Last year, for example, the Chief Clerk's Office published the largest *Journal* in state history, which was more than 10,000 pages long.

Each day's journal is carefully audited, indexed, corrected, and proofed so that every bill the state passes will stand up in court, says Burdick.

The chief clerk is in charge of processing all the bills, amendments, resolutions, and motions, and he also reads them to members during each floor session. The chief clerk and his assistants also teach classes on parliamentary procedure to new representatives and staff, so members know exactly what they're doing on the floor of the House. The Chief Clerk's Office staffs about 25 full-time people, adding three more during session.

At the House desk in the front of the Chamber, the *Journal* editor records House action for the *Journal*, including bill introductions, committee reports, and roll call votes.

In addition to the *Journal*, the House Desk publishes the daily agendas to let members and the public know what will happen on the floor each day.

The agendas list bills under four general headings: General Orders (bills awaiting preliminary House action), Calendar (bills awaiting final House

action), and Consent Calendar (non-controversial bills which usually pass without debate); and Special Orders (bills the House can consider, amend, and pass in one day).

The Index Department indexes bills by number, author, topic, and section of law being amended. The department is computerized which allows easy access for members, staff, and the public when trying to find the status of a bill.

"It's amazing how many bill inquiries the department gets during a session," says Burdick.

In Minnesota, every time a bill is successfully amended, it is rewritten and reprinted, notes Burdick. Thus, members and the public can always get a current version of a bill.

"This is not true in every state," says Burdick. "Pressure is being put on legislatures to become more accountable, and I think Minnesota is a leader in this field."

Tight deadlines are a fact of life in the Chief Clerk's Office. "When the speaker

rams the gavel and the House is going to meet at 2 p.m., we have to be ready at 2 p.m.," says Burdick. When the gavel comes down signaling adjournment, the staff hurriedly prepares all the paperwork for the printer so it can be copied and delivered back to the House by the following morning.

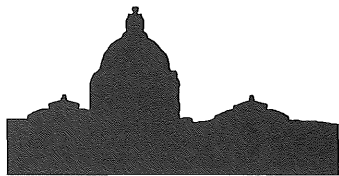
"For example, we'll print a 400-page *Journal* overnight, which is unheard of in a lot of other areas," says Burdick. "That's what we do and we have to do it."

Burdick says if a day's *Journal* is small, staffers are "lucky to go home by 8 p.m.; if it's large, which it frequently is, we're here until midnight or later."

The Chief Clerk's Office, established when Minnesota became a state in 1858, is the oldest legislative office in Minnesota. Burdick began working in the House in 1941 as a page. He started work at the House Desk in 1947 and became an assistant to the chief clerk in 1953. House members have elected him chief clerk every session since 1967.



The front desk in the House chamber is considered the heart of the Chief Clerk's Office.



In the Hopper . . .

March 9-March 15, 1990

Bill Introductions

HF2722-HF2783

Monday, March 12

HF2722—Welle (DFL)
Economic Development
Regional development commissions; maximum property tax levy established.

HF2723—Krueger (DFL)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Legislative day requirement removed from constitution.

HF2724—Kalis (DFL)
Agriculture
Groundwater Protection Act amended, pesticide regulations changed, remediation provisions changed, and money appropriated.

HF2725—Winter (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Legislative reapportionment to occur upon normal expiration of Senate terms, constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2726—Limmer (IR)
Taxes
Property tax; residential homestead property taxed at single rate, with a constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2727—Scheid (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Sales quotas prohibited for employees selling service contracts or extended warranty agreements along with other goods and services.

HF2728—O'Connor (DFL)
Education
High school graduation incentives and private alternative school programs expanded to encourage participation by additional students.

HF2729—Neuenschwander (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Mixed municipal solid waste disposal; publicly owned facilities exempted from certain fiscal responsibility rules.

HF2730—Neuenschwander (DFL)
Taxes
Koochiching County; certain lands in Littlefork sold.

HF2731—Neuenschwander (DFL) **Appropriations**
Koochiching refunded a bond allocation deposit, and money appropriated.

HF2732—Neuenschwander (DFL)
Taxes
Ambulance service; counties' levies used to pay for service in subordinate service districts exempted from levy limits.

HF2733—Ogren (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Purse regulations changed.

HF2734—Otis (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Housing
Banks to file notice of proposed acquisitions.

HF2735—Simoneau (DFL)
Insurance
Automobile insurance coverages provided for motorcycles.

HF2736—Kalis (DFL)
Transportation
Toll facilities; private operators allowed to construct, improve, own, lease, and operate roads and bridges.

HF2737—Tjornhom (IR)
Education
School district provisions changed for teacher retirement and FICA aid.

HF2738—Lieder (DFL)
Appropriations
Agriculture department provided funds from state bond sales for construction of a facility in East Grand Forks, with money appropriated.

HF2739—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Legislative human resources commission created, with trust fund account established.

HF2740—Blatz (IR)
Taxes
Property tax; homestead class rates changed.

HF2741—Osthoff (DFL)
Agriculture
Grasshopper control provisions changed to limit actions on natural resource department and certain nonprofit natural lands.

HF2742—Gruenes (IR)
Governmental Operations
Energy conservation goals established for state buildings.

HF2743—Olsen, S. (IR)
Education
State to take over cost of providing all kindergarten through grade 12 education.

HF2744—Runbeck (IR)
Judiciary
Child support; percentage of obligor's income raised for purposes of child support.

HF2745—Ozment (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
American flag; memorial to Congress to propose a constitutional amendment prohibiting desecration of the flag.

HF2746—Murphy (DFL)
Appropriations
Western Lake Superior Sanitary District appropriated money for design of wastewater treatment alternatives.

HF2747—Dawkins (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Dog and cat control provided, pet food and supplies sales tax imposed, other changes made, and money appropriated.

HF2748—Kinkel (DFL)
Taxes
Hotel-motel optional tax increase repealed.

HF2749—Richter (IR)
Education
Removing the requirement that members of an education district must be in the same ECSU.

HF2750—Hartle (IR)
Education
School districts 201 in Claremont, 202 in Dodge Center, and 205 in West Concord appropriated money for consolidation costs.

HF2751—Kelly (DFL)
Judiciary
District court judicial elections staggered for judges and assistant chief judges.

HF2752—Tjornhom (IR)
Judiciary
Driving while intoxicated; forfeiture of vehicle provided for repeat offenses.

HF2753—Schreiber (IR)
Taxes
Property tax refund provided to certain homeowners.

HF2754—Schreiber (IR)
Judiciary
Assault of detention facility employees classified.

HF2755—Schreiber (IR)
Taxes
Income tax; charitable contribution deductions allowed in computation of alternative minimum taxable income.

HF2756—Schreiber (IR)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
State primary moved to August.

HF2757—Vellenga (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Public Employees Retirement Association to pay surviving spouse benefits to a certain St. Paul member.

HF2758—Pelowski (DFL)
Education
Public library automation grants established.

HF2759—Pelowski (DFL)
Education
University board to lease Lourdes Hall in Winona for a residential college program.

HF2760—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Transportation
Recreational off-road vehicles; all-terrain vehicles used exclusively on private property exempted from registration requirements.

Wednesday, March 14

HF2761—Price (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Housing
Pets kept by elderly residents in mobile home parks.

HF2762—Onnen (IR)
Labor-Management Relations
Incentives provided for employers to return employees to work, and policies studied to encourage hiring of injured employees.

HF2763—Gruenes (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Deer licenses for taking a deer of either sex issued to disabled hunters.

HF2764—Krueger (DFL)
Education
Curriculum and technology integration funds given to educational cooperative service unit boards.

HF2765—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Mental health and social work boards and their responsibilities changed.

HF2766—Rodosovich (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

County agreements required between counties for case management services.

HF2767—Peterson (DFL)**Appropriations**

Purple loosestrife control appropriated money.

HF2768—Tompkins (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Emissions inspection; performance-based fees established.

HF2769—Kalis (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Handicapped accessibility provided in state buildings, with an access review board established.

HF2770—Osthoff (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Community reinvestment evaluations and ratings provided for financial institutions owned by interstate bank holding companies.

HF2771—Otis (DFL)**Rules & Legislative Administration**

Human rights; memorial to Soviet Union to continue human rights reforms.

HF2772—Brown (DFL)**Appropriations**

Public television; Pioneer Public Television Station in Appleton appropriated money from bond proceeds to provide noncommercial television in southwestern Minnesota.

HF2773—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Taxes**

Alternative minimum tax provisions changed for effective dates.

HF2774—Clark (DFL)**Appropriations**

Minneapolis appropriated proceeds from state bond sales for cost of acquiring additional land for Peavey Park.

HF2775—Clark (DFL)**Appropriations**

Minneapolis community development agency appropriated money from state bond sales for certain low-income housing costs.

HF2776—Clark (DFL)**Appropriations**

Chemical dependency; proceeds from state bond sales appropriated for preparation of urban detoxification and sobering station.

Thursday, March 15**HF2777—Rest (DFL)****Taxes**

Public debt provisions changed.

HF2778—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Mental retardation; payment rates changed for intermediate care facilities.

HF2779—McLaughlin (DFL)**Taxes**

Metropolitan revenue distribution system modified, with a crime and social services disparities fund created.

HF2780—Stanisius (IR)**Ways & Means**

Budget; legislative budget commission and office established to review state expenditures, Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy modified, and money appropriated.

HF2781—Brown (DFL)**Taxes**

Grasshopper control tax levies authorized.

HF2782—Stanisius (IR)**Governmental Operations**

Minnesota State Retirement System; prior credit purchased by a certain former employee of Department of Military Affairs.

HF2783—Olsen, S. (IR)**Taxes**

Sales and use taxes from solid waste disposal services accounted for separately.

House Advisories**Monday, March 12****HA38--Beard (DFL)****Regulated Industries**

A proposal to study links between cancer and exposure to electromagnetic fields.

First Readings/Senate Bills**Thursday, March 8****SF443--Pogemiller (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Establishing standards for the use of nitrous oxide in the practice of podiatric medicine.

SF1730--Spear (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Permitting interstate banking with an additional reciprocating state.

SF1852--Pogemiller (DFL)**Judiciary**

Providing for the manner of filling vacancies in the office of judge.

Monday, March 12**SF1906--Stumpf (DFL)****Judiciary**

Making the crime victim ombudsman accountable to the commissioner of public safety; clarifying that certain juvenile records are available to the ombudsman.

SF1943--Marty (DFL)**Judiciary**

Lengthening the statute of limitations for Human Rights Act violations.

SF1695--Berglin (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Authorizing allocation of central, affiliated, or corporate costs for nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation and related conditions.

SF1813--Berglin (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Amending the medicare certification requirement for nursing homes.

SF1922--Solon (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2028--Carlson, L. (DFL)

E exempting credit unions from certain requirements for closing agents.

SF1947--Peterson, R.W. (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2029--Jennings (DFL)

Naming and designating as Moberg Trail that portion of Constitutional Route No. 46 located within Chisago County.

SF1783--Renneke (IR)**Education**

Allowing certain school districts to change education districts.

Wednesday, March 14**SF1680--Frederickson, D.R. (IR)****Regulated Industries**

Providing absentee ballots are secret ballots.

SF1794--Metzen (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2001--O'Connor (DFL)

Redefining the term "veteran."

SF1691--Berglin (DFL)**Judiciary**

Establishing procedures for the placement and removal of children in foster homes.

SF1717--DeCramer (DFL)**Education**

Establishing a task force to coordinate educational opportunity on the border between Minnesota and South Dakota.

SF1820--Vickerman (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Permitting a county board to assign certain duties.

SF1973--Berglin (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2097--Dawkins (DFL)

A resolution memorializing the president and Congress to reauthorize the low-income home energy assistance program and to increase its appropriation for Fiscal Year 1991 and subsequent years.

SF1777--Lantry (DFL)

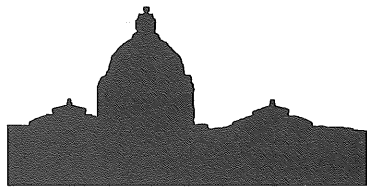
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2043--Kostohryz (DFL)

Ramsey County; setting the terms of charter commission members.

SF2353--Piper (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2487--Cooper (DFL)

Vocational rehabilitation; providing for supported employment programs.



Coming Up Next Week . . .

March 19-March 23, 1990

Committee Schedule

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MONDAY, March 19

8:00 a.m.
**Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Capital budget draft review.

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

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

8:30 a.m.
**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: A continuation of the governor's supplemental budget recommendations for the Department of Human Services.

10:00 a.m.
REGULATED INDUSTRIES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: HF2340 (Kahn) On-sale liquor licenses issued by cities and counties for sales until 3 a.m. SF1680/HF2424 (Dempsey) Absentee ballots are secret ballots.

12:30 p.m.
**Education Finance Division/
EDUCATION**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: HF2477 (McEachern) Education district provisions changed in comprehensive bill. Also on the agenda is education district bargaining.

1:30 p.m.
**RULES & LEGISLATIVE
ADMINISTRATION**
400N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Dee Long
Agenda: Special Orders.

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

TUESDAY, March 20

8:00 a.m.
**Agriculture, Transportation &
Semi-State Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: The governor's consolidated funds proposal.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: To be announced.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: To be announced.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

TAXES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: HF2457 (Rest) Public finance; authority allocated to issue tax exempt revenue bonds. (Laid over from 3/15/90 meeting.) HF2480 (McLaughlin) Technical corrections provided for sales, motor vehicle excise, income, franchise, insurance, fuel, gambling, property, and other taxes.

10:00 a.m.
**Metropolitan Affairs Subcommittee/
LOCAL GOVERNMENT &
METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers
Agenda: An overview of metropolitan agencies affirmative action efforts.

12:00 noon
Legislative Audit Commission
400N State Office Building
Chr. Sen. John Brandt
Agenda: The legislative auditor will release the evaluation report on local government spending.

WEDNESDAY, March 21

8:00 a.m.
**Agriculture, Transportation &
Semi-State Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Operating budget hearings.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: To be announced.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: To be announced.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

**Education Finance Division/
EDUCATION**
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: The final action on HF2200 (Nelson, K.) Education department initiatives proposed.

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

THURSDAY, March 22

8:00 a.m.
**Agriculture, Transportation
& Semi-State Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Operating budget hearings.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: To be announced.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: To be announced.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

9:00 a.m.

**Task Force on Education
Organization**

Kelly Inn Buffington Room, St. Paul
Chr. Ken Kelsey
Agenda: Objectives: a legislative update of the task force recommendations and other bills, consideration and approval of "Principles for Organizing Education", review the task force's goals in relation to the national goals, continue development and discussion of conceptual framework for reorganization and restructuring, and reflect on accomplishments and where to go next. This meeting is scheduled to last all day.

12:30 p.m.

**Community Stabilization &
Development Division/ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Karen Clark
Agenda: Community resources program update from 1989 Year of the Neighborhood legislation.

**Rural Resource Development Division/
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: To be announced.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

FRIDAY, March 23

8:00 a.m.

**Agriculture, Transportation
& Semi-State Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Operating budget hearings.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: To be announced.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: To be announced.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

EDUCATION

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HF2200 (Nelson, K.) Education Department initiatives proposed. (Omnibus education finance bill.)

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: HF2478 (Ogren) Internal Revenue Service references updated. This meeting may last all day.

9:00 a.m.

**Task Force on Education
Organization**

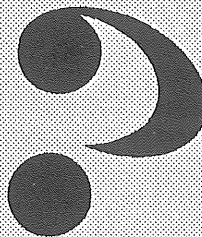
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Chr. Ken Kelsey
Agenda: A continuation of Thursday, March 22 meeting. Objectives: a legislative update of the task force recommendations and other bills, consideration and approval of "Principles for Organizing Education," review the task force's goals in relation to the national goals, continue development and discussion of conceptual framework for reorganization and restructuring, and reflect on accomplishments and where to go next. This meeting is scheduled to last until noon.

12:30 p.m.

**Dairy & Livestock Subcommittee/
AGRICULTURE**

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger
Agenda: Public hearing on stray voltage.

Do you know



The state's "Celebrate Minnesota" campaign, includes the Mankato Area International Festival on April 8.

The 10-year-old festival, sponsored by Mankato State University (MSU) and the Mankato Mall, offers "A Rainbow of Cultures" this year.

Downtown Mankato will host the festival from noon to 4:30 p.m. A "Parade of Nations" will begin the day, followed by style and entertainment shows. And there'll be ethnic foods, gifts, and displays.

Pre-festival activities include an ethnic film festival April 2-4, with showings from 7:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

In a new event this year, an international king and queen will be selected April 5 based on contestants' written essays titled, "What Being an International Student in the U.S.A. Means to Me." Following the crowning, there'll be an "International Dance-A-Rama."

By celebrating and providing a better understanding of the cultures of other people, the festival works to promote world peace. Last year, 5,000 people attended the festival.

For more information, contact the MSU International Student Office at (507) 389-1281.

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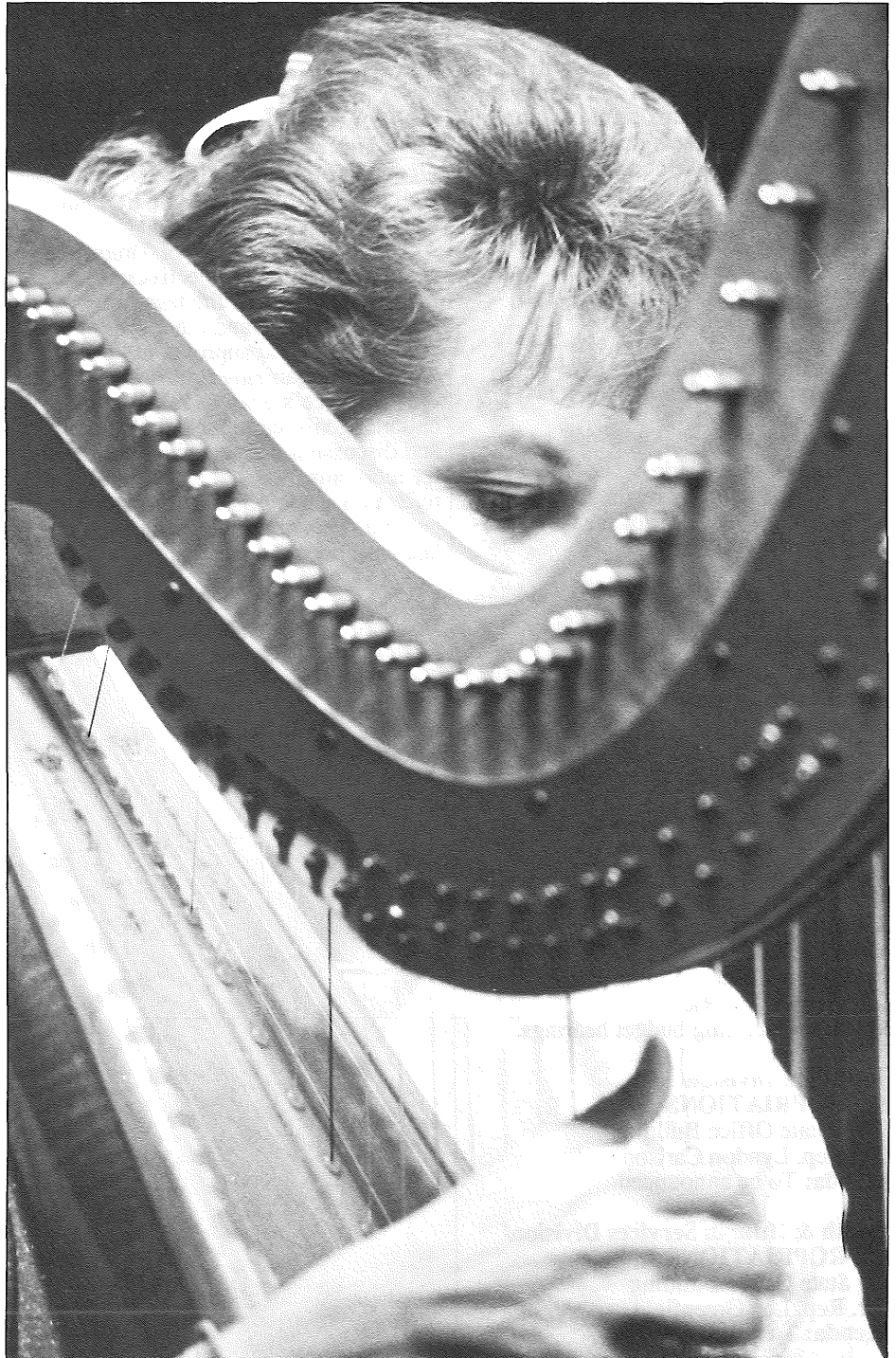
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Harpist Trudy Finden filled the House chamber with music at the rededication ceremony March 13.

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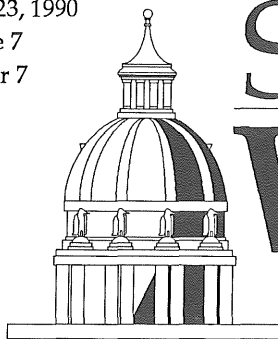
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It's a fact!

Minnesotans celebrate the contributions and successes of the state's women this month. Gov. Rudy Perpich declared March "Women's History Month" in 1987.

The first women members of the House were elected in 1922. Four were elected that year: Myrtle Cain, Hannah Johnson Kempfer, Sue Metzger Dickey Hough, and Mabeth Hurd Paige. Paige served until 1944, the longest of that first group.

Women members didn't move into leadership positions until 1984, when former Rep. Connie Levi became majority leader of the IR caucus. Since then, former Rep. Ann Wynia (1987-1989) and Rep. Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) have held that position for the DFL caucus. Long is the current majority leader since being elected to that position last year.

The first woman senator was Laura Johnson Naplin, who served from 1926 to 1933.

See related story on page 21.



After serving 18 years in the House, Rep. Mary Forsythe (IR-Edina) will retire after the 1990 Session. See story on page 8.

Highlights

Bonding bill

A \$330.4 million bonding bill was approved March 21 by the House Appropriations Committee, with more than a third of the funds slated for higher education projects.

Community and technical colleges, the State University System, and the University of Minnesota would divide \$122 million of those funds if the bill becomes law.

Under the proposal, the University of Minnesota would receive \$44.1 million; State University System, \$27.3 million; technical college system, \$25.5 million; and community colleges, \$23.4 million.

Big ticket items for the University of Minnesota include a \$17.4 million addition to the biological sciences

building, renovations and an addition to the veterinary diagnostic lab (\$8.5 million), an addition to Ferguson Hall (\$5.2 million, if \$2 million is matched from nonstate sources), and \$7.5 million for construction of an integrated waste management facility.

In human services area, \$7.3 million was allotted for detailed drawings and plans for three regional treatment centers at Anoka, Fergus Falls, and Moose Lake. An additional \$4.1 million was allotted for the construction of 16 additional state-operated community services homes for people with developmental disabilities. And \$6.8 million was authorized to complete skilled nursing facility remodeling at Brainerd, Cambridge, and Fergus Falls.

The Department of Corrections would



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receive \$15.1 million in bonding money, with a bulk of those funds going for the conversion of an auditorium at the Stillwater prison and the continued conversion of a section of the Faribault Regional Center into a medium-security prison. Two additional medium security cottages are proposed for the prison at Lino Lakes.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency would use a hefty portion of its \$43.9 million allocation for construction grants for wastewater treatment facilities, and to correct sewage overflow problems.

A \$22.4 authorization for the Department of Natural Resources would be used to buy recreational land, and to improve existing recreational facilities. Funds were also allotted for construction of the Kettle River Environmental Learning Center and improvements on three trail systems.

Other allocations approved in the bill were \$11.5 million to the Department of Trade and Economic Development for the Metropolitan Council and local units of government to acquire land for recreational use.

Members sent the bill to the House floor for further action.

Student work ban

Students under age 18 would be banned from working after 11 p.m. on school nights under a provision of the omnibus K-12 school bill approved March 22 by the Education Committee.

The measure would also continue the Jan. 15 deadline by which school districts and teachers must approve teacher contracts and allow school districts to enter into regional bargaining agreements.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls), would make it a misdemeanor for employers to repeatedly violate the ban on students working past 11 p.m.

It would continue the \$25 per pupil loss in state aid after the Jan. 15 deadline for negotiations, but stipulates that school aid wouldn't be lost if a contract is in arbitration before the deadline and the arbitration panel issues its decision within 60 days of the date arbitration was

requested. The Legislature approved a similar bill last year on a one-year trial basis.

The measure would also allow an education district to bargain on behalf of all member school districts. Before an education district may enter negotiations, school boards and teacher organizations must agree to this provision.

An amendment failed that would have required schools to include in their sex education program that abstinence is the only truly effective method of birth control.

Members sent HF2200 to the Taxes Committee.

Security guard limits

The activities of security guards hired by a company during a labor dispute would be restricted once they step off company property under a bill passed by the House on a 68-54 vote March 21.

"When the guard leaves the plant he would become a civilian like the rest of us," says bill sponsor Joe Begich (DFL-Eveleth).

The measure, Begich says, is designed to protect residents from being harassed or intimidated by security guards off a plant site. Begich introduced the bill in response to actions by security guards during the recent labor dispute at Boise Cascade Corp. in International Falls.

A heated debate emerged over an amendment offered by Rep. Bob Neuenschwander (DFL-Int'l Falls) that would allow videotaping during a labor dispute as long as either the person being photographed or the photographer are on the plant site.

He says the videotaping done during the Boise Cascade strike was necessary to identify and prosecute looters. The amendment was passed on a 66-56 vote.

"If we continue to pass state laws that are going to interfere with law enforcement people, or anybody trying to capture and prosecute those [who] break laws, then we're going to have a situation where we just tell these people 'go ahead and destroy all you want—you won't get caught,'" says Neuenschwander.

HF1928 awaits action on the Senate floor.

Luring doctors, nurses

New doctors could have at least part of their medical school loans paid by the state if they agree to practice from three to five years in a rural area. Such provisions are in the omnibus rural health care bill, which the Appropriations Committee's Education Division heard March 21.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Roger Cooper (DFL-Bird Island), is designed to lure both doctors and nurses to small towns where their ranks are dwindling.

"What we are trying to do is hold us even," says Cooper. "This isn't the total answer, but I hope it holds us even."

Cooper's measure would direct the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) to set up a program through which the state would pay off up to \$10,000 in school loans for each year a doctor spent in medical school.

To be eligible for the forgiveness program, the student must sign a contract to work in a designated area from three to five years. If a student reneges, the penalty would be 100 percent of the qualified loan, plus a 50 percent penalty.

Another section of the bill would offer a similar program to registered nurses.

HF1965 is pending before the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee.

AIDS insurance

People infected with the AIDS virus could receive state-paid insurance coverage if a bill the Health and Human Services Committee approved March 16 becomes law.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), would direct the Department of Human Services to set up a program to pay insurance coverage for AIDS patients who are too ill to work. It would require the state to pay for a group insurance plan for 18 months after a person leaves his or her job and an individual insurance plan for two years after initial application.

Applicants would have to meet certain eligibility requirements before receiving the extended insurance. Their total assets could not exceed \$25,000, and their gross family income could not be exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

Members sent HF2034 to the Appropriations Committee for further review.



Rep. Howard Orenstein (DFL-St. Paul) was the proud "New Daddy" of a baby boy, Henry Ross, born March 16.

Campaign spending

Candidates for the U.S. Senate and House could receive public financing if they observe spending limits under a bill approved March 21 by the Taxes Committee.

The measure would limit spending for U. S. Senate candidates to \$3 million per campaign, and U. S. House candidates to \$300,000. Candidates would be required to raise half of the spending limit, with no more than 40 percent of the amount coming from political action committees (PACs). The state would then provide the other half of the spending limit in the form of a public subsidy.

If both major party candidates would agree to the spending limits, neither would receive the public subsidy, but both would still be bound by the spending limits. Committee members in both the Taxes and the General Legislation & Veterans Affairs committees questioned whether this section of the law is constitutional.

If one candidate agrees to the spending limit and the other doesn't, the one agreeing would receive the public subsidy and wouldn't have to abide by the spending limit.

Candidates agreeing to spending limits who later exceed them would be subject to a civil fine of up to four times the amount over the limit. Candidates would also have to return any unspent portion of the public subsidy.

HF2666, sponsored by Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park), was earlier

approved March 15 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee, and will be considered next by the Appropriations Committee.

Campaign tax credits

Minnesota taxpayers would be able to deduct \$50 for certain political contributions from their income taxes under an election and ethics bill the Taxes Committee approved March 20.

Individual filers could receive a credit of up to \$50 and joint filers up to \$100 for political donations they make to political parties, judicial office candidates, and to state office candidates who have agreed to campaign spending limits.

The measure would replace a similar tax credit that was in place prior to 1987. Supporters of the measure say it will encourage people to contribute to political campaigns and become more politically active.

Although individual contributions to federal or local candidates wouldn't qualify for the tax credit, political parties could give qualifying contributions to those candidates.

The Department of Revenue estimates that the tax credit would cost the state almost \$5 million in 1991, and over \$9 million in the next biennium.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park), will be considered next by the Appropriations Committee.

"Drug czar" speaks

The nation's drug czar praised Minnesota's anti-drug programs March 21 in a speech before a joint meeting of the House and Senate.

"I urge the Minnesota Legislature to keep up the good work; many of the things you've done really are exemplary," said William J. Bennett, director of National Drug Control Policy. "You should be very proud . . . I applaud your efforts for the well-being of the citizens, especially the children, of the state of Minnesota."

He said Minnesota has taken a good approach toward fighting drugs with the state's asset seizure and forfeiture laws, and that those laws "may be the single best tactic we have against the drug traffickers."

He also said the state's drug treatment and prevention programs, and its alternative incarceration program, are models for the rest of the country.

But he did add that legislators may consider tightening its marijuana laws, and warned that marijuana dealers could settle in the state to take advantage of those lenient laws.

He said it's both morally responsible and cost-effective to fight drug use as soon as possible.

"Anybody who has taken a look at what it will cost a state to educate a child

who has been born addicted to cocaine will understand that an ounce of prevention here, keeping one child off of cocaine, one pregnant mother off of cocaine, is not only the moral and humane and responsible thing to do, it is also fiscally sound," he said.

He said he also supports requiring state contractors to impose drug-free workplace policies, which could include drug testing in certain instances. Surveys of casual users have shown that if they thought there was a chance they'd be caught and punished, they'd stop using drugs.

Maximum effort loans

Four state loan requests from tax-poor school districts that are renovating old school buildings or constructing new ones were approved March 16 by the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee.

Maximum Effort School Loans were approved for school districts in Osakis (\$4,755,000); Roseau (\$9,348,000); Sartell (\$3,194,000); and St. Michael-Albertville (\$10,756,000).

The loans are designed to assist tax-poor school districts that need new or renovated facilities because of student growth or building safety problems.

A total of nine school districts were qualified to receive the loans. Loan

requests for the school districts in Cass Lake, Farmington, Lake of the Woods, Pierz, and Dover-Eyota weren't approved.

But the division stipulated that the State Board of Education, which considers the loan requests before sending them to the Legislature for funding, must approve four of those applications next year if the districts meet the criteria in effect at that time.

The division encouraged officials from the fifth applicant — Dover-Eyota — to plan a joint facility with neighboring school districts.

The recommended approvals will go to the Education Committee for further review.

Living wills

Minnesotans who have "living wills" would be able to designate that fact on their driver's licenses under a bill given final approval by the House March 19 on a 128-1 vote.

The amendment, sponsored by Rep. David Bishop (IR-Rochester), was added to a non-controversial bill that would allow electronically produced images to be used for driver's license photographs.

Bishop's amendment would require emergency medical personnel to tell the hospital to examine the person's medical records for a living will anytime such a designation is on a driver's license.

A living will maps out the types of life-sustaining care people want — as long as it's within acceptable medical practice — should they become unable to make those decisions for themselves.

Rep. Art Seaberg (IR-Eagan) questioned whether the proposal could create problems for emergency room doctors who have to treat patients immediately and may not have time to track down a living will. He reminded lawmakers that a measure last year to have a "living will" designation on driver's licenses was defeated by the House.

Bishop, however, says the measure wouldn't interfere with normal emergency procedures done by medical personnel. He added that a "living will" isn't "triggered" until the person possessing one has been diagnosed as terminal by an attending doctor.



National drug czar William Bennett, left, receives an "A+ Kids Club" T-shirt from club team leader Joycelyn Knisely of Lakeville, Minn., on the House floor March 21.

Liquor sale hours

Bar and nightclub patrons wouldn't hear the last call for alcohol until 2 a.m. if a bill approved March 19 by the Regulated Industries Committee becomes law.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) would extend the time alcoholic beverages could be sold from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. by allowing local units of government to issue additional liquor licenses to bars and nightclubs so they could sell alcoholic beverages during that extra hour.

Current law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages after 1 a.m.

Supporters of the bill say the extended liquor sale hours are needed to lure more conventions and tourists to the Twin Cities area.

But the Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization opposes the bill, saying the choice of convention sites is based on a number of factors — not just bar closing times. They say the bill could end Minnesota's ranking as one of the safest states in which to drive.

A separate provision in the bill would require bars and nightclubs to have at least one bartender or supervisor to have completed a server-training program where they would be taught to recognize signs of intoxication and methods to avoid making illegal sales. A city or county would issue certificates to those who completed such programs.

Kahn says the three major goals of the bill are to provide economic development, job opportunities, and safety. Citing statistics from various sources, Kahn told the committee that the peak in alcohol-related accidents and DWI arrests appears to be 1 a.m.

She says the effect of this bill would be to flatten that peak rather than establish a new one. Lawmakers sent HF2340 to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee for further review.

Gambling enforcement

Lawful gambling officials appealed to a division of the Appropriations Committee March 21 and 22 for more funds to police the state's troubled lawful gambling industry.

Gaming Commissioner Tony Bouza



Daha Zakharova, Anna Malova, and Katya Shalfeeva, *left to right*, examined photos of themselves with Gov. Rudy Perpich March 20. The girls are exchange students from the Siberian city of Novosibirsk and are attending Woodbury High School.

appeared before the Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division and said the gambling department has been starved for resources to regulate and enforce the billion-dollar-a-year industry.

"The issue is a very simple one: either we get 59 additional personnel or you can forget about reforming the lawful gambling industry," says Bouza.

The gambling division alone has asked for funding for 30 staff positions — at a cost of \$1.6 million — to help crack down on the industry.

Tom Anzelc, director of the Gambling Control Board, estimates that 80 percent of the licensed lawful, or charitable, gambling organizations don't comply with state rules. He says the control board's work in the past has "left much to be desired," and that additional staff is needed to scrutinize more carefully the licensing and re-licensing of charitable gambling organizations, provide more consistent information to the state's 1,900 charitable gambling operations, and give training and assistance to those already operating.

The Department of Public Safety, which conducts charitable gambling investigations, has asked the state for funding for 15 new staff positions. The Department of Revenue, which audits gambling operations, has requested 13

additional staff members.

Public Safety Director Tom Brownell says additional staff funding is necessary to "protect honest people from themselves." He pointed out that operators are much more likely to steal gambling money if no one is paying attention to them.

The division will take up the lawful gambling enforcement bill next week.

Shiitake mushrooms

The Forest Resource Center near Lanesboro in southeastern Minnesota could expand its shiitake mushroom demonstration project, construct a maple syrup demonstration facility, and build a classroom building if a bill approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee becomes law.

Bill sponsor Rep. Elton Redalen (IR-Fountain) says it's important for the state to support the development of alternative crops.

The bill would appropriate \$175,000 in state money provided every state dollar is matched with a \$2 contribution from private sources.

Shiitake mushrooms are flavorful mushrooms introduced to the U.S. from Japan and have been cultivated at the Forest Resource Center for six years.

Supermarkets in the Twin Cities are already selling these mushrooms, and representatives from the Forest Resource Center say market research suggests local and export markets will expand.

The Forest Resource Center near Lanesboro is a private, non-profit organization located in southeastern Minnesota on 100 acres of Department of Natural Resources land.

HF2536 is before the Appropriations Committee.

Scholarship benefits

Spouses and children of public safety officers killed in the line of duty could receive a scholarship to attend a college in Minnesota under provisions of a bill the Appropriations Committee's Education Division heard March 20 and 22.

Sponsored by Rep. Len Price (DFL-Woodbury), the measure would provide scholarships for tuition and fees to eligible dependent children under the age of 23 and surviving spouses. The scholarships would apply only toward an undergraduate degree or certificate.

If enacted, the proposal would be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1973, to include all eligible dependent children or spouses of public safety officials killed in the line of duty from that point.

Department of Public Safety officials (DPS) say survivors of the Hutchinson police officer who was shot and killed several months ago would be included.

They say about 35 children and spouses could be eligible for the scholarships.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board would award the scholarships and the DPS would administer the program.

'Way to Grow'

A "Way to Grow/School Readiness" project may begin next year in rural Minnesota if a bill appropriating \$150,000 to the project is approved by the Legislature.

The project, approved March 19 by the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee, would aim to help parents improve their children's health through information, outreach programs, and support groups.

The program is currently in operation in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Columbia Heights.

"We certainly have the same critical need in rural cities," says Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids), author of the bill. "This would be an outreach program for parents and families."

The project would include home visitor programs which provide social support, information, and referrals for pregnant women and new parents; neighborhood-based parent, child, and family resource centers; and culturally-specific outreach programs. It focuses on children up to age 5.

The project appropriation was amended into the education omnibus bill (HF2200). Education Committee members will consider the bill next.

State aid to cities

Lawmakers should reduce and restructure state aid to cities, said the Legislative Auditor's Office in a report March 20 that was released before the Legislative Audit Commission.

The office's report on local government spending found that state aid to cities has actually encouraged spending by cities. The size of a city and whether it's a regional center are the most important determining factors in the level of city spending, according to the report.

Other factors determining city spending include the amount of commercial property, older housing, personal income, property wealth, and average household size in a city.

The report found that Minneapolis and St. Paul spend the most money, about \$877 per capita. Metropolitan suburbs spend much less — \$387 per capita — which is on par with spending in outstate cities with populations between 1,000 and 5,000. The lowest city spending — \$302 per capita — was found in outstate cities with fewer than 1,000 people.

The report recommends a gradual reduction of aid to cities and a restructuring of how state aid is paid. It also advocates targeting aid to needy cities, providing aid for specific city programs, and giving aid to individuals (rather than cities). And the report suggests allowing cities to use city sales, income taxes, and user fees to make up for decreased state aid.

Affirmative action

The Metropolitan Waste Control Commission (MWCC) has made progress in its affirmative action program, but its work to combat sex and race discrimination isn't finished, the MWCC chair told a House subcommittee March 20.

"These [affirmative action problems] at the Waste Control Commission didn't happen overnight, and they aren't going to be solved overnight," Lurline Baker-Kent told the Metro Affairs Subcommittee of the Metropolitan Government & Metropolitan Affairs Committee. "We still have a long way to go."

Baker-Kent's comments were part of the subcommittee's hearing on affirmative action plans for metro state agencies. Nina Rothchild, Department of Employee Relations (DOER) commissioner, reviewed a report on the agencies' work to achieve a balance of minority, female, and disabled workers that reflects the metro area work force. While Rothchild did present information concerning seven metro agencies, public testimony centered on MWCC.

"They're not doing the job in the affirmative action arena," says Joseph Sinnott, a MWCC machinist and a member of the commission's affirmative action committee.

Allegations of discrimination and harassment, some resulting in lawsuits, have plagued MWCC in recent years. Sinnott charged that he has been physically abused and harassed because he supports affirmative action. Other witnesses testified that they, too, were harassed, subjected to verbal and physical assaults, or demoted because they support an end to racial and sexual discrimination.

Mitch Franklin, another MWCC employee, suggested the commission undertake a "more concerted effort to make middle-level managers accountable for their actions and make employees aware of its affirmative action policy."

The DOER survey found that the metro state agencies employed fewer women and disabled workers than are represented in the general work force in the metropolitan area, but more minorities. Women make up about 45 percent of the work force, but hold only 20 percent of the agency jobs.

Does the security guard at your neighborhood shopping mall know how and when to use his gun? An amendment that would require privately employed armed security guards to have the same firearms training as peace officers was tacked on to another security guard-related bill and given final approval by the House March 21. Rep. David Bishop (IR-Rochester), who sponsored the amendment, says the bill came about because of an incident in Rochester where an off-duty security guard shot two men. The bill awaits Senate action.

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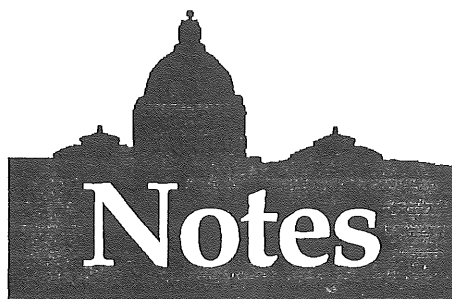
Legislators and legislative candidates would be prohibited from soliciting or accepting contributions from lobbyists during a regular legislative session under a bill approved by the Taxes Committee March 20. The bill would incorporate into law a rule adopted March 5 by the House banning in-session fundraisers, which many argued amounted to a "shakedown" of lobbyists who had important bills pending before the House. The committee referred HF2666 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park) to the Appropriations Committee for further review.

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A bill that would require all furniture in public places to meet certain flammability standards by 1992 was approved by the House March 19 on a 125-2 vote. Minnesota would be the third state in the country to pass such a law, says bill sponsor Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul). HF1730 awaits action on the Senate floor.

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Local police departments received \$98,000 from the Department of Public Safety to buy illegal drugs in undercover operations last year, says Marina McManus, Public Safety commissioner. The money came from a fund the Legislature created after law enforcement agencies said they needed more resources to combat illegal drug sales.



John Perkins wore a gas mask to the Toxic Use Reduction Rally on the Capitol steps March 20.

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Harassment could become a human rights violation if the harassment is due to a person's perceived race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or disability under a bill sponsored by Rep. Sandy Pappas (DFL-St. Paul). The measure would give victims the right to collect damages through the Human Rights Act from someone who has harassed them. Currently, harassment is a violation of criminal law, but civil damages are difficult, if not impossible, to obtain. SF1366 was approved March 16 by the Judiciary Committee and is on the House floor for further review.

Spending money on health care insurance for board members with funds designated for students is wrong, says Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake). His amendment to the omnibus education bill (HF2200) was approved March 19 by the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee. The provision would prohibit any school or educational board to pay for health care insurance for board members with money designated for students. McEachern says only about half a dozen of the 433 districts in the state have purchased health care insurance for board members.

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Financial incentives would be used to improve school performances under a bill authored by Rep. Todd Otis (DFL-Mpls). The bill would establish a performance exam, given over three years, to test the academic improvement of schools. Additional funds would be determined by the level of increase in a school's composite score over the three-year period. The Education Finance Division of the Education Committee amended the bill into the education omnibus bill. HF2200 will go to the Education Committee for further consideration.

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People who have applied for a moose-hunting license in the past but didn't receive one would be given preference the next time they apply under a bill approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. HF2000 (Stanis, IR-White Bear Lake) now goes to the House floor for further action.

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Interactive television is currently used in more than 140 of Minnesota's 433 school districts, according to a publication by the Minnesota Department of Education. Interactive television expands educational opportunities by connecting students from several locations with a teacher at a different school through television monitors.



Rep. Mary Forsythe in 1974.

Forsythe Farewell



For the past 18 years, the names Forsythe and Edina have been synonymous.

When Mary Forsythe ends her political career on the last day of the 1990 legislative session, it will be hard for her to forget the 18 years she has served in the House.

A gold charm bracelet she keeps tucked away will serve as a constant reminder of several firsts that will be attached to her name.

One charm is emblazoned with the date she was sworn in as a representative — Jan. 2, 1973 — which also marked the first time that more than four women were elected to the House at one time.

Another charm marks the date she was elected, the first time a woman had ever

been elected representative from her Edina district. Other charms mark the day on which she was endorsed, and District 42B which she represents.

There's no charm commemorating her role as the first woman to serve as chair of the full Appropriations Committee. But that, perhaps, is one she could consider adding during her retirement.

"It's time to move on," says Forsythe, who at 69 is one of the grande dames of the Independent-Republican Party.

In a few weeks, Forsythe will clear out her second floor office in the State Office Building and pack away many other memories of the Legislature.

During the earlier days in the House, Forsythe says women were referred to as "gentlemen" in committee by some lobbyists and people testifying.

"People were not used to having women in the Legislature and they sometimes would forget we were there," she says.

Nor were people used to the idea of female candidates. It was hard to get women to run for office, she says, although she and many others spent a lot of time door-knocking for candidates, and serving as party officers and delegates.

"I think women were hesitant to get into something they considered to be a



Rep. Mary Forsythe frequently speaks at events such as this Lutheran bishop's breakfast.

man's job and something that was (considered) dirty," she says, adding that Minnesota politics is anything but that.

Although she has served in the House for 18 years, only in two of those years — 1985 and 1986 — were the Independent-Republicans in the majority.

She singled out two bills of note during

her career. She sponsored the mandatory seat belt law, which she called the toughest, most time-consuming bill she ever authored. But, she added, it's also one of the laws of which she's most proud because of its far-reaching effects and the lives it has, and will continue, to save.

She's also proud of a measure she sponsored that provided funding for people who adopt hard-to-adopt children — those with mental illnesses or physical disabilities, for example. Because of that legislation, many of those children have received good homes, she says.

Forsythe grew up in Whitehall, Wis., and attended high school there. She

obtained a Bachelor of Music degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1942, and later taught music in elementary and high schools while her husband served in World War II.

Forsythe says she has drifted considerably from her childhood dream of becoming a missionary in Africa like her Aunt Mary, for whom she is named.

But in addition to spending time with her grandchildren (she is the mother of five), and reading historical novels and biographies, Forsythe says she hopes to pursue part of that dream: teaching.

Forsythe says she intends to become a volunteer in the state's literacy program.

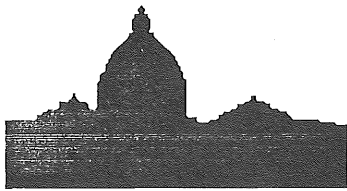
"I'd love to teach someone how to read."



Reps. Forsythe and Dennis Poppenhagen (IR-Detroit Lakes) confer during a House floor session.



While preparing a birthday dinner for daughter Joan and granddaughter Ann, Rep. Forsythe casts a wary glance at grandson Matthew.



Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Friday, March 16

Food advisory committee— establishment

HF2673/SF2516 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

APPROPRIATIONS

Wednesday, March 21

Bonding bill

HF2651 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Monday, March 19

Higher education—midwestern compact

HF2024/SF2248 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Permanent University Fund— investment changes

HF2269/SF2308 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—heard; to be included in supplemental appropriation bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

HECB—responsibilities, authority changes

HF2647/SF2534 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—heard; amended; to be included in supplemental appropriation bill.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Tuesday, March 20

Moorhead State University— parking lot

HF2101/SF1799 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—heard; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Winona, Lourdes Hall— contract-for-deed

HF2421/SF2300 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Safety officers' dependents— scholarships

HF2492/SF2301 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Wednesday, March 21

Rural health care—omnibus bill

HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Thursday, March 22

State University Board—purchase

HF2421/SF2300 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—heard; amended; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Safety officers' dependents— scholarships

HF2492/SF2301 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—heard; amended; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Health & Human Services Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Wednesday, March 21

Technology assistance review panel— creation

HF1728/SF1520 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Nurse practitioners— drug dispensation

HF1845/SF1821 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Drug distributors—licensing

HF1847/SF1758 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Physicians assistants— drug dispensation

HF1887/SF1798 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Chiropractors—medical exams

HF2111/SF2165 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Board of Medical Examiners— procedures

HF2582/SF2216* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Thursday, March 22

Community Social Services Act—state aid

HF1831/SF1728 (Hasskamp, DFL-Crosby)—recommended to pass as amended; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Dept. of Health—housekeeping bill

HF2021/SF1838* (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Child support—enforcement

HF2404/SF2204 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

GAMC—housekeeping

HF2649/SF2478 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

EDUCATION

Friday, March 16

Maximum effort loan program

HF1876/SF1787 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Regent candidate advisory council recommendations—deadlines

HF2418/SF2159 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF on Senate Floor)

Thursday, March 22

Education Finance—omnibus bill

HF2200/SF1898 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

**Education Finance Division/
EDUCATION**

Thursday, March 15

Maximum effort school loan program

HF1876/SF1787 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Education Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Sex education—abstinence

HF1992/SF1849 (Tompkins, IR-Apple Valley)—heard; amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Health, safety—district aid

HF2098/SF2009 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Argyle School District—money transfer

HF2191/SF2086 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Handicapped, disabled—education

HF2193/SF2202 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

School district combination—size requirements waiver

HF2214/SF2111 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

School performance—incentives

HF2389 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—heard.

Secondary education—appropriation

HF2566 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—heard.

Way to grow program—grant

HF2593/SF2420 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—heard; amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Pine Point School—federal impact aid

HF2691/SF2439 (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—heard; amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Friday, March 16

Governor's drug plan

HF2004/SF1929 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard; amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Agricultural education council—establishment

HF2522/SF2332 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard; amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Indian education—long-term planning

HF2576/SF2464 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into HF2200. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Monday, March 19

Employment, minors—work hour limit

HF331 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—heard; amended into HF2200.

Curriculum integration—clarification

HF2764 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—heard.

Wednesday, March 21

Education—omnibus bill

HF2200/SF1898 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Education Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Board of Teaching—variances

HF2202/SF1809 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Education Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
& HOUSING**

Friday, March 16

Mortgage lenders, brokers—licensing, regulating changes

HF556/SF188* (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Friday, March 16

Employee wages—intermediate care facilities

HF1907/SF2563 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Health, insurance costs—task force
HF1997/SF1790 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)

Chemical dependency—research, treatment

HF2051/SF1931 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

St. Paul police—pension benefits changes

HF2275/SF2544 (O' Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

State Investment Board—changes

HF2489/SF2412 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

State Building Code—handicapped accessibility

HF2769/SF2346 (Kalis, DFL-Walters)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Friday, March 16

Chiropractors—medical certification
HF274/SF576 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Mental retardation—services policy
HF1908/SF1831 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Nursing home Medicare certification—changes

HF1911/SF1813* (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Nursing homes—property rates

HF1912/SF1828 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Better beginnings act—establishment
HF2031/SF1835 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Health insurance—AIDS patients

HF2034/SF1689 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Social work, mental health boards—changes

HF2765/SF1952 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

INSURANCE

Friday, March 16

HMOs—liquidation regulations

HF2118/SF1940 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Auto insurance—motorcycles

HF2735/SF2349 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

JUDICIARY

Friday, March 16

Custodial trusts—creation

HF596/SF354 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Uniform Statutory Will Act

HF1372/SF260* (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—not recommended to pass as amended.

Harassment—human rights violation

HF1690/SF1366* (Pappas, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.

Foster homes—child removal

HF1824/SF1691* (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

Judges—merit selection

HF1866/SF1852* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

Guardianship—conservatorship proceedings

HF1882/SF1400 (Abrams, IR-Minnetonka)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Government data practices—computer

HF1890/SF1854 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Tort reform

HF2027/SF1827 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Privacy—cordless telephones

HF2218/SF2061 (Seaberg, IR-Eagan)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Conservation officers—search warrants

HF2351/SF1704 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Juveniles—definition expansion

HF2366/SF2209 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—amended into SF2208.
(SF amended into SF2208)

Juvenile delinquents—escape penalties expansion

HF2367/SF2208 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—substituted by SF2208; recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

DWI repeat offenders—license plates

HF2420/SF2177 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Human rights violations—statute of limitations extension

HF2631/SF1943* (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Non-profit corporations—clarifications
HF2678/SF2483 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Cemeteries—unlawful body removal
HF2706/SF2432 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Judges—staggering terms
HF2751/SF2054 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, March 19

On-sale liquor licenses—extended hours
HF2340/SF2596 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Rules & Legislative Administration Committee.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Absentee ballots—secrecy
HF2424/SF1680* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Rules & Legislative Administration Committee.

TAXES

Monday, March 20

Public financing—tax exempt revenue bonds
HF2457/SF2329 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Taxes—technical corrections
HF2480 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Elections, ethics—changes
HF2666/SF2334 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

FLOOR ACTION

CALENDAR

Monday, March 19

Membership travel contracts—regulation
HF1841*/SF1770 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Seneca wastewater treatment plant—permit
HF1883*/SF1826 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—passed (129-0).
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Battery pollution
HF1921*/SF1784 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—passed (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Motor vehicle registration—harassment
HF1952*/SF1843 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (121-2).
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Mine operators—financial assurance
HF1964*/SF2461 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—passed (128-0).
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Dept. of Commerce—civil penalties
HF1968*/SF2548 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—passed (130-0).
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Medicare supplement plans—regulation
HF1983*/SF2384 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed (130-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 15

Chisago County—Moberg Trail
HF2090/SF1947* (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—passed 128-0.

Non-profit organizations—voting
HF2116*/SF2497 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—passed 131-0.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Light butter—standards
HF2305*/SF2477 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—passed 129-0.
(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Monday, March 19

Students—Higher Education Coordinating Board
HF1067*/SF1551 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (125-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Blowgun regulations
HF1861*/SF2572 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—passed (128-0).
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Insurance information—disclosure
HF2204*/SF2153 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Auto insurance—antique, rec. vehicles
HF2242*/SF2264 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—passed (127-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Health Care Access Commission—members
HF2521*/SF2286 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—passed (130-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Wednesday, March 21

Board of Pharmacy—medical devices
HF1673*/SF1507 (Stanislaus, IR-White Bear Lake)—passed 128-0.
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)

Redwood County—ditch abandonment
HF1792/SF1663* (Girard, IR-Lynd)—passed 126-0.

Life insurance—cancellation nonrenewal
HF2500*/SF2129 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—passed 128-0.
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)

GENERAL ORDERS

Thursday, March 15

Membership travel contracts— regulation

HF1841/SF1770 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—
recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Seneca wastewater treatment plant— permit

HF1883/SF1826 (Price, DFL-
Woodbury)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural
Resources Committee)

Battery pollution

HF1921/SF1784 (Wagenius, DFL-
Mpls)—recommended to pass as
amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Motor vehicle registration— harassment

HF1952/SF1843 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—
recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Mine operators—financial assurance

HF1964/SF2461 (Begich, DFL-
Eveleth)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural
Resources Committee)

Dept. of Commerce—civil penalties

HF1968/SF2548 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—
recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Medicare supplement plans— regulations

HF1983/SF2384 (Skoglund, DFL-
Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

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Thursday, March 15

Inver Hills CC—emergency funding

HF2609*/SF2371 (Milbert, DFL-
South St. Paul)—passed 131-0.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

SPECIAL ORDERS

Monday, March 19

Hazardous waste facility sites

HF1071/SF956* (Sparby, DFL-
Thief River Falls)—passed as amended
(126-0).

Public furniture—flammability requirements

HF1730*/SF1795 (O'Connor, DFL-
St. Paul)—passed (125-2).
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Dept. of Transportation— housekeeping bill

HF1857*/SF2356 (Lieder, DFL-
Crookston)—passed (130-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Motor vehicle registration—changes

HF1981*/SF2084 (A. Johnson, DFL-
Spring Lake Park)—passed as amended
(129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Low-income housing—tax credits

HF1987*/SF1850 (Jefferson, DFL-
Mpls)—passed (128-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Pipeline plans—authority repeal

HF1991 (A. Johnson, DFL-
Spring Lake Park)—passed (129-0).

Food rules—federal uniformity

HF2012*/SF1902 (Price, DFL-
Woodbury)—passed (128-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Aviation Training Center—remodeling

HF2059*/SF1895 (L. Carlson, DFL-
Brooklyn Center)—passed (129-0).
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Graduate assts.—public employee coverage

HF2062*/SF1936 (Reding, DFL-
Austin)—passed as amended (90-37).
(SF on Senate Floor)

State employee provisions—changes

HF2081*/SF1953 (Reding, DFL-
Austin)—passed as amended (126-0).
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Public employee retirement— invest. reports

HF2103*/SF2105 (Reding, DFL-
Austin)—passed as amended (128-0).
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations
Committee)

Anoka County—land sale, exchange

HF2135*/SF2024 (Quinn, DFL-
Coon Rapids)—passed as amended
(130-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

County extension service—changes

HF2212*/SF2310 (L. Carlson, DFL-
Brooklyn Center)—passed (83-43).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Driver's licenses—electronic pictures

HF2294*/SF2212 (Hausman, DFL-
St. Paul)—passed as amended (128-1).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Free newspapers—distribution sites

HF2594*/SF2391 (Hausman, DFL-
St. Paul)—passed (131-0).
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Wednesday, March 21

Financial institutions—regulated lenders

HF1913*/SF2241 (Scheid, DFL-
Brooklyn Park)—passed as amended
(76-39).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Metropolitan Waste Control Commission

HF1918*/SF2205 (Reding, DFL-
Austin)—passed (124-0).
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration
Committee)

Labor disputes—security guards, agents

HF1928*/SF2149 (Begich, DFL-
Eveleth)—passed as amended (68-54).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Wildlife management—farmer agreements

HF1960*/SF1706 (Battaglia, DFL-
Two Harbors)—passed (127-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Credit unions—closing agent exemption

HF2028/SF1922* (L. Carlson, DFL-
Crystal)—passed (128-0).

Dept. of Human Services— property lease

HF2050*/SF2041 (Rodosovich, DFL-
Faribault)—passed (97-28).
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations
Committee)

Peace officers—jurisdictional increase
HF2056*/SF1916 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—passed (126-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Revisor's bill—changes
HF2084*/SF1986 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed (128-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Wild land arson—penalties
HF2131*/SF2175 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—passed (127-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

County performance bonds
HF2156*/SF2517 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—passed (128-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Minimum wage—exemption
HF2163*/SF2313 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—passed (109-17).
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Comprehensive health insurance data
HF2343*/SF2536 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (127-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Potato research—promotion council changes
HF2374*/SF1889 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—passed as amended (126-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Vocational rehabilitation—employment
HF2487/SF2353* (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—passed (124-0).

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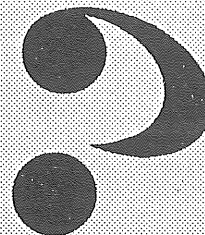
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SF--Senate File
HF#/SF#--companion bills
*--version of the bill under consideration

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March 23, 1907

On this day, the *St. Paul Dispatch* ran an early example of a comic strip. "Mrs. Subbubs" had the chief role, playing a local character who sometimes hinted at the rivalry between St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Do you know



Minnesotans can "Celebrate Minnesota" by walking in "Walk Minnesota," a statewide walk that will begin at two locations on Saturday, May 5.

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is the host for the event in the metro area. The walk begins at Parker's Lake Park and weaves along the Luce Line Trail. Walkers may travel along paved and crushed rock surfaces for distances of 5k, 10k, or 20k.

The Owatonna Parks and Recreation Department will coordinate the walk in Greater Minnesota. The event begins at the Morehouse Park Chalet and winds along the Kaplan's Woods Parkway Trails. Participants may travel along paved and wood chip surfaces.

Everyone will receive a certificate of participation. Walkers who pay a registration fee and complete the 10k, 20k, or certified 5k route will be eligible to receive a "Celebrate Minnesota" medallion.

Minnesota Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) sponsors Walk Minnesota. People wanting more information can call MRPA at (612) 544-1592, the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department at (612) 550-5000, or the Owatonna Parks and Recreation Department at (507) 455-0800.



Strike a deal and get a hotdog, too

Who eats more hotdogs, Democrats or Republicans? And how many legislators really prefer the state muffin — blueberry — to other baked goods? For the answer to these and other important political questions, check Roger and Shirley Larson's snack bar in the Capitol rotunda.

Roger and his wife, Shirley, have been serving legislators, staff, lobbyists, and the public since January of 1983. "We're kind of here for everybody," he says.

Larson is quick to point out that his food stand is completely non-partisan. But being located in the center of the action, it's hard not to pick up on a few legislative bargains being struck over coffee and donuts.

"We hear a lot more than people think we hear," says Larson.

But offering good service and chatting with the customers is more important to Larson than the deals being struck at what is sometimes jokingly referred to as "Ulcer Gulch."

"We like visiting with the legislators," says Larson. "You couldn't run a stand like this unless you really enjoyed people."



Roger, who is

blind, says his handicap poses no problems on the job, but it has caused him to be a bit wary on occasion.

Once he waited on a young high school student who laid down a \$100 bill for a hotdog, and asked for change. Roger, being somewhat skeptical, checked the bill out with Shirley, who is partially blind but can distinguish money denominations.

"It actually was a \$100," he added, laughing.

Toward the end of the session crunch — when hours become late and snacks turn into meals — Larson estimates they have sold as many as 500 hotdogs, 100 bags of microwave popcorn, and 300 ice cream sandwiches in one day. And his vending machines have gone through as many as 30 cases of pop in the same time period, he adds.

Sometimes they open up the stand for eleventh-hour requests for food or



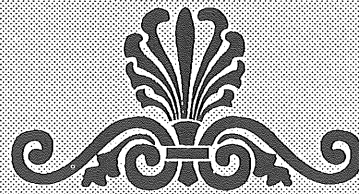
Shirley Larson wraps the hot dogs, while Roger makes the change.

change, which can make for some late nights.

Larson says he and Shirley are often at the stand until 2 or 3 a.m. during the busy times, and back at the Capitol by 8 or 8:30 the next morning.

"Shirley's got to whack me on the head to wake me up once in awhile," jokes Larson.

The Department of Jobs and Training's Division of State Services for the Blind sponsors the stand and owns the equipment. The Larsons operate it, and receive all profits. When the session ends, the Larsons will tear down the food stand and store it in the Capitol basement. Their vending machines remain year-round.



Restoration 1989 - 1990

Architect Cass Gilbert is considered one of the premier architects of his day, and the Minnesota state Capitol is one of his finest works.

So when House members decided to renovate the House chamber last year, they proceeded as if Gilbert were watching over their shoulders.

The result?

The brown, gold, and green hues Gilbert envisioned have returned, as have the skylight and many other facets of his regal design.

The "historic rehabilitation" has been

captured in a 12-page booklet published by the House Public Information Office. Limited copies of *Restoration* are available at the office.

For a booklet, call (612) 296-2146 or write to House Public Information Office, 175 State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155. Or stop by the office and pick one up.

And if the booklet isn't enough to satisfy interest in Gilbert's work, there's still time to get an informal tour. The last open house at the chamber will be held this Sunday, March 25, from 1 to 4 p.m.

A Window on the House *Sergeant's Office*

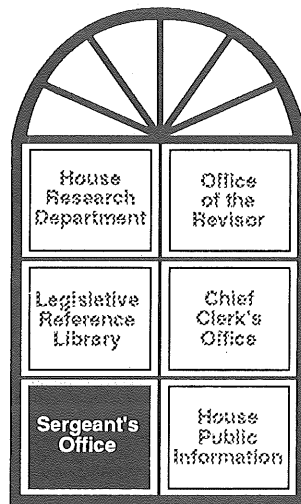
Got a question? Talk to the sergeant

Andy Remke, chief sergeant at arms for the Minnesota House of Representatives, describes his job as similar to that of an "ombudsman . . . someone House members [or the public] can ask any question of or make a complaint to."

Remke heads up the Sergeant at Arms Office, which staffs four assistant sergeants at arms, a postmaster and assistant postmaster, and about 40 full-time pages.

"The sergeant at arms is someone who is visible to all the House members and generally the person they'll get a hold of if they've got a problem," says Remke. "We're usually able to help them; if not, we can at least steer them in the right direction [for help]."

Whether it's quieting a heckler at a committee meeting, passing out parking spots, coordinating House members' transportation needs, or hiring and training 40 new pages every session, the sergeant at arms gets the call.



"Every day is a little bit different," Remke says.

The sergeant at arms also acts as a security liaison between the House and Capitol Security. "In the case of an audience member shouting obscenities to committee members, I would first explain the policy to the person, and then if there's still a problem, bring in Capitol Security," he says.

Other duties of the sergeant at arms

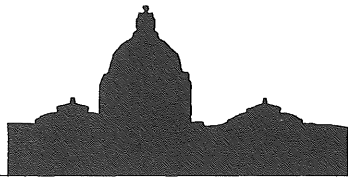
include: supervising any ceremonial functions of the state Legislature, controlling access to and maintaining decorum on the House floor, galleries, and committee rooms; overseeing the College Intern and High School Page programs; advising House leadership on the use of House building space; and keeping all the House keys.

Toward the end of a legislative session, the sergeants at arms will often spend their time locating rooms for last minute conference committees, and finding scattered House members when it's time for them to sit down and vote. The interim is largely spent coordinating any travel or staffing needs for mini-sessions and interim hearings.

Remke has been the chief sergeant at arms since January 1987. The office was created in 1857 — one year before Minnesota became a state.



Sergeant at Arms Charlie Ward urges a group of people outside the House chamber to keep an aisle open so representatives can enter.



In the Hopper . . .

March 16-March 22, 1990

Bill Introductions

HF2784-HF2799

Monday, March 19

HF2784—Welle (DFL)

Education

Telecommunications; certain school districts appropriated money from bond sales for interactive telecommunication systems.

HF2785—Wenzel (DFL)

Taxes

Sales and use tax; farm machinery defined to include certain generators.

HF2786—Janezich (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Hazardous substance and petroleum tank cleanup provided for tax-forfeited land.

HF2787—Munger (DFL)

Rules & Legislative Administration

National anthem; memorial to president and Congress to adopt "America the Beautiful" as the national anthem.

HF2788—Kinkel (DFL)

Appropriations

Paul Bunyan Trail; money appropriated for land acquisition and development.

HF2789—Bishop (IR)

Health & Human Services

Abortion policy established and restrictions provided.

HF2790—Bishop (IR)

Judiciary

Abortions restricted and informed consent required.

HF2791—Kalis (DFL)

Taxes

Counties allowed a special levy for purposes of comprehensive water planning.

HF2792—Williams (DFL)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Federal budget; memorial to Congress to reduce defense spending to fund domestic needs.

Wednesday, March 21

HF2793—Carlson, D. (IR)

Appropriations

School District 570, Finlayson, provided a capital loan.

HF2794—Steensma (DFL)

Agriculture

Grazing specialist provided in extension service, forage task force established, and money appropriated.

HF2795—Kalis (DFL)

Transportation

Highways; memorial to congressional delegation to take certain stands on development of federal highway program regarding interstate highways and gas taxes.

HF2796—Orenstein (DFL)

Taxes

Royalty tax exemption provided for certain ore stocks.

HF2797—Milbert (DFL)

Taxes

Property tax provisions changed for mobile homes and parks.

HF2798—Boo (IR)

Taxes

Duluth special sales tax extended.

Thursday, March 22

HF2799--Kahn (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Health; amending the Clean Indoor Air Act.

House Advisories

Monday, March 19

HA39--Winter (DFL)

Economic Development

A proposal relating to economic development.

Thursday, March 22

HA40--Osthoff (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

A proposal to study affirmative action programs of Minnesota financial institutions.

First Readings/Senate Bills

Monday, March 19

SF488--Berglin (DFL)

Taxes

Public employment; defining equitable compensation relationships; requiring an implementation report; providing for review of plans; providing for appeals from decisions of the commissioner of employee relations; requiring the commissioner to report to the Legislature.

SF2130--Cohen (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2205--Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance; regulating the practices and record keeping of, and disclosures by, public adjusters.

SF1789--Vickerman (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1935--Greenfield (DFL)

Health; requiring licensed health care practitioners who dispense certain legend drugs for profit to file with the practitioner's licensing board.

Wednesday, March 21

SF772--Pariseau (IR)

Transportation

Traffic regulations; providing that signs for handicapped parking spaces state penalty imposed for unlawful use.

SF838--Chmielewski (DFL)

Appropriations

Motor vehicles; providing for special license plates for disabled persons; setting fee for duplicate personalized license plates.

SF1150--Luther (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1439--Pugh (DFL)

Creditors remedies; regulating executions and garnishments.

SF1162--Vickerman (DFL)

Appropriations

Drivers' licenses; setting deadline for court administrators to forward driver's license or permit applications and fees to the Department of Public Safety.

SF1670--Luther (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2092--Skoglund (DFL)

Natural resources; prohibiting transportation of Eurasian water milfoil; providing exceptions; providing penalties for not removing Eurasian water milfoil from watercraft; providing penalties.

SF1686--Pehler (DFL)

Education

Education; allowing school boards to hold school on Saturdays.

SF1698--Berglin (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2168--Greenfield (DFL)

Health; codifying existing law restricting construction of new hospitals; repealing a sunset.

SF1726--Berglin (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2132--Greenfield (DFL)

Child care funding; authorizing the commissioner of human services to promulgate rules directing county boards to establish certain payment policies.

SF1729--Mehrkens (IR)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1860--Sviggum (IR)

Traffic regulations; requiring motorists to activate vehicle lights during inclement weather conditions.

SF1739--Cohen (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2083--Skoglund (DFL)

Metropolitan government; clarifying provisions for compensation.

SF1752--Pehler (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2064--Brown (DFL)
Roads; establishing standard for abandonment of
tracks; clarifying standard for abandonment of
shops, terminals, and stations.

SF1768--Spear (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Housing
Financial institutions; regulating electronic fund
transfer facilities; providing for access by other
transmission facilities.

SF1822--Frank (DFL)
Taxes
Housing; providing for the administration of
Section 8 existing housing and low-rent public
housing programs; clarifying and limiting local
approval requirements; removing the exemption for
special assessments for housing and redevelopment
authorities; providing for the transfer of housing
and housing development projects to an economic
development authority; authorizing the Metropoli-
tan Council to plan and administer a Section 8
program in the metropolitan area without approval
of local units of government.

SF1851--Pehler (DFL)
Appropriations
Military; authorizing appointment of an executive
director of the Department of Military Affairs.

SF1870--Lantry (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2171--Price (DFL)
Horse racing; increasing per diem rate for racing
commissioners; requiring licenses for pari-mutuel
clerks at county fairs; apportioning money for
promotion of the breeding and racing industry;
allowing supervision of administration of certain
medications by designated persons; prohibiting
acceptance of bets by telephone; reducing state tax
withholding on pari-mutuel winnings.

SF1879--Bertram (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF1939--Kinkel (DFL)
Natural resources; amending a certain requirement
relating to the sale of state timber.

SF1886--Bertram (DFL)
Agriculture
Agriculture; establishing the Minnesota forage task
force.

SF1897--Adkins (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2189--Bauerly (DFL)
Taxation; property; clarifying employment terms of
city and town assessors.

SF1920--Hughes (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF1870--McEachern (DFL)
Elections; making various changes in laws
applicable to school district elections.

SF1927--DeCramer (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2011--Price (DFL)
Education; changing State Board of Vocational
Technical Education powers.

SF1968--Frank (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2099--Simoneau (DFL)
Pet or companion animals; permitting restrictions to
be imposed on persons convicted of mistreating
animals.

SF1980--Vickerman (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2187--Lieder (DFL)
Local government; requiring additional notice of
various vacation proceedings.

SF1983--Bertram (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2313--Omann (IR)
Liquor; authorizing the Metropolitan Airports
Commission to issue off-sale liquor licenses for the
sale of Minnesota wine.

SF2039--Morse (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2621--Kalis (DFL)
Motor vehicles; exempting certain water well
drilling equipment and vehicles from registration
and taxation requirements.

SF2046--Spear (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2277--Pappas (DFL)
Crime victims; providing for a notice for victims of
sexual assault concerning their risk of developing
sexually transmitted diseases.

SF2048--Laidig (IR)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2685--Pelowski (DFL)
Education; clarifying legislative intent concerning
corporal punishment.

SF2079--Piper (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2219--Rodosovich (DFL)
State parks; renaming Helmer Wyre and Nerstrand
Woods state parks.

SF2090--Vickerman (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2266--Jennings (DFL)
Towns; regulating town meetings; providing for
town deputy treasurer.

SF2092--D. E. Johnson (IR)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2318--Uphus (IR)
Cities; regulating financial operations of municipal
hospitals of statutory cities; changing the method of
selection of the hospital board for St. Louis and
Koochiching counties from election at large to
appointment by the county boards.

SF2115--Schmitz (DFL)
Judiciary
Peace officers; authorizing licensed peace officers
to operate motor vehicles and watercraft without
lights under certain circumstances; providing
exemption from tort liability.

SF2119--Piepho (IR)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2078--Dorn (DFL)
Blue Earth County; permitting the appointment of
the auditor, recorder, and treasurer; authorizing the
reorganization of county offices.

SF2127--Bernhagen (IR)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2382--Lasley (DFL)
Forestry; implementing a statewide program to
encourage maintenance and expansion of
community and urban forests; assigning responsi-
bilities to various state agencies and municipalities.

SF2159--Reichgott (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2418--otis (DFL)
Education; delaying the date by which the Regent
Candidate Advisory Council must submit
recommendations to the Legislature.

SF2172--Lessard (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2299--Solberg (DFL)
Waters; requiring the commissioner of natural
resources to establish a plan for drought emergen-
cies; changing the completion date for theMetropo-
litan Council's long-term water supply plan.

SF2179--Marty (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2250--Hausman (DFL)
Local government in Ramsey County; eliminating
certain performance bonds; permitting fees for
inspections by the county surveyor.

SF2208--Flynn (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2367--Greenfield (DFL)
Crimes; providing that it is a prima facie case for
reference for prosecution as an adult if a child is
alleged to have committed a felony offense as part
of, or subsequent to, the delinquent act of escape
from confinement to a local juvenile correctional
facility; making it a crime for an alleged or
adjudicated juvenile delinquent who is 18 years old
to escape from a local juvenile correctional facility.

SF2216--Piper (DFL)
Appropriations
Occupations and professions; specifying require-
ments for membership of the Board of Medical
Examiners; containing procedural requirements for
disciplinary actions; applying reporting require-
ments to other entities that provide professional
liability coverage to physicians.

SF2224--Lantry (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2346--Trimble (DFL)
Health; granting an exception to the nursing home
moratorium.

SF2229--Hughes (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2041--Scheid (DFL)
Elections; clarifying language and changing
procedures for voter registration, absentee voters,
and polling place rosters; defining certain terms;
changing certain time limits; providing for certain
services to disabled persons at state political party
conventions; providing for persons who are
permanently ill or disabled to automatically receive
absentee ballot applications before each election;
modifying election procedures for town supervi-
sors; requiring a report.

SF2267--Cohen (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2397--Kelly (DFL)
Law enforcement; barring traffic citation quotas.

SF2281--Frank (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2384--Rice (DFL)
Port authorities; allowing a port authority to use
foreign trade zone powers, if granted, outside its
port district.

SF2302--Stumpf (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2528--Tunheim (DFL)
 Telephone services; including local location identification data bases for 911 systems; classifying data provided for data bases.

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 Education; allowing pupils of at least age 16 a greater range of programs to attend under the high school graduation incentives and private alternative school programs.

SF2373--Brataas (IR)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2448--Bishop (IR)
 Olmsted County; permitting the consolidation of the offices of auditor and treasurer.

SF2381--Purfeerst (DFL)
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 Highways; substituting new Legislative Route No. 298 in the trunk highway system.

SF2383--Bertram (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2683--Bertram (DFL)
 Cities; permitting the establishment of boundary commissions.

SF2424--Metzen (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2572--Skoglund (DFL)
 Insurance; life; regulating policies with accelerated benefits; modifying the application of certain provisions; prescribing a penalty.

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SF1400--Ramstad (IR)
Appropriations
 Probate; providing right to counsel in certain guardianship and conservatorship proceedings.

SF1821--Lantry (DFL)
Appropriations
 Nursing; allowing nurse practitioners to prescribe and administer drugs and therapeutic devices; authorizing the Board of Nursing to adopt rules; establishing an interim filing requirement.

SF1827--Reichgott (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2027--Orenstein (DFL)
 Civil actions; providing for immunity from liability for unpaid members of county agricultural society boards; addressing reduction of damages in an action under no-fault automobile insurance; preserving common law tort law claims against adults who knowingly provide alcoholic beverages to minors; increasing the amount of claims that may be settled without court approval under the municipal compromise of claims statute; changing the standard for awarding punitive damages; addressing when a principal may be held liable for punitive damages for an act of the principal's agent; requiring a separate trial to address punitive damages; requiring the court to review a punitive damages award; making the contributory negligence rule apply to damages resulting from economic loss; redefining fault; abolishing the doctrine of last clear chance; providing immunity from liability for volunteer ski patrollers; allowing

recovery of attorney fees by good faith reporters under the Child Abuse Reporting Act; repealing the limit on intangible loss damages and the requirement that a jury specify amounts for past, future, and intangible loss damages.

SF1831--Vickerman (DFL)
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 Health and human services; stating policy and requiring a plan relating to rules and regulations affecting services to persons with mental retardation and related conditions.

SF1838--Berglin (DFL)
Appropriations
 Health; requiring a surcharge fee for hearing instrument sellers; allowing cease and desist orders against a person violating occupation regulations; requiring positive results from a toxicology test of a pregnant woman or infant to be recorded on the birth certificate or fetal death report.

SF1940--Brandl (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2118--Greenfield (DFL)
 Health; specifying requirements for a health maintenance organization application for a certificate; establishing protections against conflicts of interests; establishing requirements for a guaranteeing organization; including certain investments as admitted assets; requiring an expedited resolution of disputes about coverage of immediately and urgently needed service; allowing replacement coverage by other health maintenance organizations; allowing appointment of a special examiner.

SF1942--Brandl (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1897--Winter (DFL)
 Insurance; making changes in arbitration proceedings concerning no-fault automobile insurance.

SF1848--Morse (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2234--O'Connor (DFL)
 Housing; making changes in the home equity conversion loan program, authorizing manufactured home park loan assistance, requiring limits, and regulating securities relating to certain home loans.

SF1952--Berglin (DFL)
Appropriations
 Health; requiring a study of methods of improving systems for regulating social work and mental health occupations and professions; exempting the Board of Unlicensed Mental Health Service Providers from certain license fee requirements.

SF1958--Benson (IR)
Education
 Education; changing school consolidation election procedures.

SF1999--Pehler (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2497--Ogren (DFL)
 Agriculture; changing certain duties, procedures, and requirements related to organic food.

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 Health; allowing a waiver of restrictions that may be placed upon controlling persons of a nursing home.

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 Privacy of communications; including cordless telephones in the Privacy of Communications Act.

SF2136--Pehler (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2381--Nelson, K. (DFL) Education; changing the duration and membership of the Task Force on Education Organization.

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 Local government; allowing municipalities to enter into certain contracts to reduce energy and operating costs.

SF2207--Berg (DFL)
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 Agriculture; requiring cash discounts on agricultural production inputs if there are interest discounts on credit terms for seller-financed sales.

SF2213--DeCramer (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2373--Olson, K. (DFL)
 Traffic regulations; regulating wheel flaps and covered loads; imposing a penalty.

SF2299--Dicklich (DFL)
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 Agriculture; establishing the Minnesota natural wild rice promotion advisory council.

SF2370--Berglin (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2133--Greenfield (DFL)
 Human services; revising and clarifying the duties and powers of the ombudsman for mental health and mental retardation.

SF2432--McGowan (IR)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2706--Blatz (IR)
 Crimes; requiring cemetery owners to report unlawful removal of bodies to law enforcement authorities and next of kin of the deceased person.

SF2439--Larson (IR)
Education
 Education; allowing the Pine Point School to qualify for federal impact aid.

Women in government: a long time in coming

For years many people believed women and politics were about as compatible as starched white dresses and dirty coal mines. But running for political office has proved a natural step for women. In Minnesota, the movement started out strong — shortly after passage of the 19th

Amendment that gave women the right to vote.

Four women were elected to the state House in 1922, and one woman ran for a state Senate seat and was defeated. But it would be another 50 years before more than four women served at one time in the House

Anna Dickie Olesen, who was defeated in her state Senate bid, received the most public attention because she was the first woman to be endorsed by a major party to run for the Senate.

The other four — Mabeth Hurd Paige, Mrs. Sue Dickey Hough, Mrs. Hannah Kempfer and Miss Myrtle Cain — went on to become Minnesota's first women representatives. All were motivated to run by their concern for women's issues.

Paige, who was elected to the House through the 1930s and was the only female representative during the 1940s, attributed her political drive to her "feminist" views.

But it was Cain who was the most outspoken on women rights. She co-sponsored a 1923 bill "granting equal rights, privileges and immunities to both sexes." Although the measure was defeated, Cain continued to be a proponent of equal rights. She spoke before the Legislature in 1973 on behalf of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

Women's rights were not the only issue taken up by these women, however.

Kempfer's first love was the Game and Fish Division of the Conservation Committee, now the DNR, which she chaired in 1927. She also took a strong stance against military spending.

"We should reduce military expenses and work for peace," she said at the time. "The victories of peace are lasting. So

Center, were elected to the House in 1972.

"They constantly called us 'gentlemen,'" Forsythe said. She and Kahn, members of the Appropriations Committee in 1973, decided to take a stand on the issue: when addressed as gentlemen during committee, they stood up.

The number of women elected to the House and Senate has increased every year since the 1972 election.

"Women have begun to take their rightful place in the Legislature, though we're not dealing from a position with a lot of strength — only 37 of 201 in the Legislature are women," Forsythe said.

As their numbers increased, so did the position of women

"Four Feathered Hats Draw All Eyes as Legislature Convenes. Millinery creations of velvet, ribbons and plumes indicate to curious throng where newly elected incumbents sit in State House It wasn't so much the hats, although they doubtless helped make for the self-assuredness of the wearers, but the fact that they were on the heads of the four women legislators — Mrs. James Paige, Mrs. Sue Dickey Hough, Mrs. Hannah Kempfer and Miss Myrtle Cain — the first to sit in the state House, that made the difference."

—*Minneapolis Tribune*, Jan. 3, 1923

long as we prepare for war we are sure to reap what we sow."

Despite women's strong showing in 1922, the next 50 years saw only one elected to the Senate (Laura Emelia Johnson Naplin, 1926-1934) and 11 others to the House. Women lawmakers were still considered a novelty and newspapers tended to focus on their gender.

"While other lawmakers spend their weekends resting or catching up on proposed legislation, Wabasha County's newest representative goes home to grab a dustmop," stated a Jan. 12, 1955 *St. Paul Dispatch* article on Rep. Joyce Ireton Lund, who served in the House from 1955 to 1958.

The 1972 election marked a rebirth of elected women representatives. For the first time since 1923, more than four women were elected to the House: there were five.

"People were just not used to having women on the House floor," said Rep. Mary Forsythe (IR-Edina). She, along with Sen. Linda Berglin (DFL-Mpls), now-Secretary of State Joan Growe, Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), and Ernee McArthur, a Republican from Brooklyn

within the House hierarchy. The number of women appointed committee chairs has slowly grown and, in 1985, a woman was appointed to a leadership position within the House.

Connie Levi, an Independent-Republican from Dellwood who served from 1979 to 1988, was elected majority leader for the 1985 Legislative Session. Former Rep. Ann Wynia, a DFLer from St. Paul, was elected majority leader for the 1987 and 1989 legislative sessions. She stepped down in September 1989 to become commissioner of the Department of Human Services and was succeeded by Rep. Dee Long (DFL-Mpls).

"I think women in general still work harder than men to get elected," Forsythe said. But, she added, the work has paid off and continues to pay off because women's position in government continues to grow.

Publishing House Journal is large and delicate task

When Governor Orville Freeman signed a 1956 bill reorganizing state government, he thought he had achieved his campaign promises. Instead, the reorganization bill became an example of the importance of Minnesota's legislative journals.

A state employee who hadn't fared well under the governor's reorganization bill challenged the new law in court and won. How? He found a discrepancy between the final bill and the *Journal of the House*, which records all House and Senate action.

Journal can be used as court evidence

The *Journal of the House* is the official, legal record of the proceedings of the House. When a court challenge is raised, the courts look to the *Journal* for the official record of legislative action.

When there's a discrepancy between the *Journal* and the final bill, the proposed law can be voided. That's what happened in the case that is now referred to as *Foster vs. Naftalin*.

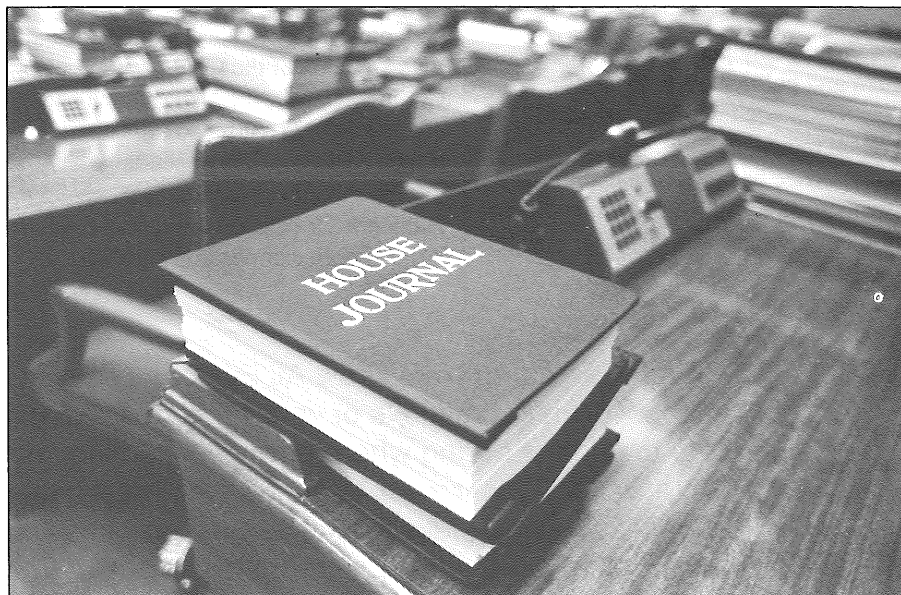
The *Journal* — both the daily and permanent one — is a legislative history of what the entire body did. Among other things, it records bill referrals, committee reports, amendments, conference committee reports and individual votes.

The requirement to record all that information accurately and quickly places a heavy burden on *Journal* Editor Patrick D. Murphy. In most cases, the daily *Journal* is printed overnight and is available to the public on the morning after session by 8 a.m.

Journal size depends on House action

But sometimes, says Murphy, that isn't always possible. The largest daily *Journal* recorded House action on May 18, 1987. It was 1,673 pages long and required three days to print. A typical *Journal*, however, is 160 pages long and 1,200 of the daily *Journals* are printed at a time.

That can make for some late nights for Murphy and his three assistants, particularly late in a session when the floor



House Journals await House members before each session.

sessions last long into the night or early morning. (A legislative day, as defined by law, is from 7 a.m. to 7 a.m.)

Compiling the permanent *Journal* at the end of a legislative session is no easy task, either.

The final *Journal of the House* in 1989 totaled 9,234 pages — or roughly the equivalent of eight copies of *Moby Dick*. The Chief Clerk's Office worked five months before the four volumes were bound and printed. Murphy says the growth in size of the *Journal* is because more floor amendments are now being offered and conference committee reports are much longer.

Journal undergoes careful scrutiny

All permanent *Journals* are proofread twice, word-for-word, and undergo 21 procedural audits. These audits make sure the number of bill readings and votes for bill passage are correct, and that procedural rulings were accurate.

The *Journal* is then indexed by bill number, topic, author, and statute section. Employees from the Chief Clerk's Office, led by House Chief Clerk Edward A. Burdick, proof and prepare the *Journal* for publication.

Although the careful scrutiny is

primarily done to ensure proposed laws would withstand any court challenge, people also use it to research the history of state laws.

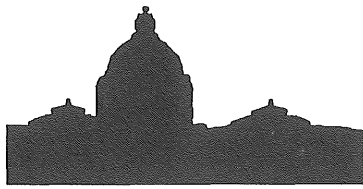
In addition, several organizations use it as a reference to compile their annual legislator ratings, and it is also a valuable tool used by both challengers and incumbents in political campaigns to determine voting and attendance records.

Murphy says Chief Clerk Burdick is a stickler for *Journal* perfection. The 1956 *Foster vs. Naftalin* case is one way he reminds his staff of the *Journal's* importance and the need for accuracy.

And he has a newspaper account of a more recent case from Arkansas taped to the back of *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* as yet another reminder of the snafus that can develop when there is a legislative oversight.

The Arkansas courts declared more than 300 spending bills invalid in 1989 after they discovered that the state's General Appropriations Act, or spending blueprint, didn't pass with a three-fourths majority as required by the state constitution. Since that act must be approved before any other spending bills, the others were declared invalid.

That oversight was remedied with a three-day special session that cost taxpayers an estimated \$60,000.



Coming Up Next Week . . .

March 26-March 30, 1990

Committee Schedule

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to the public.

MONDAY, March 26

8:00 a.m.

**Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Operational budget hearing.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Final approval of the draft
Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

8:30 a.m.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: To be announced.

9:00 a.m.

TAXES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: HF2200 (Nelson, K.) Education department initiatives proposed.

10:00 a.m.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: HF2491 (Quinn) Electric utilities provided integrated resource planning.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

TUESDAY, March 27

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: To be announced. This meeting is scheduled to last until noon.

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement
112 Capitol
Chr. Sen. Donald Moe
Agenda: To be announced.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

WEDNESDAY, March 28

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: To be announced. This meeting is scheduled to last until noon.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

THURSDAY, March 29

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: To be announced. This meeting is scheduled to last until noon.

9:00 a.m.

**GENERAL LEGISLATION
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING**
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz
Agenda: Overview of the Minnesota State Lottery: George Anderson, director, Minnesota State Lottery.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

FRIDAY, March 30

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.



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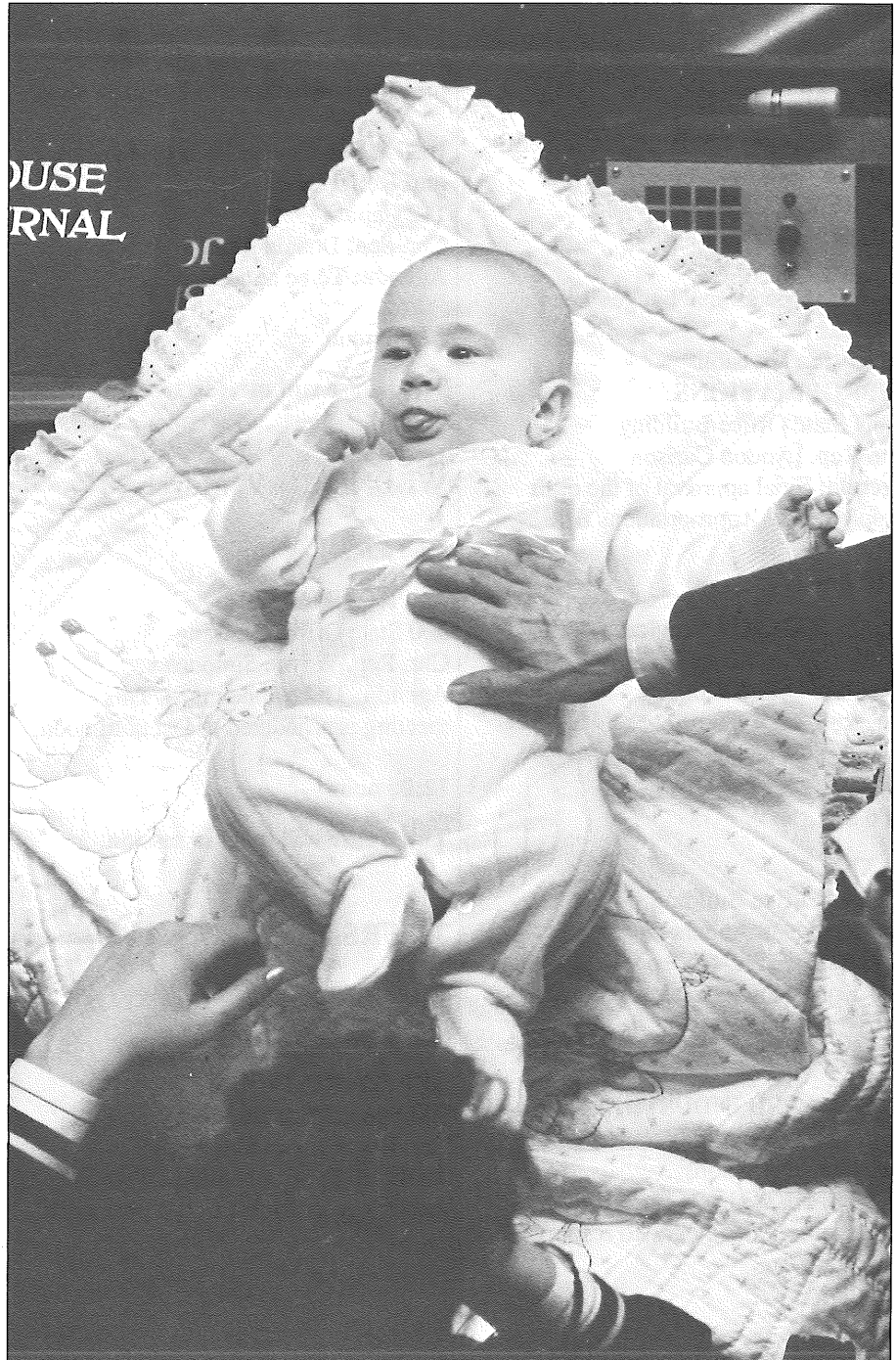
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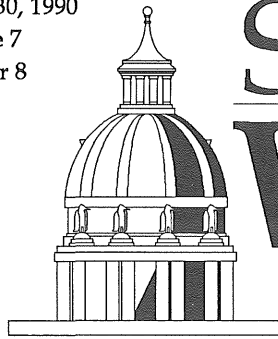


Four-month-old Annie Bertram was the center of attention when she and her mother, Jane, visited her father, Rep. Jeff Bertram (DFL-Paynesville), March 19.

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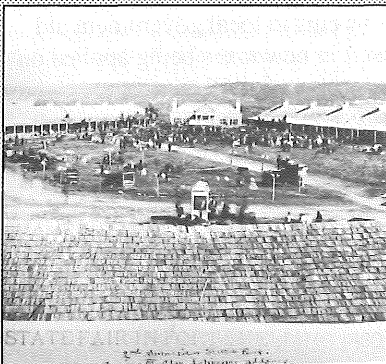
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It's a fact!

A 640-pound Chester White Hog may not seem all that exciting to today's average fairgoer. But at one of the first Minnesota state fairs, it was the star attraction.

The first Minnesota State Fair was held in 1859, near what is now the intersection of Fifth Street and Marquette Avenue in Minneapolis. Highlights included a two-hour speech delivered by Kentucky politician Cassius Clay, an exhibition by fire engine companies, and a runner known as the "Flying Dutchman" that trotted a mile in 4 minutes and 11 seconds.

Early fairs emphasized agriculture and exhibited products of the Minnesota soil. Fair promoters also spent a lot of time countering reports that the Minnesota climate could not sustain a profitable agriculture.



Courtesy MN Historical Society



Members of the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee saw samples of Minnesota's first lottery tickets March 29.

Highlights

Scratch those tickets

The state's first lottery game will have a \$5,000 top prize and is scheduled to begin April 17, says George Andersen, director of the Minnesota State Lottery.

Andersen gave an overview of the state's new lottery March 29 to the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee.

The first "scratch-off" prizes will range from \$2 to \$5,000. Andersen says the odds of winning a prize for the first game are about one in eight. About 4,000 retailers will be selling tickets for the first game.

Winning tickets of up to \$100 can be redeemed by any retailer in the state. Winning tickets over \$100 can be redeemed by mail or at one of the

lottery's regional offices. Tourists can redeem their winning tickets by mail.

A scratch-off lottery ticket will cost \$1 and is played by simply rubbing off the numbers — similar to the games fast food restaurants and other businesses distribute.

The bigger, on-line lotto game is scheduled to begin this fall. Andersen says about 2,500 retailers will be selling tickets for the on-line lottery. He says final decisions have yet to be made on how the game will be organized, and that he's also looking into joining Lotto America.

Andersen says 50 percent of the lottery's revenue will go to pay prizes; 25 percent will go for paying sales tax, operating expenses, and fees to retailers. The remaining 25 percent will be split



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between the Greater Minnesota Corporation and the Environmental Trust Fund as the Legislature specified last year.

The lottery, part of the Department of Gaming, has about 130 employees. Its headquarters and metro regional office are in Roseville; other regional offices are located in Virginia, Marshall, Brainerd, Owatonna, and Detroit Lakes.

Student work bans

A measure that would restrict high school students from working past 11 p.m. on school nights withstood two moves to relax the work curfew during floor debate on the omnibus K-12 bill March 28.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls), passed the House, 129-2, with the student work provision unchanged. It was the second year in a row the House approved the measure.

It would bar 16- and 17-year-olds from working past 11 p.m. on school nights. Employers who repeatedly violate this prohibition would be guilty of a misdemeanor.

One amendment would have allowed students to work past 11 p.m. if they had written permission from their parents or guardians. The second modification would have pushed the deadline from 11 p.m. to midnight in addition to requiring written authorization from the parents or guardians.

The language was taken from a bill Rep. Len Price (DFL-Woodbury) sponsored last session that passed the House but languished in the Senate.

HF2200 now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

Tax bill approval

On a 94-36 vote, the House approved a measure March 27 that would cut property taxes for suburban homeowners and slightly reduce local government aid to cities, counties, and other local governments.

The omnibus tax bill would reduce

state spending by \$26 million for the 1990-91 spending cycle.

The bulk of that reduction would come as a result of a \$17 million cut in state aid to cities, counties, and other local governments.

But the measure would also raise an additional \$10.5 million in additional revenues, primarily through an increase in the corporate alternative minimum tax.

Minority Leader Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) says he disapproves of the way in which additional revenue is raised under the measure.

"This bill is the most unbalanced property tax program that I have witnessed before this Legislature," says Schreiber. He says even though the percentages of the property tax increases are small, they amount to a lot of money for some property taxpayers.

He says property taxes on agricultural land are going up an unprecedented amount, up to 30 percent in some parts of the state. He says that can mean a \$650 increase a year. He says that's not fair because some parts of the state will only see a 10 percent increase in property taxes. He says property taxpayers shouldn't be burdened with \$364 million in property taxes.

Suburban home owners would be the chief beneficiaries of the bill's provision that would reduce the tax rate to 2 percent of that portion of a home valued between 100,000 and \$115,000. The current tax rate is 3 percent.

Rep. Paul Ogren (DFL-Aitkin), author of the bill, says property taxes will rise less than under either the Senate's or governor's budget proposals. He says he also supports using some of the state's budget reserve to help lessen the budget shortfall the state is facing.

"We recognize in this body that a budget reserve made up of old taxes long since collected is better spent than egregious cuts in local government aid that result in new taxes being applied on the property tax base," he says.

He says the cuts in local government aid are neither serious nor inappropriate, and mostly amount to reductions in the growth of future aid payments.

The Senate will consider the bill next.

Sex education

A proposal that would set up limited guidelines for teaching sex education classes in K-12 schools was given final approval by the House March 28 on a 130-1 vote.

Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) offered the amendment that would provide schools with teaching guidelines for "age appropriate" students on contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, and abstinence, and would encourage students to make responsible and ethical decisions about their sexual behavior.

The proposal, however, wouldn't require schools to teach sex education.

Vellenga's measure significantly toned down a more strict set of guidelines that Rep. Eileen Tompkins (IR-Apple Valley) offered. Those guidelines would have, among other things, emphasized the teaching of abstinence as the only guarantee to prevent teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. They also would have required school personnel to notify students that pre-marital sex is against the law, and would have banned the use of sexually explicit materials for Kindergarten through fourth grade pupils.

Tompkins her plan would attempt "to counteract societies' portrayal of casual sex and free love as the norm."

Vellenga voiced concern over the sexually explicit materials ban in Tompkins' amendment.

"I don't think we want to start asking teachers, school nurses, and counselors to use funny, children's words for things," said Vellenga, adding that if children only know "baby words" or the words they learn off the street, "they don't ask the questions, and if you don't ask the questions, you never get the right answers."

The sex education amendment was tacked on to the omnibus K-12 education bill, which the House also approved March 28.

Budget cuts

The Greater Minnesota Corporation (GMC) and other agencies would receive a cut in state funding under an Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division proposal approved by the Appropriations Committee March 28.

The GMC would take a \$10 million cut in funds if the bill is signed into law, and \$421,000 would be carved from the Department of Agriculture's budget.

The budgets for the Department of Commerce and the Board of Animal Health would also be cut by more than \$100,000, and \$527,000 would be stripped from Department of Public Safety, with the bulk of that amount from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

However, under the proposal, the BCA would receive \$326,000 to fund six additional positions to enhance narcotic investigation activities in greater Minnesota.

Echoing the drug concern, the commit-



The House session on March 22 apparently wasn't exciting enough to keep this gallery visitor awake.

tee approved a \$50,000 appropriation to the Office of Drug Policy to match a federal grant to evaluate drug control programs.

But the division did substantially increase funding to the Department of Gaming. A total of \$1.6 million was allocated to the department to fund 30 positions to regulate lawful gambling.

The division also allocated \$1.1 million to the Department of Public Safety for the enforcement of lawful gambling laws, provided a separate bill on lawful gambling is approved.

The division also allocated \$25,000 to the Department of Agriculture for research on the use of bovine growth hormone in dairy cows, \$140,000 to the Indian Affairs Council for the Indian Business Loan Program, and so that Indian remains in several Minnesota museums and universities can be properly laid to rest in accordance with Indian tradition.

A \$35,000 appropriation to the World Trade Center would be used to conduct the World Export Processing Zone Association International Convention in Minnesota in May 1991. This allocation would be matched with \$25,000 from other sources.

The committee also approved an allocation of \$116,000 to the Board of the Arts to match a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The measure now goes to the House Floor for further review.

Alternative licensure grants

In effort to draw more minorities into teaching, the omnibus K-12 education bill includes a program that would award grants to people interested in alternative preparation for teaching licensure.

A measure sponsored by Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls) that was approved by the House March 28 on a 129-2 vote would appropriate \$50,000 to the Board of Teaching for 10 grants of \$5,000 each to qualified minority applicants.

As part of the fellowship agreement, recipients would have to agree to work as teachers in the district for two years upon completing the program.

Besides meeting qualification standards that include having a bachelor's

degree, the applicants also must have an offer to teach. Qualified prospective teachers would receive provisional licensure and would be supervised by a team of mentors once in the classroom. The provision also outlines how the Board of Teaching would grant licenses to participants once they've completed the alternative licensure program.

"These [grants] would provide mentorship. There are people who are well educated but not in the field of education," Nelson told the Appropriations Committee March 27. "With these grants, they can be pulled into the classroom through an expedited process."

The bill also appropriates \$100,000 to assess the qualifications of all licensure candidates, and \$75,000 for evaluation of the baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, and alternative preparation programs.

No grandmas

A plan that would have brought senior citizens back to school to work with kids was defeated by the House on a 50-78 vote.

The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Dick Pellow (IR-New Brighton), would have set up 20 pilot programs around the state for the senior/student volunteer programs. The plan was tacked on to the omnibus K-12 education bill.

"I know everybody here loves a grandmother and everybody here loves a grandfather," Pellow told lawmakers.

Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls), however, pointed out that Minnesota school districts already have similar volunteer programs such as "Reading Rockers" where seniors come to school and read to kindergartners.

Pellow's measure would have called for a \$300,000 appropriation to help transport volunteer seniors to the schools.

Tobacco vending machines

Restrictions on where tobacco vending machines can be placed wouldn't stop cities from imposing even tougher tobacco vending machine laws under a bill the House approved March 22.

The bill would require owners to place tobacco vending machines in areas inaccessible to minors under age 18 or within view of an employee. In businesses open to the general public, an employee would have to monitor vending machine sales via an electronic switch.

Rep. Sally Olsen's (IR-St. Louis Park) amendment, approved on the floor by a 119-6 vote, would allow local governments to impose more strict regulations, including an outright ban on tobacco vending machines.

"We're asking you not to take away the authority of the local community," says Jerry Briggs, mayor of White Bear Lake. Nine Minnesota communities, including White Bear Lake, have enacted bans on tobacco vending machines; 14 other cities have adopted some form of restriction.

Grave robbers

A bill that would require cemetery owners to report any grave robberies was unanimously passed on a 132-0 vote by the House March 27.

Bill sponsor Rep. Kathleen Blatz (IR-Bloomington) says the measure is a response to a recent incident in which a family was not immediately notified that their son's body was stolen from a Minneapolis gravesite. Under the measure, failure to report a body theft would be a misdemeanor.

The bill awaits the governor's signature.

Human services

A \$115.1 million human services bill was approved by the Appropriations Committee March 29.

The measure would appropriate funds to the departments of Human services, Health, Jobs and Training, Corrections, the Sentencing Guidelines Commission, and several health-related boards.

Major spending items in the bill include \$12 million in funding for drug abuse prevention programs. This appropriation is part of the governor's drug plan.

A \$10 million allocation was approved for the expansion of the Children's Health Plan for 1991. The plan would expand eligibility to all pregnant women and children from birth to age 18 — regardless of income.

A \$4.8 million allocation was authorized to ensure child care for STRIDE participants. STRIDE is an employment and training program for AFDC recipients and for the eligible working poor.

The division also allocated another \$7 million for alternative care grants that would allow 1,000 new elderly clients to remain at home instead of going to nursing homes.

Under the measure, the Department of Human Services would be required establish a program to pay private health plan premiums for those who have the AIDS virus. The proposal would require payment of group plan continuation coverage for 18 months after termination of employment, and payment of individual plan premiums for two years after initial application. Applicants would have to meet certain eligibility requirements.

A \$1.7 million appropriation to the Department of Corrections would be used to pay for staff and support costs to open a 60-bed women's prison at the Moose Lake Regional Center.

Lawmakers sent the measure to the House Floor.

Garage door regulations

Automatic garage door openers would have to meet minimum safety standards by Jan. 1, 1991, if a bill the House passed March 22 becomes law.

The bill, which passed unanimously, would prohibit the selling, purchasing, repairing, or installing of an automatic garage door opener that doesn't comply with the minimum standard. Garage door openers could be repaired to bring them into compliance with the minimum standard.

An automatic garage door would meet the minimum safety standard if it reversed itself within two seconds of

being prevented from completely closing, says Rep. Milbert (DFL-South St. Paul). The standard was developed by Underwriters Laboratories.

Also, by Jan. 1, 1993, all garage door openers would have to have a fail-safe system that would prevent the door from closing if the reverse mechanism didn't work.

The measure was prompted by the recent deaths of young children who were crushed by garage doors with faulty openers.

HF2393 will go to the Senate floor for further consideration.

Environmental trust fund

A proposed constitutional amendment that would have dedicated one-half of the lottery revenues to the Environmental Trust Fund was defeated by the State Departments Division of Appropriations Committee March 27.

Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth) says he was disappointed by the defeat, and added that members on the committee betrayed 88 percent of Minnesota voters who approved the establishment of the trust fund in 1988.

Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) says she opposes any constitutional dedication of money because it restricts the ability of legislators to manage fiscal affairs of the state.

She says half of the lottery money is already dedicated to the Environmental Trust Fund and added that she sees no reason why the funds should be constitutionally dedicated.

Kahn says she has faith in environmental groups and in the public to make strong arguments to future lawmakers for good environmental legislation.

But Munger says legislators are already making plans to use the lottery money for different programs than were originally intended.

Maximum effort loans

Legislators should stand up for education and fund all maximum effort school loan requests, Rep. Dennis Ozment (IR-Rosemount) told members of the House March 26.

Five of 10 requests were approved by the House as part of its omnibus bonding bill (HF2651).

Maximum effort school loans are given to districts that need to rebuild or renovate facilities because of student growth and/or health and safety problems, but lack the property tax-base to levy for the money. Just over \$36.5 million between the five schools was approved. Over \$86 million had been requested.

"The bottom line, folks, is that there's a big need out there, and they're going to keep coming back and coming back until we come up with a comprehensive plan to deal with this problem," Ozment says.

Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley), chief author of the bonding bill, says that the state, like the districts applying for the loan, can't afford to fund all the loan requests.

"If I had an extra \$50 million, I'd give you a piece of it. But the money just isn't there," says Simoneau.

School districts approved for loans were Osakis, New London-Spicer, Roseau, Sartell, and St. Michael-Albertville. The other five districts were Cass Lake, Farmington, Lake of the Woods, Pierz, and Dover-Eyota.

HF2651 was sent to the Senate for consideration.

MVET transfer

Members of an Appropriations Committee panel want to transfer slightly more of the motor vehicle excise tax (MVET) to the state's general fund, but they say they don't want funding for light rail transit or bridge repairs to be overlooked in the process.

Members of the Agriculture, Transportation, and Semi-State Division imposed a cap of \$175.5 million March 27 on MVET funds that can be used for transportation purposes.

That's roughly 34 percent of the funds generated through the sales tax — or about a 1 percent reduction from the current level.

Lake Superior Center

Creation of a Lake Superior Authority, approved March 27 by the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division of the Appropriations Committee, would get the state more involved in informing people of the role freshwater lakes play in the environment.

The authority would work with the Lake Superior Center, a non-profit corporation near Lake Superior in Duluth, to develop educational material and research projects on the significance of large freshwater lakes.

It's important that people realize the importance of preserving and restoring large freshwater lakes, says Rep. Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth), author of the measure.

He adds that the center would not only make freshwater educational information available to the public, but would provide scientific findings on large freshwater lakes to state, national, and international policymakers.

No money was appropriated for the authority; Jaros says backers of the proposal hope to combine public and private financing for the project. But his measure would make the authority a state agency and would establish a five-person board.

HF2459 goes now to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Campaign tax credits

Fund-raisers during legislative sessions would be outlawed as part of a sweeping elections and campaign initiative that the Appropriations Committee approved March 27.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Center), would bar incumbents and challengers from fund-raising activities during legislative sessions. Earlier this session, the House adopted a similar position as part of its permanent rules.

The election reforms bill also includes a tax credit for taxpayers contributing to political campaigns. For people filing individual returns, the credit is \$50; for couples filing joint returns, the credit is \$100.

"We want to encourage individuals to

contribute to political campaigns," Scheid says. "We're talking about small dollars here."

The measure would reinstate a similar tax credit that was in place prior to 1987. The committee sent HF2666 to the House floor for further review

School building inspections

The state fire marshal would inspect school buildings at least once every three years under an omnibus education finance bill the House approved March 26.

The measure, authored by Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls), follows school districts' requests of the Department of Education for building loans.

Nelson says estimates indicate that there are at least 600 school buildings over 50 years old, and that many of these haven't been maintained properly.

These buildings present fire hazards to the students using them, he says. The bill requires the state fire marshal to inspect school buildings at least once every three years, and for the commissioner of education to have final say over building condemnations and proposed new building construction.

Nelson says building loans would go to communities that don't have the money to build new facilities. They would also have to have 80 pupils in each grade with a projected enrollment growth over the next 10 years.

The program isn't expected to cost additional money because school districts will be allowed to use money from their health and safety levies. School districts would also be allowed to receive building loans from the state.

Loans couldn't be used for swimming pools, ice arenas, and other facilities the Department of Education deems unrelated to classroom education.

The committee sent HF2200 to the Senate for further action.

Membership travel contracts

People who sign up to join a travel group that offers discounts on hotel or travel rates could have up to 10 days to change their minds under a bill the House approved on a vote of 131-0 March 28.

The bill calls for a 10-day cooling-off period to allow people to cancel their so-called "membership travel contracts." A bill sponsored by Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul) originally called for a three-day cooling-off period, but the Senate version of the bill increased that time to 10 days. The House went along with the changes.

Kelly has said contract sales personnel typically employ high-pressure sales tactics to get people to sign up for long-term agreements. But the buyers of these contracts often later discovered that they could not easily cancel the contracts if they changed their minds.

"This a good strong consumer protection bill," Kelly told colleagues on the House floor.

HF1841 now goes to the governor for his signature.

Bonding bill

A \$330.4 million bonding bill cleared its final hurdle in the House March 26. It was approved on a 112-29 vote.

More than one-third of the funds would be used to finance higher education projects. The University of Minnesota would receive \$44.1 million; State University System, \$27.3 million; technical college system, \$25.5 million; and community colleges, \$23.4 million.

Some of the University of Minnesota's big ticket items include a \$17.4 million addition to the biological sciences building, renovations, and an addition to the veterinary diagnostic lab (\$8.5 million).

In the human services area, \$7.3 million was allotted for detailed drawings and plans for three regional treatment centers at Anoka, Fergus Falls, and Moose Lake. An additional \$4.1 million was allotted for the construction of 16 additional state-operated community services homes for people with developmental disabilities.

The Department of Corrections would receive \$15.1 million in bonding money,

with the bulk of those funds going for the conversion of an auditorium at the Stillwater prison and the continued conversion of a section of the Faribault Regional Center into a medium-security prison. Two additional medium-security cottages are proposed for the prison at Lino Lakes.

A \$14.6 million allocation to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) was approved to pay for improvements to St. Paul's sewer systems, which are designed to separate storm and waste sewers. The appropriation was part of a \$43.9 million allocation to the MPCA.

In the State Departments area, a \$2.5 million allotment was made to the Department of Administration for completion of the first phase of the judicial building, and an additional \$5 million was authorized to renovate the first and second floors of the Centennial Building.

Other allocations included a \$23.2 million appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources for a variety of projects, including \$4.6 million to acquire and improve public water access sites, and \$1.7 million for the first phase of an International Wolf Center in Ely.

State departments

State agency appropriations would be slashed \$21.8 million to meet the anticipated \$145 million budget shortfall under a bill approved March 28 by the Appropriations Committee.

Virtually all state agencies faced budget cuts. The \$7.5 million cut to the State Planning Agency would effectively eliminate the department. Other agencies would absorb the agency's duties.

Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), chair of the committee's State Departments Division, says government needs to streamline its operations.

Other agencies and their proposed reductions in funds and personnel include:

- Office of Waste Management, \$2.9 million, 16 positions;
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, \$2.5 million, 26 positions;
- Department of Natural Resources, \$2.1 million, 42 positions.

The Department of Finance would be trimmed by \$2.2 million, primarily through reductions in employee retirement plans.

The division cut the Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED) budget by \$4.1 million by lowering various economic enhancement programs.

The division also eliminated deputy commissioner positions in the departments of Human Rights and Finance, and in the state Treasurer's Office.

Although DTED faced a hefty reduction, it did get some increased appropriations. The DTED received \$865,000 for the Job Skills Partnership Program, the Office of Tourism, and the Minnesota Trade Office.

The Attorney General's Office would receive \$120,000 to prosecute drug-related, lawful gambling, and criminal tax cases. And the Department of Revenue would get \$400,000 to add five investigators to investigate lawful gambling violations.

A provision in the bill that would have reduced the Greater Minnesota Corporation's share of state lottery revenues from 50 percent to 20 percent was defeated. This change would have channeled 30 percent of the funds to the Reinvest in Minnesota program. The committee, however, deleted this provision.

The Appropriations Committee sent the bill to the House floor for further discussion.

Long-term care

Insurance companies would be required to mail cancellation notices of long-term care policies to more than just the policyholders if a bill the House approved March 22 becomes law.

Bill sponsor Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls) says policyholders with Alzheimer's disease, for example, sometimes forget to pay their premiums and have their policies canceled at a time when they need the benefits the most. Mailing cancellation notices to a relative or a friend would help prevent that situation.

Another provision in the bill would

allow social workers as well as physicians and registered nurses to make decisions about the kinds of services elderly people need in their daily lives. Supporters of the bill say that allowing social workers to make such decisions would give insurance companies the incentive to write policies that cover home care services.

Senior citizens could choose to live in their own homes instead of nursing homes. They could benefit from services such as housekeeping, adult day care, and meals on wheels that are sometimes overlooked by physicians or nurses who may be unaware of these opportunities.

The House unanimously passed HF2474. The Senate will consider the bill next.

Child care report

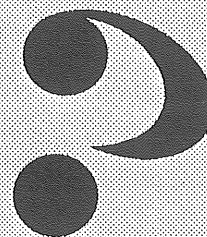
Improving ways to help students get child care funding beyond four years and finding a simpler method for calculating child care credit were two recommendations offered in a recent House subcommittee's report on child care at Minnesota colleges and universities.

The Appropriation Committee's child care subcommittee met several times during the session to collect information about child care and the state's child care grant program. The Legislature in 1987 created the child care funding program to provide money for students who don't qualify for help through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program.

The subcommittee said the current four-year ceiling forces students who otherwise qualify for aid to drop the program when they finish four years, regardless of whether they complete their degree.

The report notes that non-traditional students in need of child care may take longer to complete their degrees, and that some programs such as architecture, require more than four years to complete. Because of the tight budget, the panel suggested that a loan program could help students who still need child care after their eligibility ends.

Do you know



Artists, writers, and musicians will once again be taking to the streets of Hopkins this spring on Saturday, May 12.

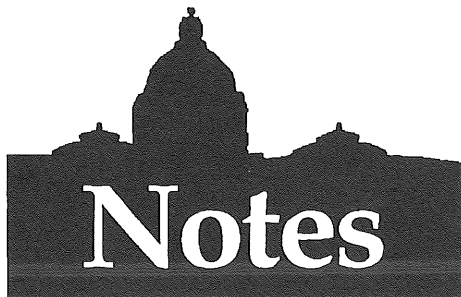
The Hopkins Arts Fair and Small Press Review is the focal point of Hopkins Main Street Days celebration, and one of the fastest growing arts fairs in Minnesota, says Dick Stanley, promoter of the fair. The one-day event, which is being held this year as part of the "Celebrate Minnesota" campaign, is expected to display the works of between 80 and 100 artists. It began five years ago with 20 exhibitors.

Small press writers will be on hand to read poetry and prose. Theater groups will also be performing. "There's a good variety of creative, quality fine art that will appeal to a broad range of people," says fair organizer Marge Bohlander.

The fair starts at 10 a.m. with musical entertainment running from noon until 1 a.m. Featured performers will include the Minnesota Sinfonia under the direction of Jay Fishman, with an ice cream social following the performance.

The event is free, but officials ask for food donations for food shelves.

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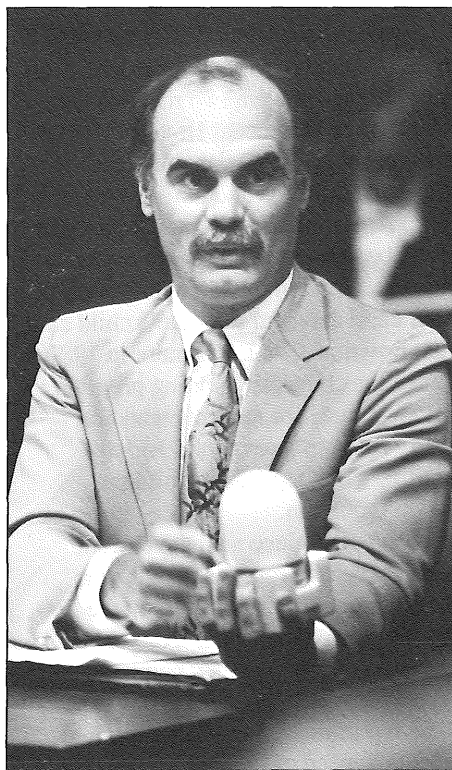
State taxpayers would be able to make contributions to food shelf programs from their state tax returns under an amendment to the omnibus tax bill the House adopted March 28. The proposal was offered by Rep. Peter McLaughlin (DFL-Mpls). The new checkoff will join the current non-game wildlife fund checkoff on both the short and long forms. The tax bill, HF2478 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin), will be considered further by the Senate.

Tickets for the 1992 Super Bowl at the Metrodome in Minneapolis won't include the state's sales tax under a measure in the omnibus tax bill approved March 27 by the House. The measure also includes a \$750,000 payment from the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission to the National Football League (NFL) for costs associated with getting the game to Minnesota. The NFL requires the sales tax exemption on tickets. The Senate will consider HF2478 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin) next.

The Minnesota Ethical Practices Board would have a new name if an elections reform bill becomes law. A bill approved March 27 by the Appropriations Committee would change the name to the Minnesota Campaign Reporting Board. Lawmakers sent HF2666 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park) to the House floor.

Retail stores could sell state park permits if a bill approved by the House March 22 becomes law. Bill sponsor Rep. Mary Jo McGuire (DFL-Falcon Heights) says she hopes making park permits more accessible will increase revenue for the state's parks. Store owners can add up to a 4 percent charge to the permit's price for handling and selling. The bill was sent to the Senate floor.

The Minnesota Zoological Garden in Apple Valley may have a new addition: the Spheniscus demersus, or Jackass Penguin. The House bonding bill, approved on a 112-21 vote March 26, requires that the penguin be included in a zoo exhibit. HF2651 will go to the Senate for further consideration.



Paul Hansen, director of the Isaac Walton League, showed members of the Regulated Industries Committee a 75-watt light bulb March 26 that he says would help lower consumers' demand for electricity and conserve energy in the future. Hansen testified in support of a bill sponsored by Rep. Joe Quinn (DFL-Coon Rapids) that would require utility companies to develop methods that would conserve energy. No action was taken on the bill.

Counties and townships in designated grasshopper control zones would be reimbursed for up to 50 percent of the costs incurred for grasshopper control activities during 1989 under a bill approved March 28 by the Appropriations Committee. The measure, included in the omnibus appropriations bill, goes to the House floor for further review. Appropriations total \$597,000 for the reimbursements.

The Minnesota Supreme Court was appropriated \$25,000 to establish a task force to study racial bias and discrimination within the judicial system. The Appropriations Committee's State Departments Division directed the Supreme Court March 27 to study sentencing patterns, jury selection, and to identify any other areas within the judicial system where minority groups may be treated unequally. HF1158 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul) was sent to the full Appropriations Committee for further review.

A \$90,000 appropriation for the reburial of American Indian remains was approved March 27 by the Appropriations Committee. The money, the first of an expected \$360,000 over the next four years, will be used to rebury Indian remains currently held at the University of Minnesota, Hamline University, and the Minnesota Science Museum. The remains will be buried in accordance with traditional Indian practices.

Voyage to the bottom of the Capitol

Trying to understand what the Legislature does during session, and why they do it can be a monumental task when you



consider more than 2,000 bills are introduced each year.

But that's the task of 25 reporters who are hunkered down in the Capitol press bunker every day in the basement.

"We try to find stories that both interest our readers and are important to them," says Bill Salisbury, a reporter for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*.

Adds *St. Cloud Times* reporter Bill McAllister, "I'm trying to make the Byzantine ways at the Capitol understandable to folks out there; it's hard enough to understand when you're here."

In addition to the pressure of sorting out the complicated tax and spending bills under deadline, some of the reporters also have to keep a close eye on the competition.

Salisbury says his paper and the *Star Tribune* engage in "friendly and fierce competition."

"We try to scoop them everyday and they try to scoop us. When they beat us, we congratulate them" and vice versa, he says.

"I don't want to wake up in the morning and see a terrific story in the newspaper I didn't even know existed and have to explain it to my boss," adds Karen Boros, a reporter for Minnesota Public Radio (MPR).

McAllister says there is another kind of competition that exists within the Capitol which has caused some tension.

"The biggest problem for outstate reporters is being treated equal," says McAllister. He says that at the governor's press conferences there are three or four times as many metro reporters as outstate ones, so they often find it difficult to get a question answered that is not of interest to the Twin Cities papers.

"Our 31,000 subscribers are just as important as any given 31,000 subscribers or viewers in the metro area, I think they deserve the same response from

public officials," says McAllister.

Boros, who once worked as a network correspondent for CBS News and covered the Capitol for WCCO-TV for several years before joining MPR, says radio can be more flexible than television.

"With television you have a picture to tell a story . . . and when you've got a place like this with a room full of people sitting around a table, it's not a very compelling picture," she says. But, Boros adds, with the use of graphics and pictures, television can be just as effective in telling a state government story.

Salisbury points out that while newspapers may not have as much of a dramatic effect or impact that electronic media does, they can do things that television and radio cannot — like analyze budgets and tax policy.

Members of the press corp won't say there is never a dull moment, but they do agree that the variety of issues and people keeps things interesting.

"This is not a dull group of people," says Boros. "They can bore you senseless in committee meetings, but it's fun trying to figure out the politics of what they do as well as the policy."

McAllister appreciates the "odd little moments of theater that occur spontaneously throughout session." Salisbury, in

his 15th year as a Capitol reporter, says "there's enough change to keep me interested."

On the negative side, McAllister finds it hard to move to St. Paul every session and tires of the legislative "jargon, and the way some legislators mangle the English language."

Boros says she "will never get skin cancer from sunshine" because she tends to work in the basement of the Capitol and "run around in tunnels all day."

Also on the down side for reporters are the 24-hour or more stretches at the Capitol during the last week of session. Salisbury says that while the hours parallel those of legislators and lobbyists, reporters have to stay after lawmakers leave to sort out what the Legislature did and didn't do.

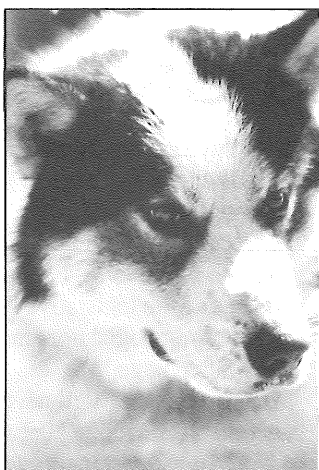
During the interim the full-time press corps will, among other things, cover elections, study reports, and cover interim committee meetings.

Salisbury says the Capitol reporters keep an "arm's length" from legislators, but still remain friendly with them. Trying to manipulate media coverage is part of politics and they're aware of that fact, he points out.

"Most realize that we're watchdogs and if they ever do anything out of line, we're going to bite them," says Salisbury.



Reporters corner Rep. Steve Wenzel following the controversial abortion hearings earlier this session.



One of the dogs that pulled team members across Antarctica.

Welcome home, Will!

**‘This is the greatest day of my life.’
—Will Steger**



One of the sleds that carried the team 3,741 miles across Antarctica was on display.



Expedition team members were greeted by a crowd of about 3,000 people who turned out on a cool but sunny day.

You couldn't have been more 'down under' than Will Steger and the five other members of the International Trans-Antarctica Expedition.

But as Steger and team members glanced out at the crowd of about 3,000 who had turned out on a cool Saturday afternoon to greet them home, they couldn't have been more upbeat.

"This is the greatest day of my life," said Steger.

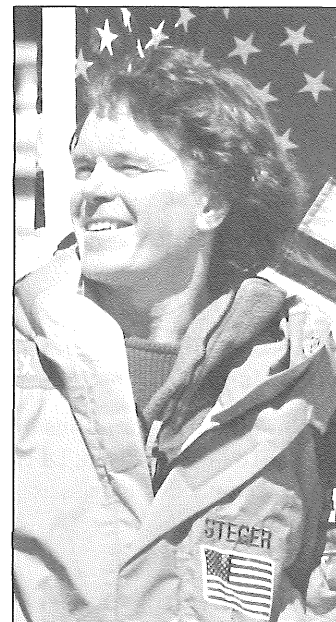
School children from across the state waved banners and cheered as the five team members were introduced. And they also got a glimpse of some of the equipment that was used on the 3,741-mile trek.

But what seemed to attract the most attention were the Husky sled dogs, most of whom seemed content to snooze away while gawkers moved in for close-ups.

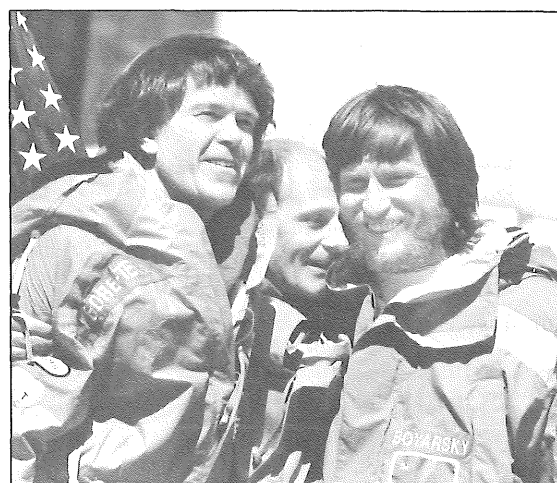
In his brief remarks to the crowd Saturday, Steger heaped lavish praise on the dogs. Without them, he said, the trip wouldn't have been possible.



Members of Will Steger's International Trans-Antarctica Expedition were introduced on the Capitol Mall March 24.



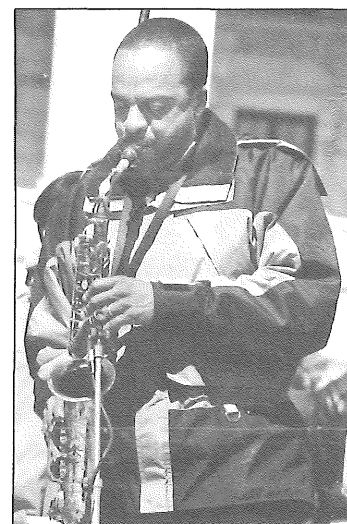
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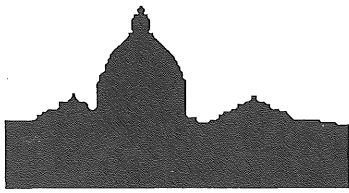
Team members Will Steger (left), Jean-Louis Etienne of France and Victor Boyarsky of the Soviet Union.



Many who came to the Capitol Mall were children who waved flags of welcome to the team members.



Grover Washington Jr. played a song he composed to commemorate team members and the historic trip.



Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

APPROPRIATIONS

Tuesday, March 27

Education Finance—omnibus bill
HF2200/SF1898 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Permanent University Fund—investments
HF2269/SF2308 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Elections, ethics—changes
HF2666/SF2334 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Wednesday, March 28

State Departments—omnibus bill
HF2419/SF2306 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State—omnibus bill
HF2545 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass as amended.

Thursday, March 29

Health & Human Services—omnibus bill
HF2646/SF2417 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Tuesday, March 27

Lake Superior authority—establishment
HF2459/SF1866* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Friday, March 23

Rural health care—omnibus bill
HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—heard; amended; portions to be included in supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Health & Human Services Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Friday, March 23

Subsidized development—job impact statement
HF0631/SF1022 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Mental health—treatment, assessment
HF1848/SF1731 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Employee wages—intermediate care facilities
HF1907/SF2563 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Wastewater treatment grants—requirements

HF1949/SF1925 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Health insurance—AIDS patients
HF2034/SF1689 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Chemical dependency—research, treatment
HF2051/SF1931 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Medical Assistance—swing bed services
HF2096/SF1888 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—recommended to pass; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

MA—case management services
HF2379/SF2073 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Willmar area—mental retardation services
HF2380/SF2164 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Child protection—omnibus bill
HF2390/SF2188 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; appropriations sections amended into supplemental appropriations bill; other sections re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)

Oil overcharge
HF2596/SF2382 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as

amended; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Welfare reform

HF2632/SF2419 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Long-term health care

HF2646/SF2417 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Monday, March 26

Prescription drugs—financial assistance

HF1739/SF1617 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—heard.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Drugs—penalty increases

HF1843/SF1759 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Bone marrow donors—education

HF1889/SF1903 (Weaver, IR-Champlin)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Nursing home Medicare certification

HF1911/SF1813* (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Nursing home—property rates

HF1912/SF1828 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Chemical dependency—sobering stations

HF1946/SF1693 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Rural health care—omnibus bill

HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended; sections of the bill amended into supplemental appropriations bill; other sections re-referred to Appropria-

tions Committee.

(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Better beginnings act—establishment

HF2031/SF1835 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

MA—nursing home case mix rates

HF2453/SF2247 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Welfare fraud reform

HF2470/SF2277 (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Social work, mental health boards—changes

HF2765/SF1952* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into supplemental appropriations bill.

**State Department Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

Tuesday, March 27

Environmental Trust Fund—lottery revenue

HF479/SF2321 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—not recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Judicial system—racial bias study

HF1158/SF1081* (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Appropriations Committee)

Community dispute resolution program

HF1478/SF1001* (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

Petroleum tank cleanup fund—changes

HF1816/SF1725* (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Appropriations Committee)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, March 26

Electric utilities—resource planning
HF2491 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—heard.

TAXES

Friday, March 23

Taxes—omnibus bill

HF2478/SF2540 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Monday, March 26

Education Finance—omnibus bill

HF2200/SF1898 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Wednesday, March 28

Public employees—pay equity

HF1198/SF0488* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Metropolitan water management—regulation

HF2007/SF1894 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Tax-forfeited land—cleanup

HF2786/SF2609 (Janezich, DFL-Chisholm)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

FLOOR ACTION

CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

Thursday, March 22

Utilities—competitive electric rates

HF0951*/SF0903 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—repassed as amended by the Senate (125-0).
(SF in Senate Public Utilities & Energy Committee)

Crime victims reparations

HF2143*/SF2043 (Janezich, DFL-Chisholm)—repassed as amended by the Senate (128-0).
SF on Senate Floor

Monday, March 26**Asbestos abatement—changes**

HF2407*/SF2481 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

Cemetery—land transfer

HF2650*/SF2455 (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—repassed as amended by the Senate (127-0).

Tuesday, March 27**Students—HECB**

HF1067*/SF1551 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate (132-0).

Plat monuments—tampering penalties

HF1785*/SF2141 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—repassed as amended by the Senate (133-0).

Driver education—tax exempt plates

HF1989*/SF1775 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—repassed as amended by the Senate (132-0).

Veterans' homes—cemeteries

HF2002*/SF1967 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—repassed as amended by the Senate (133-0).

Legal newspaper—deadline change

HF2018*/SF1909 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—repassed as amended by the Senate (133-0).

Auto insurance—antique, rec. vehicles

HF2242*/SF2264 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—repassed as amended by the Senate (133-0).

Wednesday, March 28**Board of Pharmacy—medical devices**

HF1673*/SF1507 (Stanisus, IR-White Bear Lake)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

Seneca wastewater treatment plant—permit

HF1883*/SF1826 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—repassed as amended by the Senate (130-0).

Membership travel contracts—regulation

HF1841*/SF1770 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

Ethnic American day—designation

HF1919*/SF1737 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

Battery pollution

HF1921*/SF1784 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

Medicare supplement plans—regulation

HF1983*/SF2384 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—repassed as amended by the Senate (126-0).

Health, accident insurance—benefits coord.

HF1984*/SF2110 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

Aviation Training Center—remodeling

HF2059*/SF1895 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

Light butter—standards

HF2305*/SF2477 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

Auto purchase price refunds—statements

HF2321*/SF2253 (Haukoos, IR-Albert Lea)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**Tuesday, March 27****Water statutes—recodification**

HF771/SF60* (Dille, IR-Dassel)—repassed as amended by Conference (132-0).

Wednesday, March 28**Pine County—tax-forfeited lands**

HF796*/SF712 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)—repassed as amended by Conference (131-0).

CONSENT CALENDAR**Monday, March 26****Public safety—fire code changes**

HF2080/SF1692* (Brown, DFL-Appleton)—passed (131-0).

Animal ownership—restrictions

HF2099/SF1968* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—passed (130-0).

Regent candidate advisory recommendations

HF2418/SF2159* (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—passed (130-0).

Faribault—legislative route 298

HF2608/SF2381* (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—passed (130-0).

Well-drilling vehicle—tax exemption

HF2621/SF2039* (Kalis, DFL-Walters)—passed (132-0).

Upsala—boundary commission

HF2683/SF2383* (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—passed (132-0).

Corporal punishment

HF2685/SF2048* (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—passed (131-0).

Tuesday, March 27**Mental health, retardation—ombudsperson**

HF2133/SF2370* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—passed (132-0).

Cemeteries—unlawful body removal

HF2706/SF2432* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed as amended (132-0).

RULE 1.10**Thursday, March 22****Public financing—tax exempt revenue bonds**

HF2457*/SF2329 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—passed (128-0).
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Taxes—technical corrections

HF2480* (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—passed (129-0).

Monday, March 26

Bonding bill

HF2651* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—passed as amended (112-21).

SPECIAL ORDERS

"To Be Acted Upon Immediately Preceding General Orders" Special Orders is a list of bills the Rules Committee designates for priority consideration. After debate and/or amendment, they may immediately be given a third reading and placed upon final passage. A procedure used to select from among bills which have had a second reading those that the Rules Committee determined should have priority.

Thursday, March 22

Neighborhood organization—tenants' rights

HF0136/SF1087* (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (128-0).

Child support, custody—omnibus bill

HF1855*/SF1745 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (119-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Veterans Home Board—executive director

HF1977/SF1880 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—passed (117-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Seed potatoes—growing area restriction

HF2025*/SF1982 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—passed as amended (127-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Tobacco vending machines—restrictions

HF2042/SF1923 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—passed as amended (127-1). (SF on Senate Floor)

Service brakes—requirements

HF2124*/SF2074 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—passed (127-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

PERA—monthly benefit

HF2147*/SF2379 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—passed (131-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Crop insurance

HF2151* (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—passed (121-0).

State contracts—task force establishment

HF2162*/SF2114 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—passed as amended (120-2). (SF on Senate Floor)

State park permits—agent sales

HF2350*/SF2408 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—passed (131-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

St. Louis County—solid waste management

HF2386*/SF2270 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—passed as amended (128-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Garage door openers—regulation

HF2393*/SF2261 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed as amended (127-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Railroad crossings—penalties, changes

HF2401*/SF2400 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—passed (124-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Administrative procedures—regulations

HF2462*/SF2252 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed (121-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Long-term care insurance—changes

HF2474*/SF2566 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (132-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Retirement funds—SBI changes

HF2626*/SF2578 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—passed as amended (130-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Insurance—subrogation clarification

HF2637*/SF2514 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed (129-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Real estate license prohibition—removal

HF2704*/SF2403 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—passed (130-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Monday, March 26

Pension plans—technical changes

HF2199*/SF2128 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—passed as amended (129-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Tuesday, March 27

Taxes—omnibus bill

HF2478*/SF2540 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—passed as amended (94-36). (SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Wednesday, March 28

Education Finance—omnibus bill

HF2200*/SF1898 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (129-2). (SF on Senate Floor)

BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

Wednesday, March 21

Chisago County—Moberg Trail

HF2090/SF1947* (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—Chapter 357. Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Friday, March 23

County recorders—fees

HF1555*/SF1238 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—Chapter 358. Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Hazardous waste facility sites

HF1071/SF956* (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—Chapter 359. Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Tuesday, March 27

Second Judicial District—dispute resolution

HF1895*/SF1917 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—Chapter 360. Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Township ordinances codification

HF2188*/SF1979 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—Chapter 361. Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

KEY

HF--House File

SF--Senate File

HF#/SF#--companion bills

*--version of the bill under consideration

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An idea grows . . .

Disabled say 'aye' to absentee ballot proposal

People with physical disabilities can find voting a trying experience because getting to the polls is not always an easy job. But that may change soon.

Because of the efforts of Sandra Shanley, a resident of Anoka, physically impaired and permanently ill people may be placed on a list to automatically receive absentee ballot applications before each election.

That would eliminate having to apply for an absentee ballot at least two weeks before every election — a process Shanley described as a “stumbling block” to voting because it’s difficult to keep up with all the local elections for school board and mayor.

Shanley has Multiple Sclerosis (MS), which restricts her ability to walk. She gets around with a walker or a cane, but on longer outings to a museum or polling place she uses a wheelchair.

“I only have so many steps in a day,” she says, adding that it’s hard for her to stand in line for a long time.

But she is also very politically active. She’s a member of the League of Women Voters and believes in the importance of participation.

“It’s very important to be heard,” she says.

A few years ago she went to California to visit her family and learned that state has an automatic absentee ballot application system for the permanently ill and disabled. She thought it was a good idea and told local officials about it three years ago. Shanley also contacted Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park), who chairs a House division that oversees election laws. Scheid passed the idea along to Rep. Richard Jefferson (DFL-

Getting to the polls for Sandra Shanley isn't always easy.



Mpls) whom she felt might be interested in such a proposal.

Jefferson agreed and translated Shanley’s idea into a bill, which since has been rolled into Scheid’s omnibus elections bill which the House approved March 29.

“If you are not handicapped and are fully capable of walking to the polls, you have to do nothing in order to vote once you register. You merely have to go,” says Jefferson. “I think the present system places an undue burden on people who are not able to go to the polls on a

regular basis, and that an automatic application form is a very small move to grant them equal rights to the opportunity to vote as other people.”

Jackie Alfonso, executive director of the United Handicapped Federation, says her organization supports the bill because equal access to the electoral process should be available to everyone.

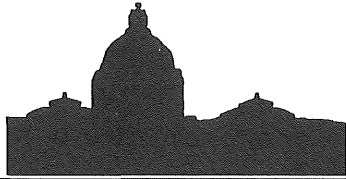
Providing absentee ballots to the disabled isn’t glamorous, and “isn’t likely to attract national attention or the national press,” but it is important nevertheless, she says.

The measure affects a small number of Minnesota voters. Typically, only about 100,000 people vote by absentee ballot during a general election. Only a small portion of those people would be eligible for a permanent absentee ballot application because only people with permanent illnesses or disabilities would qualify.

Shanley says county auditors already maintain lists of absentee voters, and the local and state officials

she’s approached have been very responsive. She says she has also received assistance from the League of Women Voters, the MS Society, the United Handicapped Federation, and other groups.

Last year, Jefferson authored a bill to provide sign language interpreters, Braille translation materials, and handicapped accessible buildings for people attending political gatherings. That bill, and this bill from Shanley’s idea, will help those people who most often need to reach political and government officials.



In the Hopper . . .

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Bill Introductions

HF2800-HF2815

Monday, March 26

HF2800—Seaberg (IR)

Transportation

Metropolitan transit; assistance given to private suppliers of public transit.

HF2801—Hasskamp (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Bonds required for filing challenges of Department of Natural Resources and Pollution Control Agency permits or rules.

HF2802—Tunheim (DFL)

Appropriations

Red Lake tribal information center appropriated money.

HF2803—Runbeck (IR)

Insurance

Insurance; provisions changed for insurance identification cards, and insurers notified of convictions for driving while intoxicated.

Tuesday, March 27

HF2804—Munger (DFL)

Appropriations

Wetlands mapping, digitization, and inventory distribution appropriated money.

HF2805—Osthoff (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

Interstate banking permitted with Indiana.

HF2806—Rice (DFL)

Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Education; certain veterans provided state education assistance.

Wednesday, March 28

HF2807—Frederick (IR)

Ways & Means

State spending not increased above a certain rate.

HF2808—Limmer (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Lakeshore trust fund lands condemned and sold, nontrust lands sold, bond issue provided, and money appropriated.

HF2809—Steensma (DFL)

Education

Sex education course established to encourage abstinence.

HF2810—Steensma (DFL)

Education

Sex education task force established to review educational materials, with money appropriated.

HF2811—Steensma (DFL)

Education

Sex education course developed to encourage abstinence, with a task force created.

Thursday, March 29

HF2812—Lieder (DFL)

Appropriations

Claims against state paid.

HF2813—Schafer (IR)

Regulated Industries

Cable television; memorial to president and Congress to open cable industry to competition.

HF2814—Himle (IR)

Taxes

Bankruptcy provisions changed for tax collection.

HF2815—Himle (IR)

Health & Human Services

Nursing home moratorium provided an exception.

House Advisories

Monday, March 26

HA41—Osthoff (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

A proposal to study mail elections for vacancies in office.

HA42—Clark (DFL)

Health & Human Services

A proposal to study the administrative costs of health plans.

HA43—Clark (DFL)

Insurance

A proposal to study home health care alternatives for chronically ill, technologically dependent persons.

HA44—Scheid (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

A proposal to study mail elections.

Wednesday, March 28

HA46—Winter (DFL)

Agriculture

A proposal to change the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Fiber.

Thursday, March 29

HA47—Tjornhom (IR)

Education

A proposal to study the documentation required of districts offering special education.

First Readings/Senate Bills

Monday, March 26

SF394—Dicklich (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF168--Jaros (DFL)

Education; requiring a report on preparation of post-secondary education administrators and faculty.

SF409—Piper (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF367—McLaughlin (DFL)

Employment; providing for certain employee leaves of absences.

SF1365—Marty (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1561—Clark (DFL)

Crimes; requiring prosecutor training in bias-motivated crimes.

SF1499—Dahl (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1234—O'Connor (DFL)

Consumer protection; regulating certain rental-purchase agreements; prescribing the rights and duties of all parties; requiring disclosures; regulating advertising; providing remedies.

SF1675—Berg (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Game and fish; authorizing the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians to conduct certain types of aquiculture; directing promotion of and commercial licenses to take rough fish from Lake of the Woods; removing certain aquiculture restrictions in private waters if public waters or groundwater is not degraded or public health is not affected; authorizing transportation of minnows by common carrier; providing restrictions for taking crayfish.

SF1681—Waldorf (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Occupations and professions; allowing a graduate social work license to be issued without examination to an applicant who was unable to apply before the transition period ended.

SF1703—Berg (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2709—Trimble (DFL)

Natural resources; authorizing the enforcement of certain natural resource laws by conservation officers.

SF1704—Berg (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2351—McGuire (DFL)

Natural resources; regulating aquiculture activities and programs; providing for the transportation of minnows by common carrier; regulating the commercial fishing of rough fish on the Lake of the Woods; authorizing conservation officers to seek issuance of and to serve search warrants.

SF1743—Schmitz (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2327—Jacobs (DFL)
Telephone service; regulating the installation of
extended area service in exchanges; requiring the
expansion of the metropolitan extended area
telephone service, under some circumstances.

SF1772—Stumpf (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF1879—Tunheim (DFL)
Natural resources; changing the provisions relating
to the delineation of wetland or marginal land;
exempting land classification agreement lands from
certain requirements; establishing Lake of the
Woods state forest.

SF1866—Solon (DFL)
Appropriations
Lake Superior; establishing an information and
education authority.

SF1869—Diessner (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2398—Beard (DFL)
Labor; requiring employers to prepare and
implement a written program that describes how
they will reduce the extent and severity of work-
related injuries and illnesses; providing for safety
awards by the commissioner of labor and industry.

SF1937—Berglin (DFL)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Health; establishing standards for safe levels of
lead; requiring education about lead exposure;
requiring lead assessments of certain residences;
establishing standards for lead abatement; requiring
rules.

SF1946—Berg (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2658—Bertram (DFL)
Agriculture; providing for deficiency judgments
relating to foreclosure and sale of mortgages on
property used in agricultural production; requiring
fair market value to be determined by the court;
extending period for execution on judgment.

SF1955—Cohen (DFL) Referred to the Chief
Clerk for comparison with **HF1924--Dawkins
(DFL)**
Housing; changing the definition of designated
home ownership area for the Minnesota rural and
urban homesteading program.

SF1966—DeCramer (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2144—Girard (IR)
Education; expanding open enrollment to bordering
states.

SF1971—Knutson (IR)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2016—Swenson (IR)
Education; establishing an automobile safety
awareness week.

SF1975—D. J. Frederickson (DFL)
Education
Education; providing for the notice of and place for
meeting of certain joint powers organizations.

SF1976—D. J. Frederickson (DFL)
Education
Education; providing for certain notice and board
membership requirements under certain joint
powers arrangements.

SF1995—Metzen (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF1902—Peterson (DFL)
Insurance; property and casualty; regulating
terminations of agents; prescribing a penalty.

SF2011—Beckman (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Health; clarifying variance authority regarding
training standards for ambulance attendants;
establishing a state emergency medical services
advisory council.

SF2026—Piper (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF1930—Bertram (DFL)
Health; authorizing the creation of a technical
advisory task force for emergency dispatch
services; requiring the submission of a multidisci-
plinary report on training needs of emergency
dispatchers operating within 911 systems.

SF2054—Pogemiller (DFL)
Appropriations
Courts; staggering the elections of chief judges and
assistant chief judges; providing for the adoption of
rules by the Supreme Court governing jury
administration; imposing penalties.

SF2063—D. J. Frederickson (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Health; requiring an environmental impact
statement for burning of PCBs; authorizing counties
to be compensated for human health risks; requiring
permits and local approval before burning PCBs.

SF2064—Luther (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2243—Scheid (DFL)
Commercial transactions; adopting an article of the
Uniform Commercial Code that governs funds
transfers.

SF2068—Cohen (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2249—Carruthers (DFL)
Insurance; no-fault auto; clarifying eligibility for
economic loss benefits.

SF2072—Cohen (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2220—Milbert (DFL)
Minnesota Statutes; correcting erroneous,
ambiguous, and omitted text and obsolete
references; eliminating certain redundant,
conflicting, and superseded provisions; making
miscellaneous technical corrections to statutes and
other laws.

SF2108—Solon (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2076—Jacobs (DFL)
Liquor; regulating the sale of liqueur-filled candy;
authorizing municipalities to issue on-sale wine
licenses to bed and breakfast facilities; authorizing
removal of partially consumed wine bottles from
licensed premises; authorizing additional licenses in
the cities of Minneapolis, Brooklyn Center, and
Duluth; authorizing the issuance of wine and

nonintoxicating malt liquor licenses by the city of
St. Paul to its parks and recreation division;
authorizing the county board of Anoka County to
delegate liquor licensing authority to town boards
within the county; authorizing the county board of
Itasca County to issue an off-sale or combination
license within three miles of an incorporated area;
providing for the reporting of wine licenses to the
commissioner of public safety; eliminating the
requirement for a vote on municipal liquor store
continuance upon population change.

SF2109—Adkins (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2499—Carruthers (DFL)
Insurance; regulating cancellations, reductions, and
nonrenewals of commercial property and liability
insurance.

SF2147—D. J. Frederickson (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2211—Cooper (DFL)
Transportation; exempting fertilizer and agricultural
chemical retailers from certain regulations on
transporting hazardous materials; making certain
private carriers subject to driver qualification rules.

SF2181—Flynn (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2248—Dawkins (DFL)
Labor; regulating joint labor-management
committees; regulating public employee elections;
providing for the selection of arbitrators by mutual
agreement.

SF2297—Brandl (DFL)
Taxes
Taxation; property; requiring equal access to food
or beverage services or facilities for golf clubs
under open space property tax treatment.

SF2349—Samuelson (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2735—Simoneau (DFL)
Insurance; no-fault automobile; regulating
uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages for
motorcycles.

SF2355—Marty (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2184—Wagenius (DFL)
Statutes of limitations; establishing a three-year
time limit to bring an action for penalty or forfeiture
for violation of certain environmental statutes.

SF2360—Beckman (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2534—Otis (DFL)
Economic development; clarifying the appointing
authority for the board of the Minnesota Project
Outreach Corporation; requiring duties of the
Minnesota Project Outreach Corporation; requiring
notification under the capital access program;
removing the requirement that employees of the
Greater Minnesota Corporation file statements of
economic interest; changing the procedure for
adopting a neighborhood revitalization program.

SF2412—D. Moe (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with
HF2489—Simoneau (DFL)
State government; requiring the State Board of
Investment to invest certain assets currently
managed by the commerce department.

SF2421—Luther (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2325—Scheid (DFL)

Elections; presidential primary; changing the primary date; providing procedures for conducting the primary; changing the requirements for being a candidate at the primary; allowing voters to prefer uncommitted delegates; allowing write-in votes; providing for voter receipt of ballots; eliminating the provision that the primary winner is the party's endorsed candidate; changing the apportionment of party delegates; requiring provision of certain information to interested persons.

SF2431—Marty (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2105—Bertram (DFL)

Buildings; changing the definition of public building in the State Building Code; ratifying the interstate compact on industrialized/modular buildings.

SF2445—Kroening (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2628—Sparby (DFL)

State government; establishing positions in the unclassified service; authorizing the commissioner of jobs and training to establish a position in the unclassified service.

SF2498—Schmitz (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2252—Kelso (DFL)

Occupations and professions; increasing minimum insurance coverage required for abstracters; abolishing requirement of seals by impression; providing for inactive license status; repealing an obsolete provision.

SF2541—D. R. Frederickson (IR)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1784—Dempsey (IR)

Real property; providing for filing and recording of maps or plats for proposed rights-of-way by local governing bodies.

Tuesday, March 27**SF2174—Stumpf (DFL)****Taxes**

Public lands; providing payments in lieu of taxes for certain federal land leased to the state.

SF2317—Dicklich (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2075—Jacobs (DFL)

Utilities; providing for the assessment of expenses for adjudicating service area disputes to municipal electric utilities; providing for civil penalties for violations of Chapter 237; re-establishing the position of program administrator of the Telecommunications Access for Communication-impaired Persons Board; extending the Electric Utility Service Area Task Force until 1992; requiring a study.

SF2318—Berglin (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2605—Wagenius (DFL)

Education; clarifying that statutes governing aversive and deprivation procedures apply to handicapped pupils; requiring that rules of the State Board of Education contain a list of prohibited procedures.

SF1873—Cohen (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2063—Seaberg (IR)

Crime victims; providing victims of delinquent acts the right to request notice of release of juvenile offenders from juvenile correctional facilities; providing notice to sexual assault victims when a juvenile offender is released from pretrial detention; requiring that victims be informed of their right to request the withholding of public law enforcement data that identifies them; clarifying the duty of court administrators to disburse restitution payments; making certain changes to the Crime Victims Reparations Act.

SF2132—Marty (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2222—Peterson (DFL)

Crimes; making it a crime to obtain telecommunication services by fraud; requiring forfeiture of telecommunication devices used for fraudulent purposes; prescribing penalties.

SF2564—Pogemiller (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2077—Ozment (IR)

Criminal sexual conduct; expanding the definition of "sexual contact" in fifth degree criminal sexual conduct.

SF1725—Novak (DFL)**Appropriations**

Environment; changing the fund balances required to impose the fee and the collection period of the fee; changing the terms for reimbursement of petroleum tank release costs by the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board; providing certain tank facilities and refineries are ineligible for reimbursement; appropriating money reimbursed to state agencies.

SF2089—Brandl (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2434—K. Nelson (DFL)

Crime; clarifying that terroristic threats include those made indirectly.

SF2134—Spear (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2086—Kelly (DFL)

Crime; imposing penalties on persons who commit a gross misdemeanor or felony while wearing or possessing a bullet-resistant vest; permitting summary forfeiture of weapons used to commit a controlled substance offense; permitting summary forfeiture of bullet-resistant vests worn or possessed during the commission of a crime; increasing the penalty for furnishing firearms to a minor, intentionally discharging a firearm under circumstances that endanger another, and selling a firearm with a silencer; clarifying that ammunition manufacturers and federally licensed dealers may sell to government agencies.

Wednesday, March 28**SF354—Merriam (DFL)**

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF596—Rest (DFL)

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

SF1758—Samuelson (DFL)**Appropriations**

Health; requiring the licensing of wholesale drug distributors; regulating the use of biosynthetic bovine somatotropin; providing penalties.

SF1874—Cohen (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1836—Carruthers (DFL)

Meetings of public bodies; government data practices; defining final disposition of a disciplinary action regarding personnel records; making clear that meetings may not be closed on the basis of data classification statutes; providing an exception to the open meeting law for preliminary discussions concerning allegations of misconduct against government employees or evaluations of government employees.

SF2012—R. Moe (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2087—E. Olson (DFL)

Agriculture; providing that checkoff fees from certain potato producers are not refundable.

Thursday, March 29**SF2618—Merriam (DFL)****Suspension of Rules**

Public administration; appropriating money or reducing appropriations to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, regents of the University of Minnesota, State University Board, State Board for Community Colleges, and State Board of Vocation Technical Education, with certain conditions; excepting notification of committee chairs on certain capital projects; establishing a community college at Cambridge; clarifying the duties and powers of the Higher Education Coordinating Board; authorizing tuition reciprocity agreements with contiguous Canadian provinces; establishing a state matching grant program to match private gifts to endowment funds; requiring administrative service plans for technical colleges under certain circumstances; changing permitted kinds of investments for the permanent university fund; permitting capital gains of the fund to be used to support endowed academic chairs; authorizing the purchase of a certain building by the State University Board; requiring development of a consumer information system for occupational programs; regulating public post-secondary plans; requiring reports; adjusting contributions to state system retirement plans.

Jim Heap's advice:

Ask questions, grow from the experience

It was an Independent-Republican dinner that changed Rep. Jim Heap from a political greenhorn who taught marketing at Hennepin Technical Center to the 12-year representative from Plymouth he is today.

"I voted, but that was about the extent of my political involvement," says Heap. "I was as green as you would want to get."

He unsuccessfully ran for election in 1976, but tried again in 1978, won, and has been back ever since.

During his tenure at the Capitol, the Independent-Republicans have held control for only two years. Nonetheless, Heap says he believes the minority serves an important function as a watchdog to challenge the majority.

"No party owns the truth," he says. "The majority party, no matter which party has the majority, doesn't have an embodiment of truth. There has to be someone to watch out for monopolized power. This is the role of the minority."

He says his service in the Legislature gave him a crash course in critical thinking, given the range of topics that are routinely discussed at the Capitol.

Nearly 2,000 bills are introduced each year in the House, Heap says, and that while serving on three committees a legislator typically hears testimony on 200 to 300 bills per year.

"You have to learn how to be efficient in dissecting a bill: to ask the tough questions, to ask whether this bill will help or hurt. That's one way you can measure success."

The experience of digesting that information has made him a more vigorous person, Heap says, and the Capitol is an invigorating place. But he's decided to return to work in the private sector and put his management expertise back to work as a business management consultant.

"It's time to move on to other challenges," Heap says. "The sense of accomplishment in the Legislature differs from that in the business world. It's difficult to set those specific goals and objectives that are the stock and trade of



Rep. Jim Heap plans on returning to the business of business after serving 12 years in the House.

the businessman and see specific results in the political arena."

Heap should know. He was a Pillsbury Co. executive for 13 years, and founded four businesses and the non-profit Vail Place, a home for the mentally retarded in Hopkins. In addition, he wrote a financial planning book and helped establish the retail merchandising program at Hennepin Technical Center.

In a sense, however, Heap never strayed far from the business world during his tenure at the Legislature. He sits on the both the Commerce and Economic Development committees, as well as the Appropriations Committee.

He sees a clear link between his role as a businessman and teacher, and political interests in business and economic development: better educational opportunities can lead to a better business environment which creates a higher standard of living.

In fact, two major pieces of legislation

he sponsored that he considers most noteworthy pertain to education and business.

One measure — initially designed to look into whether Minnesota needed all the colleges and universities it has — led to mission statements from the four higher education systems.

The other piece of legislation Heap sponsored in the mid-1980s was a workers' compensation reform measure. It drew bipartisan support in both the House and Senate, but was vetoed by the governor.

"It had DFL and IR support. I worked months behind the scenes to get what I thought was a good bill," Heap says.

What advice does he have for his successor?

Focus on a few areas to become effective, and take in as much of the legislative experience as possible.

"People should look at a representative's job as an opportunity to grow," Heap says. "I can't think of a better way to get an education. It gives you an insight on whatever else you want to pursue — I don't care what it is."

While he says he'll miss being around the Capitol come next January, he won't miss running for re-election.

"It's [campaigning] a strenuous activity," says Heap, adding that it can also be a humbling one.

Heap becomes pensive when stating his hoped-for legislative epitaph.

"I'd like to be remembered by my colleagues as a person who was pleasant to work with, someone who was respected and well thought of as a legislator."

April 2, 1849

On this day, Alexander Ramsey of Pennsylvania was commissioned the first governor of the Minnesota Territory.

Anderson steps down after 18 years

Rep. Glen Anderson's office has an old shoe kind of comfort. The couch slopes where it's been used most. Papers — some neatly stacked, others not — are on the floor, couch, window sill, and desk.

Anderson, the DFLer from Bellingham who represented the area for nearly two decades, says this is his last session. While he may soon be gone from his corner office on the third floor, he won't be forgotten.

"We're going to miss him. I think the institution will be a bit less when he leaves," says Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley), who succeeded Anderson as chair of the Appropriations Committee. "He knows middle America — middle Minnesota. He has a big, broad view of what's out there."

And Anderson's colleagues are drawing on his expertise for all it's worth in the remaining weeks of the session. During a recent meeting of the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee, for example, Anderson fielded the tough questions on the bonding bill. He did the same thing when the matter was on the House Floor for a vote.

In other division meetings, several lawmakers sought his opinion on education funding matters.

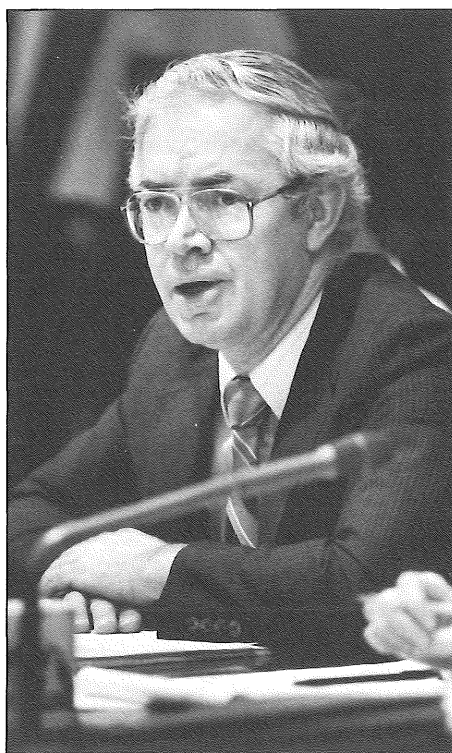
"People know to talk to Glen Anderson," says Simoneau.

"Rep. Anderson is a valuable asset," says Rep. Lyndon Carlson (DFL-Crystal), who chairs the Education Division and who was elected to the House the same year as Anderson. "When I worked with him as the chair, he was one who was responsive to the needs of education." People who are as legislatively active as Anderson is are difficult to replace, he says.

Anderson, a third generation farmer from Bellingham, says his decision not to seek a 10th term is "80 to 90 percent financial and 10 to 20 percent emotional.

"I really don't want to leave," he admits. "I love this place very much. I feel good about the time I've been here."

Anderson's resignation as chair came during a swirl of publicity after he pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor charges. The last six months of 1989, he says, was "a bad disaster. I went through



Rep. Glen Anderson

three or four months of pure hell."

He says his trouble began after being roundly chastized by people from his district after pushing for the consolidation of four high schools in his area.

"That hurt; that got to me," Anderson, 51, says. "But I know what I did was good for the young people. I know it was good for the taxpayers. I know it was good for education."

The pressure from the public's wrath in his home community, in addition to financial problems, contributed to the stress that ultimately led to his troubles with the law.

Now, he adds, "I'm laying back now and rebuilding. I'll do the best I can in the days I've got left here."

For now, he's silent on what the future holds for him. But he knows it won't be far from the business he knows best: politics and government. And he wants his future endeavor to be challenging, demanding, and rewarding.

"I'm interested in doing something that deals with people and government," he says. "I want to work with people. I don't want to shuffle papers."

Though he seldom introduced major

legislation, Anderson says he has been content to informally discuss bonding or appropriation matters in the hallways and offices. He typically works behind the scenes, plotting strategy or offering friendly advice on parliamentary maneuvers.

"He's good at massaging legislation and bringing people together," says Simoneau.

The seeds of his political involvement were sown by his father. But the event that prompted Anderson's running was a Saturday night political rally in which he felt that his state representative was talking down to the crowd. The following Tuesday, Anderson filed to run against the 16-year incumbent.

During his 18 years in public office, Anderson says he has witnessed a profound change in attitudes. Back then, for example, state trails weren't acceptable; now communities work and fight for them, proving that environmentalists and recreation enthusiasts can co-exist, he says.

Anderson's only real criticism of the Legislature is that not enough of his colleagues take the long-range view of what's best for Minnesota.

"I've generally tried to look at what's best for [the state] five, 10, or 20 years down the road, rather than what's best for me to get re-elected," he says.

Anderson says he has changed as well. He has adopted a more liberal stance regarding environmental matters and also views legislation from a statewide — as opposed to a purely parochial — viewpoint.

Although the annals of political lore are littered with tales of backstabbing and double-crosses, Anderson says he will retire with a clear conscience.

"I can't think of a soul I was dishonest with or unfair to. I've been honest, sincere, and dedicated. I don't think anybody can argue that."

He advises his successor to vote his or her convictions.

"Don't sell yourself out. If you can live with your vote in your heart, then you don't have to worry about the caucus or special interest groups. You have to be able to live with yourself."

Political eyes focus on . . .

Agenda '92: legislative redistricting

The Census Bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce wants to know where you 'll be on Sunday, April 1.

Your residence as of that date will help reshape the state's congressional and legislative districts. Federal courts have ruled on many cases to give body to the soul of the "one person, one vote" principle of representation.

Every 10 years the federal bureau mails to house addresses census information requests, expecting to learn more about the number of people living in households, the number of home owners or renters, and most important, the number of eligible voters.

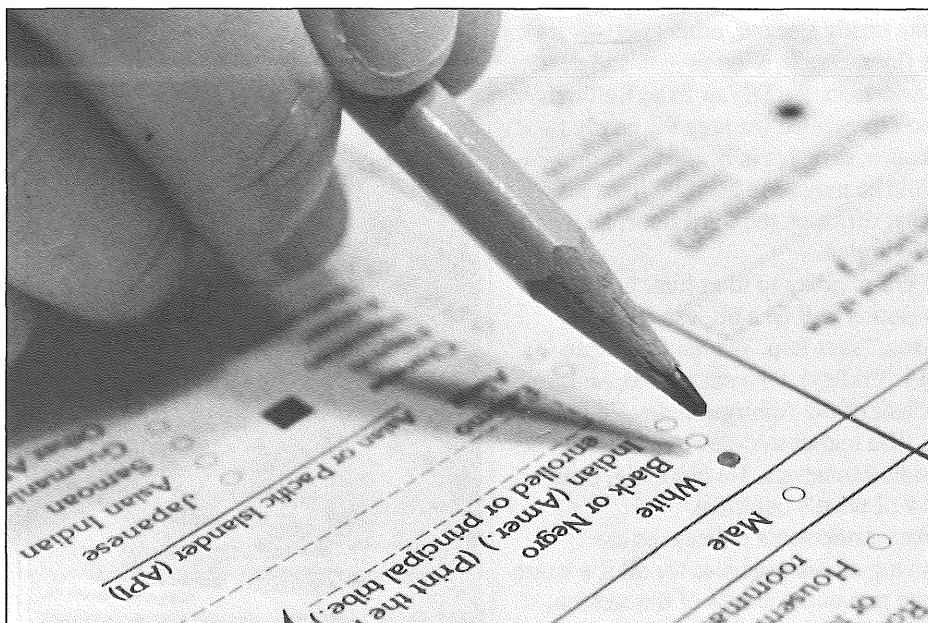
Where people reside when they return their census information helps states realign — or redistrict their legislative and congressional districts. The remapping helps states adjust for population shifts to maintain equality in representation at state legislatures and on Capitol Hill in Washington.

States this year will redistrict themselves via the computer. The system will divide the state into census units that the computer operator can move from one district into another. The computer also can keep a running total of the number of people in each unit, and the number of units needed to achieve a redistricting plan that is as equal as possible.

"It's like working an enormous jigsaw puzzle," says Sam Rankin of the House Research Department and staff assistant to the Legislative Coordinating Commission's Subcommittee on Redistricting. "In Minnesota's case, there are 203,000 pieces to the puzzle."

Redistricting can be divided into two parts: the academic preliminaries and the actual remapping. The subcommittee handles the academic areas of administration, finding the equipment, and determining what is necessary for data preparation. The DFL and IR caucuses in both the state House and Senate will handle the actual remapping.

Each caucus team will have a secure work area. The subcommittee, Rankin says, "is confident we can block any



People are busy filling out U.S. census forms this week.

security breach, at least at the computer."

The state allocated \$700,000 for redistricting. The subcommittee expects preliminary counts from the federal government in September and anticipates that both the state House and Senate will name redistricting committees shortly after the November 1990 general election. According to the timetable, the Legislature should receive detailed population figures April 1, 1991, begin to draw new legislative and congressional districts by May 1, 1991, and complete the process by March 26, 1992. The new districts need to be in place by the 1992 general election in November.

If the House and Senate agree on a plan, it goes to the governor for his approval. If someone successfully challenges the approved plan through a lawsuit, a three-judge federal court panel would then redistrict the state. Federal laws require that court challenges must be decided before the 1992 election.

Rankin says he expects that more than 100 people will work on the redistricting project, with each devoting hundreds to thousands of hours to the task.

A computer could develop a plan that would divide Minnesota into districts that

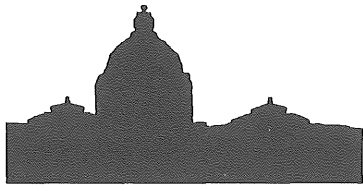
have equal populations, are contiguous, and contain one Senate and two House seats, and are reasonably compact. But there's a problem with a machine-only plan.

"It wouldn't take into account minorities or the existing addresses of incumbents," says Rankin. "It might not consider the 'neighborhood' aspect the center of interest. It wouldn't be sensitive to minority voters and clustering minority populations to maximize the chance for electing minority representatives.

"That's why people have to draw the plan," he adds. "And it has to be done well enough that the legal system says it's a reasonable plan."

April 4, 1893

On this day, the Minnesota state flag was adopted by the Legislature. The design was submitted by Mrs. Edward H. Center of Minneapolis.



Coming Up Next Week . . .

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Committee Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.
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to the public.

MONDAY, April 2

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

Agenda: Various appropriations bills.
This meeting is scheduled to last until
noon.

Before session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol
Chr. Rep. Dee Long
Agenda: Special Orders.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

TUESDAY, April 3

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

Agenda: Various appropriations bills.
This meeting is scheduled to last until
noon.

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda:
HF2283 (Jefferson)/SF1950 Low-
income housing provided, council on
homelessness established, related
changes made, and money appropriated.

HF2117 (Osthoff)/SF1822 Low-rent
public housing and Section 8 Housing
Administration changed, local approval
limited, special assessment exemption
for housing and redevelopment authori-
ties repealed, housing development
projects transferred to economic devel-
opment.

HF2005 (Quinn)/SF2018 Charitable
gambling provisions changed in compre-
hensive legislation.

9:00 a.m.

Conference Committee

237 Capitol

Agenda:

HF257 (Williams) State government;
eliminating the requirement that certain
reports of occupational licensing boards
be summarized; eliminating certain
prohibitions against state purchase of
insurance; regulating state sale of goods
and services.

Before session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol
Chr. Rep. Dee Long
Agenda: Special Orders.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

WEDNESDAY, April 4

Before session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol
Chr. Rep. Dee Long
Agenda: Special Orders.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

THURSDAY, April 5

Before session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol
Chr. Rep. Dee Long
Agenda: Special Orders.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

FRIDAY, April 6

Before session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol
Chr. Rep. Dee Long
Agenda: Special Orders.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.



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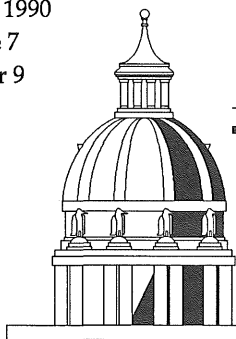


Kindergarteners Aryth Smith and Rebecca Malinsky of Torah Academy in St. Louis Park took time out to look at the "Star of the North" in the Capitol rotunda March 29.

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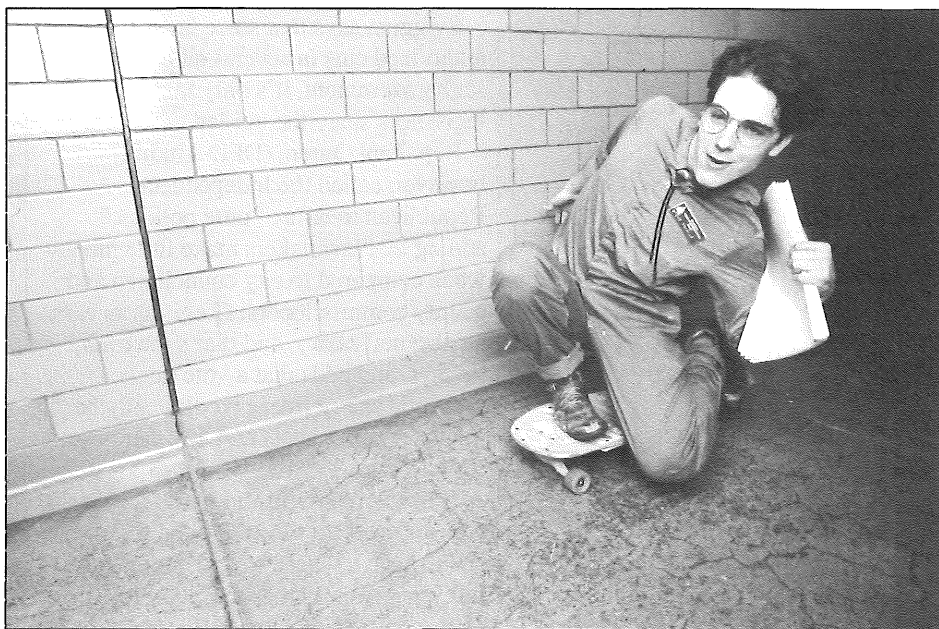
The first centers of government for Minnesota were in Paris and Madrid. Sound strange? Yes, but it's often forgotten that Minnesota was once part of territories staked out by France, Spain, and England.

St. Paul is actually our tenth capital, although it's the only one Minnesota has ever known since it was declared a territory in 1849.

In 1671, the land that is now known as Minnesota was under the flag of France, who later secretly ceded it to Spain in 1762. But in 1800, Spain ceded the Louisiana Territory back to France. Three years later, in 1803, Napoleon, who was strapped for cash, sold the vast territory to the United States for \$15 million.

In September 1805, explorer Zebulon Pike landed on the western side of an island at the mouth of the Mississippi River, where he raised the first American flag to fly over Minnesota.

Since that time, the land that comprises Minnesota has been included within the territorial boundaries of Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin.



As the pace quickens in the remaining days of this Legislative Session, House page Bob Boyd uses a skateboard in the Capitol tunnel to deliver bills and other documents.

Highlights

Minnesota-made pulltabs

Pulltabs sold in Minnesota would have to be manufactured in the state under an amendment the Taxes Committee approved April 4.

Rep. Joe Quinn (DFL-Coon Rapids) says requiring the pulltabs to be made in Minnesota would give the state more control over the industry.

"If we do not get control of manufacturing and distribution [of pulltabs] . . . it will be absolutely impossible for us to get any control of gaming in Minnesota," says Quinn, the author of a major lawful gambling regulation bill.

Bill Clower, a pulltab distributor for 13 years, says a small number of manufacturers control the industry by granting credit, fixing prices, restricting supply, and occasionally threatening violence.

Clower says a manufacturer once told him that if he didn't buy all his pulltab products from him, he'd have both his legs broken.

Quinn says 20 manufacturers have licenses to sell equipment in the state, but because they're in 16 different states, they escape regulation and oversight by state officials. The provision would take effect July 1, 1992.

The committee also removed a sunset provision within the bill that would have phased out lawful gambling in Minnesota after July 1, 1993. The sunset would have required the Legislature to reauthorize lawful gambling for it to have continued.

The provision calling for Minnesota-made pulltabs was amended to a major gambling regulation and enforcement bill, HF2005, which passed the House April 5.



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Salary freeze

A proposal to freeze scheduled increases in legislators' salaries in 1991 and 1992 was rejected by the House on a 68-51 vote April 2.

Bill sponsor Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) told lawmakers they should forego their 6 percent salary increases in 1991 and 1992 to help alleviate the state's budget shortfall. Salaries are scheduled to increase from the current \$26,395 per year to \$29,657 in 1992.

Sviggum says that since lawmakers authorized cuts in several other areas of state government, it's only fair that legislators share the burden.

Rep. Paul Ogren, (DFL-Aitkin), however, called the Independent-Republican measure "pure politics," adding that lawmakers make little money when compared to city councilmen and county commissioners. "Legislators earn an abysmal salary, and that's the truth," he says, and adds that a vote on the proposed salary freeze would really be "a matter of self respect and whether or not we have any."

"I happen to think I'm worth the salary I'm getting," says Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), whose state departments' bill was given final approval by the House on a 68-56 vote.

'No' to fewer legislators

The House decided that fewer isn't necessarily better when it defeated an amendment that would have reduced legislative membership from 201 to 147.

"We have the largest Senate in the United States," argues amendment sponsor Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker (IR-Minnetonka), noting the state has the 11th largest House of Representatives in the country.

Having fewer legislators means the ones in office must be more knowledgeable and more accountable, Knickerbocker says. Also, they would serve the interest of the entire state instead of their representative district.

Opponents say the amendment would make it harder for constituents to talk to their representatives because of potentially greater distance. They also say the measure would lead to a professional legislature, rather than the current citizen legislature.

Knickerbocker attempted to add the amendment to HF2419, the state department's budget bill.

Taxes or fees?

The Appropriations Committee has no business imposing taxes and calling them fees, the House decided April 2 when it deleted two fees from the state departments' appropriations bill.

Fees on cigarettes and liquors are, in reality, taxes, says Rep. Paul Ogren (DFL-Aitkin), who sponsored the amendment to eliminate the additional tax/fees on cigarettes and alcohol.

The bill would have required cigarette distributors to pay a one-cent fee per carton, and spirits manufacturers and distributors to pay a .002-cent tax per liter on liquors and wines.

The fees could have been used to help the Department of Revenue enforce current tax laws, says Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), chair of the Appropriations Committee's State Departments Division.

But Ogren, the Taxes Committee chair, says the issue should have been decided by his panel because "a tax is a tax is a tax, just like a rose."

Kahn defends the division's authority to establish fees. She says the Appropriations Committee decides policies regarding fees, and these were in fact fees, not taxes.

HF2419 was sent to the Senate for further discussion.

Boards' drug sanctions

Business and professional licensing boards would be required to establish policies on sanctions that would be imposed on board members who are convicted of drug offenses if a bill the House approved April 3 becomes law.

Under an amendment attached to the omnibus drug bill (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul), licensing boards would be required to determine the sanctions, ranging from a warning for a first offense and/or the revocation of a license for serious or repeat offenses. Some type of disciplinary action would be required under the bill.

"It's important we stop seeing the casual user as a benign problem," says Rep. Linda Runbeck (IR-Circle Pines), author of the amendment. "We need to

make them more accountable."

One way to do that, Runbeck says, is to tie people's drug use to their employment.

HF1843 was approved on a 128-2 vote. A similar bill is pending before the Senate.

Real cheese

Suspicious about that cheese dog you ate for dinner last night? A bill that would require restaurants and retailers who use artificial cheese to post signs noting that fact passed the House April 4 on a 83-48 vote after a lengthy debate.

"I believe consumers have a right to know what they're eating," says bill sponsor Andy Steensma (DFL-Luverne), adding that it was a "pro-dairy" bill for Minnesota.

Opponents of the measure, however, call it "negative advertising" and say it might intimidate establishments from using cheese for fear of scaring off customers who are unable to eat it because of medical reasons.

Some lawmakers also asked about the cost of developing and enforcing rules for the bill. Steensma's measure contains no appropriation.

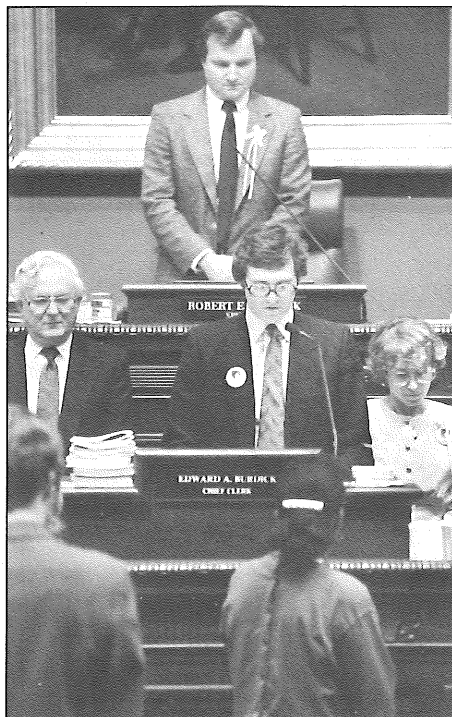
Lawmakers rejected an amendment offered by Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) that would have exempted establishments from posting signs if they provided customers, upon request, a notice of foods served that contained artificial cheese.

HF173 awaits Senate action.

Local call status

People from New Prague and other outlying suburbs currently have to pay long-distance rates for some calls made to Minneapolis. But that could change if a bill the House approved on a 113-13 vote April 3 becomes law — although it may result in increased telephone rates for metro telephone users.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Joel Jacobs (DFL-Coon Rapids), would allow eight area telephone exchanges whose wire services are located within the seven county metro region to become part of the metro Extended Area Service (EAS) if residents in the exchange approve admittance after being informed of the costs involved.



Jerry Wetterling gave the invocation before the House floor session April 4 and asked for the safe return of his son, Jacob, who was abducted last October. He was joined by his wife, Patty, at right. Chief Clerk Edward A. Burdick is on the left, and House Speaker Robert Vanasek is behind them.

Other exchange areas within the seven-county metro region could also enter the EAS but they would have to petition the Public Utilities Commission for "local call" status and meet a variety of conditions. These conditions include that at least half the customers in the area requesting the extended service make one or more calls per month to the area they want included in the toll-free zone.

Several metropolitan area legislators spoke against the measure because of anticipated increased costs.

"The Twin Cities already encompasses the largest telecommunications area," says Rep. Ron Abrams (IR-Minnetonka). "This bill will expand it more and metro people will have to pay these costs."

Under the bill, existing EAS members would pay 25 percent of the expansion costs and people petitioning for the extended service would pay the rest.

While actual phone bill increases depend on the number of areas added to the metro EAS, Abrams says metro phone bills could go up as much as 24 cents per month.

Video pulltab machines

A proposal to give Minnesota pulltab gamblers another game of choice was defeated on a 75-49 vote on the House floor April 5.

The provision that was approved earlier by the Appropriations Committee would have permitted the installation of 100 video pulltab machines in charitable gambling establishments on a trial basis.

Monitoring these machines would give the state information on whether video pulltabs are less susceptible to skimming and rigging than paper pulltabs.

Video pulltab machines are electronic devices that visually simulate the peeling open of a pulltab when a coin or token is inserted into the machine. Winning tickets are determined by an electronic chip. The machines don't dispense money.

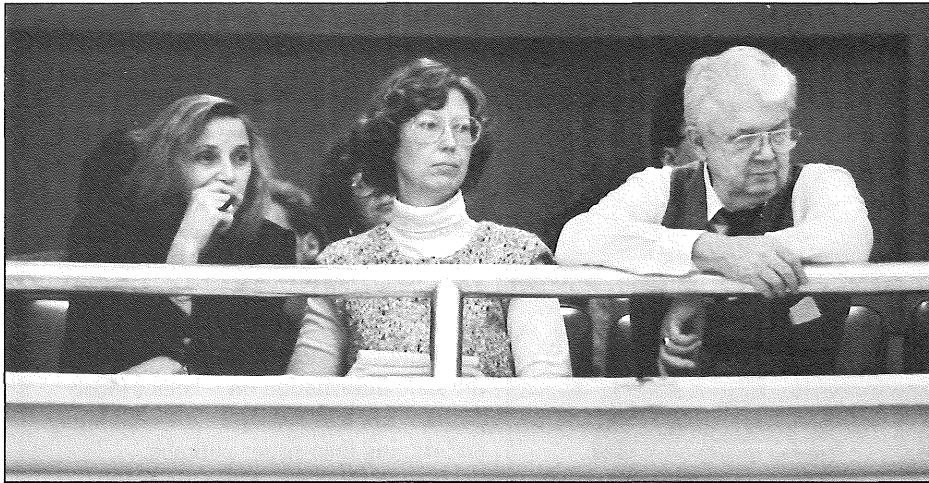
"There are a lot of ways to cheat in paper pulltabs," said Rep. Don Frerichs (IR-Rochester), during the committee meeting. Sellers know which pulltabs are high-percentage winners, he said. They may sell these to friends and/or collect a percentage of the winnings. On the other hand, video pulltabs can't be manipulated in this way, according to some people who testified at the meeting. "I've been told video pulltabs are 99 percent foolproof," he said. "And I don't know how anyone would rig it. It's a real game of chance."

Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault) questioned the 99 percent foolproof rate and spoke against the video pulltab machines.

"If the Gambling Control Board is right and 80 percent of Minnesota's charitable gambling is out of compliance, why are we adding another level of gambling before we have the current problems under control?" asked Rodosovich in the committee meeting.

Legalized use of video pulltab machines is part of a major bill (SF2018) that tightens charitable gambling regulations.

The use of video pulltabs is expected to be reconsidered in conference committee.



State Court Administrator Sue Dosal, Court Personnel Director Judith Rehak, and Chief Justice D. D. Wozniak of the Minnesota Court of Appeals, *left-right*, listen intently to the debate on the state departments appropriations bill April 2.

Governor's veto

A bill that would have given judges discretion concerning pre-sentencing reports was vetoed by Gov. Rudy Perpich.

"By eliminating pre-sentence investigations for many defendants, this bill would remove the opportunity for the crime victim to address the court, request restitution, or express a sentencing preference," Perpich wrote in his veto message. The Senate sponsor of the bill asked that it be vetoed because several groups raised opposition to it after it was approved. The measure had no known opposition as it moved through the House and Senate.

It would have given judges the authority to waive a pre-sentencing report in cases where the defendant would go to prison under the state's sentencing guidelines.

Judges have such powers now in misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor cases. The bill the governor vetoed would have extended that power to certain felony cases.

The bill, vetoed April 3, was the first of the 1990 session that the governor didn't sign.

Eurasian milfoil

Lawmakers, hoping to keep 11,825 of Minnesota's 11,842 lakes free of Eurasian water milfoil, approved a bill April 4 that would require boat owners to clean their

boats before transporting them from one body of water to another.

Eurasian water milfoil, a carpet-like plant that spreads rapidly once introduced to a body of water, has contaminated 17 lakes and several rivers in and around the Twin Cities metro area, says Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls), sponsor of the milfoil bill in the House. He says the weed could be controlled by chemical treatment or harvesting.

"This is an ounce of prevention type bill," says Skoglund. "If we don't do something, it's going to be in every other lake in the state."

Skoglund says boat owners who don't remove the milfoil before moving their boats to another body of water could be charged with a misdemeanor offense.

The bill (SF1670) was unanimously approved by the House and was sent back to the Senate for reconsideration. The House changed the Senate's version of the bill, so the measure now must be approved again by the Senate.

The Department of Natural Resources recognizes 11,842 lakes in the state.

Honeybee compensation

People whose honeybee colonies suffered losses during the spraying for grasshoppers during the recent drought would be compensated by the state under a bill approved April 3 by the Agricul-

ture, Transportation and Semi-State Division of the Appropriations Committee.

The proposal would entitle the owners of honeybee colonies to the fair market value of lost honey production because of the pesticide spraying. It would also compensate owners for the cost of replacing the colonies damaged or destroyed by the pesticides.

Compensation by the Department of Agriculture would only apply after insurance policies, federal programs, and other types of compensation for loss of honeybee colonies and honey production have been exhausted.

HF1808 will go to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Targeted group businesses

Businesses run by women, minorities, and the handicapped would be targeted for more state contracts under a bill the House approved on a 129-1 vote, April 3.

The bill would establish a program for state agencies to purchase goods and services from these targeted businesses. It would also give the Department of Administration the authority to require prime contractors to subcontract portions of a contract to targeted businesses.

This program is one way to remedy past discrimination against members of these targeted groups, says Rep. Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls), author of the bill.

In addition, the bill would allow small businesses located in economically disadvantaged areas to be given priority on their bids for state contracts. The small businesses would be given preference when the bids are up to 4 percent more than the lowest one.

Businesses can be classified as economically disadvantaged if they are a rehabilitation facility or work activity program, if they are located in an area designated as a labor surplus area by the United States Department of Labor, or if the business is located in a county where the median income for married couples is less than 70 percent of the state median.

Jefferson says the bill is in response to a Department of Administration and University of Minnesota study that concluded businesses run by women, minorities, and the handicapped are discriminated against.

A measure similar to HF2230 is pending in the Senate.

Racial bias in the courts

The Minnesota Supreme Court would receive \$25,000 from the Legislature in 1991 to establish a task force to study racial bias in the court system if a bill the Appropriations Committee approved April 4 becomes law.

The study would examine the extent to which racial bias exists in the courts, including the discriminatory treatment of litigants, witnesses, jurors, judges, attorneys, and court personnel who are members of minority races.

It would try to identify minority representation or under representation in various positions within the court system. The study group would also examine sentencing patterns to find out if the length or conditions of sentences vary based on defendants' race.

The task force would report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by January 1993.

Freer freebies

Free community newspapers may not be tossed out of their distribution boxes like yesterday's news thanks to a bill the governor signed.

The law would prohibit exclusive contracts to display free newspapers for distribution in public places such as malls or in business entrances. When the bill was first heard in the Commerce Committee, neighborhood newspaper officials said they discovered their publications had been removed because they were not included in the exclusive contracts.

They also said the cost of such contracts was imposing a financial burden on some smaller community newspapers.

Bill sponsor Rep. Alice Hausman (DFL-St. Paul) says the measure doesn't prohibit the contract, but bars its exclusiveness. A business owner may sign a contract with a newspaper distributor for space, but the owner may also allow the display of free journals.

The law (HF2594) went into effect March 31 and applies to contracts entered into or renewed on or after that date.

Gambling 'strike force'

A proposal to add a seven-person criminal investigation team to the Department of Revenue to probe tax fraud in the lawful gambling industry was approved by the House April 2 — despite strong objections from many House members.

A bid to remove the team, which would enforce charitable gambling tax laws and deal with other criminal violations in the lawful, or charitable, gambling industry, was narrowly defeated on a 60-61 vote.

Rep. Joe Quinn (DFL-Coon Rapids) offered an amendment to the state departments' bill that would remove what he called the "strike force," saying the Department of Revenue doesn't want enhanced police powers to enforce charitable gambling tax compliance.

He added that the Department of Public Safety is more qualified to do the policing of charitable gambling.

"We have a police force in this state, we have people with guns and flak jackets, we have people licensed and trained to go underground," says Quinn.

But Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), the sponsor of the state departments bill that called for language to create the team, says that those two divisions aren't qualified to deal with criminal tax investigations. "We're looking at tax policy and seeing if we're getting our proper tax money. We're not looking at blazing guns going into the VFW clubs," she says.

Currently, the department has four positions to enforce charitable gambling tax laws.

Quinn's amendment also attempted to remove a provision in the state departments' bill that

would give the Attorney General's Office the primary jurisdiction over county attorneys in prosecuting charitable gambling violations.

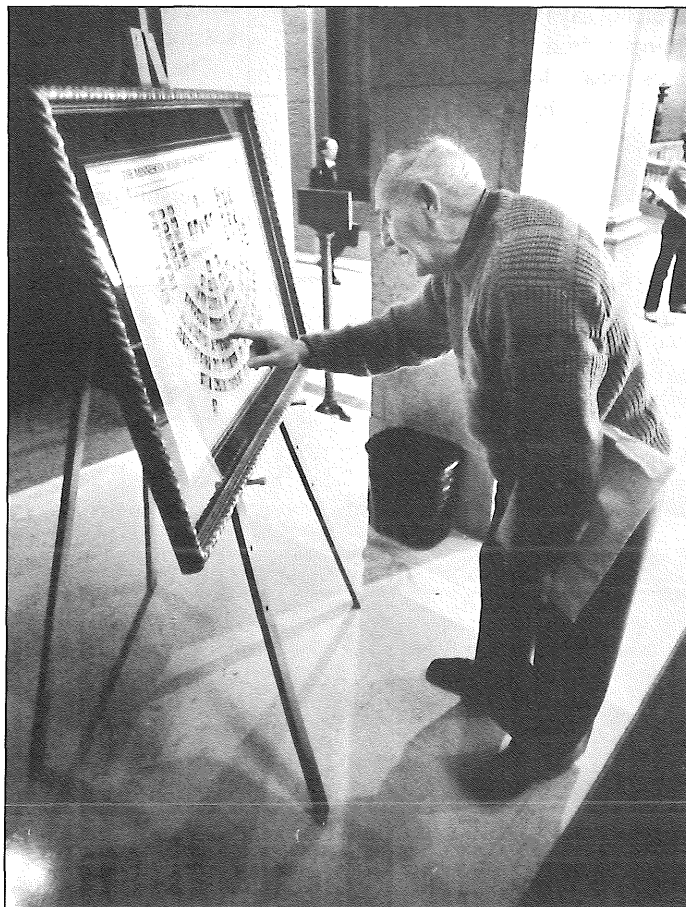
The state departments' bill, which passed the House on a 68-56 vote, awaits Senate action.

Land trust

A proposal that would allow community residents to own land in their neighborhoods as a way of ensuring decent and affordable housing was presented to members of Financial Institutions and Housing Committee division during a St. Paul neighborhood housing tour March 30.

Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul) told the committee's Housing Division that he'll ask the Legislature for a \$3 million appropriation next session to set up about 10 community land trusts throughout the state.

Dawkins says the community land trust



Stan Bourassa of Edina looks over the members' seating chart outside the House chamber April 2.

proposal would help curb the state's continuous flow of dollars into housing development, and would put stability back into the neighborhoods.

His proposal calls for community residents to buy and perpetually own the land in their neighborhoods, fix up run-down structures on the property, and then sell the dwellings at an affordable price to people with low and moderate incomes.

"The land trusts would ensure that the long-term affordability of low cost housing and commercial buildings is always there," says Greg Finzell, director of the Summit-University Planning Council, which has established a land trust task force.

Land trusts allow neighborhood residents to control the land so they can develop it the way they want to, adds St. Paul resident Emmy Treichel.

Members saw a cooperative in Treichel's neighborhood where residents received low-interest loans to buy and develop low-income housing as a way of maintaining and stabilizing their neighborhood.

Treichel says the coop helps stop land developers from "buying neighborhood houses cheap, doing a sloppy job rehabilitating them, and becoming absentee landlords."

Low-income housing

A proposed tax exemption for low-income housing developed by local housing authorities with nonprofit organizations was removed from a bill the Taxes Committee approved April 3.

Property tax payments would have been replaced by a service charge on the amount of rent collected on a housing unit, which would have made the property eligible for a federal tax credit.

Jerry Boardman, president of the Minnesota Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies, says the exemption could have lowered rents on low-income housing an additional 36 percent by qualifying for the federal tax credit.

He also says granting the exemption could greatly increase the availability of low-income housing.

But Rep. Paul Anders Ogren (DFL-Aitkin), chair of the committee, says exempting that amount of property from property taxes could have a big impact on state revenue. He says the proposal should be examined during the interim and possibly considered again next session.

The bill also establishes a local government housing account for rehabilitation and modernization of transitional and public housing units, and home ownership programs would be eligible for

money from the housing trust fund.

In addition, the Minnesota Housing Finance Authority, with other state agencies, would study needs and services for the homeless.

The bill, HF2283 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls), will be considered next on the House floor.

Drug programs

A bill that would allocate \$2.7 million for drug-related programs was approved April 2 by the Appropriations Committee.

Community-based crime and drug prevention programs would receive \$450,000 under the bill, and an intensive community supervision program for less serious offenders would receive a \$650,000 appropriation.

The intensive supervision program is designed to track offenders as they are released from prison — a time, prison officials say, when offenders are most likely to repeat their crimes.

If the state approves the programs, the federal government would chip in additional money to fund the two programs.

The intensive supervision program would allow Department of Corrections officials to remove offenders from prison and return them to society under controlled conditions. Offenders in the program would be subject to unannounced searches of their homes, automobiles, and bodies.

In addition, offenders would be subject to urinalysis and breath tests and be required to hold frequent meetings with probation officers.

The bill, authored by Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul), also would appropriate \$500,000 for the expansion of sentencing to service and work-release correctional programs; \$400,000 for the expansion of chemical dependency treatment programs in prisons; and \$200,000 for the expansion of programs for victims of domestic assault and abuse where alcohol or drugs were involved.

Another \$450,000 would be appropriated to fund pilot projects for local chemical dependency treatment programs, to use drug testing programs as a condition of probation, and to implement chemical dependency assessments for drug offenders.

HF1843 will go to the House floor for further consideration.



Shawn Sears, left, had to duck under the balloon bouquet he delivered to House Speaker Robert Vanasek on the speaker's birthday April 2.

Environmental ed program

The Appropriations Committee approved a bill April 2 that would establish an environmental education program for public school students in kindergarten through grade 12.

The program would provide students and Minnesota citizens with an understanding of ecological systems, the cause and effect relationship between human attitudes and behavior and the environment, as well as other environmental issues.

The purpose of the educational program would be to develop an awareness of environmental issues so people would become committed to work toward maintaining a healthy environment.

The Department of Education would be responsible for in-service teacher training in environmental education.

Minimum wage

Small-business employees would earn a minimum of \$4 an hour while workers at larger firms would earn \$4.25 an hour under provisions of a House bill awaiting the governor's signature.

The legislation, effective next January, would affect not only about 150,000 Minnesotans now working for minimum wage, but also people not covered by a federal law that goes into effect in April 1991.

The Senate passed the companion bill to HF1839 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul), on March 30, the same day the House approved the measure on a 118-14 vote.

Supporters of the House bill successfully defeated attempts to grant restaurant owners a delay in providing the minimum wage increase for their employees who receive tips.

Inver Hills fire

Inver Hills Community College now has about \$2 million in state funds to defray repair and cleanup costs caused by a fire on campus in early March.

Gov. Rudy Perpich signed the emergency funding measure on March 30; the money was available the following day. The state will sell bonds to cover the costs.

While fire damage was confined to the roof of the 10-year-old college center, extensive smoke and water damage affected the entire building. Fire officials traced the blaze to a faulty coffee pot.

Access review panel

The physically disabled would have better access to some buildings, if a bill the Appropriations Committee approved April 5 becomes law.

The measure would establish an access review board that would consider applications for waivers from the state building code to install stairway chairlifts.

The chairlifts would provide limited accessibility for the physically disabled to buildings that have no other access, and buildings where access is deemed architecturally impossible according to the state building code.

In reviewing applications, the board would examine other possible access options, and require certain criteria to be met before approving an application.

The proposed board's decision to approve an application would have to be unanimous. The measure, HF2769, moves next to the House floor.



Nine-year-old Tony Stanius spent a school holiday with his father, Rep. Brad Stanius, and played a little solitaire during floor session April 2.

Early retirement incentive

Executive branch employees who choose to retire early can get state-paid health insurance for themselves and dependents if an amendment to the state departments budget bill becomes law. The House adopted the amendment April 2.

Eligible employees would have to exercise this option before July 1, 1990, be at least 55 years old, and have worked for the state for 25 years.

Amendment sponsor Rep. Bob. Johnson (DFL-Bemidji) says 130 of the 959 eligible employees indicate they would be willing to retire under this proposal.

Johnson says this measure could save the state \$3.5 million if the agencies choose to leave those positions unfilled, or fill them at lower salary levels.

Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) supported the amendment, but added that this measure wouldn't save the state any money this biennium, but could save money in the next two-year spending cycle.

A measure that would limit the flush volume of new and replacement toilets to 1.6 gallons of water after 1992 was approved by the Appropriations Committee April 5. The toilets would have to meet the standards of the American National Standards Institute. Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) offered the amendment to HF1948, which pertains to well water construction.

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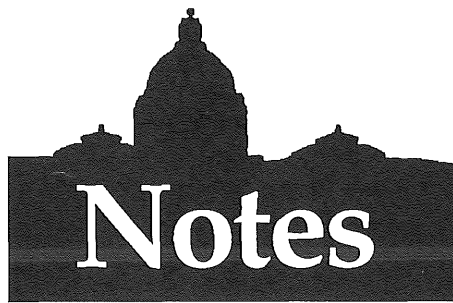
County fairs would be appropriated \$130,000 under an amendment to the state departments bill, HF2419, adopted by the House April 2. Rep. Henry Kalis (DFL-Walters) says that since the governor has declared 1990 as the year of the county fair, the Legislature should appropriate money for them. The money would pay for premiums at county fairs across the state. The appropriation would go to the Department of Agriculture, which would distribute the money to the various county fairs.

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People in the gaming industry could be required to be fingerprinted by the Department of Public Safety's Division of Gaming Enforcement under a measure approved by the House April 5. The provision would apply to anyone working for licensed lawful gambling-related organizations, including organizations conducting gaming, and distributors and manufacturers of gaming equipment. Refusal could lead to license revocation. The measure would also require winners of \$50 or more to produce identification before they could collect their money. SF2018 now moves to conference committee for further review.

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Farm families experience disabling accidents at a rate far higher than the average Minnesotan family, according to a legislative study that drew heavily from insurance company reports. In response to dangers on the farm, the Appropriations Committee April 4 approved a bill (HF2495) that would create a program designed to pinpoint and correct farm safety problems.



One pound of marijuana has an estimated street value of \$2,000 and produces approximately 1,100 joints, says Rep. Marcus Marsh (IR-Sauk Rapids), quoting Bureau of Criminal Apprehension statistics. An amendment offered by Marsh to the omnibus drug bill (HF1843) approved April 3 would lower the threshold from 224 pounds to 22.5 pounds for the crime of possession of a controlled substance in the first degree.

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More interaction between buyers and sales personnel would be required if a bill that would restrict cigarette vending machines is signed into law. On March 30, the House accepted Senate changes to Rep. Bob McEachern's (DFL-Maple Lake) bill that would restrict locations for the machines and require them to have a device that a clerk must activate to release cigarette packs. HF2042 awaits the governor's signature.

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A person convicted of crossing a state or international border into Minnesota while in possession of a controlled substance may be sentenced to up to 35 years in prison and fined up to \$1.3 million under a major drug bill approved April 2 by the Appropriations Committee. HF1843 will go to the House floor for further consideration.

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Automobile safety awareness week will be observed the third week in March if a bill passed by the House on a 129-0 vote April 3 becomes law. Public schools would be encouraged to discuss car safety topics such as the hazards of drinking and driving, the use of seat belts, driver courtesy, and pedestrian safety. HF2016 is waiting for the governor's signature.

No more than 40 percent of political contributions to U.S. House and Senate campaigns could come from political action committees (PACs) under an amendment to a campaign fundraising bill (HF2666) the House passed March 29. The bill, which is designed to curb campaign spending, would also outlaw fund-raisers during legislative sessions.

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The Department of Finance would be required to submit a quarterly revenue forecast to the House Appropriations Committee and to the Senate Finance Committee under a measure the House approved April 2. Rep. Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) attached the amendment to the state departments bill, HF2419, saying it's important that others besides the governor have access to revenue forecasts.

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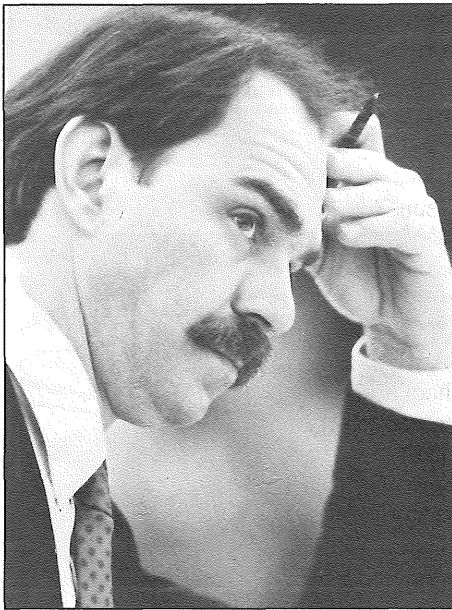
Authority to create a new state high school hockey tournament would be returned to the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) under a bill the House approved April 3. The bill, SF1727 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul), repeals a law passed last year requiring the league to operate a two-tier hockey tournament. The Senate passed the bill March 1; it now awaits the governor's signature. The MSHSL earlier agreed to work with high school hockey coaches on a new format for the state tournament.

Ogren, Johnson: A study in contrasts

House, Senate tax chairs go at it in arena 15

It hardly qualifies as the legendary Thrilla from Manilla boxing match of two decades ago, particularly when the sparring will be over the size of the state's budget reserve and tax policy details.

But political insiders are eagerly watching the matchup in the Tax Conference Committee between Sen. Doug



Rep. Paul Ogren

Johnson (DFL-Cook) and Rep. Paul Ogren (DFL-Aitkin).

The two veteran lawmakers, who began the critical face-off this week, are among the most powerful and forceful members of the Legislature. But they are a study in contrasts.

Johnson is the smiling, immovable legend who has been Senate Taxes and Tax Law Committee chair since 1979. By most accounts Johnson has come away the winner in his negotiations with five previous House Taxes Committee chairs during his 11-year tenure as the chief architect of Senate tax policy.

He's short, a bit round, and viewed as something of a soft-spoken charmer. But he carries a big stick and his foes say he isn't afraid to use it.

Ogren, on the other hand, is tall and angular, and who, by his own admission,

doesn't wince at the prospect of a rumble. He, too, carries a big stick and seems to swing it at will.

"I'm often quite confrontational," admits Ogren, who was appointed Taxes Committee chair late last year.

While the face-off in the circular arena of Room 15 lends itself to the boxing analogy, it's anything but exciting. The meetings drone on for hours and the volume of debate on tax details seem to obscure the progress.

But that hasn't stopped some from discussing the match-up.

"Doug's more of a velvet glove over the iron fist and Ogren has more of a bare-knuckles sort of style," says Wayne Cox, a lobbyist for the Minnesota Citizens for Tax Justice.

The primary dispute to be resolved this year is the size of the budget reserve. Johnson and the Senate want it to remain at \$550 million; Ogren and the House want it scaled back to \$450 million, and to use the extra \$100 million to help defray a portion of the expected \$145 million budget shortfall this biennium.

Both men appear firmly entrenched in those positions, and the adjournment date of this legislative session could hang in the balance. What will happen this year?

"Historically, the Senate bests the House as a rule," says Cox. "But they may have met their match with Paul Ogren because he's such a strong-willed, tough competitor."

Ogren concedes that Johnson's experience on tax issues (he's served on every tax conference committee since 1974 dating back to his tenure in the House) gives him a clear advantage.

But Ogren says the House position just plain makes more sense.

"Doug is very clever and he's very charming but he has a bill that is far less popular with legislators than the House bill. So he'll have to be as clever and charming as he can," says Ogren.

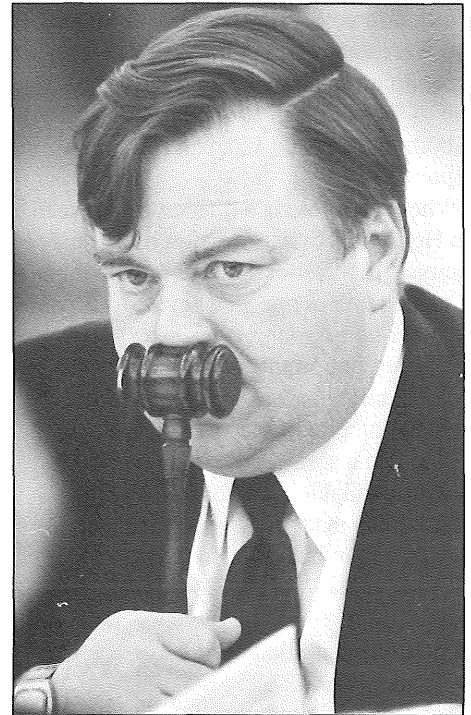
Johnson, of course, begs to differ.

He says it's only prudent to maintain the \$550 million reserve so the state won't have to inflict massive budget cuts or increase taxes if the economy takes a

turn for the worse.

And in contrast to Ogren's aggressive style of politicking, Johnson is all sweetness.

"The key is to develop a relationship with the House conferees, to develop a level of trust with them," he says, adding that some earlier House Taxes Committee chairs also had reputations as tough



Sen. Doug Johnson

negotiators.

"My style in negotiating with Paul will be low-key and amicable. We have a good working relationship."

But that doesn't mean he's about to change his mind on the budget reserve. Just how entrenched is he?

"I'm very firm to stay at \$550 million," he says.

Conference committees work out differences

Conference committees meet to work out differences between the Senate and House versions of a similar bill.

The speaker of the House and the Subcommittee on Committees in the Senate appoint members from their respective houses to the conference committees.

But as a practical matter, it's really the majority leader who appoints members from the Senate.

Either three or five members from each house are appointed to the committees, depending on the topic. And the composition of the committees usually has a mix of both DFLers and Independent-Republicans.

Whenever there is a difference between the House and Senate version of a companion bill, a conference committee must be named unless one side agrees to accept the other house's language.

Another important function of conference committees is to balance the total financial picture of the state budget.

They are a sort of clearinghouse to balance available state revenues with appropriations made in several different committees in both the House and Senate.

The leadership in the House and Senate keeps a tight rein on the various committees to ensure that more money isn't spent than is available.

The following major spending bills are now being debated in conference committees:

- Omnibus tax bill (HF2478).
- Omnibus school aids bill (HF2200).
- Omnibus Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-States bill (HF2617).
- Omnibus higher education bill (HF2269).
- Omnibus health and human services bill (HF2621).

Conference committees on the bonding and state departments appropriations bills were named late April 5.

The following bills are also being discussed in conference committees:

- Department of Administration—changes (HF257).

- Prostitution—penalties for patrons (HF1846).
- Public furniture—flammability requirements (HF1730).
- Long-term care insurance—changes (HF2474).
- Life insurance—cancellation renewal (HF2500).
- Labor disputes—security guards, agents (HF1928).
- Wildlife management—farmer agreements (HF1960).
- Seed potatoes—growing area restrictions (HF2025).
- Peace officers—jurisdictional increase (HF2056).

- Wild land arson—penalties (HF2131).
- Water statutes—recodification (HF771).
- Eurasian water milfoil regulation (HF2092).
- Wild rice—promotion council establishment (HF2253).
- Presidential primary—changes (HF2325).
- Motor vehicle registration—harassment (HF1952).
- Driver's licenses—electronic pictures (HF2294).
- Comprehensive health insurance—data (HF2343).



Sen. Doug Johnson, on left at head of table, is a veteran of several tax conference committees. He is shown here at last year's conference committee.

Resolutions run the gamut of legislative concerns

From Roosevelt to Roseau, legislators have spoken their minds — even when it has little or nothing to do with state business.

They do so in the form of resolutions: those stiff, formal expressions of lawmakers' collective thought.

In 1945, for example, lawmakers let the family of President Franklin Roosevelt know they were thinking of them when the popular president died in office. They passed a resolution of condolence.

This year, when tiny Roseau's hockey team won the state hockey tournament in Hoosier-like fashion, legislators once again spoke their collective minds:

"BE IT RESOLVED . . . the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota congratulates the Roseau High School Rams Hockey Team for winning the 1990 State High School Hockey Tournament."

Resolutions run the gamut of legislators' feelings. Iran and the Soviet Union, for example, each have been targets of recent resolutions.

Legislators used resolutions to condemn Iran for its treatment of author Salman Rushdie; they also memorialized Congress and the president to try to halt Iranian persecution of its Baha'i minority.

Resolutions targeted at the Soviet Union have protested discrimination against Jews, and asked that it provide exit visas for Soviet Jews being held as prisoners of conscience.

But there have also been a number of resolutions on the domestic front. They have been used to ask for more funding from Congress for agriculture, environment, and veterans' programs.

Resolutions have also dealt with less pressing topics. For example, a 1984 resolution proclaimed that Minnesota and Bavaria had become sister states.

Other resolutions notified the United

States Olympic Committee of the state's support for the XXVI Olympiad and for the enactment of a national health insurance program.

The Legislature also passes resolutions to ratify state and federal constitutional amendments. Last year, they adopted a resolution that called on members of the U.S. Congress to delay their pay raises until after the next election occurs.

The Minnesota resolution was an attempt to ratify a proposed U.S. constitutional amendment that was first suggested back in 1789, but has yet to be adopted.

Resolutions are also used to adjourn the Legislature or invoke changes in rules governing its operation.

Resolutions are treated much like bills. They usually have bill numbers, move through committees, and are voted on by both houses of the Legislature. Some resolutions even have the effect of law if they're signed by the governor.

House advisories

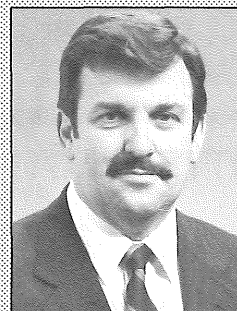
In 1973, then-Speaker Rep. Martin Olav Sabo created House "advisories," which are internal requests for studies on particular issues.

Advisories are introduced like bills and are sent to committees for study, usually during the interim.

They start with the words "a proposal to study . . ." and usually involve an issue a legislator is concerned about.

This year, 14 advisories have been introduced. Among them are proposals to study the possibility of a state-sponsored group health insurance plan, affirmative action programs for Minnesota financial institutions, and links between cancer and exposure to electromagnetic fields.

Depending on the outcome of their studies, representatives may or may not choose to introduce a bill on the topic.



Marshal nomination

Rep. Tony Bennett (IR-Shoreview) isn't letting his nomination for U.S. Marshal interfere with his legislative duties and plans for retaining his House seat.

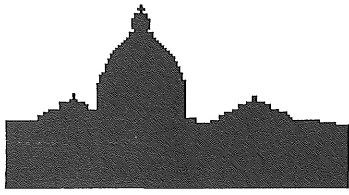
He won and accepted his party's endorsement for the November election and plans to work toward re-election to a seventh term until he is sworn in as the federal marshal for Minnesota.

"I'm proud and honored," says Bennett, a 26-year veteran of the St. Paul Police Department. "But it's not a done deal."

To complete his eligibility for the job, Bennett must undergo a background check, a confirmation hearing in the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, and receive the president's signature, provided the full U.S. Senate confirms him.

If his nomination is approved by the president, Bennett would succeed Robert Pavlak, another former House member who was in law enforcement.

A federal marshal's duties include maintaining federal courtroom security and transporting federal prisoners.



Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

APPROPRIATIONS

Monday, April 2

Drugs—penalty increases

HF1843/SF1759 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Nurse practitioners—drug dispensation

HF1845/SF1821* (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Gambling—task force recommendations

HF2005/SF2018 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Environmental education program

HF2383/SF2160 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Child protection—omnibus bill

HF2390/SF2188 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Workers' compensation—loggers

HF2616/SF2375 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Judges—staggering terms

HF2751/SF2054* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

Tuesday, April 3

Petroleum tank cleanup fund—changes

HF1816/SF1725* (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Drug distributors—licensing

HF1847/SF1758* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Higher education—midwestern compact

HF2024/SF2248 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Lake Superior authority—establishment

HF2459/SF1866* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended.

Flexible gas rates—regulation

HF2520/SF2158 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Wednesday, April 4

Drivers' licenses—permit fees

HF972/SF1162* (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass.

Judicial system—racial bias study

HF1158/SF1081* (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

Fire protection—advisory council establishment

HF1453/SF1255 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Community dispute resolution program

HF1478/SF1001* (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

Technology assistance review panel

HF1728/SF1520* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Domestic abuse—prosecution

HF1884/SF1860 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Physician assistants—drug dispensation

HF1887/SF1798 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Bone marrow donors—education

HF1889/SF1903* (Weaver, IR-Champlin)—recommended to pass as amended.

Truck safety—annual inspections

HF1898/SF2030 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Rural health care—omnibus bill

HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Dept. of Health—housekeeping bill

HF2021/SF1838* (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass.

Agricultural contracts—mediation, arbitration

HF2060/SF1779 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Farm products—redefinition, penalties

HF2061/SF2037 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Toxic pollution—prevention

HF2198/SF2173 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Commercial drivers' licenses—changes

HF2238/SF2060 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Public employees—insurance plan
HF2323/SF2246 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

DWI repeat offenders—license plates
HF2420/SF2177 (Rest, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Claims against the state—payment
HF2812/SF2619 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Home Buyers' Bill of Rights
HF556/SF188* (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

Thursday, April 5

License plates—term change
HF946/SF838* (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—recommended to pass.

Greenhouse effect—reduction
HF1617/SF1473 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Grasshopper control—program modifications
HF1808/SF1674 (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Farmer-Lender Mediation Act—extension
HF1815/SF1750 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Guardianship—conservatorship proceedings
HF1882/SF1400* (Abrams, IR-Minnetonka)—recommended to pass as amended.

Charitable gambling—changes
HF1891/SF1853 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Nursing home Medicare certification
HF1911/SF1813* (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass.

Well construction, ownership—requirements
HF1948/SF2126 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Wastewater treatment grants—requirements
HF1949/SF1925 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Metropolitan water management—regulation
HF2007/SF1894 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Veterans Home Board—surplus facilities
HF2023/SF2531 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Technical colleges—agricultural programs
HF2035/SF1718 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

PCA property—disposition
HF2353/SF2396* (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—recommended to pass as amended.

MA—case management services
HF2379/SF2073 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Minneapolis, Koochiching County—bond deposit refunds
HF2446/SF2055 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Farm safety audit—pilot project
HF2495/SF2345 (Dille, IR-Dassel)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Board of Medical Examiners—procedures
HF2582/SF2216* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

State Building Code—handicapped access
HF2769/SF2346 (Kalis, DFL-Walters)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

Friday, March 30

Drugs—penalty increases
HF1843/SF1759 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Gambling—task force recommendations
HF2005/SF2018 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Tuesday, April 3

Grasshopper control—program modifications
HF1808/SF1674 (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Truck safety—annual inspections
HF1898/SF2030 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Technical colleges—agricultural programs
HF2035/SF1718 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations

Agricultural contracts—mediation, arbitration
HF2060/SF1779 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Farm products—redefinition, penalties
HF2061/SF2037 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Commercial drivers' licenses—changes
HF2238/SF2060 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Farm safety audit—pilot project
HF2495/SF2345 (Dille, IR-Dassel)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

State Departments Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Friday, March 30

Rural health care—omnibus bill
HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Toxic pollution—prevention
HF2198/SF2173 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Monday, April 2

Workers' compensation—loggers
HF2616/SF2375 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Tuesday, April 3

Greenhouse effect—reduction
HF1616/SF1473 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Guardianship—conservatorship proceedings
HF1882/SF1400* (Abrams, IR-Minnetonka)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Well construction, ownership—requirement
HF1948/SF2126 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Waste Management Act—changes
HF2108/SF1996 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—heard; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Essential employees—arbitration awards
HF2332/SF2145 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Mpls., Koochiching County—bond deposit refunds
HF2446/SF2055 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

State Building Code—handicapped access
HF2769/SF2346 (Kalis, DFL-Walter)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

TAXES

Tuesday, April 3

Gambling—task force recommendations
HF2005/SF2018 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Public housing—low-rent, Section 8 changes
HF2117/SF1822* (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

Housing Finance Agency—loans, grants
HF2283/SF1950 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

FLOOR ACTION

CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

Thursday, March 29

Dept. of Commerce—commun. regulations
HF1985*/SF2547 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—repassed as amended by the Senate (132-0).

Service brakes—requirements
HF2124*/SF2074 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—repassed as amended by the Senate (133-0).

Potato research—promotion council changes
HF2374*/SF1889 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—repassed as amended by the Senate (133-0).

Garage door openers—regulation
HF2393*/SF2261 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate (133-0)

Friday, March 30

Tobacco vending machines—restrictions
HF2042*/SF1923 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—repassed as amended by the Senate (131-0).

Administrative procedures—restrictions
HF2462*/SF2252 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—repassed as amended by the Senate (132-0).

Wednesday, April 4

State park permits—agent sales
HF2350*/SF2408 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—repassed as amended by the Senate (124-0).

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 4

Motor vehicle registration—changes
HF1981*/SF2084 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—repassed as amended by Conference (128-0).

SPECIAL ORDERS

Thursday, March 29

Rights-of-way—map, plot filings
HF1784/SF2541* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed (132-0).

Environ. offenses—statute of limitations
HF2184/SF2355* (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—passed (133-0).

Wild rice—promotion council establishment
HF2253/SF2299* (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (132-0).

Presidential primary—changes
HF2325/SF2421* (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—passed as amended (127-3).

Data practices—omnibus bill
HF2365*/SF2200 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed as amended (133-0).
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)

Election, ethics—changes
HF2666*/SF2334 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—passed as amended (127-0).
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Monday, April 2

State Departments—omnibus bill
HF2419*/SF2306 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—passed as amended (68-56).
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Tuesday, April 3

Drugs—penalty increases
HF1843*/SF1759 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (128-2).
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Automobile safety awareness week
HF2016/SF1971* (Swenson, IR-Forest Lake)—passed as amended (129-0).

Revisor's bill—statutory corrections
HF2220/SF2072* (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed (130-0).

Set-aside program—targeted groups
HF2230*/SF2075 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (129-1).
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Home loans—securities regulation
HF2234/SF1848* (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (130-0).

Metropolitan telephone service—expansion
HF2327/SF1743* (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—passed as amended (113-13).

Minnesota Project Outreach Corp.—changes
HF2534/SF2360* (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—passed (130-0).

Hockey—two-class tournament repeal
HF1826/SF1727* (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed (118-10).

Wednesday, April 4

Food ingredients—consumer information
HF173* (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—passed (83-48).

Liability insurance—claim denials
HF1897/SF1942* (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—passed as amended (113-15).

Timber sales—multiple sale locations
HF1939/SF1879* (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—passed as amended (131-0).

Veterans—redefinition
HF2001/SF1794* (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (130-0).

Vocational-technical board—changes
HF2011/SF1927* (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—passed (129-0).

Detroit Lakes—detached banking facilities
HF2057*/SF1871 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—passed (87-41).
(SF laid over)

Crime victims' rights, reparations
HF2063/SF1873* (Seaberg, IR-Eagan)—passed as amended (130-0).

Track abandonment—standards
HF2064/SF1752* (Brown, DFL-Appleton)—passed as amended (131-0).

Blue Earth County—office appointment
HF2078/SF2119* (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)—passed (95-31).

Body armor—penalties
HF2086/SF2134* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (130-0).

Eurasian water milfoil—regulation
HF2092/SF1670* (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (131-0).

Child care funding—county payments
HF2132/SF1726* (Greenfield-DFL-Mpls)—passed (130-0).

Veterans Home Board—woman members
HF2138*/SF1989 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed (129-0).
(SF in Senate Veterans & Military Affairs Committee)

Public employees—vesting
HF2148*/SF2577 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—passed as amended (131-0).
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Street vacation—notification
HF2187/SF1980* (Leider, DFL-Crookston)—passed (128-0).

City, county assessors—appointments
HF2189/SF1897* (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—passed as amended (129-0).

Public insurance adjusters—regulations
HF2205/SF2130* (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (130-0).

Helmer Myre, Newstrand Woods state parks
HF2219/SF2079* (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—passed (130-0).

Sexual assault victims—notice of risk
HF2277/SF2046* (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (131-0).

Drought emergencies—task force
HF2299/SF2172* (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—passed (131-0).

Education task force—member changes
HF2381/SF2136* (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—passed (131-0).

Forestry—expansion, maintenance program
HF2382/SF2127* (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—passed as amended (129-0).

Child protection—omnibus bill
HF2390*/SF2188 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (131-0).

Social workers assaults—penalties increase

HF2434/SF2089* (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (130-0).

Olmsted County—treasurer, auditor comb.

HF2448/SF2373* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed (100-28).

Hazardous materials—incident response

HF2458*/SF2194 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—passed (131-0).
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Metropolitan airport search area protection

HF2614/SF2433* (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—passed (130-0).

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Thursday, March 29

Permanent University Fund—investments

SF2618* (House author: L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—passed as amended (131-0).

Friday, March 30

Ag., Trans. & Semi State—omnibus bill

SF2617* (House author: Rice, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (126-4).

Health & Human Services—omnibus bill

SF2621* (House author: Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (74-52).

KEY

HF--House File

SF--Senate File

HF#/SF#--companion bills

*--version of the bill under consideration

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BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

Thursday, March 29

Mille Lacs, Kanabec counties—town contributions

HF1893*/SF1761 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—Chapter 362.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Vocational rehabilitation—employment

HF2487/SF2353* (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—Chapter 363.
Effective: day after enactment
(March 30, 1990)

Minneapolis schools—unclassified positions

HF2508*/SF2314 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 366.
Effective: upon local approval

Port authorities—title changes

HF2149*/SF1960 (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—Chapter 367.
Effective: day after enactment
(March 30, 1990)

Low-income housing—tax credits

HF1987*/SF1850 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 368.
Effective: day after enactment
(March 30, 1990)

Redwood County—ditch abandonment

HF1792/SF1663* (Girard, IR-Lynd)—Chapter 369.
Effective: upon local approval

Utilities—competitive electric rates

HF951*/SF363 (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)—Chapter 370.
Effective: day after enactment (March 30, 1990) with qualifications

Volunteer drivers—rule exemptions

HF1859*/SF1806 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—Chapter 372.
Effective: day after enactment
(March 30, 1990).

Free newspapers—distribution sites

HF2594*/SF2391 (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—Chapter 379.
Effective: day after enactment
(March 30, 1990) with qualifications

Friday, March 30

Credit unions—closing agent exemption

HF2028/SF1922* (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—Chapter 364.
Effective: day after enactment
(March 31, 1990)

Inver Hills CC—emergency funding

HF2609*/SF2371 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—Chapter 365.
Effective: day after enactment
(March 31, 1990)

DWI—crime victims reparations

HF2143*/SF2043 (Janezich, DFL-Chisholm)—Chapter 371.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Waseca County—FarmAmerica exemption

HF2336*/SF1890 (Frederick, IR-Rochester)—Chapter 373.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Health Care Access Commission—members

HF2521*/SF2286 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—Chapter 374.
Effective date: Aug. 1, 1990

Vocational-technical colleges—title changes

HF2058* (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—Chapter 375.
Effective date: Aug. 1, 1990

County extension service—changes

HF2212*/SF2310 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—Chapter 376.
Effective date: July 1, 1990

Graduate asst.—public employee coverage

HF2062*/SF1936 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—Chapter 377.
Effective date: day after enactment
(March 31, 1990)

Mental retardation—definition

HF2045*/SF1905 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—Chapter 378.
Effective date: Aug. 1, 1990

Tuesday, April 3

Cemetery—land transfer

HF2650*/SF2455 (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—Chapter 380.

Effective: Aug. 1, 1990.

Asbestos abatement—changes

HF2407*/SF2481 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—Chapter 381.

Effective: Aug. 1, 1990.

Corporal punishment

HF2685/SF2048* (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—Chapter 382.

Effective: retroactive to Aug. 1, 1989.

Regent candidate advisory recommendations

HF2418/SF2159* (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 383.

Effective: Aug. 1, 1990.

Labor-management committees—mediation

HF 2608/SF2381* (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—Chapter 384.

Effective: day after enactment (April 4, 1990).

Well drilling vehicle—tax exemption

HF2621/SF2039* (Kalis, DFL-Walters)—Chapter 385.

Effective: day after enactment (April 4, 1990).

Upsala—boundary commission

HF2683/SF2383* (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—Chapter 386.

Effective: Aug. 1, 1990.

Animal ownership—restriction

HF2099/SF1968* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—Chapter 387.

Effective: day after enactment (April 4, 1990).

Public safety—fire code changes

HF2080/SF1692* (Brown, DFL-Appleton)—Chapter 388.

Effective: day after enactment (April 4, 1990) with qualifications.

County performance bonds

HF2156*/SF2517 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—Chapter 389.

Effective: Aug. 1, 1990.

St. Louis County—solid waste management

HF2386*/SF2270 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—Chapter 400.

Effective: day after enactment (April 4, 1990) with exceptions.

Wednesday, April 4

Students—HECB

HF1067*/SF1551 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—Chapter 393.

Effective: Aug. 1, 1990.

Legal newspaper—deadline change

HF2018*/SF1909 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—Chapter 395.

Effective: day after enactment (April 5, 1990).

Plat monuments—tampering penalties

HF1785*/SF2141 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—Chapter 396.

Effective: Aug. 1, 1990, with qualifications

Revisor's bill—changes

HF2084*/SF1986 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—Chapter 401.

Effective: Aug. 1, 1990.

Cemeteries—unlawful body removal

HF2706/SF2432* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—Chapter 402.

Effective: Aug. 1, 1990, with qualification.

Aviation Training Center—remodeling

HF2059*/SF1895 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—Chapter 410.

Effective: day after enactment (April 5, 1990).

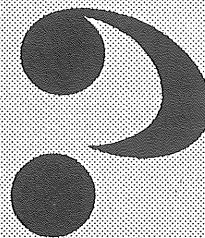
BILLS THE GOVERNOR VETOED

Tuesday, April 3

Felony—pre-sentence investigation

HF2481*/SF2237 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—Chapter 390.

Do you know



The Sheldon Valley Children's Trout Fishing contest isn't just for children anymore. The sixth annual event held in Sheldon Valley near Houston, Minn., will be adding another category to allow people who fish, and who are at least 16 years old, to test their angling expertise.

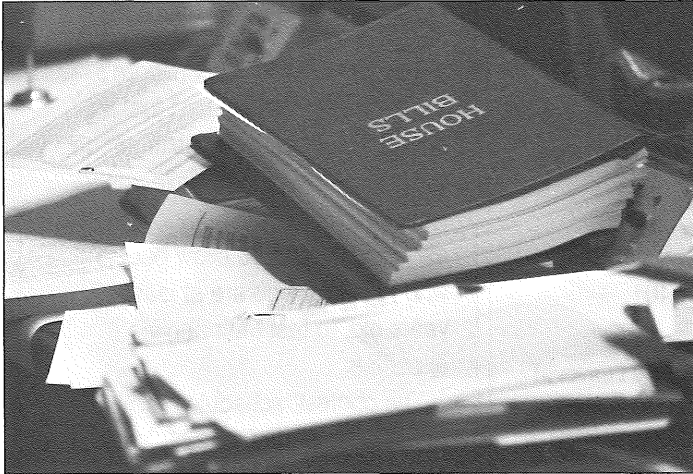
The contest, scheduled for April 14, runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration begins an hour earlier. The event, sponsored by the Sheldon Valley Sportsmen's Club, is free.

A trophy and a \$50 savings bond will be awarded to the fisherman who hooks the largest trout, as well as to the angler who produces the longest stringer. All contestants will receive a complimentary spinner lure.

The contest is part of the state's "Celebrate Minnesota" campaign this year. For more information, contact Adrian Traff at (507) 896-2262.

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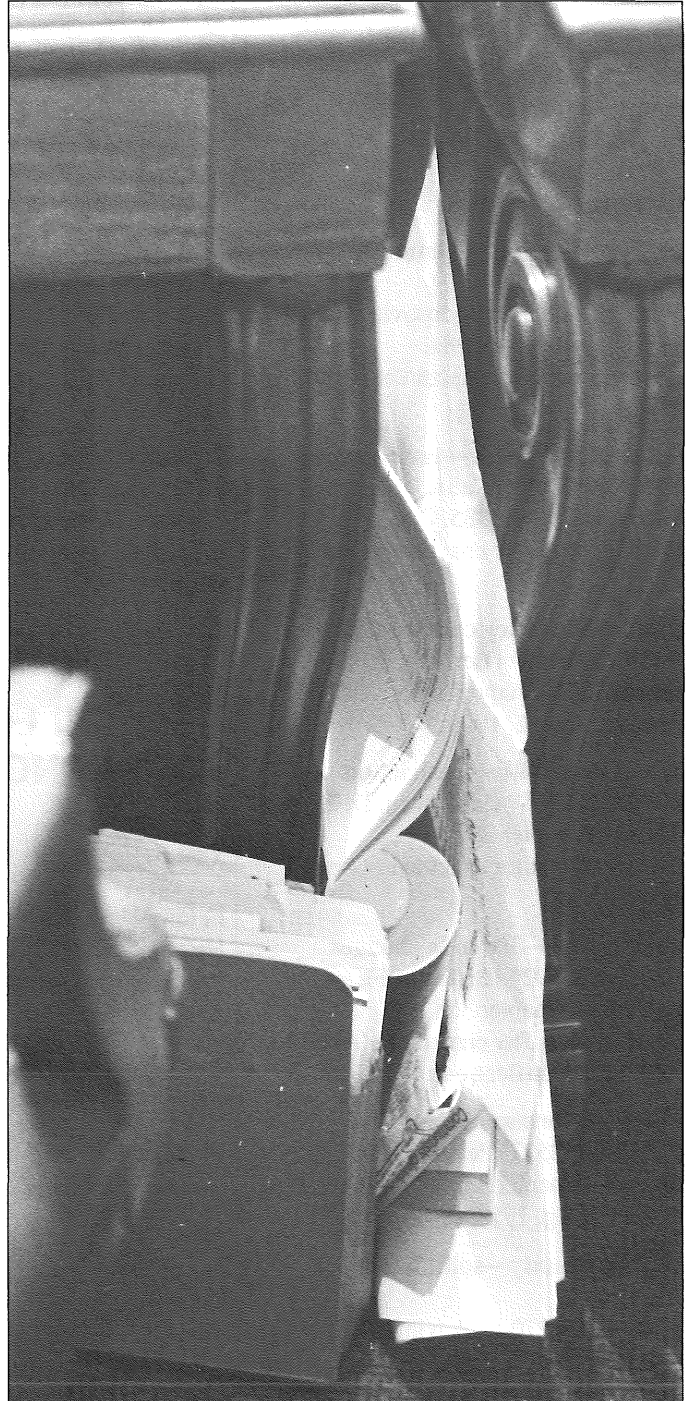
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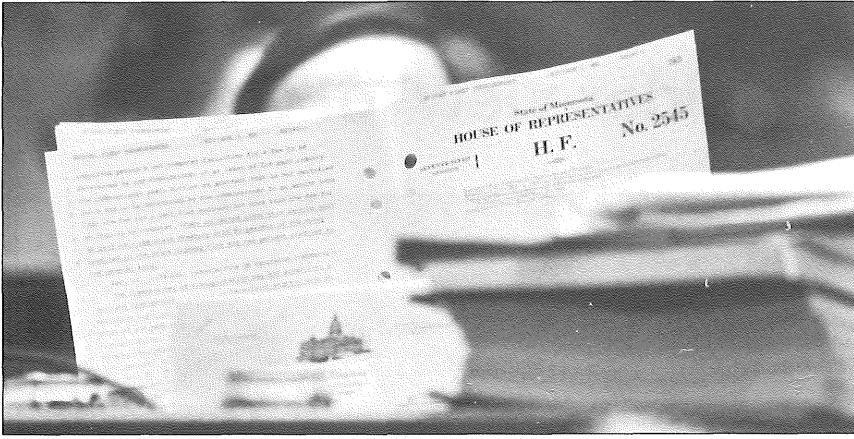
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Overflowing waste baskets are a common sight on the House floor.



Some of the 2,000 plus bills introduced each session fall between the cracks.



A member studies one of a multitude of copies of a bill.



Paper covers the table in the retiring room behind the House chamber.

Trees can rest a little easier when the Minnesota Legislature is not in session.

About three million sheets of paper flowed fast and furiously through the Capitol during the 1989 Legislative Session, says Dan Olson, the Capitol's sergeant of supply.

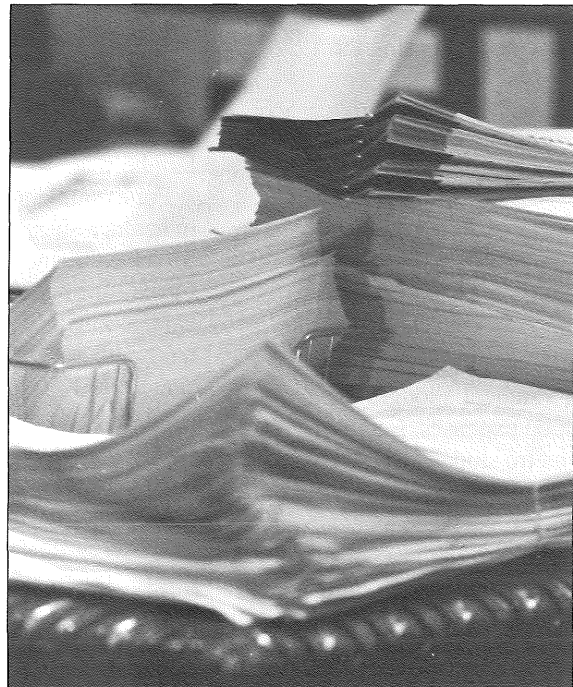
Bills, resolutions, daily journals, agendas, and other assorted pieces of paper were among those consumed during the 1989 session.

Laid end to end, that paper would have stretched from the top of Minnesota's border to the bottom and half way up again — 634 miles altogether.

Of those three million pieces of paper used last session, 80 percent were legal-sized, says Olson. The 8.5 x 14 legal-sized paper is used primarily for the 2,000 plus bills — and copies of those bills — circulated through the Capitol each session.

The state Capitol and State Office Building recycled 96 tons of paper during the 1989 Legislative Session, according to statistics from the Department of Administration's Resource Recovery Program.

Jeff Anderson, coordinator of the state recycling program, estimates that about half of the paper used at the state Capitol during session is recycled.



Stockpiles of amendments await distribution to lawmakers.

Pages, interns get 'insider view' of Capitol

This year more than 160 Minnesota high school and college students have pushed aside their government textbooks and let experience be their teacher. The High School Page and College Intern programs, both part of the Minnesota House of Representatives' Educational Programs division of the Sergeant at Arms Office, give students an opportunity to become directly involved in Minnesota's legislative process.

High School Pages

During their week stay, high school pages get a first hand look at how a bill becomes a law. They meet with their district representatives, serve on the House floor handing out bills and vote tallies, participate in seminars, and attend committee meetings. Pages also get the opportunity to meet and discuss ideas with the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and a Minnesota Supreme Court justice.

"The High School Page Program has been so successful that it is hard to accommodate all of the applicants," says LeClair Lambert, educational programs coordinator, noting that over 500 students from around the state apply each year. About 125 high school pages — 14 per week — have served during the 1990 session.

All interested Minnesota high school juniors are eligible to participate. High schools nominate the student. Ideally, one



page is chosen from each of the 134 legislative districts.

The House reimburses at least 80 percent of a student's lodging and transportation expenses. Lambert says that most metro students stay at home during their week as a page. House staff members supervise the students from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. After that, they're on their own. Many students will use their free time to tour the Capitol and visit with other pages from around the state. The High School Page Program is 15 years old.



High school page Pelina Wilson of St. Paul straightens out a member's desk before session.

College Interns

College interns perform a variety of tasks for lawmakers, ranging from conducting research, constituent work, and surveys to monitoring committee meetings and summarizing reports or bills.

Interns, usually juniors or seniors, are paired with representatives based on "what they want to accomplish, and what the needs are of a House member," says Lambert.

For example, if the student is interested in health issues, they would likely intern for a Health and Human Services Committee member. Interns, who are not paid, are mainly political science majors, but Lambert says this is not a prerequisite.

"As long as they have an interest in state government, we try to accommodate them," he says.

Most interns apply for college credit. The interns are given weekly briefings that feature a guest speaker or discussion leader who focuses on different aspects of the legislative process, or current issues facing lawmakers.

Lambert says the interns number about 35 this session. Most come for a quarter;

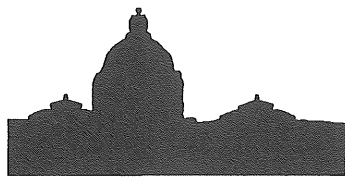
others stay for a month or a semester. The majority are students at the University of Minnesota, but many are from outstate schools. Some interns are Minnesota residents but are attending schools in Wisconsin.

Tom Keliher, an economics major at the University of Minnesota, is an intern for Rochester Rep. David Bishop. Keliher says he has "learned the legislative process from the top down."

"Later in my life I would like to become an elected official. Right now, I want to learn about the process and this is the perfect way to go about it," he says. "You couldn't pay for an education like this."

Prior to the internship, the student and member-supervisor must complete a "basic working agreement" which outlines mutual responsibilities and individual goals in the internship. A report or research paper is usually required by the student's college at the end of the internship.

Lambert says his job is mainly to provide advice and help with any problems that may arise during the internship.



In the Hopper . . .

March 30 - April 5, 1990

Bill Introductions

HF2816-HF2826

Friday, March 30

HF2816—Kalis (DFL)

Transportation

Motor carriers; providing rules exemptions for certain private and agricultural carriers.

HF2817—Bishop (IR)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Legislative enactments; providing for the correction of miscellaneous oversights, inconsistencies, ambiguities, unintended results, and technical errors of a noncontroversial nature.

HF2818—Kinkel (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Waters; prohibiting certain ice blocks upon the surface of frozen waters.

HF2819—Segal (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Health; abortions; preventing abortions for birth control purposes.

HF2820—Trimble (DFL)

Education

Education; providing for aid for courses with independent study when pupils complete the specified hours; making adult high school graduation aid conform to aid for other secondary pupils.

Monday, April 2

HF2821—Orenstein (DFL)

Judiciary

Civil actions; adopting the discovery rule for medical malpractice statutes of limitation.

HF2822—Poppenhagen (IR)

Taxes

Taxation; repealing the lawful gambling combined receipts tax; providing for refunds; appropriating money.

Tuesday, April 3

HF2823—Runbeck (IR)

Taxes

Taxation; property; providing for valuation of manufactured home parks; classifying manufactured home parks; limiting valuation increases for manufactured home parks; requiring a notice to park residents.

Thursday, April 5

HF2824—Dempsey (IR)

Education

Education; establishing a program providing general education revenue for lower-income pupils who attend nonpublic schools participating in the program; establishing certain requirements and restrictions.

HF2825—Milbert (DFL)

Taxes

Taxation; repealing the lawful gambling combined receipts tax; providing for refunds; appropriating money.

HF2826—C. Nelson (DFL)

Economic Development

Resolution; memorializing the president and Congress of the United States to prevent the severe cutbacks in local programming on KCCO/KCCW-TV in Alexandria and Walker.

House Advisories

Monday, April 2

HA48—Carruthers (DFL)

Governmental Operations

A proposal to study the feasibility of permitting the transfer of accumulated sick leave from metropolitan agencies to state employment.

Tuesday, April 3

HA49—Gutknecht (IR)

Health & Human Services

A proposal to require the House Health and Human Services Committee to study "Rule 53."

Thursday, April 5

HA50—Dawkins (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

A proposal to study proposed legislation regarding registration, regulation and use of off-road recreational vehicles.

HA51—Otis (DFL)

Governmental Operations

A proposal to study location of state offices outside the metropolitan area.

First Readings/Senate Bills

Friday, March 30

SF1104—Pogemiller (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1101—Greenfield (DFL)

Probate; adopting the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (1987); correcting cross-references.

SF1790—Solon (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1997—Jaros (DFL)

Health; establishing a legislative task force to study the regulation of health insurance premium rates and health care costs.

SF2195—Morse (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2311—Greenfield (DFL)

Waste; prohibiting certain types of low-level radioactive waste from being disposed of at other than licensed facilities; providing for a task force on radioactive waste deregulation.

SF2236—Dahl (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2695—Kahn (DFL)

Environment; defining facility and employer for purposes of infectious and pathological waste regulations; clarifying persons subject to infectious and pathological waste requirements.

Tuesday, April 3

SF1520—Lantry (DFL)

Appropriations

Human services; creating a technology assistance review panel.

SF1799—Waldorf (DFL)

Appropriations

Higher education; authorizing an appropriation for a parking deck at Moorhead State University to be used to acquire land and construct parking spaces.

SF1854—R. W. Peterson (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1890—Pugh (DFL)

Government data practices; establishing procedures for computerized comparisons of data; requiring matching agreements; providing for contesting of data; requiring reviews and reports; imposing penalties.

SF1891—R. W. Peterson (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2223—Pugh (DFL)

Trusts; changing certain trust requirements.

SF1994—Merriam (DFL)

Appropriations

Revenue bonds and notes; stating the intent of the Legislature not to appropriate money from the general fund to pay for revenue bonds or notes.

SF2282—Frank (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2426—Rice (DFL)

Contracts; providing for enforcement of certain contracts.

SF2382—Dicklich (DFL)

Appropriations

Energy conservation; appropriating oil overcharge money for energy conservation projects that directly serve low-income Minnesotans.

SF2396—Morse (DFL)

Appropriations

Environment; regulating the disposition of property acquired for response action; appropriating money.

SF2489—Lessard (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2656—Rukavina (DFL)

State lands; authorizing the sale of certain tax-forfeited land in Koochiching and Lincoln counties; authorizing the private sale of certain state lands in Scott, Hubbard, and Fillmore counties; appropriating proceeds of the Scott County conveyance; authorizing the sale of certain surplus land in Lake County; authorizing the sale of certain trust fund land in St. Louis County; authorizing the sale of surplus land in Grant County for recreational purposes; authorizing the sale of certain wildlife land in Washington County to Independent School District No. 834.

Wednesday, April 4

SF1847—Reichgott (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2038—Orenstein (DFL)

Human rights; amending the definition of age; clarifying medical information obtainable from prospective employees; clarifying protection for pregnant employees; prohibiting threats against home owners and renters; prohibiting discriminatory business practices; clarifying the meaning of business necessity and continuing violations; renumbering definitions.

SF1903—Merriam (DFL)

Appropriations

Health; providing programs and incentives for persons to volunteer as bone marrow donors; requiring the commissioner of health to educate residents about the need for volunteer bone marrow donors; requiring paid leave for employees to donate bone marrow; requiring a bone marrow donor drive to encourage state employees to volunteer as bone marrow donors; appropriating money.

SF2347—Solon (DFL)

Appropriations

Environmental protection; approving state membership in the Great Lakes Protection Fund.

SF2430—Solon (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2770—Osthoff (DFL)

Financial institutions; establishing a system for the evaluation and rating of community reinvestment by depository financial institutions owned by interstate holding companies; providing uniformity with federal financial institutions regulatory practices; regulating public disclosure of uniform rating; requiring notice to the commissioner of proposed acquisitions of control; regulating Minnesota transmission facilities; allowing equal access by other transmission facilities; permitting interstate banking with an additional reciprocating state.

Thursday, April 5

SF1807—Freeman (DFL)

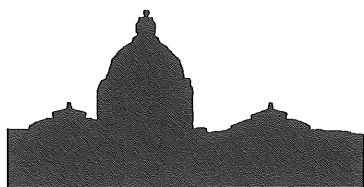
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1877—Schreiber (IR)

Local government; permitting the issuance of obligations by the Hennepin County Board for a public safety building; permitting Rosemount to incur debt for an armory; requiring a planning process and public hearing.

SF2018—Lantry (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2005—Quinn (DFL)

Lawful gambling; defining lawful purposes for expenditures of gambling profits; establishing licensing qualifications for organizations and manufacturers; requiring organizations to report monthly on expenditures and contributions of gambling profits; authorizing the gambling control board to require recipients of contributions of gambling profits to register with the board; authorizing summary suspension of gambling licenses for failure to file tax returns; authorizing a limited number of video pull-tab devices and establishing standards and requirements for them; requiring inspection and testing of gambling equipment; requiring permits for gambling premises; requiring gambling managers to be licensed; requiring that employees of organizations conducting lawful gambling be registered with the board; requiring local gambling taxes and



Coming Up Next Week . . .

April 9 - 13, 1990

Committee Schedule

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Monday, April 9

Before Session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol

Chr. Dee Long

Agenda: Special Orders

1:00 p.m.

The house will meet in session.

TUESDAY, April 10

Community Stabilization & Development Subcommittee/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

Agenda: Housing and job impact
information relating to current Light
Rail Transit proposals: both
loss/displacement and opportunities for
communities.

Before session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol

Chr. Dee Long

Agenda: Special Orders

12:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session

WEDNESDAY, April 11

Before Session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol

Chr. Dee Long

Agenda: Special Orders

12:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

THURSDAY, April 12

Before Session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol

Chr. Dee Long

Agenda: Special Orders

12:30 p.m.

The House will meet in Session.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

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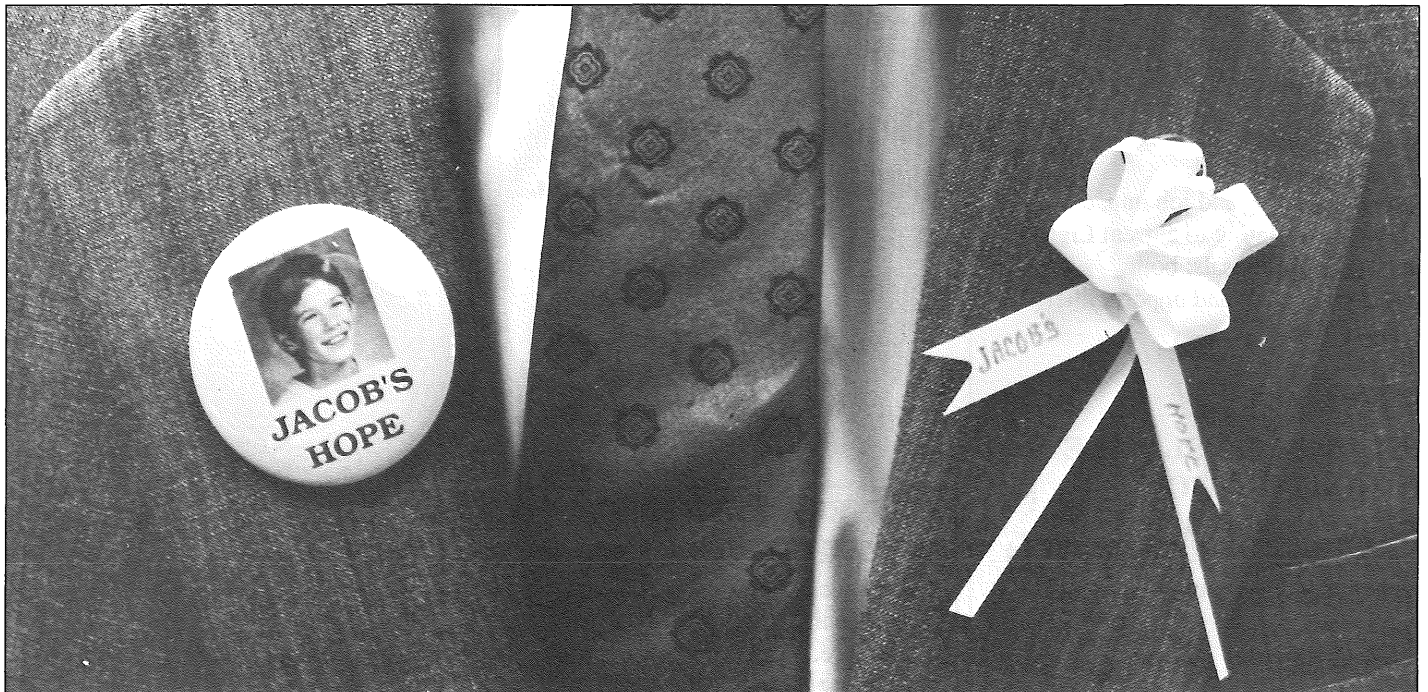


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The Last Frame



Rep. Jeff Bertram wore a "Jacob's Hope" button and ribbon to show his continued support for Jacob Wetterling and his family April 4. Legislators were asked to wear the buttons and ribbons for the remainder of session.

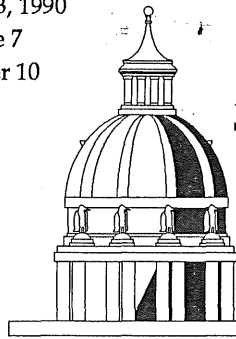
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It's a fact!

When the gavel came down in the Minnesota House of Representatives on Jan. 3, 1979, to begin a new legislative session, the bang that sounded went down in history.

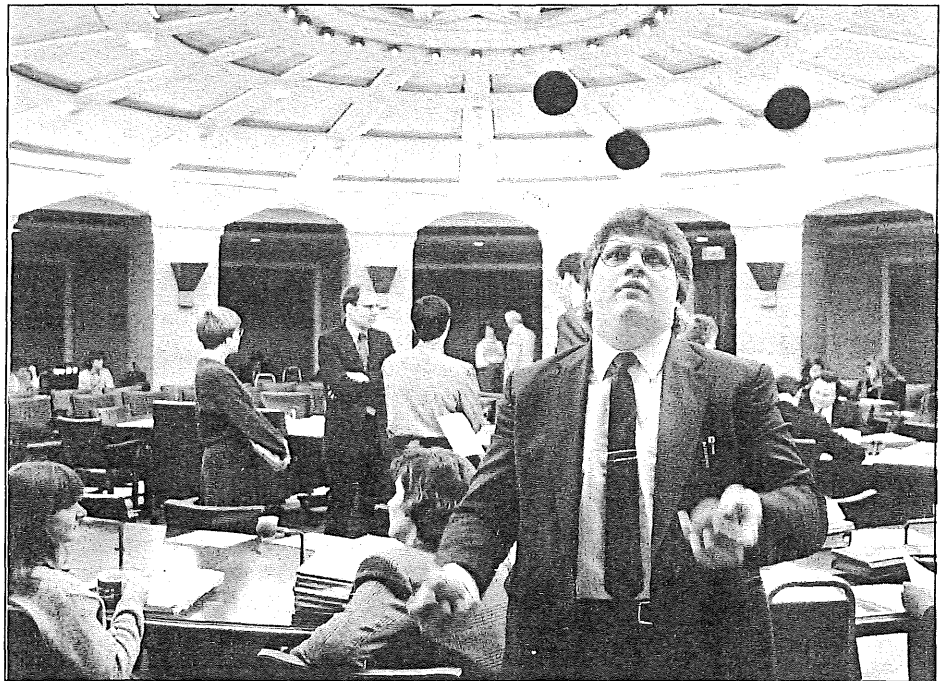
It was the first time in the state's history that Independent-Republicans (IRs) and Democratic Farmer-Laborites (DFLers) had an equal number of legislators — 67 — in their respective caucuses.

The split made the two parties equal partners in sharing the power in the House.

Prior to the 1978 election, DFLers held a 99-35 majority in the House. But the IRs took 32 DFL House seats in that election.

After several negotiations, both parties agreed to split chairships and elected Rep. Rod Searle (IR-Waseca) as speaker of the House.

DFLers currently hold an 79-54 majority in the House. One seat is vacant.



House page Ken Larson took time out to juggle during a recent House-Senate tax conference committee meeting. The committee remains at odds over tax and spending issues.

Highlights

Metro composting sites

Metropolitan counties could establish composting sites where licensed solid waste collectors can bring yard waste at no charge if the Minnesota Toxic Prevention Act approved by the House April 11 becomes law.

Rep. Brad Stanius (IR-White Bear Lake) says he believes people ought to separate yard waste from the waste stream, but it's become too expensive for metro residents. He added an amendment to the act calling for the compost sites.

People have to pay anywhere from 90 cents to \$3 a bag for grass and clippings to be taken away, says Stanius. Counties should establish at least one composting site within their boundaries with the extra money allocated to counties under the

1989 SCORE bill.

Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth) opposed the amendment on the grounds it should have been brought to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee for discussion.

Rep. Loren Jennings (DFL-Harris) supported the amendment. He says that people are now hiding their yard waste in garbage cans so they don't have to pay an extra fee to have it picked up separately. He says the amendment would give people an incentive to separate their yard waste from the waste stream.

Rep. Dennis Ozment (IR-Rosemount) opposed the amendment because he didn't want SCORE money to be used to pay for grass clippings and leaves. "Grass clippings can stay on the ground if people can not take them away," he says.



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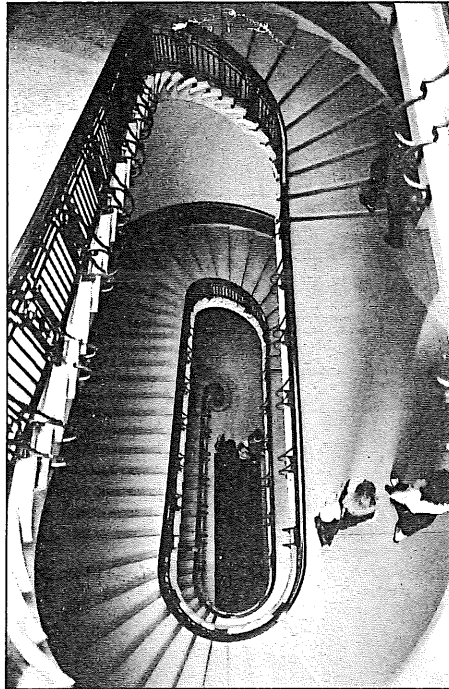
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Up, down, and around the Capitol staircase.

Parking regulations

If you park illegally in a taxicab zone, you'd better not dally if you expect your car to be there when you return.

A bill that would give towing companies the authority to tow such illegally parked vehicles without waiting was approved by a House-Senate conference committee April 11.

The taxicab zones were added to the list of parking areas that are exempt from the four-hour waiting period that must be observed in most cases before a vehicle is towed.

Currently, a towing company can tow vehicles at any time if they are parked in such locations as snow emergency routes, rush-hour restricted parking areas, and handicap zones.

But the companies must wait four hours before towing illegally parked vehicles in many other parking situations.

The measure also would set requirements for yielding at traffic intersections. It states that when two vehicles reach an intersection controlled by stop signs or blinking red traffic lights at the same time, the vehicle on the right has the right-of-way.

The measure will next be considered by the full House.

Workers' compensation court

When a bill that would have reformed the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals stalled in the House earlier this session, both business and labor may have considered the issue dead.

But another bill, re-passed April 12 by the House on a 102-23 vote, would implement many of the provisions in the earlier bill.

The bill was amended by a conference committee to include requirements for candidates being appointed to the existing Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals.

It requires candidates to have experience with, and knowledge of, Minnesota's workers' compensation laws. In addition, candidates must have been licensed to practice law for at least five years.

The court has been sharply criticized in recent years, and there have been attempts to make it a branch of the judiciary instead of part of the executive branch of government.

HF257 now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

Pay equity

Equal pay for equal work is the idea behind pay equity. A bill passed by the House April 9 would attempt to clear up any confusion among local governments about what exactly pay equity is, and would penalize cities, counties, and school districts who don't abide by it.

The measure, which passed on a 128-1 vote, is aimed at ensuring that pay for female-dominated job classifications isn't consistently below the rates paid for male-dominated job classifications.

Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley), the bill's sponsor, says the purpose of his bill is to eliminate sex-based wage discrimination in public employment.

Under the bill, local units of government would have to file implementation reports that would be looked at by the Department of Employee Relations and the Legislature.

If wage disparities were found in a city,

county, or school district, they would lose 5 percent of their state financial aid, or would be fined \$100 a day until they achieved pay equity, whichever amount was greater.

An amendment offered by Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) would have allowed local governments the option of having their tax levy limit increased by the state to pay for pay equity, but it was defeated. Sviggum says some local governments are having a hard time coming up with the money to implement the comparable worth plan.

"We all know local governments are going to be taking a hit this session [with budget cuts]," says Sviggum. "I don't think it's very appropriate then to come forward and impose more stringent costs in this bill and not give them the flexibility to pay for it."

HF1198 now goes to a Senate-House conference committee to iron out differences between the House and Senate versions of the pay equity bills.

Cover those dumptrucks

A bill aimed at protecting windshields — and the motorists behind them — from being struck by stray objects from trucks was approved by the House April 9 on a 128-0 vote.

Under the measure sponsored by Rep. Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn), bottom dumptrucks carrying rocks, gravel, or similar materials would be required to cover their loads if their cargo is within two feet of the top of the compartment, or if material rises to within six inches of the top of the sides. Failure to do so would be a misdemeanor.

However, Rep. Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) told lawmakers that under Olson's bill, law enforcement officers would have "to get out their tape measures" in order to enforce the restrictions.

He offered an amendment to the bill that would have required all bottom dumptrucks to be covered. The proposal was defeated.

But Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) told lawmakers that Schreiber's was a "life saving amendment" for passengers.

"The [trucking] industry has to take into account what lives are worth—not just their drivers, but all the people

driving on Minnesota roadways," says Osthoff.

Trucks carrying farm produce would also be required to cover their loads unless they are hauling small grains, shelled corn, or other produce not likely to cause injury to drivers or harm windshields if spilled. Failure to do so would be a petty misdemeanor.

In addition, a dumptruck would be required to have mudflaps that extend the width of the truck to help trap any bouncing debris.

HF2373 awaits conference committee action.

Workers' comp and rabies

Preventive rabies treatment would be covered under workers' compensation insurance if a bill passed by the House on a 128-0 vote April 12 becomes law.

The bill was amended in a conference committee to include exposure to rabies as an injury, and to require employers to furnish preventive treatment to employees who are exposed to rabies.

HF796 must be approved by the Senate before going to the governor for his signature.

Garage door openers

Automatic garage door openers — which have critically or fatally crushed small children — soon will fall under the state's regulatory eye.

Beginning Jan. 1 of next year, all garage door opening systems must meet Underwriters Laboratory (UL) minimum safety standards under a bill signed into law April 9 by the governor.

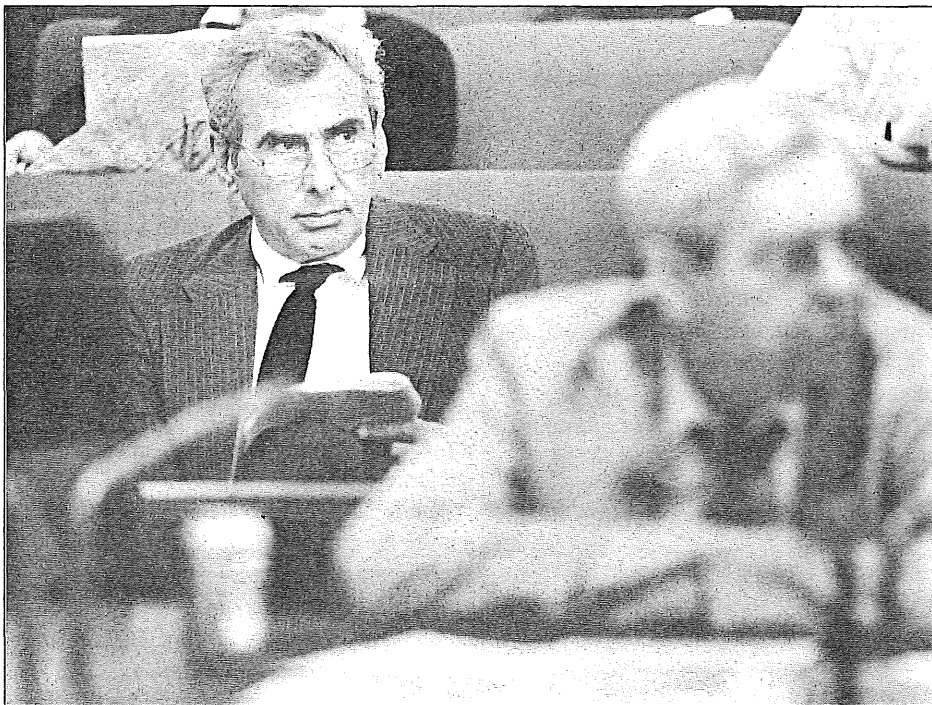
And by 1993, the systems must be equipped with a mechanism that won't allow the door to close if it can't reverse itself upon striking an object other than the garage floor.

The UL safety test specifies that a garage door must automatically reverse itself upon striking a two-inch block of wood placed on the garage floor.

The law, HF2393 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul), allows communities to adopt stricter ordinances, which may be enforced through a truth-in-housing inspection.



A bill sponsored by Rep. Steve Trimble, *far right*, would make it a crime for hunters to shoot game decoys. DNR officials brought this decoy to the House chamber April 11.



Gaming commissioner Tony Bouza kept a watchful eye on the lawful gaming conference committee April 10.

Gaming czar

"Gaming czar" Tony Bouza will keep his job as the state's top gambling official after House conferees agreed April 11 to remove a provision in their gambling regulation bill to dissolve his office. The proposal, adopted by the House as a cost-cutting move, wasn't included in the Senate bill. The conference committee will continue to meet to agree on other differences contained in the House and Senate bills.

Contract cool-off

The hard-sell tactics some travel groups use to sign up clients have been softened a bit under provisions of a new law.

Consumers who sign membership travel contracts — which tout discounts on travel and lodging rates — now have some time to re-think their decisions.

The new law signed by the governor April 6, HF1841 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul), gives consumers a 10-day cooling off period before the contract's provisions become enforceable.

During testimony in the Commerce Committee earlier this session, Kelly said several people had signed up for the long-

term membership travel contracts only to find later that they couldn't easily change their minds if they decided to cancel the agreements.

The measure will become effective Aug. 1.

Consumer information

Prospective students who are considering a Minnesota technical college would receive a consumer information fact sheet before they enroll if the governor signs a student/consumer bill into law.

The information fact sheet would include the salary levels and job availability of the careers which the student intends to pursue, as well as job placement statistics and the credentials of the technical college's instructors.

The consumer information disclosure bill has been approved by both the House and Senate and awaits the governor's signature.

Rep. Len Price (DFL-Woodbury) sponsored the measure in the House.

Lobbying regulations

People who lobby the Legislature would face more regulations and oversight by the Ethical Practices Board under election and ethics proposals now being considered in conference committee.

Lobbyists hired by local governments and public higher education systems, and certain local officials who lobby the Legislature, would have to register with the board as lobbyists if the committee adopts language approved by the Senate.

The conference committee continued to work out differences between the House and Senate versions of election reform bills on April 12.

Local officials, both those who are elected and government employees who have finance-related jobs, would have to register with the board if they lobby for more than 50 hours per month.

The Senate bill would also define more agencies as local governments, thus requiring more people to report their lobbying activities. The Metropolitan Council and other metropolitan agencies such as metropolitan transit and airport commissions, regional transit boards, the Minnesota State High School League, and public corporations such as the Greater Minnesota Corporation, would all be subject to lobbying reporting requirements.

The bill also provides for state and federal campaign finance reforms.

Mercury reduction

A bill that drastically lowers the mercury content in a variety of batteries sold in Minnesota was signed into law April 5.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls), aims to reduce the amount of toxic metals in the waste stream — particularly from the burning of batteries in incinerators.

Supporters of the bill say it will reduce the amount of mercury in common alkaline batteries to about 5 percent of present levels.

Although common alkaline batteries contain only small amounts of mercury, Wagenius says that because so many

batteries are used, the mercury adds up to several tons during the course of a year.

The bill also requires manufacturers of large specialty batteries — such as those used in television cameras, heart pace-makers, and portable television sets — to develop a collection and processing system for those waste batteries at the manufacturers' expense.

Another provision in the law bans consumer products with rechargeable batteries unless they have an easily removable battery pack and have instructions for recycling.

The provision banning batteries containing mercury, silver oxide, and nickel cadmium from landfills and incinerators becomes effective Aug. 1 of this year.

The section that restricts the content of mercury in batteries doesn't go into effect until Jan. 1, 1991.

Violating these two sections of the law is a misdemeanor. A manufacturer who violates either of these provisions is subject to a minimum fine of \$100 per violation.

The provision that requires rechargeable tools and appliances to have a removable battery pack goes into effect July 1, 1993. The products must also contain a label explaining that the batteries must be recycled. No penalty was specified under this section.

Animal abuse

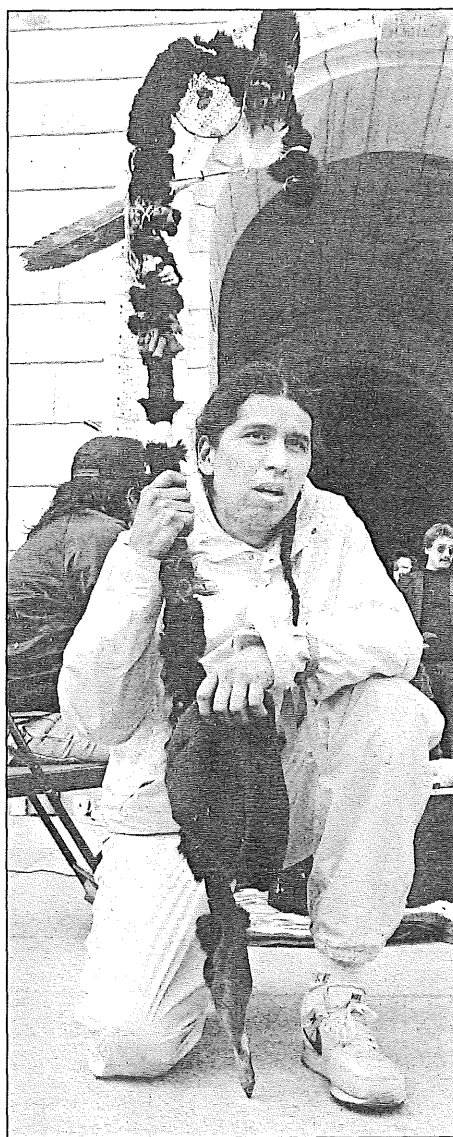
A bill that would allow for animals to be taken away from people previously convicted of animal abuse was signed into law April 3 by the governor.

Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley), sponsor of the proposal, says he was prompted to push for the new law after a man from his legislative district was charged with severely beating Kona, the dog. The incident attracted statewide attention.

The new law allows judges to take pets away from owners and to place restrictions on future pet ownership when people stand convicted of animal abuse. A judge will decide when such a person could again have a pet, and will establish the conditions under which the person

can get one.

Conditions could include requiring periodic visits to the person's home, community service in an animal humane facility, and receiving behavioral counseling.



Richard SkyHawk knelt at the top of the state Capitol steps April 10 after taking part in a run to support Ojibway treaty rights in Wisconsin. The Peace Run 1990, which is being held to support Indian spearfishing rights, began in Pipestone.

'Breadbox' check-off

Taxpayers would be able to donate money to food shelves from their state income tax forms under an amendment to the House omnibus tax bill being considered by the Legislature.

The proposal, offered by Rep. Peter McLaughlin (DFL-Mpls), was recently adopted by the Minnesota House, but faces an uncertain future in the House-Senate tax conference committee.

"It would provide for a stream of income to the food shelves that we have all over this state that need help, that need food, so that our people can survive and get this very basic of commodities," McLaughlin said when the Taxes Committee adopted his proposal.

McLaughlin says he got the idea after a visit to the Sabathani Community Center, a Minneapolis food shelf. He says the food shelf was having trouble maintaining its food supplies for a variety of reasons.

In addition to a 15 percent increase in food costs, both donations and demand for food vary greatly during the year. A steady source of income would smooth out the peaks and valleys, he says.

McLaughlin adds that food shelves deserve the so-called "breadbox check-off" because, unlike other programs for homelessness and drug abuse, they receive no state money. He said this would make it easier for people to donate their own money to food shelves. It's estimated that 60 percent of the money raised would go toward feeding children.

Rep. Paul Anders Ogren (DFL-Aitkin), chair of the Taxes Committee, however, says he doesn't support the check-off.

"I think it's bad policy to have check-offs on public programs," Ogren says. He says food shelf programs — like programs for homelessness and drugs — should be supported through traditional government funding formulas or through private giving.

In addition, he says it's counterproductive and could lead to check-offs for an endless number of worthy causes. And an example from at least one other state has shown that interest in the check-offs has dropped dramatically as more were added to the tax forms.

The proposed food shelf check-off would raise about \$250,000 per year

according to the Department of Revenue. The non-game wildlife, or "chickadee check-off," is expected to raise about \$800,000 per year.

The Senate didn't include the check-off in its tax bill. This and other differences between the House and Senate tax bills are currently being discussed in the tax conference committee, where differences between the House and Senate versions of a bill are worked out.

Minimum wage increase

On April 9, the governor signed into law a bill approved by the Legislature that would raise the state's minimum wage to \$4.25 per hour beginning next year.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul), will increase the minimum wage 30 cents in 1991. The law continues the yearly increases in the state's minimum wage that have been in effect since 1988.

The bill requires "large employers" (those with over \$362,500 in adjusted

annual gross sales) to begin paying \$4.25 per hour to every employee in 1991. The current state minimum wage for adults is \$3.95.

"Small employers" (those with under \$362,000 in adjusted annual gross sales) will be required to pay \$4 per hour.

The law would specifically prohibit large employers from paying training or student wages called for under the federal minimum wage law. The federal minimum wage is \$3.80 per hour, and the training wage is \$3.35 per hour. They will increase to \$4.25 per hour and \$3.61 per hour April 1, 1991.

In addition, employers will no longer be allowed to factor in tips to pay the minimum wage. The practice allowed restaurants to pay below the minimum wage on the grounds that tips more than made up the difference.

Kelly says he sees the bill as an attempt to ensure workers are paid enough to live on. He says the state has to pay for assistance programs that many minimum wage earners rely on because their wages are so low.

He says shifting that cost back to the private sector will decrease the need for state assistance programs.

Ethnic American Day

Minnesotans will have an opportunity to celebrate their heritage next June now that the state has an Ethnic American Day. A bill designating Ethnic American Day as the first Sunday in June was signed into law April 6 by the governor.

Rep. Sandy Pappas (DFL-St. Paul), sponsor of HF1919, says Ethnic American Day is a way to recognize and gain an appreciation for the diverse ethnic backgrounds of Minnesotans.

While the day was designed to specifically recognize the contributions of Native Americans to Minnesota, it will also recognize people from around the world whose diverse cultures, traditions, and values have had an impact on society, she says.

The new law also encourages public schools to offer programs that foster and preserve ethnic cultures, traditions, and values.

The law became effective April 7, making the state's first official Ethnic American Day less than two months away.

Bullet-proof vests

People who wear bullet-proof vests when committing crimes could be sentenced to five years in prison and fined up to \$10,000 under a bill awaiting the governor's signature.

Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul) says he sponsored the bill in an effort to clamp down further on drug dealers, although the measure would apply to other crimes as well.

The bill would also require that the vest be given to an appropriate law enforcement agency if the person using the vest is convicted of the crime.

A separate provision of the bill would make it a felony to: sell or possess any device designed to silence or muffle the discharge of a firearm; furnish a minor with a firearm, airgun, ammunition, or explosive without the written consent of the minor's parents; or intentionally discharge a firearm under circumstances that endanger the safety of another.

SF2134 passed the House on a 131-0 vote.



Rep. Phyllis Kahn sported a re-elect Sen. Carl Kroening campaign button during a meeting of the state departments conference committee. Kahn and Kroening are co-chairs of the conference committee.

Light butter

We have "light" beer, "light" bread, and even "light" cheesecake. So why not "light" butter and cheese? Or for that matter, "light" ice cream?

A measure, expected to be signed by the governor, would allow the sale of, and set standards for, certain dairy products in Minnesota with a lower butterfat content including "light" butter, "light" cheese, non-fat ice cream, and reduced-calorie yogurt.

Minnesota would be the first state in the country to set these fat content standards for dairy products. However, Wisconsin now allows light cheese.

Under HF2305 (Krueger, DFL-Staples), light butter and reduced-fat ice cream would have to be manufactured and sold in Minnesota.

Rep. Rick Krueger's original bill dealt only with light butter. He told lawmakers that the measure would allow the sale of butter with a 52 percent butterfat content. Currently, no butter can be sold in Minnesota that has less than 80 percent butterfat. Light butter has one-third less cholesterol, fat, and calories than regular butter.

Krueger says demand for light products has steadily increased in today's diet-conscious society.

Seniors' insurance

A bill that makes it easier for senior citizens to compare supplemental insurance policies was signed into law April 6 by the governor.

Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls), the sponsor of the bill, says the measure makes it clear that insurance companies can only offer two standardized supplemental insurance policies with four different supplement options.

Confusion among seniors over having to choose from so many insurance policies prompted the bill, he says.

The two different policies are called the extended basic Medicare supplement plan and the basic Medicare supplement plan. The policies help seniors pay for a variety of expenses not covered by Medicare.

Another provision in the bill gives the Department of Commerce the authority to

compare insurance policies, and to penalize those insurance companies that do not comply with the law. The Department of Commerce is also authorized to make its findings available to the public.

The bill became effective April 7.

Auto safety awareness

The effects of alcohol on driving, and the relationship between seat belts and safety, would take on added importance during the third week of March if the governor signs into law a bill proposing an "automobile safety awareness week."

The bill designates the third week of March as automobile safety awareness week, and encourages public schools to devote some time to teach students about the importance of seat belts, the hazards of drinking and driving, courtesy to pedestrians, and other measures that can make travel by car safer.

The bill directs the departments of Education and Public Safety to help public schools, groups, and associations in the week-long observance by offering assistance when requested. The bill also directs the governor to issue a proclamation to focus the public's attention to the importance of auto safety.

Rep. Doug Swenson (IR- Forest Lake), sponsored the measure in the House.

Cigarette vending machines

Minors hoping to buy a pack of cigarettes from a vending machine will have a tougher time of it after Aug. 1 of this year.

The location of cigarette vending machines will be restricted under a law signed by the governor April 9. The machines must be located only in bars or other areas not open to the general public under the law.

Machines can be in off-sale liquor stores provided they are within sight of counter help. They also must be outfitted with a device that alerts the attendant when a person drops the first coin into the machine. The clerk would then push a button to activate the machine and release the cigarettes.

The measure doesn't usurp communities' ordinances regulating the sale of cigarettes from vending machines. At least nine Minnesota communities have outright bans on cigarette vending machines, and about 14 have some other restrictions.

The new law, HF2042 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake), allows communities to adopt rules on vending machine sales that are more restrictive than the state-wide regulations.

An earlier draft of the bill contained language that would have superceded the local ordinances, but that provision was eliminated after many communities objected to it.

Two-tier hockey tournament

A bill repealing a 1989 law requiring the Minnesota State High School League to conduct a two-tier hockey tournament is awaiting the governor's signature. The bill received final passage by the Legislature when it was approved April 3 by the House.

Rep. Bob Milbert (DFL-South St. Paul), author of the bill, says hockey coaches, high schools, and the league are better equipped to decide the issue than the Legislature.

The league will work with high schools and hockey coaches to create a new format for the tournament. The groups will meet and plan a new tournament format before the 1992 tournament.

Park permits

Outdoor sporting goods stores will be able to begin selling state park permits at the end of May if the governor signs a bill that has been approved by the Legislature.

Rep. Mary Jo McGuire (DFL-Falcon Heights), sponsor of the bill, says she hopes making permits more accessible will encourage people to buy them.

In addition, she hopes it will encourage people to buy park permits as gifts, which would increase revenues for state parks.

Store owners will be allowed to charge up to 4 percent extra for the permits to

cover handling costs. Store owners interested in selling permits can call Pat Arndt of the DNR's Parks and Recreation Division at (612) 296-8162.

Drought planning

A bill designed to prepare Minnesota for future droughts is awaiting the governor's signature. Under the measure, sponsored by Rep. Loren Solberg (DFL-Bovey), the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources would be required to establish a statewide plan to respond to drought emergencies. The Metropolitan Council's long-term water supply plan would have to be consistent with the statewide plan, and would be required to be completed by Feb. 1, 1992.

Cemeteries on campus

A bill that repealed an obscure law that prohibited cemeteries from being built within three-quarters of a mile of Minnesota veterans' homes and the University of Minnesota was purged from the law books April 5 with a stroke of Gov. Rudy Perpich's pen.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Pat Beard (DFL-Cottage Grove), would allow the bodies of veterans and other people to be buried near both these places. Previously, the violation would have resulted in a gross misdemeanor for the cemetery operator.

Repeal of the law was for the benefit of a veterans home in Hastings, which has had a cemetery on its grounds since 1977.

The prohibition against cemeteries near veterans' homes dates to 1911. The restriction on cemeteries near the University of Minnesota was added in 1967.

Body snatching

Cemeteries will soon be required to inform police and the next of kin whenever a body is taken from a cemetery.

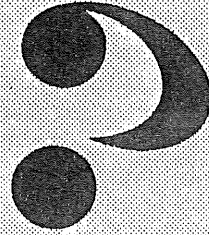
Gov. Rudy Perpich has signed into law a measure requiring the notification beginning Aug. 1.

The law is in response to a highly publicized incident where the body of a boy was taken from a Minneapolis cemetery. The boy's parents weren't notified until after his body was discovered elsewhere.

April 16, 1917

On this day, the Legislature created the Minnesota Commission on Public Safety.

Do you know



The 1990 Minnesota Forestry Fair, a "Celebrate Minnesota" activity sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), will be held during the weekend of April 19-21. The fair will be in the DNR building on the State Fairgrounds in St. Paul.

The fair will host 4,300 students from 70 schools from across the state April 19 and 20. The public is invited to attend all three days.

There will be entertainment, demonstrations, exhibits, and learning booths throughout the fair. Saturday, on the indoor stage, presentations will cover such topics as woodland management, wildlife photography, and yard tree care. On the outdoor stage, musical groups and a comical logger show will take place.

The fair will be open between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. There is no admission charge.

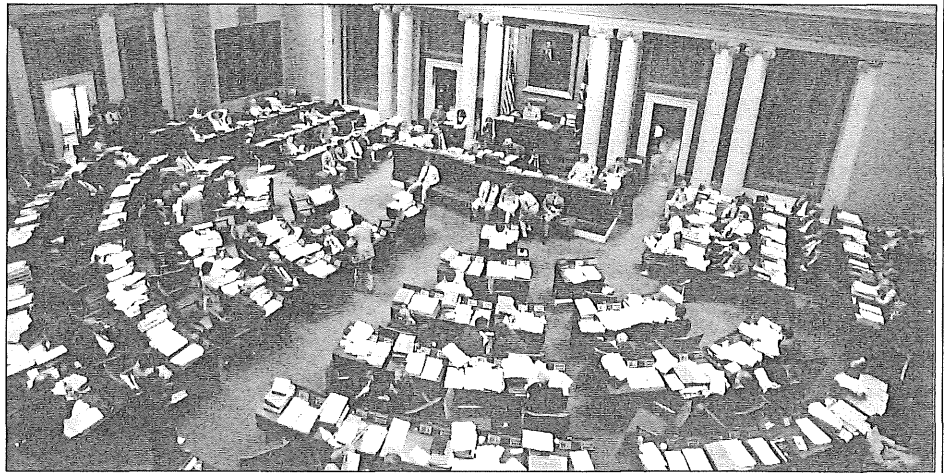
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House bids farewell to five members

As the 1990 session draws to a close, the Minnesota House of Representatives will be saying goodbye to five of its members who are pursuing political careers in different arenas. Each lawmaker leaves with fond memories of the House, but also a feeling that the time is ripe for change. Whether it's serving in the state Senate, as state DFL Party chair, or as governor, each hopes to continue a career in politics.

The political careers of three other House members who are considering different political offices, and one who is not, will be detailed in the next issue.



John Burger



Rep. John Burger, an Independent Republican from Long Lake, wants to be the next governor of Minnesota. He also wants to be the president of the United States someday, but acknowledges that "time is running out."

He's going to be 74 years old next month, and says he "needs to make a move if he's going to make a move at all."

"All my life I've wanted to run for president . . . I still would like to take a crack at that, but I'd like to get a little experience in a governorship before I try, however," says Burger.

Burger is finishing up his fourth term in the House. Now, he says it's the time to move on and allow someone else a chance at his House seat.

"I feel eight years is an adequate time for people to make whatever impact they can in the House," he says. "But I'm not yet satisfied with what I've been able to do . . . I have a number of ideas I want to continue to press and I thought finding another platform to speak from [as governor] would be the way to go."

Burger has served on a host of House committees including the Insurance, Labor-Management, Governmental Operations, Commerce, and Environment and Natural Resources committees.

Property tax reform legislation and a bill that would have provided an incentive program for state employees were

two things that Burger worked on while serving in the House. Neither piece of legislation was approved.

However, Burger says his major disappointment as a lawmaker stems from the way the House operates — not with particular legislation. Burger says there is "far too much controversy, ego satisfying, and personal bitterness about the way we do things here."

Both the DFL and IR parties are at fault for essentially nullifying the minority party.

But despite that criticism, Burger says he will miss his colleagues and the strong "people-centered" feeling in the House.

"It is very stimulating to be in a group of people who are trying to do what they think needs to be done to improve the living and business climate of the state," says Burger.

However, "the House doesn't always do a good job of implementing their intentions — largely because of a lack of good human relation principles and organizational and management practices," he adds.

Burger is a self-employed management consultant, educator, and promoter.

Randy Kelly

Rep. Randy Kelly, a DFLer from East St. Paul, is chair of the powerful Judiciary Committee in the House. So why would he want to give up that position and move to the Senate where he would start all over again as a freshman?

Kelly, who is running for the Senate seat being vacated by the retiring Sen. Marilyn Lantry (DFL-St. Paul), says he agonized over the prospect of leaving the House and his Judiciary chairship, but decided that after 16 years as a representative, the time felt right to make the change.

He says the move will allow him the opportunity to represent an even broader constituency of east side residents. And, Kelly adds, it will cut his campaigning time in half.

"I like campaigning, but it's becoming excruciatingly time consuming and very, very costly, so the thought of a four-year term is certainly attractive to me," says Kelly.

Kelly has been the chair of the Judiciary Committee for four years. He says he's particularly proud of legislation he authored that gave additional rights to crime victims — rights that were sorely lacking 10 years ago.

Another accomplishment he points to is the location of Metropolitan State

University's student and administrative service center on St. Paul's east side, which, he says, will continue to provide an emotional boost to young people living in the area.

Kelly, who has served on a variety of committees during his 16 years in the House, says he has been captivated by the notion of public service since high school.

"I came of age during the 60s when leaders like John and Bobby Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and Hubert Humphrey were telling the younger generation that it was a noble enterprise to go in and help people govern themselves," says Kelly.

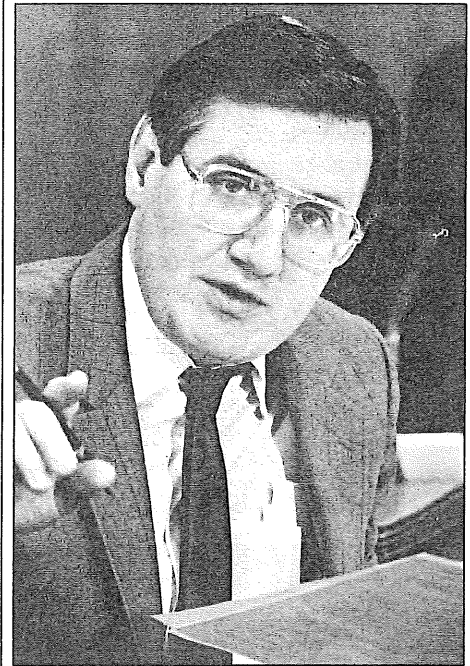
But ironically, it's that loss of interest in government that Kelly says is one of his greatest disappointments.

"We've not been able to interest a large number of young people in the state or country in voting or participating in the political process," says Kelly. "I've always felt young people had a lot to offer in terms of fresh ideas, idealism, and enthusiasm."

In terms of legislation, Kelly says one disappointment is the failure in committee of a bill he authored last year that would have required motorcyclists to wear helmets.

Kelly says his last four years in the House have been his best, adding that working with Judiciary Committee members has been a "stimulating, thought-provoking, and real growth experience."

"Most anything that's controversial eventually ends up there," he points out.



Sandy Pappas



"I don't think you should be in politics if you're not willing to take risks," says St. Paul DFLer Sandy Pappas. With that in mind, Pappas set her sights on a Senate seat that's been occupied by Sen. Don Moe (DFL-St. Paul) for 20 years.

Pappas says there's a leadership vacuum in her district and she's "the kind of person who likes to fill in those gaps."

Politics aside, Pappas is proud of her accomplishments as a community activist, particularly her work to help put the neighborhood urban revitalization plan into law. Under the program, \$18 million was allocated to the inner city for child care, drug prevention, housing, and other programs.

"I feel I've made a difference for my constituency," says Pappas, who has served six years in the House.

One frustration for Pappas has been a bill she authored that would disperse group homes in the inner cities. It has yet to pass. The bill would help eliminate the overconcentration of housing for the mentally ill, chemically dependent, and handicapped.

Certain neighborhoods have become "ghettos for the disabled," which, she says, is not in keeping with the idea of mainstreaming into general society.

"Sometimes it takes many years of education to develop a consensus [among your colleagues] — and sometimes it's hard to be patient while that consensus is developing," says Pappas.

The part Pappas likes best about serving in the House is the friends she has made, along with "being able to work with such a diverse group of people."

Todd Otis

What made Rep. Todd Otis decide to leave his House seat after 12 years and run for the state DFL Party chair?

"My internal clock," says Otis, a Minneapolis DFLer who is running for chair of the state DFL Party.

"I think everybody reaches that decision [to run for office] in a different way with their own internal clock. My internal clock says this is the time," he says.

He adds that after serving 12 years in the House, "it's time to put some new blood in the system."

And if elected party chair, that would be one of his primary duties — finding fresh candidates to run for office.

His enthusiasm for the Legislature is obvious.

"I'm leaving the Legislature loving it," he says.

Otis divides his 12 years in the House into two parts. His service from 1979 to 1984 was spent mostly examining utility reform and energy issues.

The second half was mainly spent dealing with the various legislation that came through the Economic Development Committee, which he chaired for four years.

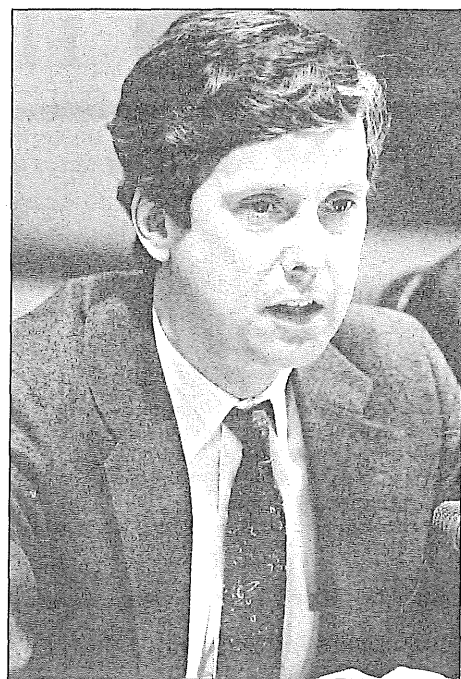
The committee passed good and creative legislation aimed at providing access to information, and money for small- and medium- sized business, says Otis, who dropped out of the U.S. Senate race earlier this year because of what he called the DFL's defeatist attitude about the possibility of beating U.S. Sen. Rudy Boschwitz.

One bill he authored provided for small communities to obtain development loans. The legislation was the first of its kind in the country, he says.

"The kinds of things we have done . . . have not been big, glamorous issues that get on the front page, but instead have been a lot of smaller things that I really think are going to help small business in Minnesota," says Otis.

Otis says he will miss the camaraderie of the House and "the ability to walk in the House chamber, and deal with laws that directly affect the lives of Minnesotans When you're a legislator, you can do things very directly. Even if your bill doesn't pass, it's a nice feeling of power."

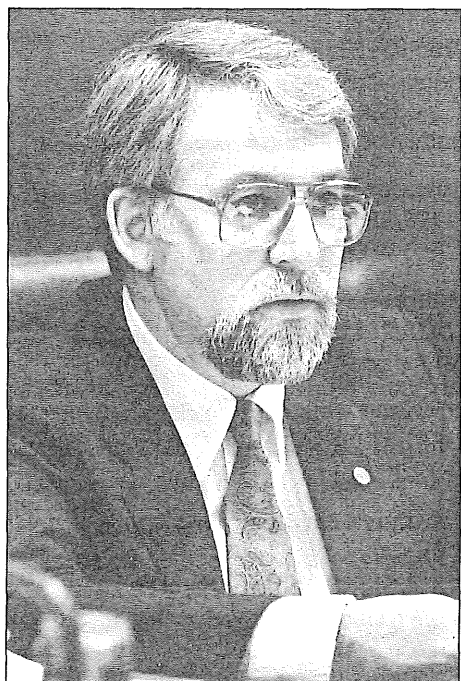
On the downside, Otis says he was disappointed with the "very negative conservatism of the Reagan age."



If elected state DFL Party chair, Otis says he would like to help establish a progressive agenda and work to get the proposals approved by the Legislature.

"Now is a great time to be a Democrat and I want to help other people see that," he adds.

Len Price



Like the other Senate hopefuls, Rep. Len Price likes the idea of being able to expand his current constituency. The DFLer from Woodbury has seen his district grow from 9,800 households in 1982 to 15,500 households in 1988.

"That's made campaigning [every two years] very wearing," he says.

With the retirement of Sen. Bill Diessner (DFL-Afton), Price says he received a lot of encouragement from his family, friends, and constituents to make a bid for the Senate.

"I never had aspirations of serving in the Senate, but it's just one of those situations where there's an opening."

When Price leaves the House, he'll also be leaving behind eight years of seniority and a chance at a possible committee chairship.

Price says he will miss his colleagues, and the House staff. The people who served on the Education Division of Appropriations — of which he once served as vice chair — were particularly

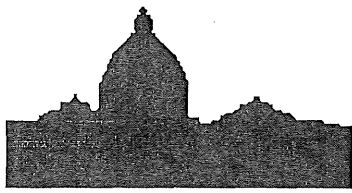
stimulating to work with, he adds.

Price now is vice chair of the General Legislation, Veteran's Affairs & Gaming Committee.

Two proposals he's especially proud of are his bill for the college self-loan program. Under the bill approved in 1983, students who have exhausted all other financial possibilities can receive loans to help them finish college. He also took pride in being an author of the groundwater protection bill approved by the Legislature last year.

Price says serving in the House has "enriched him as a person," adding that he carries a lot of his legislative experience and public policy knowledge to the classroom. He has been a social studies teacher at Woodbury High School for the past 25 years.

Price says one potential major disappointment would be if his teenage student work curfew bill did not pass this session. The legislation has been approved by the House, but is still pending in the Senate.



Floor Action & Final Action

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CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

A final vote on a bill the House previously passed in another form, to include amendments of the other body [Senate], of a conference committee, or amendments made after reconsideration.

Wednesday, April 11

Metropolitan Waste Control Commission

HF1918*/SF2205 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—repassed as amended by the Senate (130-0).

Insurance information—disclosure

HF2204*/SF2153 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—repassed as amended by the Senate (127-0).

Railroad crossings—penalties, changes

HF2401*/SF2400 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—repassed as amended by the Senate (132-0).

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 5

Peace officers—jurisdictional increase

HF2056*/SF1916 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—repassed as amended by Conference (128-0).

Anoka County—land sale, exchange

HF2135*/SF2024 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—repassed as amended by Conference (128-0).

Life insurance—

cancellation nonrenewal

HF2500*/SF2129 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—repassed as amended by Conference (130-0).

Monday, April 9

Public furniture—flammability requirements

HF1730*/SF1795 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by Conference (130-0).

Prostitution—penalties for patrons

HF1846*/SF1977 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—repassed as amended by Conference (129-1).

Dept. of Transportation— housekeeping

HF1857*/SF2356 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—repassed as amended by Conference (129-0).

Financial institutions— regulated lenders

HF1913*/SF2241 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—repassed as amended by Conference (93-31).

Motor vehicle registration— harassment

HF1952*/SF1843 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by Conference (129-0).

Wednesday, April 11

Labor disputes—

security guards, agents

HF1928*/SF2149 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—repassed as amended by Conference (76-51).

Seed potatoes—growing area restriction

HF2025*/SF1982 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—repassed as amended by Conference (131-0).

Wild land arson—penalties

HF2131*/SF2175 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—repassed as amended by Conference (131-0).

Taxes—technical corrections

HF2480* (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—repassed as amended by Conference (129-1).

SPECIAL ORDERS

"To Be Acted Upon Immediately Preceding General Orders" Special Orders is a list of bills the Rules Committee designates for priority consideration. After debate and/or amendment, they may immediately be given a third reading and placed upon final passage. A procedure used to select from among bills which have had a second reading those that the Rules Committee determined should have priority.

Thursday, April 5

Real estate—dissolution

HF1854*/SF1757 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed as amended (127-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

State Investment Board—changes

HF2489/SF2412* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—passed as amended (129-0).

MERF—modification

HF2599*/SF2361 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—passed (127-0).
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Tax-forfeited land—sales

HF2656/SF2489* (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—passed as amended (127-0).

Monday, April 9

Public employees—pay equity

HF1198/SF488* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—passed as amended (128-1).

Creditors—remedies

HF1439/SF1150* (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed as amended (129-0).

Bias crimes—curriculum development

HF1561/SF1365* (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—passed (125-0).

Government data practices—open meetings

HF1836/SF1874* (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—passed as amended (129-0).

School district elections—changes

HF1870/SF1920* (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—passed (129-0).

Insurance—agent compensation
HF1902/SF1995* (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—passed (128-0).

Municipal electric utilities
HF2075/SF2317* (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—passed as amended (129-0).

Liquor sales—candy liqueurs
HF2076/SF2108* (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—passed as amended (114-9).

Metro agencies—per diem compensation
HF2083/SF1739* (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (129-0).

Public buildings—recodification
HF2105/SF2431* (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—passed (128-0).

Privacy—cordless telephones
HF2218/SF2061* (Seaberg, IR-Eagan)—passed (129-0).

No-fault car insurance—clarification
HF2249/SF2068* (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—passed (128-0).

Health insurance—demonstration project
HF2293/SF1696* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—passed (129-0).

Covered truck loads—regulations, penalties
HF2373/SF2213* (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—passed as amended (128-0).

Wednesday, April 11

Postsecondary training
HF168/SF 394* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—passed as amended (127-1).

Custodial trusts—creation
HF596/SF354* (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—passed (131-0).

Harassment—human rights violation
HF1690/SF1366* (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—not passed as amended (41-85).

Nurse practitioners—drug dispensation
HF1845/SF1821* (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—passed (130-0).

Headlights—weather requirements
HF1860/SF1729* (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended (130-0).

Hennepin County—bond issuance
HF1877/SF1807* (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—passed as amended (121-8).

Lake of the Woods state forest
HF1879/SF1772* (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—passed (129-0).

Government data practices—computer
HF1890/SF1854* (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed as amended (129-0).

Public employees—severance pay limits
HF1894*/SF2117 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—passed as amended (126-0).

Potato producers—checkoff fees
HF2087/SF2012* (Olson, E, DFL-Fosston)—passed (129-0).

Labor-management committees—mediation
HF2248/SF2181* (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (130-0).

Ramsey County—performance bond waiver
HF2250/SF2179* (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (127-0).

Townships—elections
HF2266/SF2090* (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—passed (128-0).

Energy contracts—municipalities
HF2268/SF2156* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—passed as amended (114-16).

Minnesota wine—airport sales
HF2313/SF1983* (Omann, IR-St. Joseph)—passed (126-1).

Nursing homes—restrictions
HF2346/SF2224* (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (129-0).

Post authorities—trade zone power
HF2384/SF2281* (Rice, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (130-0).

Agricultural products—interest discounts
HF2385/SF2207* (E. Olson, DFL-Fosston)—passed (130-0).

Organic foods—certification changes
HF2497/SF1999* (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—passed as amended (130-0).

Court administrators—duties assignment
HF2498/SF1820* (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—passed (131-0).

Commercial property, liability ins.—notices
HF2499/SF2109* (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—passed (130-0).

Foreclosure sales—deficiency judgments
HF2658/SF1946* (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—passed as amended (128-0).

Conservation officers—enforcement increase
HF2709/SF1703* (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (95-32).

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Thursday, April 5

Gambling—task force recommendations
HF2005/SF2018* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—passed as amended (68-61).

Wednesday, April 11

Toxic pollution—prevention
HF2198/SF2173* (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—passed as amended (131-0).

FINAL ACTION

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Thursday, April 5

Driver education—tax exempt plates
HF1989*/SF1775 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—Chapter 392.

Effective: day after enactment (April 6, 1990)

Auto insurance—antique, rec. vehicles
HF2242*/SF2264 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—Chapter 394.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Veterans' homes—cemeteries
HF2002*/SF1967 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—Chapter 397.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Mental health, retardation—ombudsperson
HF2133/SF2370* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 398.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Insurance—subrogation clarification
HF2637*/SF2514 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 399.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Seneca wastewater treatment plant—permit
HF1883*/SF1826 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—Chapter 406.
Effective: day after enactment (April 6, 1990)

Battery pollution
HF1921*/SF1784 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 409.
Effective: various dates

Service brakes—requirements
HF2124*/SF2074 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—Chapter 416.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Friday, April 6

Water statutes—recodification
HF771/SF60* (Dille, IR-Dassel)—Chapter 391.
Effective: various dates

Medicare supplement plans—regulation
HF1983*/SF2384 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 403.
Effective: day after enactment (April 7, 1990), with exceptions

Health, accident insurance—benefits coord.
HF1984*/SF2110 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 404.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Ethnic American day—designation
HF1919*/SF1737 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—Chapter 405.
Effective: day after enactment (April 7, 1990)

Light butter—standards
HF2305*/SF2477 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—Chapter 407.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990, with exceptions

Auto purchase price refunds—statements
HF2321*/SF2253 (Haukoos, IR-Albert Lea)—Chapter 408.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Membership travel contracts—regulation
HF1841*/SF1770 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—Chapter 411.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Board of Pharmacy—medical devices
HF1673/SF1507 (Stanisus, IR-White Bear Lake)—Chapter 412.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Veterans Home Board—executive director
HF1977*/SF1880 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—Chapter 413.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Dept. of Commerce—commun. regulations
HF1985*/SF2547 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 415.
Effective: day after enactment (April 7, 1990)

Potato research—promotion council changes

HF2374*/SF1889 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—Chapter 417.
Effective: July 1, 1991

Environ. offenses—statute of limitations
HF2184/SF2355* (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 419.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Rights-of-way—map, plat filings
HF1784/SF2541* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—Chapter 420.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Administrative procedures—regulations
HF2462*/SF2252 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—Chapter 422.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Monday, April 9

Garage door openers—regulation
HF2393*/SF2261 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—Chapter 414.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Minimum wage—scheduled increases
HF1839*/SF1769 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—Chapter 418.
Effective: day after enactment, with exceptions

Tobacco vending machines—restrictions
HF2042*/SF1923 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—Chapter 421.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Olmsted County—treasurer, auditor comb.
HF2448/SF2373* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—Chapter 438.
Effective: upon local approval

Thursday, April 12

Minnesota Project Outreach Corp.—changes
HF2534/SF2360* (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 423.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Domestic insurers—foreign insurers
HF2645*/SF2549 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 424.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Hockey—two-class tournament repeal
HF1826/SF1727* (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—Chapter 425.
Effective: day after enactment (April 13, 1990)

Revisor's bill—statutory corrections
HF2220/SF2072* (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—Chapter 426.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

State park permits—agent sales
HF2350*/SF2408 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—Chapter 427.
Effective: 30 days after enactment (May 14, 1990)

Automobile safety awareness week
HF2016/SF1971* (Swenson, IR-Forest Lake)—Chapter 428.
Effective: day after enactment (April 13, 1990)

Home loans—securities regulation
HF2234/SF1848* (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—Chapter 429.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

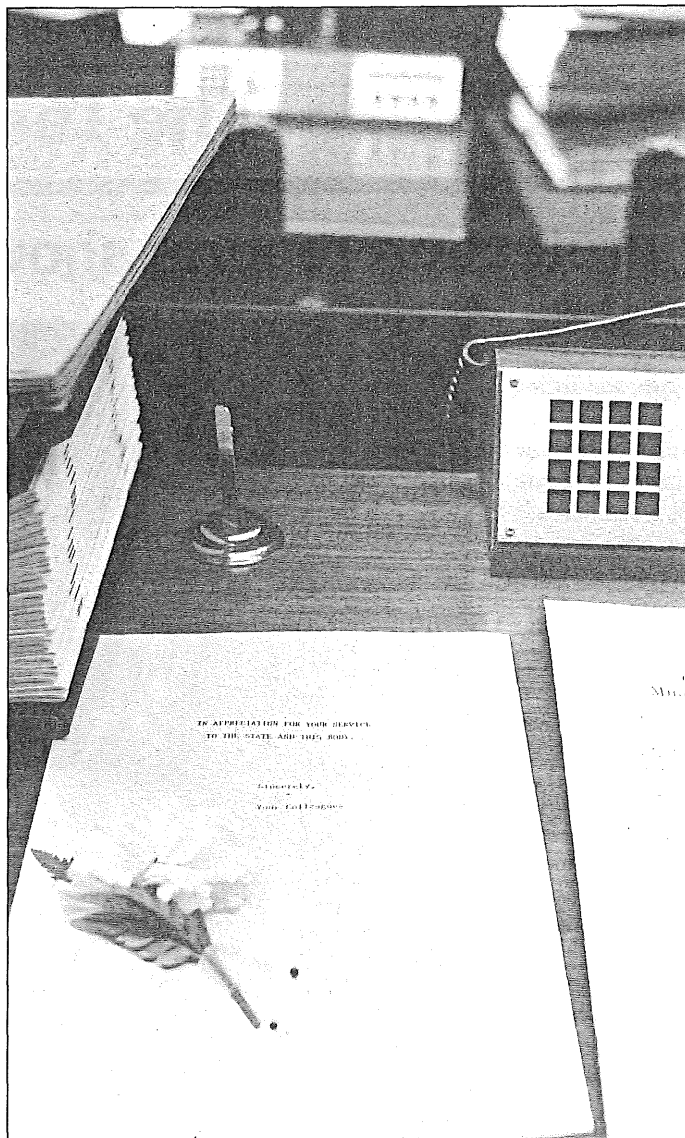
Vocational-technical board—changes
HF2011/SF1927* (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—Chapter 430.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Blue Earth County—office appointment
HF2078/SF2119* (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)—Chapter 431.
Effective: upon local approval

Sexual assault victims—notice of risk
HF2277/SF2046* (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—Chapter 436.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Helmer Myre, Newstrand Woods state parks
HF2219/SF2079* (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—Chapter 437.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

State Investment Board—changes
HF2489/SF2412* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—Chapter 450.
Effective: May 1, 1991

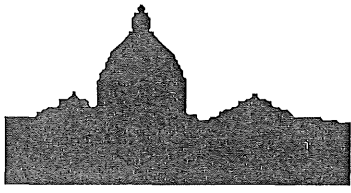


House members presented their departing colleagues with white carnations.

KEY

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SF--Senate File
HF#/SF#--companion bills
*--version of the bill under consideration
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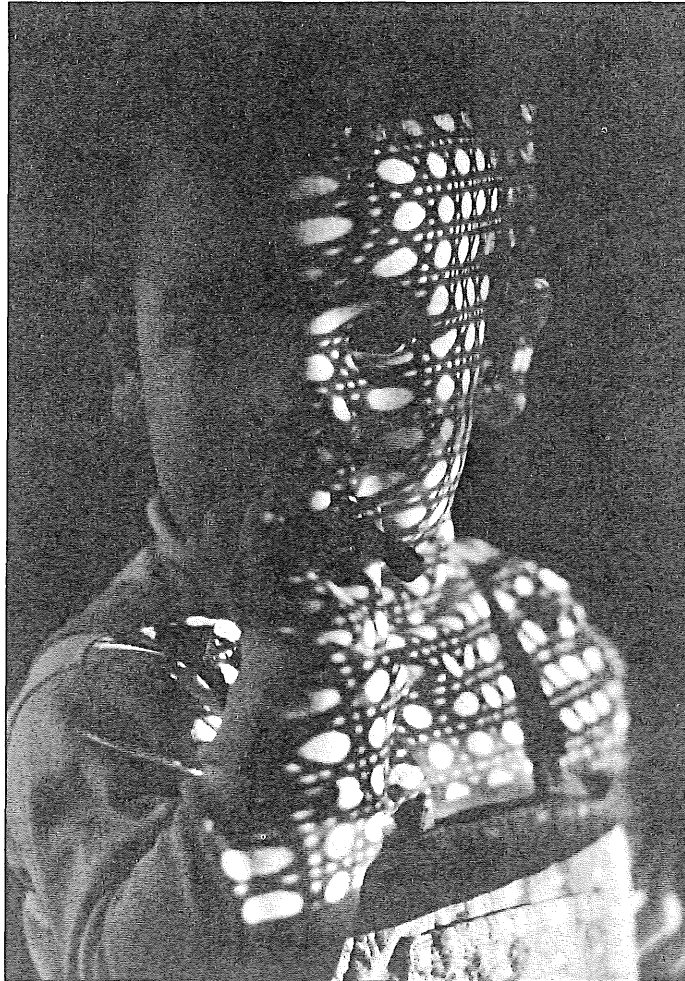
Child protection reports show steady increase

Funds for child protection services come from a combination of local, state, and federal money.

The Department of Human Services estimates that about one-third of all the children removed from their homes and placed in substitute care qualify under Aid to Families with Dependent Children (ADFC) guidelines, according to a House Research information brief, "Funding for Child Protection Services."

The report notes that children may be placed in foster care because of their own or their caretaker's conduct or condition, or because they need protective services.

How high is the demand for child protection service? The number of child protection reports made increased by nearly 18 percent between 1984 and 1987 — from 15,191 reports to 17,894. Those figures include those cases where abuse or neglect was substantiated, where investigators could not substantiate (unable to determine whether abuse or neglect occurred) the allegations, and where the reports



were unsubstantiated (determination that abuse or neglect did *not* occur.)

Changes in the child abuse reporting law made in 1988 specify that reports now are classified in two categories: determination of maltreatment or need for protective services, or no determination of maltreatment or need for protective services. Counties may also provide child protection services in cases where maltreatment is suspected even though it can't be confirmed.

The number of children in substitute care for protection reasons increased from 3,500 in 1986 to 4,260 in 1988. Spending for child protection services also increased over the past few years.

Of the \$326 million spent in 1986 for all social service related programs, counties spent about a fifth of that sum — an estimated \$60.6 million — for child protection services. Of the \$396 million spent in 1988, counties spent about \$72.9 million for such services, also about a fifth of the total.

RESTORATION

MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Architect Cass Gilbert is considered one of the premier architects of his day, and the Minnesota Capitol is one of his finest works.

So when House members decided to renovate the House chamber last year, they proceeded as if Gilbert were looking

over their shoulders?

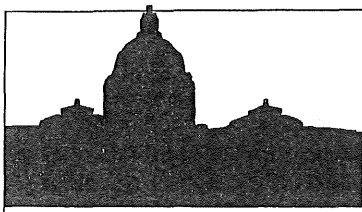
The result?

The brown, gold and green hues Gilbert envisioned have returned, as have the skylight and many other facets of his regal design.

The "historic rehabilitation" has been

captured in a 12-page booklet published by the House Information Office.

For a booklet, call (612) 296-2146 or write to the House Information Office, 175 State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155. Or stop by the office and pick one up.



In the Hopper . . .

April 6-April 12, 1990

Bill Introductions

HF2827-HF2830

Monday, April 9

HF2827—McEachern (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Education trust fund land; leased lakeshore lots sold by sealed bid.

Wednesday, April 11

HF2828—Milbert (DFL)
Education
Education; allowing appointed board members of Intermediate School District No. 917 to continue to serve for up to three years beyond June 30, 1992, if reappointed by a local board.

HF2829—Reding (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Waste; placing waste stream diversion requirements on counties applying for new permits for facilities that incinerate mixed municipal solid wastes or that process or burn refuse-derived fuel; requiring a study of the environmental effects of existing facilities; placing a moratorium on new permits until completion of the study; appropriating money.

HF2830—Reding (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Waste; placing a moratorium on new permits for facilities that incinerate mixed municipal solid wastes or that process or burn refuse-derived fuel.

House Advisories

Monday, April 9

HA52—Dempsey (IR)
Education
A proposal to provide aid for low-income pupils who go to nonpublic schools.

HA53—Begich (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
A proposal for a study of hiring replacement workers in strike situations.

HA54—Begich (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
A proposal to study the practice of imposing service charges by restaurants and resorts.

HA55—Frerichs (IR)
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming
A proposal to study and recommend standards for reverse referendums.

Wednesday, April 11

HA56—McLaughlin (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
A proposal for a legislative working group on Minnesota's human resources strategies for the 1990s.

HA57—Gruenes (IR)
Commerce
A proposal to examine the licensing of Retail Food Handlers in the Department of Agriculture.

First Readings/Senate Bills

Monday, April 9

SF824—Dahl (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1025—Trimble (DFL)
Environment; requiring recycling of CFCs under certain conditions; providing and exemption for medical devices; prohibiting the sale of certain motor vehicle coolants and certain solvents; requiring recapture and recycling of halons from fire extinguishers.

SF1798—Piper (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1887—Dauner (DFL)
Health; providing limited prescription privileges for physician assistants; requiring permanent registration for certain physician assistants.

SF1962—Merriam (DFL)
Appropriations
Appropriations; canceling an appropriation for a cooperative agreement with the Cuyuna Development Corporation; restoring the wild rice management account.

SF2158—Dicklich (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2520—Jacobs (DFL)
Utilities; regulating flexible gas utility rates; repealing sunset provisions relating to flexible gas utility rates; appropriating money.

SF2173—Lessard (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2198—Munger (DFL)
Environment; providing assistance to eligible recipients on methods to prevent toxic pollution; providing financial assistance to research and demonstrate alternative means to prevent toxic pollution; requiring facilities to develop plans to prevent toxic pollution; providing for chlorofluorocarbon reduction; requiring an air pollution study; providing penalties; appropriating money.

SF2346—Beckman (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2769—Kalis (DFL)
State building code; accessibility for the physically disabled; establishing an access review board; providing for review of applications for permission to provide accessibility by means of stairway chair lifts; appropriating money.

SF2419—Lantry (DFL)
Appropriations
Human services; clarifying requirements for employment and training programs for recipients of AFDC; allowing county agencies to implement grant diversion programs; clarifying eligibility and payment requirements for general assistance and work readiness; clarifying requirements for child care programs; establishing criteria to certify employment and training service provider; requiring a two-year plan from the local service unit.

SF2483—Reichgott (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2678—Pugh (DFL)
Corporations; clarifying and modifying provisions relating to the organization and operation of nonprofit corporations.

SF2619—Dahl (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2812—Lieder (DFL)
Claims against the state; providing for payment of various claims; appropriating money.

Wednesday, April 11

SF1894—Dahl (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2007—Price (DFL)

Environment and natural resources; amending provisions relating to water management organizations; providing legislative commission oversight of the Metropolitan Water Management Act; authorizing management and financing of drainage systems under certain laws; clarifying water management purposes; authorizing counties to remove watershed district managers for just cause; authorizing a technical advisory committee; requiring watershed management organizations to prepare newsletters, annual reports, and audits; providing for preparation of watershed plans and implementation of plans; providing penalties for not implementing plans; authorizing and directing the Board of Water and Soil Resources to adopt rules; providing for appeal of plan failures; providing for requests for proposals for certain services; authorizing accumulation of levy proceeds; requiring a draining system report; appropriating money.

SF1896—Vickerman (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1965—Cooper (DFL)

Health; providing exemptions from the Infectious Waste Control Act; requiring hospitals to accept certain infectious waste; modifying standards for ambulance drivers; requiring adoption of rules setting new standards for recertification of and upgrading to emergency care course certificates; increasing reimbursement for volunteers; authorizing an emergency medical services advisory committee; regulating the provision of special transportation services; requiring studies; encouraging rural medical school applicants; requiring a study of medical assistance reimbursement for physicians; creating a rural hospital planning and transition grant program; creating a rural hospital subsidy fund; allowing counties authority to exceed levy limits; appropriating money.

SF1925—Dahl (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1949—Winter (DFL)

Environment; changing certain requirements for municipal wastewater treatment grants; increasing bonding authority.

SF2060—DeCramer (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2238—Lasley (DFL)

Drivers' licenses; defining gross vehicle weight and commercial motor vehicle; allowing holder of class CC driver's license with school bus endorsement to operate a small school bus; changing effective dates of requirements for commercial driver's license; setting fees; appropriating money.

Thursday, April 12

SF576—Piper (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF274—Jefferson (DFL)

Human services; providing that medical certification for general assistance benefits may be made by a licensed chiropractor.

SF1473—Dahl (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1617—Kahn (DFL)

Environment; requiring a report to the Legislature on carbon dioxide emissions; appropriating money.

SF1674—Berg (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1808—C. Nelson (DFL)

Agriculture; providing grasshopper control; authorizing the commissioner to exempt certain lands from grasshopper control; exempting certain persons from losses relating to grasshopper control; clarifying when public utilities are subject to grasshopper control; providing for notices for control and approval of grasshopper control costs; authorizing levies; appropriating money.

SF1731—Berglin (DFL)

Appropriations

Human services; clarifying treatment and assessment requirements under the Minnesota comprehensive mental health acts for adults and children.

SF1779—Davis (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2060—Bauerly (DFL)

Agriculture; providing for mediation and arbitration of certain contract disputes; providing for recapture of capital investments required by certain agricultural contracts; clarifying responsibility of parent companies for affiliates; requiring good faith; prohibiting unfair practices; creating an ombudsman; appropriating money.

SF1950—Pogemiller (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2283—Jefferson (DFL)

Housing; requiring state interagency coordination on homelessness; providing for treatment of certain obligations upon foreclosure of certain mortgages; appropriating nonrefundable bond allocation deposits to the housing trust fund account.

SF1996—Merriam (DFL)

Appropriations

Waste management; making several technical changes to the Waste Management Act; establishing a time period for local decision-making on siting of solid waste facilities; establishing time periods for state and Metropolitan Council approval of county solid waste management plans; clarifying jurisdiction of county plans; clarifying order of funding priority for grants for solid waste management projects; adjusting procedures for the creation of solid waste management districts; increasing the authority of the districts; authorizing counties to set civil penalties by ordinance for violation of designation ordinances; authorizing additional county fees on in-county disposal of out-of-county solid waste; adding procedures and requirements for cities to meet when they organize solid waste collection; changing requirement for certain financial responsibility rules; requiring a municipal debt limit reservation; changing incinerator monitor requirements; requiring a supplementary incinerator ash report; delaying the date for incinerator ash to be considered special waste; providing waste management training and certification programs; authorizing counties to charge property owners, lessees, and occupants for solid waste management services; authorizing metropolitan counties to charge reasonable rates for solid waste facilities; restricting the authority of certain local governments to prevent establishment, operation, or expansion of solid waste disposal facilities; providing buffer areas around landfill operations; extending the solid waste ash project report; authorizing sanitary districts to use the greater Minnesota landfill cleanup fee; specifying use of the greater Minnesota landfill fee; providing a landfill compliance and financial assurance study; authorizing Winona County to give political subdivisions the authority to accept responsibility for managing their solid waste; amending provisions for forgiving a grant to Winona County; reducing time for metropolitan review of local government solid waste facility siting decisions; repealing the requirement that government agencies use degradable polyethylene bags; requiring certain yard waste composting facilities; changing references.

SF2037—Morse (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2061—Bauerly (DFL)

Agriculture; amending the definition of farm products; changing provisions related to wholesale produce dealers; imposing fees; providing for a wholesale dealers' trust; requiring mediation and arbitration in certain produce contracts; providing parent company liability; authorizing seizure of vehicles; imposing penalties; appropriating money.

SF2055—Pogemiller (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2446—Kahn (DFL)

Appropriations; providing refunds of bond allocation deposits; appropriating money.

SF2126—Morse (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1948—Price (DFL)

Health; providing regulations for bulk pesticide storage; amending provisions relating to pesticide registration fees and application fees; requiring permits for sources of irrigation water; requiring a permit for construction of a fertilizer distribution facility; requiring a responsible party to immediately take reasonable action necessary to abate an agricultural chemical incident; requiring certain administrative hearings on contested orders within 14 days; crediting certain agricultural penalties to the pesticide or fertilizer regulatory accounts; amending provisions relating to the registration surcharge and the agricultural chemical response and reimbursement fee; appropriating money from the general fund to be reimbursed with response and reimbursement fees; amending provisions relating to response and reimbursement eligibility; providing commissioner of agriculture authority under Chapter 115B for agricultural chemical incidents; clarifying requirements for water well construction and ownership; clarifying provisions for at-grade monitoring wells; establishing reduced isolation distances for facilities with safeguards; clarifying conditions to issue a limited well contractor's license; amending effective dates; amending appropriations.

SF2160—Merriam (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2383—K. Nelson (DFL)

Education; providing for the environmental education act; creating the office of environmental education.

SF2177—Spear (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2420—Rest (DFL)

Traffic safety; providing for administrative impoundment of license plates of vehicles owned by repeat violators of laws relating to driving while intoxicated; providing for issuance of special plates; requiring peace officers to serve a notice of intent to impound when serving a notice of intent to revoke the violator's driver's license; providing for administrative and judicial review of impoundment orders; eliminating the alcohol problem screening for persons convicted of offenses associated with driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance; modifying procedures for chemical use assessments, programs, and funding; changing the maximum rate for reimbursement of counties from the general fund for the assessments; expanding the crime of refusing to submit to an implied consent test; requiring notice of certain enhanced penalties; expanding the crime of aggravated driving while intoxicated; removing requirement that negligence be proven for conviction of criminal vehicular operation if driver's alcohol concentration was 0.10 or more; imposing penalties for criminal vehicular operation resulting in substantial bodily harm; prohibiting constructive possession of alcohol in a private motor vehicle; expanding the definition of possession; changing provisions about aircraft operation while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances; imposing penalties; appropriating money.

SF2178—Spear (DFL)

Appropriations

Peace officer education; requiring the POST board and the state higher education boards to study ways of restructuring professional peace officer education programs to include a requirement for a baccalaureate degree; requiring a report to the Legislature; increasing the percentage of penalty assessments funds allocated for skills course reimbursement.

SF2223—D. Moe (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Local government; reauthorizing Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul to issue general obligation bonds to finance the restoration of the concourse of the St. Paul Union Depot.

SF2248—Hughes (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2024—K. Olson (DFL)

Education; entering the Midwestern Higher Education Compact; providing the appointment of members.

SF2375—Chmielewski (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2616—Begich (DFL)

Workers' compensation; providing for loggers; requiring the commissioner of labor and industry to study issues concerning loggers; appropriating money.

SF2395—Chmielewski (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2541—Beard (DFL)

Unemployment compensation; making various technical changes; regulating eligibility of conservation corps members and entertainers; increasing the income disregard; regulating eligibility for persons receiving holiday pay; regulating administrative hearings; providing for data sharing; appropriating certain federal money.

SF2490—Chmielewski (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2615—Begich (DFL)

Workers' compensation; including mentally retarded persons and those with related conditions to the list of registrable conditions for the subsequent disability special fund; regulating medical data access; providing for preventative treatment to employees exposed to rabies; regulating notice of insurance coverage and cancellation.

SF2609—Novak (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2786—Janezich (DFL)

Environment; providing for the management and cleanup of tax-forfeited lands; requiring a report by the Pollution Control Agency; authorizing a levy by Lake County; authorizing a purchase of tax-forfeited land and lease of restricted land in St. Louis County.

Bill signing process not all that simple

Ninth grade civics books usually include a chapter about how a bill becomes law, offering an explanation something like this: "A bill must pass both houses of the Legislature, then be signed by the governor before it becomes law."

That's usually it. But in reality a whole lot more happens between the time the House and Senate approve a bill, and the governor signs it.

That's the time when the governor's office, and his various departments and agencies, kick into gear. The civics books always dwell on the checks and balances in the legislative process.

But the executive branch has a few checks and balances of its own.

Once both houses of the Legislature approve a bill, the Revisor's Office lets the governor's State Planning Agency know the measure is on its way.

The agency then begins to analyze the bill anew. Since the early 1980s, the agency has been the governor's "agent" in the bill signing process.

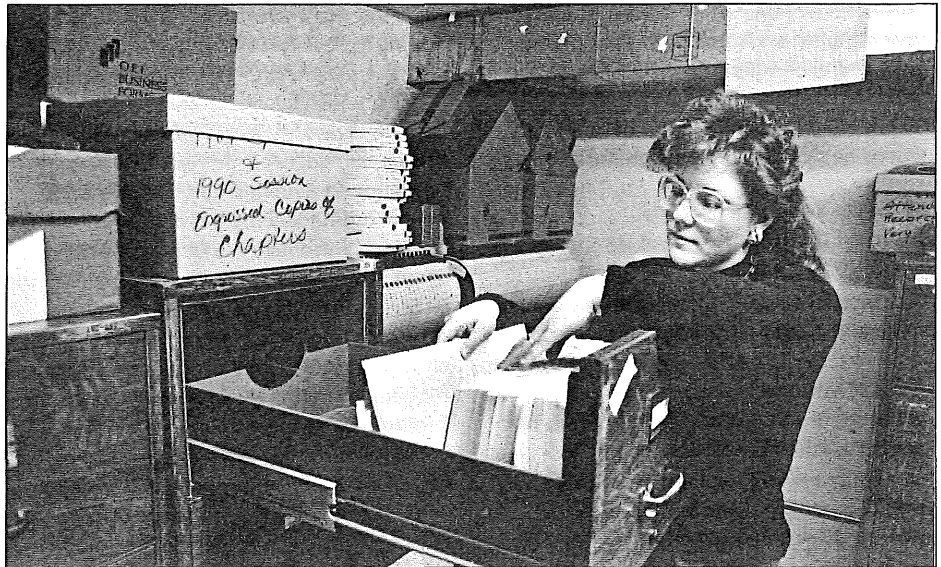
"We have an overall view of state government," says Cass McLaughlin, legislative coordinator. "We don't have that narrow focus that most agencies have."

McLaughlin and co-workers Suzanne Plass and John Jernberg analyze all angles of the bill, including statewide impact, the constitutional questions it may present, its fiscal impact, and the duties it may place on state agencies.

They seek opinions from all the agencies or departments the bill could possibly affect, ranging from the Attorney General's Office to the Department of Finance to the individual agencies that would carry out the bill's directives.

Once this information is collected, the state planning commissioner assembles a packet and coordinates the analysis to develop a recommendation for or against the bill — or, simply, whether the governor should sign it.

In addition, the packet also includes the vote in each house and whether the bill generated any controversy along the way. This information can prove helpful if the



Renee Coffey of the Secretary of State's Office unceremoniously files a bill in the office's basement storeroom. The bills are housed there until they are compiled and bound with all of this session's laws.

governor has mixed feelings about the bill.

"The governor has a deep respect for the legislative process," McLaughlin says. "It would be very unusual for him to veto a bill that passed unanimously in the Legislature."

Every bill — no matter how brief — goes through this rigorous process.

"It's a good system of checks and balances," McLaughlin says. "It helps to let all agencies know what's going to happen if the governor signs a particular bill."

Once the governor acts on a bill, his office notifies the Secretary of State's Office, which is the official keeper of state documents. The office gets two copies of the bill — the original enrolled bill and the engrossed copy.

The *enrolled* bill lists the signatures of the speaker of the House, president of the Senate, House clerk, Senate secretary, the revisor, the governor, and the secretary of state.

The *engrossed* copy contains a legislative history of the bill, which outlines the history of the bill as it traveled through committee and floor hearings through which it passed, but does not include the signatures.

"All official documents are filed with the Secretary of State's Office," says Renee Coffey of the Secretary of State's elections division, which oversees the bill signing process.

The enrolled bill is bound in a leather book of chapter laws. "If anything ever happens to a law book or if there's some question about the intent, we can look at the original bill," Coffey says.

While the original bill is included in the books that line the office, the engrossed copies are tucked away in file cabinets in the basement, then sent to the Minnesota Historical Society.

The possibility of losing a bill is remote, and that's probably a good thing considering the trouble it would cause.

"The whole process starts all over again," McLaughlin says.

But they haven't lost a bill yet. At least not since "Jolly Joe" Rolette holed up in a St. Paul hotel room with the only copy of a bill that would have moved the Capitol from St. Paul to St. Peter back in 1857.

Electronic voting: A real time-saver

Legislators missed their targeted ending date of April 9, but their tenure at the Capitol would have stretched at least two weeks longer if not for a convenience many take for granted.

An electronic voting system has made the actual voting on bills a quick and easy process — unlike the old-fashioned voting system of more than 50 years ago.

Two large panels, one hanging on each side of the House chamber, are the most noticeable components of the electronic voting system.

When the speaker of the House calls for a vote, the panel looks like a Christmas tree as red and green lights appear beside each representative's name.

Members cast their vote by pushing either the aye or nay button on the tops of their desks. The speaker then "closes the board," locking the votes into the system. The aye and nay votes are then automatically tallied.

The process takes less than 15 seconds



One of two House voting panels.

— in contrast to the 15 to 20 minutes it takes to count votes when they are announced orally.

If the 300-plus votes taken this session had been done the old-fashioned way, it would have added at least nine 10-hour days to the session, based on those time estimates.

When the House chamber was being remodeled last summer, House members met in the Senate chambers and got a taste of how long the manual vote-tallying process takes.

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To sign or not to sign . . .

What are the governor's options?

During an even-numbered legislative year — the final year of a biennium — the governor has several options to exercise when considering a bill.

The governor can, for example, sign the bill into law, sign the bill to veto it, or do nothing.

If a bill is to become law and is passed by the Legislature before the final three days of session, the governor must sign it and deposit it with the Secretary of State within three days of presentment.

Before the end of the session, the governor must veto a bill and return it to the house of origin within three days of receiving it, or the bill becomes law without his signature.

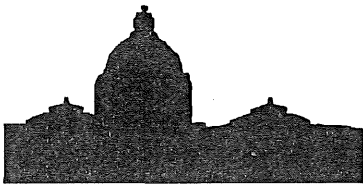
If a bill is passed during the last three days of session, the governor must sign it and deposit it with the Secretary of State within 14 days of adjournment or the bill will not become law (pocket veto).

The governor also has line item veto privilege for appropriation items only. If the governor uses this option, he/she must attach a statement listing the items vetoed. The timetable is either within 14

days after adjournment for bills passed during the final three days of session, or within three days after the bill is presented to the governor.



Gov. Rudy Perpich signs the minimum wage bill as labor leaders and lawmakers look on.



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Committee Schedule

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MONDAY, April 16

The House will not meet in session.

TUESDAY, April 17

9:00 a.m.

ETHICS

400N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Loren Solberg

Agenda: Approval of counsel's fees and
discussion of proposed rule changes.

10:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

Agenda: SF1996 (Merriam)/HF2108
(Wagenius) Waste management; making
technical changes to the Waste Manage-
ment Act.

Before Session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol

Chr. Rep. Dee Long

Agenda: Special Orders.

1:00 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

WEDNESDAY, April 18

9:00 a.m.

Finance Subcommittee/ Transportation Study Board

15 Capitol

Chr. Sen. Keith Langseth

Agenda: Current transportation funding:
amounts, sources and distribution

formulas. Federal government direction
in transportation: policy changes,
funding distribution and formulas.

10:00 a.m.

Infrastructure Needs and Priorities Subcommittee/ Transportation Study Board

15 Capitol

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: Trunk highway system: criteria
and the weighing of criteria for deter-
mining needs, design standards and
weight restrictions.

11:00 a.m.

Policy and Decision Making Subcommittee/Transportation Study Board

15 Capitol

Chr. Rep. Bernie Lieder

Agenda: State, regional and local
transportation planning. Transportation
planning and economic development.

Before Session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol

Chr. Rep. Dee Long

Agenda: Special Orders.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

1:30 p.m.

Transportation Study Board

15 Capitol

Chr. Sen. Keith Langseth

Agenda: Presentations by: E. H.
Cohoon, assistant commissioner,
Finance and Administration, Department
of Transportation, on the final report of
the Commissioners Advisory Committee

for Alternative Transportation Financ-
ing; Eugene Ofstead, assistant commis-
sioner, Technical Services Division,
Department of Transportation on
Highway Safety Program Proposal; and
Richard Shaw, president of the Regional
Shortline Railroad Association.

THURSDAY, April 19

9:00 a.m.

Legislative Audit Commission

500N State Office Building

Chr. Sen. John Brandl

Agenda: Legislative auditor's report on
the procedures used by former Commis-
sioner of Commerce Mike Hatch in
awarding a contract to Dougherty
Dawkins Portfolio Advisory Services to
manage investments for the Workers
Compensation Assigned Risk Plan.

Before Session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol

Chr. Rep. Dee Long

Agenda: Special Orders.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

FRIDAY, April 20

Before Session

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Retiring Room Capitol

Chr. Rep. Dee Long

Agenda: Special Orders.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

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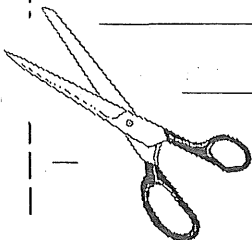
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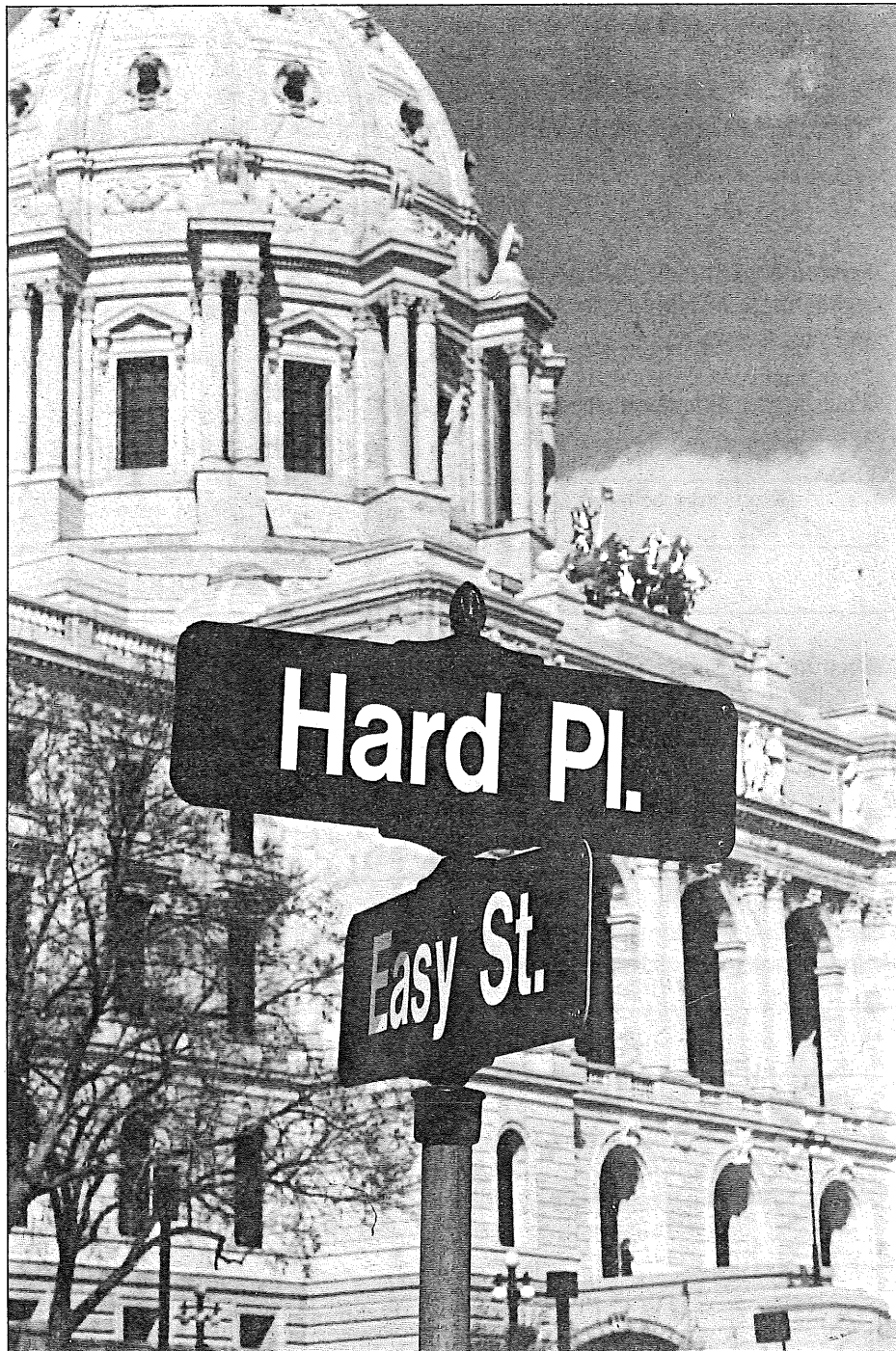
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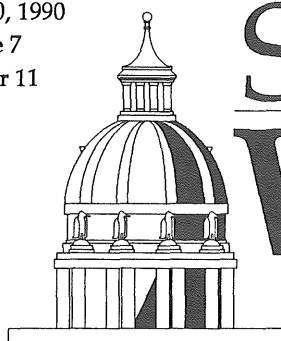
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Last Frame

Some members of the public no doubt believe lawmakers hang out on Easy Street. But negotiations in several conference committees this week have certainly been hard in places. Photographer Rik Sferra brought this street sign to the Capitol to shoot a video for a local department store.

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It's a fact!

Minnesota's Department of Human Services (DHS) dates back to 1883, when it began under the name of the State Board of Correction and Charities "to prevent irregularities in state institutions."

It was succeeded in 1901 by the State Board on Control, and then in 1939 by the Minnesota Department of Social Security.

In 1953, the Department of Social Security split into two agencies: "Employment and Security," and the "Department of Public Welfare," a predecessor as the Department of Human Services (DHS).

The DHS administered the largest budget [\$4 billion] of any Minnesota agency during the 1987-89 biennium, with the majority of that money dedicated to programs such as Medical Assistance and Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Portions of the DHS budget come from state funds appropriated by the Legislature, and local and federal funding sources.

The DHS is currently the largest of Minnesota's state agencies, employing about 1,000 people in its central offices in St. Paul.



After leaving a meeting with Gov. Rudy Perpich April 19, House Speaker Robert Vanasek, center, told Capitol reporters that he, Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe, right, and Perpich had reached a tentative agreement on the budget. The legislative leaders were joined by Peter Hutchinson, commissioner of finance, left.

Highlights

BST moratorium

A measure that would place a one-year moratorium on the commercial use of an artificial growth hormone in dairy cows — provided at least a few other states enact similar bans — squeaked through the House April 19 on a 68-59 vote.

Bovine somatotropin (BST), a naturally occurring hormone in cows and other animals, can be produced synthetically and injected in cows to increase milk production.

Opponents of the bill say there is no evidence of health risks from the injected hormone, and that the moratorium would send a bad signal to the milk consumer.

Bill sponsor Rep. Chuck Brown (DFL-Appleton), however, says more research is needed on BST. Brown says dairy

farmers favor banning the use of the growth hormone until further research is conducted.

But supporters of BST say banning it will put Minnesota at a technological disadvantage.

Rep. Harriet McPherson (IR-Stillwater) says that dairy farmers want the option of using the synthetic hormone.

Plant more trees

A bill encouraging urban forestation to help ease global warming and reduce energy consumption was signed into law by Gov. Rudy Perpich April 16.

Bill sponsor Rep. Harold Lasley (DFL-Cambridge) says the bill is a product of recommendations the Minnesota Shade



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Tree Advisory Committee made in a report to the Legislature in January.

The bill requires the University of Minnesota to study which tree varieties are most suitable the urban centers' needs.

The university should look for trees that tolerate both the effect of high salt concentrations in the ground and a climate of extreme heat and drought. The university should also study which trees should be used to shade existing commercial, industrial, and residential areas to help cities save energy.

The most important provision of the bill, Lasley says, requires developers to plant trees in larger cities such as Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth. The provision also requires the cities to plant shade trees in public parks and open spaces. Counties have the authority to contract with nurseries and shade tree wholesalers to assure the availability of desired trees.

Other provisions of the bill urge reinstating Arbor Day activities in schools, and expanding forestry education programs on all school levels.

The law takes effect Aug. 1.

Wild land arsonists

Tinder dry conditions making Minnesota more vulnerable to wild fires and the firebugs who set them prompted a bill approved by the Legislature that would criminalize acts by arsonists. The bill is awaiting the governor's signature.

The measure would make the intentional setting wild lands on fire a felony. Rep. Bob Johnson (DFL-Bemidji), the sponsor of the bill, says current law is unclear on the penalty for setting fire to wild lands.

People found guilty under this law could face a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Those convicted may also have to pay for the damage they caused to properties on the burned land, and the cost to fight the fire.

Johnson says he was appalled to learn that 35 percent of all outdoor fires in Minnesota are started by arsonists. When Johnson began studying the problem, he found that very few of these arsonists were prosecuted because current law

doesn't specifically state that wild land arson is prohibited.

"Wild land arson can no longer be taken lightly," says Johnson.

Rep. Dennis Ozment (IR-Rosemount) says he co-authored the bill because, as a fire captain, he knew the need for "a law that would provide the ability to prosecute arsonists and provide proper punishment for setting wild land on fire."

Ozment says anyone caught shooting at everything around him with an AK-47 assault rifle while in the woods would be convicted of a felony, but a person setting fire to the same wooded area wouldn't even be prosecuted.

The measure, HF2131, if signed, will become effective Aug. 1.

State forests

If the forestry division of the Department of Natural Resources wants to plant trees in portions of Lake of the Woods County, it could under provisions of a bill awaiting the governor's signature.

The measure would create Lake of the Woods state forest by converting a number of acres of state-owned land throughout the county to state forests, says Rep. Jim Tunheim (DFL-Kennedy), House sponsor of SF1772.

"It's a management policy decision," says Tunheim. State forestry officials didn't have the authority to thin trees or re-forest portions of the acreage before it was a state forest, he added.

If signed into law, the measure would become effective the day after being signed.

Environmental offenses

The statute of limitations for taking action against a person or company for violation of the state's hazardous waste laws will be extended by a year under a bill signed into law April 6.

The law extends the limit to three years from the time the violation is discovered to bring a civil action brought against the company or person. The current limit is two years from the time the violation occurs.

Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls),

House sponsor of the bill, says the measure will help the state's regulating agencies enforce air, water, and solid and hazardous waste violations.

SF2355 will become effective Aug. 1.

Light butter law

Calorie and cholesterol counters take note: "light" dairy products will soon be legally available in Minnesota supermarkets.

A bill signed into law by the governor April 6 will allow the sale of a variety of dairy products that have a lower butterfat content, including light butter, light cheese, non-fat ice cream, and reduced calorie yogurt.

Current law prohibits the sale of butter that has a butterfat content of less than 80 percent. The new law lowers the butterfat level to 52 percent.

The measure would also set standards of butterfat content for other dairy products. Most of the law's provisions go into effect Aug. 1.

Under HF2305 (Krueger, DFL-Staples), light butter and reduced-fat ice cream must be manufactured and sold in Minnesota.

Historic potato area?

The state Department of Agriculture would be required to study a portion of Marshall County to determine whether it qualifies as a historic certified seed potato area under a provision of a bill awaiting the governor's signature.

The agriculture commissioner would be required to study the effect of diseases on seed potatoes in the area, including the effect of diseases from potatoes grown for commercial use. The commissioner would have to submit the study to the Legislature by Dec. 15, 1991.

Rep. Jim Tunheim (DFL-Kennedy) sponsors HF2025.



St. Paul Mayor Jim Scheibel testified before the House-Senate tax conference committee April 18 about the Senate's proposed cuts in state aids to cities.

Seed potato mecca

Potato growers in Kittson County would be restricted to growing certified seed potatoes under a bill approved by the Legislature and awaiting the governor's signature.

The measure would apply to potato plots of at least 10 acres, and would require that potatoes be certified as seed potatoes.

Bill sponsor Jim Tunheim (DFL-Kennedy) says the measure is "to try to make a better product. We want to make sure that the potatoes grown are certified seed potatoes. They have less disease and are insect free." Better potatoes grown strictly for seed should produce both higher yields and a better quality potato, he says.

Kittson County's seed potato crop is exported throughout the United States.

If the governor signs HF2025, Kittson County would be the only county in the state that is a restricted seed potato area.

Classroom discipline

Teachers would be granted some immunity from lawsuits for using "reasonable force" to discipline students under a tort reform bill that passed the House April 12 on a 110-18 vote.

"I have seen students confronting teachers and saying things like, 'If you do that, I'll sue you,' or 'My folks will sue you' . . . I don't think that kind of attitude can continue and still have a good teaching atmosphere in the classroom," says Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon), amendment sponsor and former teacher.

The bill would protect teachers from civil suits when using reasonable force for the purpose of "lawful authority, restraining, or correcting . . . a pupil."

Under the measure, a jury would decide the issue of "reasonable force" in a particular case to determine if someone could file a civil suit.

Currently, teachers are granted immunity from criminal liability against using force unless they injure a child.

But Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) told lawmakers that the amendment would be a step backward from her bill passed last year that prohibited teachers from using corporal punishment.

Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) also spoke against Sviggum's amendment, saying that a civil suit is the only recourse a family has if a child is harmed by an educator.

She adds that the best way to get a grip on discipline in the classroom would be to reduce the teacher-student ratio.

"You can't ask 40 people with high hormones in a French class to possibly learn without even their talking becoming disruptive — we know how it gets on the [House] floor sometimes and we're all adults," says Vellenga.

The amendment passed on a 100-24 vote. HF1827 awaits conference committee action.

Water pumping permits

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will now be permitted to issue permits in certain cases when it receives a request to allow the pumping of more than two million gallons of groundwater per day.

A measure that would allow the DNR to issue the permits for construction and pollution control sites was signed into law April 5.

Bill sponsor Rep. Len Price (DFL-Woodbury), co-author of the 1989 Groundwater Protection Act, says the need to change the original law was a question of practicality.

The original law required legislative approval before a permit could be granted to pump that much water from groundwater supplies.

The old law was too cumbersome for certain construction and pollution abatement projects that must continually pump water, Price says.

The new law allows five waste water construction sites and four leaking landfills to pump two million gallons of water per day with the condition that the water basin of origin isn't adversely affected.

If the project adversely affects neighboring wells, the company or agency seeking the permit will be required to provide an alternative water supply, Price says.

HF1883 becomes effective Aug. 1.

Toxic pollution

The Minnesota Toxic Pollution Prevention Act made it through conference committee April 18 as originally written when House members agreed to delete two amendments that were added during debate on the House floor.

The act is designed to reduce the amount of toxic chemicals used in the state. A provision would allow industries to receive financial assistance to develop technology that reduces the amount of chemicals they need.

The bill also would require industries to submit to the Office of Waste Management a toxic reduction plan that identifies the steps they're taking to reduce or

eliminate the need for toxic chemicals.

The toxic prevention portion of the bill is sponsored by Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth).

A portion of the bill, sponsored by Rep. Steve Trimble (DFL-St. Paul), would require that chlorofluorocarbons used in refrigeration devices, air conditioning equipment, fire extinguishers, and other equipment be recycled or disposed of in proper facilities.

The conference committee report on HF2198 awaits repassage by the House and Senate.

9-1-1 dispatchers

Skill levels of 9-1-1 dispatchers will be studied by a legislative advisory task force under a bill approved by the Legislature April 17.

The bill, SF2026 (House author: Bertram, DFL-Paynesville), will also study the costs of training and the continuing education of people dispatching emergency medical, fire, and police services, and the role the state can play in maintaining adequate services.

State and local officials and other groups involved in the dispatching and providing of emergency services will make up the task force. The Legislature requests a report on task force recommendations by Jan. 1, 1991.

Per diem pay

More than one per diem payment per day to some metropolitan government officials would be banned under a bill approved by the Legislature and awaiting the governor's signature.

The bill specifies that metro government officials would be paid for the day they attend meetings. The bill was sponsored in the House by Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls), who cited a recent legislative auditor's report indicating that metro agency members sought compensation for every meeting they attended during a day — not just one per diem payment for the entire day.

The bill also includes a provision that county board members who are paid a salary that is greater than 50 percent of the governor's salary would be reimbursed only for expenses when attending

board-related meetings.

The bill applies to Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties, and includes such units of government as the Metropolitan Council, Metropolitan Airports Commission, and county boards.

Some Hennepin County commissioners have come under attack recently for accepting multiple per diem payments.

County referendum

County boards may conduct a referendum asking residents to decide whether a hazardous waste treatment and storage facility should be built within a county's borders under a bill recently signed into law.

Bill sponsor Rep. Wally Sparby (DFL-Thief River Falls) says the legislation was prompted by the Red Lake County Board's desire to learn what county residents think about having such a facility in the county. He says county boards currently don't have authority to hold a binding referendum.

The referendum on the Nov. 6, 1990, general election ballot will read, "Shall the county proceed with the terms and conditions of its contracts with the state of Minnesota for siting and operating a hazardous waste stabilization and containment facility in the county?"

The law takes effect Aug. 1.

Flammability requirements

New seating furniture in public areas must meet flammability standards under the proposed furniture fire safety act.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul), awaits the governor's signature.

The measure would apply to cushioned furniture in places such as penal institutions, health care facilities, convalescent homes, day care centers, public auditoriums and stadiums, and public areas of hotels and motels having more than 10 places to sit.

The state fire marshal's office would oversee the flammability standards and would adopt rules using as a guide the testing and labeling requirements listed in

California's Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation.

The bill, if signed, would apply to furniture manufactured on or after Jan. 1, 1992, to give manufacturers time to comply with the safety standards. Furniture that fails to meet minimum safety standards after that date couldn't be sold or used for public places.

The fire marshal could initiate a civil suit or seek an injunction to bar a person from selling furniture after Jan. 1, 1992, if the furniture is intended for public places and doesn't meet the flammability standards.

Veterans' benefits

Resident aliens and other civilians who saw combat duty during either World War I or II will be eligible for state veterans' benefits under a law signed by the governor April 16.

The bill, authored by Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul), will bring state guidelines for veterans' status into conformity with federal changes made in 1988.

The new eligibility changes will allow certain personnel, such as merchant mariners, who served in either World War I or II, to take advantage of veterans' programs. For example, foreigners who served in connection with a U.S. combat

operation, and civilian female telegraph operators, would be eligible.

More recent civilians who saw combat in Korea and Vietnam are already eligible under current laws.

Insurance agents

Insurance company officials will have to think twice about ending contracts with their agents now that Gov. Rudy Perpich has signed a bill setting up a review board to hear complaints from agents who believed they were let go without cause.

Bill sponsor Rep. Jerome Peterson (DFL-Princeton) says many award-winning insurance agents didn't receive adequate severance pay when their contracts were terminated.

The bill outlines a process that begins when an insurance agent requests a review of the action. The Department of Commerce would conduct a hearing within 30 days. A three-member panel hearing the review would be selected from a pool of 10 insurance agents and 10 representatives from insurance companies.

If the review board decides the termination was unjustified, the commerce commissioner would decide the amount of the compensation the insurance agent receives.

The law went into effect April 17.

Automatic recounts

Close state primary or general election contests will be subject to automatic recount if the vote margin is 200 votes or less under a bill approved by the Legislature April 17.

The current margin for automatic recounts is 100 votes. HF2134 (Abrams, IR-Minnetonka) awaits the governor's signature.

Health care

A bill that would add 10 members to a commission charged with developing a plan to provide health care insurance for all Minnesotans was recently signed into law by Gov. Rudy Perpich.

The measure would increase membership on the Minnesota Health Care Access Commission to 25, and provide that 15 of those members be appointed by the governor. Previously, the governor appointed only five members.

Jim Koppel, executive director of the commission, says the extra members were added when the governor's eight-member advisory council on health insurance issues merged with the commission. The other two members were added to allow for greater representation of business interests, he says.

The Legislature created the commission in 1989 to come up with a plan to provide health coverage for the estimated 400,000 Minnesotans who don't have health insurance.

Lawmakers asked the commission to estimate the number of uninsured Minnesotans, explore insurance options for a new health care access program, and study alternatives for financing the state's share of the program's costs and the extent to which costs could be shared by program participants.

In addition, the commission will examine possible cost savings that would result from the program.



At 9 a.m. on April 17, a customer, *left*, at Ralph and Jerry's Corner Grocery in Minneapolis purchased the store's first five lottery tickets from manager Jim McRoberts, *right*.

Night stalkers

Law enforcement officers would be allowed to turn off their headlights to apprehend criminal suspects under a bill approved by the House April 12 on a 110-18 vote.

Bill sponsor Rep. Howard Orenstein (DFL-St. Paul) says law enforcement officers already turn their lights off under certain circumstances to catch suspects; his measure would only etch into statute that the practice is permitted.

A 15-member post board would determine what the "reasonable standards" would be for such an action. The provision was included in a larger bill (HF1827) pertaining to civil law.

Rep. Doug Carlson (IR-Sandstone), objected to the proposal. He says he has been told that "game wardens have almost run down people when they were flying down a township road without their headlights on."

The measure was referred to a conference committee to work out differences between House and Senate versions.

Traffic ticket quotas

Your chances of getting a traffic ticket could be a lot lower in the near future.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) would abolish the practice of requiring officers to meet "ticket quotas" within police departments and other law enforcement agencies. The measure is waiting for the governor's signature.

A separate provision in the bill would require motorists to turn on their lights when it's raining, snowing, sleeting, or hailing.

Another provision in the bill would require that handicapped parking signs indicate that violators are subject to a fine of up to \$200.



House page Bob Boyd helps fellow page Marty Broan launch a kite during a lunch break April 18.

Sexual assault risks

Hospitals will be required to give information about sexually transmitted diseases to people receiving treatment following sexual assaults under a bill signed into law April 12.

The law mandates that the departments of Public Safety and Corrections, along with advocates for sexual assault victims and health care professionals, develop a written notice informing assault victims of their risk of getting a sexually transmitted disease as a result of a sexual assault.

The notice must also include information on the symptoms of sexually transmitted diseases, recommendations for periodic testing for the diseases, and locations where confidential testing for the diseases is performed.

SF2046 will become effective Aug. 1.

'Sexual contact' redefined

The definition of "sexual contact" will be expanded to include the intentional removal or attempted removal of clothing if a bill authored by Rep. Dennis Ozment (IR-Rosemount) becomes law.

The bill has been approved by the Legislature and is awaiting the governor's signature.

Ozment says he pushed for the bill after a young girl was harassed by a group of boys attempting to pull down her shorts. At the time, no law covered that type of behavior. If this bill becomes law, such an action done with sexual or aggressive intent would constitute fifth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

The crime would carry a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$3,000 fine. SF2564 would go into effect Aug. 1 if the governor signs it into law.

Prostitution penalties

If you're thinking about cruising for prostitutes, you may consider taking the bus or hoofing it on foot.

A bill approved by the Legislature and awaiting the governor's signature would place a "john" conviction on your driving record, provided an automobile was involved in the crime. The record, however, would be classified as private data.

Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls), author of the bill, says "johns" often drive when looking for prostitutes to ensure their anonymity. The provision would remove some of that anonymity, she says.

In addition, listing such convictions on a driver's license would allow police to quickly identify multiple offenders, and charge them with a more serious gross misdemeanor offense.

The bill also imposes minimum fines on prostitutes and their patrons in an effort to increase the penalties typically leveled against johns.

If the solicitation or acceptance of a solicitation takes place in a public place or takes place in a private place for the second time in two years, the minimum fine would be \$1,500. Currently, the maximum penalty for the gross misdemeanor offense is \$3,000 and up to a year in jail.

First time solicitations and acceptances that occur in a private place would carry a \$500 minimum fine. The maximum penalty is a \$700 fine and 90 days in jail.

Community work service could be substituted for all or part of the minimum fine if the court finds that payment of the fine would cause undue hardship for those convicted or their families.

HF1846 will go into effect Aug. 1 if the governor signs it.

Security guard limits

A bill that would restrict the actions of security guards once they step off company property has been approved by the Legislature and is awaiting the governor's signature.

Bill sponsor Rep. Joe Begich (DFL-Eveleth) says the legislation is aimed at protecting town residents from being harassed or intimidated by security

guards off a plant site. Begich's bill comes in the wake of actions taken by security guards employed by the Boise Cascade Corp. in International Falls during the recent labor skirmish there.

The measure would allow videotaping during a labor dispute as long as either the person being photographed or the security guard doing the photographing are on the plant site. During the Boise Cascade strike, videotape recordings were used in court to prosecute rioters.

The bill would also require privately employed armed security guards, such as the ones in shopping malls, to have the same firearms training as police officers — so they know how and when to use them.

In addition to firearms training, security guards would be instructed on the use of bludgeons, nightsticks, batons, chemical weapons, electronic incapacitation devices, and restraint and immobilization techniques, including the carotid (artery) neck restraint.

HF1928, if signed by the governor, would become effective Aug. 1.

Police officer reciprocity

When a blood-test performed in Fargo, N.D., was ruled to be inadmissible in a courtroom across the state line in Minnesota, Rep. Marvin Dauner said it was time such problems were corrected.

A bill sponsored by the DFLer from Hawley, which became law April 16, will allow courts to consider evidence obtained in another state, and allow police officers in "fresh pursuit" of a suspect to cross state lines and make an arrest, provided the neighboring state agrees to the proposal.

Currently, South Dakota allows Minnesota police officers to make arrests when they cross the border.

The Minnesota Supreme Court recently ruled that a blood test done at the Fargo hospital was admissible in court. Police had taken suspected DWI drivers to the Fargo hospital for blood tests because the Moorhead hospital had closed and Fargo's hospital was the next closest.

While the Supreme Court ruling upholds the authority of police to make those arrests and the validity of blood tests taken in a different state, Dauner says writing both into state law was important.

County extension update

The Minnesota county extension services haven't been limited to agriculture and home economics issues for years. A bill signed into law March 29 is intended to reflect the broader mission of today's University of Minnesota extension service.

Bill sponsor Rep. Lyndon Carlson (DFL-Crystal) says the areas of interest in county extension services may differ in each of the state's 87 counties. For example, counties in northern Minnesota may have tourism as their number one priority, instead of agriculture. Another county may deal more with economic development.

Some current county extension educational programs deal with community leadership, economic and human development, and environment and natural resources.

HF2212 is a result of a blue ribbon commission that recommended updating county extension language that has been in the law books since 1948.

Rule-making oversight

A bill giving the public more information and access to rule-making decisions by state agencies was signed into law by the governor April 11.

Rep. Dave Gruenes (IR-St. Cloud), author of the bill and a member of the Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules (LCRAR), says it's in response to problems the commission has encountered over several years.

When a new law is enacted, the state agency administering the law will write "administrative rules" to enforce the law. Problems arise when these rules are controversial or just don't work the way the law was envisioned, Gruenes says.

The new law, put together by Gruenes and the LCRAR, will increase agencies' public accountability, and public access to government information and participation in the rule-making process.

The law requires, for example, that written notices be mailed to interested people regarding an agency's hearing to propose new rules.

The law will also improve agency

fairness when the public contests a rule and judicial review of such rules, says Gruenes. In addition, it's designed to cut down the red tape associated with agency rules.

HF2462 will become effective Aug. 1.

Bullet-proof vests

Wearing a bullet-proof vest while committing murder, selling drugs, or even in some cases of shoplifting will be a felony under a bill signed into law April 16.

The new law makes the wearing or possessing of a bullet-proof vest while committing felony or gross misdemeanor crimes a felony punishable by a maximum of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

This sentence could be tacked on to the penalty imposed for the crime during which the bullet-proof vest was worn.

In addition, it would be a felony to furnish minors with a firearm, an airgun, ammunition, or an explosive without the written consent of the minor's parents.

It'll also be a felony to intentionally discharge a firearm under circumstances that endanger the safety of another.

SF2134 goes into effect Aug. 1.

Prosecution training

The state Attorney General's Office and several other agencies will be required to prepare a course for prosecutors on the impact of bias-motivated, or "hate" crimes, under a bill signed into law April 16.

The new law requires that the course be at least six-hours long, and that prosecuting agencies keep a record of the attorneys who do and don't attend the course.

The state Attorney General's Office will develop the course in conjunction with The Peace Officers Standards and Training Board, the Minnesota County Attorneys Association, and the Department of Human Rights.

SF1365 was signed into law April 16 and becomes effective Aug. 1.

EMS pension plans

A bill that would provide a pension plan for part-time emergency medical personnel was given final approval by the full House April 17 on a 128-0 vote. But no money was appropriated to help pay for the proposal.

Bill sponsor Rep. Roger Cooper (DFL-Bird Island) told lawmakers that federal approval is needed before the Legislature can decide on how to fund the ambulance driver pension program.

Originally, the bill called for Minnesotans to pay a \$2 when they register for their driver's licenses as a way of funding the plan. But Cooper says the 1991 Legislature has to find some way to fund the pension program.

"If we don't fund the program in the future we're going to have less and less and less people in the emergency medical service [in the rural area]," says Cooper.

Cooper's bill, which was whittled down considerably from its original form, is intended as an incentive for ambulance personnel — those who make less than \$5,000 per year — to remain in rural areas.

The measure would also exempt ambulance drivers from having to pay license fees and sales tax.

HF1896 awaits Senate/House conference committee action.

Child abuse

Posters warning people about the hazardous effects alcohol can have on unborn children may soon be seen in liquor stores and bars.

A child protection bill approved April 17 by a conference committee contains a provision that calls on the Department of Health to encourage bars and liquor stores to put up posters informing pregnant women of the dangers of alcohol.

The proposal spells out a possible message: "Warning: drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects and prematurity."

The bill would also allow local welfare agencies and law enforcement agencies to exchange child abuse and neglect reports with similar agencies in other states.

This would help other states conduct

abuse or neglect investigations and/or assessments, says Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul), the bill's sponsor.

The definition of "physical abuse" would also be expanded under the bill to include mental or threatened injury. Mental injury would include psychological or emotional injury to a child.

HF2390 now goes to the House and Senate floors for reconsideration.

Work place safety

Employers will have to prepare programs to reduce industrial workplace accidents, injuries, and illnesses under a bill given final approval by the House April 17.

The commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry will notify those employers affected, and will also present awards to businesses that have excellent safety records.

The bill, SF1869 (House author: Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove), awaits the governor's signature.

Railroad crossings

You may think twice before ignoring railroad crossing warning signals if a bill awaiting the governor's signature becomes law.

A bill approved by the Legislature would make it a misdemeanor for a driver to ignore the warning signals of an approaching train. The offense is currently considered a petty misdemeanor.

If the driver was legally drunk at the time of the incident, the offense would be a gross misdemeanor.

Warning signs identified in the bill sponsored by Rep. Jim Tunheim (DFL-Kennedy) include lowered crossing gates, flashing lights, and human flaggers. A plainly visible train is also considered a warning sign.

A separate provision in the bill would require driver improvement clinics to give instruction on railroad crossing safety.

The measure, HF2401, would become effective Aug. 1 if signed into law.

Minnesota's Bookstore has it

From murder accounts to black-eyed Susans

Looking to get away for a weekend without leaving the state?

In-laws coming to dinner and you want to impress them with a Minnesota dish?

In need of a book or puzzle for a special child?

Look no further. Your wish may have come true.

Minnesota's Bookstore at 117 University Ave. in St. Paul can help you in all these areas and more. The bookstore features an assortment of books about, for, and by Minnesotans, as well as an extensive collection of Minnesota maps, posters, and other items.

The bookstore is in the Ford Building, a red brick building one-half block west of the state Capitol and just across the street from the State Office Building's courtyard.

If you intend to visit, plan on browsing awhile, whether your interest is in fish, fowl, flowers, or history.

Fishes of the Minnesota Region is a guide to the 148 different kinds of fish found in Minnesota waters. *Songbirds in*

Your Garden gives tips on how to attract and feed birds in your back yard.

The Northland Wild Flowers book has more than 300 color photographs to help you identify wildflowers in the Minnesota region. And *Murder in Minnesota* will give you detailed accounts of 16 of the most infamous murders between 1858 and 1917 in Minnesota.

Books occupy much of the shelf space in the store, but they are just a small part of the over 1,000 items available with a Minnesota motif. Other novelties include T-shirts, lapel pins, coloring books, prints and posters, and state flags.

Maps are one of the most popular items in the store. Last year, 12,000 paper maps were sold, says Mary Mikes, marketing distribution and retail manager for the print communications division.

All of the maps are very detailed. The bikeway maps will show you the location of paved shoulders, and unpaved and gravel roads. The 4,000 lake maps not only give a detailed topography of a lake, but also depict connecting marshes and

adjacent roads.

The store, which first opened in the late 1950s, is not all fun and games, however. It also publishes the *State Register*, the official publication of the State of Minnesota that outlines the rules of state agencies, and advertisement of state contracts and bids.

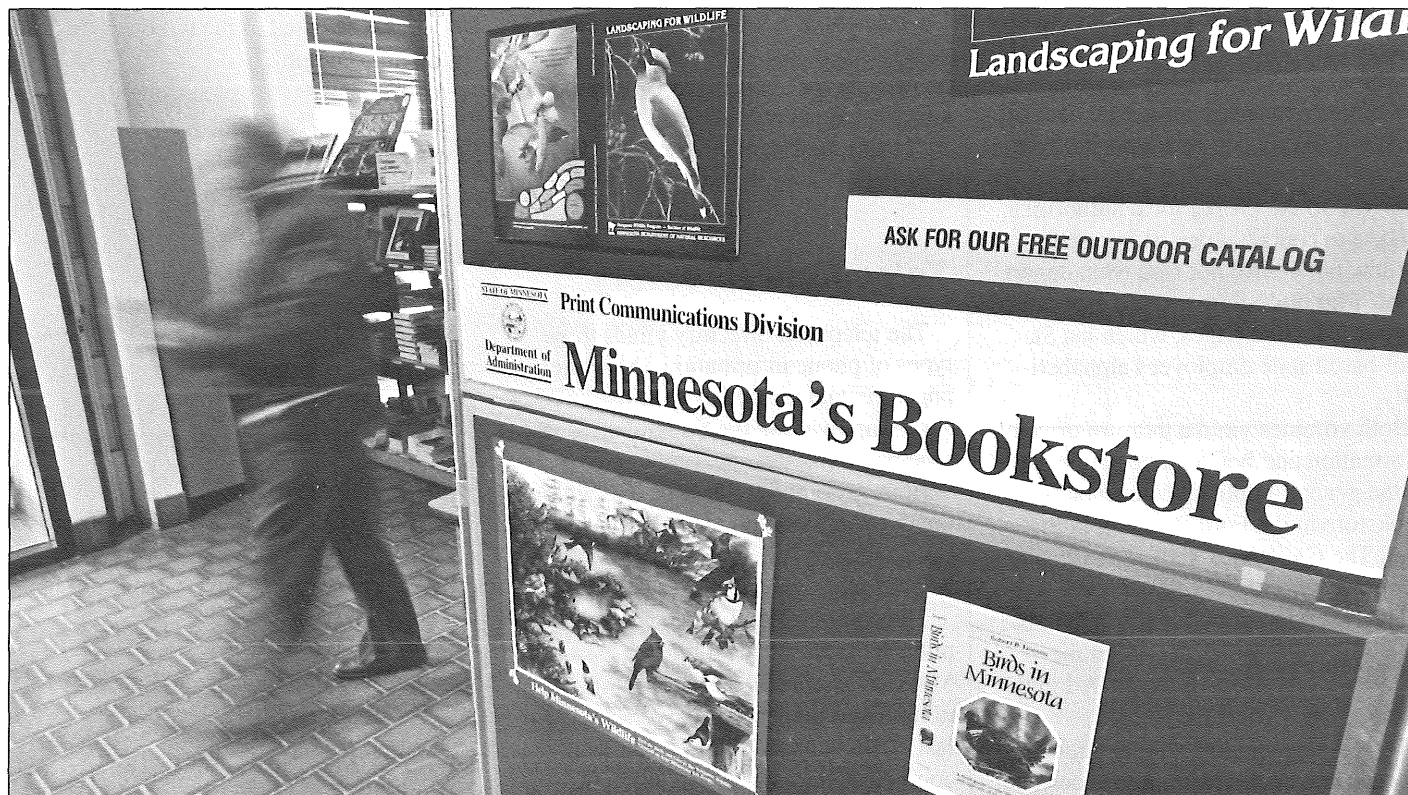
The Minnesota Bookstore also carries a collection of publications outlining rules and laws for governing the fields of nursing, pharmacy, insurance, charitable gambling, and cosmetology, among others.

And for about \$3, you can buy a copy of the Minnesota Constitution.

Mikes projects the bookstore will do close to \$2 million in business this year.

All items are also available by mail (117 University Ave. [Ford Building], St. Paul, MN 55155). Telephone orders can be placed by using VISA/Mastercard or American Express, (612)-297-3000 or 1-800-652-9747.

The store is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



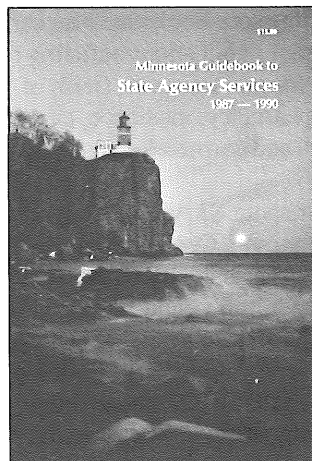
Minnesota's Bookstore is a frequent stop for state employees who are in search of gifts for family and friends.

Dead deer on the road. Who you gonna call?

Minnesota Guidebook a trove of information

Finding facts fast can be as easy as looking at your finger tips.

Your fingers can run down just about anything you need to know about Minnesota in the *Minnesota Guidebook to State Agency Services 1987-1990*, or in the *State of Minnesota Telephone Directory*.



Need to know how much a driver's license cost in 1934? By reading the *Guidebook's* Department of Public Safety narrative, you'll learn that one could buy a license for the entire family for a mere two bits.

Want someone to haul a dead deer off the road? Telephone operators handling the state information line, 296-6013, can refer you to the proper local authorities.

Have to contact a person in a state agency, but you're not sure what department? Flip through the state telephone directory's white pages, which list St. Paul-based state employees alphabetically.

Both volumes yield a treasure trove of information and both can be purchased by the general public at Minnesota's Bookstore in the Ford Building in St. Paul. The *Guidebook* sells for \$12 and the directory costs \$11.95.

The two popular publications, and the state information line, are under the direction of the Department of Administration.

The *Guidebook* outlines the duties and services that agencies, commissions and

other public bodies perform, and provides demographic, historical, and cultural information about the state in the "Minnesota Profile" section.

"The *Guidebook* is meant to provide friendly access to state agencies and their services," says editor Robin PanLener. "We're friendly with the public and we're friendly with the agencies. It's easy and non-threatening. It's a chance of portraying government and state employees to the public."

PanLener revamped the *Guidebook* from its original outline format to a more conversational, informal style. The resource book is also published to coincide with a governor's term in office.

The agencies or departments write and review their sections, he says.

"I view an editor's job as going out and getting copy," PanLener says. "I want the agencies to tell me what they're doing."

The points of interest sprinkled throughout the book breathe life into an agency or commission that on the surface may appear somewhat boring.

By looking up information under the Department of Education listing, for example, a reader could learn that Minnesota had three schools in 1851 with a total enrollment of 250 students.

"I want the information in this book to bubble out at you," PanLener says.

Telephone Directory

The telephone directory yields three types of phone information: the white pages contain an alphabetical listing of state employees in the St. Paul area; the blue pages list state agencies, their various divisions and key people within the departments; and the yellow pages list state agencies and personnel in Greater Minnesota.

The communications center strives to publish the telephone directory every May, says Laura Hoffmann, communications center manager and overseer of the last 12 directories. While employee comings and goings are monitored

continually, the work of compiling the directory begins in earnest during the preceding December.

Of course there are problems.

"On some of the covers of the current directory, the moose looked like its head was blown off," she says. "I can laugh about it now, but last year it wasn't funny."

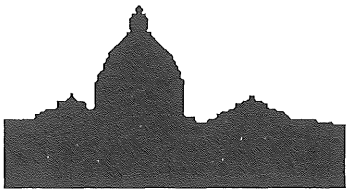
And because Hoffmann's communication center is the front line for a variety of questions from the public, they've developed a sizable database on Minnesota state government.

"The communication center receives about 9,000 calls a day," she says.

Callers ask a variety of questions, ranging from how to renew a driver's license or become a kidney donor to how a bill becomes law. They even handle questions about federal, county, or city government.

"Whenever someone new comes in [to work at the office], they go through a real intensive training on all levels of government," Hoffmann says. "We're the main information reference line. In fact, we're listed in the directory as 'State Information'."





For Your Information . . .

The Inside Report

Minnesota's highway funding formula

State—Tax per gallon in cents

Wisconsin	21.8
Iowa	20
Minnesota	20
S. Dakota	18
N. Dakota	17

Minnesota's gas tax is among the top 10 in the country, according to a House Research Department report.

Minnesota is tied with Iowa, Connecticut, Colorado, Montana and Rhode Island for ninth place in a ranking of the states' gasoline taxes as of Aug. 1, 1989, according to the report. Hawaii was first with a 29-cent-per-gallon tax, followed by Illinois (24.6 cents), Nebraska (22.3 cents) and Wisconsin (21.8 cents). Wyoming had the lowest tax at 9 cents per gallon.

Two Midwestern states — Illinois (24.6 cents) and Nebraska (22.3 cents) — ranked higher than Minnesota in the survey.

Motor vehicle excise tax

Thirty-five percent of the taxes people pay on a car help pay for the roads they travel on.

But that's changing. The transfer of money collected through the motor vehicle excise tax (MVET), or sales tax, on cars and trucks from the general fund to transportation-related funds will be completed by June 30, 1991.

The gradual move began in 1981, according to a House Research Department information brief outlining the timetable of the MVET transfer. The Legislature acted on a report by its Select Committee on Transportation that recommended MVET revenues be transferred gradually out of the general fund and into the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund.

The committee's position was that the MVET was really a highway user tax and should be dedicated to highways.

Rather than limit MVET revenues to highway maintenance and repair, the Legislature divided them between the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund and the Transit Assistance Fund.

Most of the highway fund's share of the money is now divided among the state, counties, and cities. Starting in fiscal year 1992, however, the state will keep the entire highway share and use it for state highways only.

Minnesota highway financing

With an eye toward generating more revenue for transportation, legislators made sweeping changes in the funding of highways in the 1989 omnibus transportation bill.

The changes will result in total highway user tax revenue reaching an estimated \$1.57 billion in the 1990-91 two-year spending cycle, according to a House Research Department information brief, *Minnesota Highway Financing: Constitutional and Statutory Provisions*.

Increasing the Motor Vehicle Excise

Tax (MVET), or sales tax, revenues targeted for transportation will result in an additional \$19.2 million for state highways. By slowing the rate at which license taxes drop as an automobile depreciates, the state will generate \$42 million in the next biennium.

The flip side is that consumers will have to pay more to have their cars licensed over the lifetime of the vehicle.

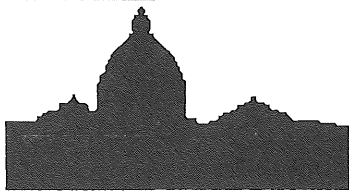
When the auto depreciation changes are completed in four years, they will produce more than \$100 million in new revenue each biennium. Changing the distribution formula for the 5 percent set-aside will mean an extra \$18.6 million in the next biennium for town roads and bridges.

The brief also outlined how highway user taxes are distributed among the transportation related accounts.

Revenues from fuel taxes and motor vehicle license taxes are constitutionally dedicated for highway purposes and can't be deposited anywhere except in the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund (HUTDF). The fund is divided among various levels of government according to a constitutionally prescribed formula.



Minnesota's gas tax ranks ninth among the states.



Committee, Floor & Final Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

APPROPRIATIONS

Tuesday, April 17

Waste Management Act—changes
HF2108/SF1996* (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—re-referred to Environment & Natural Resources Committee.

FLOOR ACTION

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 12

Dept. of Administration—changes
HF257*/SF257 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—repassed as amended by Conference (102-23).

Pine County—tax-forfeited lands
HF796*/SF712 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)—repassed as amended by Conference (128-0).

Intersection right-of-way—clarification
HF1927*/SF2138 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—repassed as amended by Conference (129-0).

Tuesday, April 17

Driver's licenses—electronic pictures
HF2294*/SF2212 (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—re-passed as amended by Conference (128-1).

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Tuesday, April 17

Liming law—establishment
HF2592/SF2527* (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—passed as amended (130-1).

SPECIAL ORDERS

Thursday, April 12

Home Buyers Bill of Rights
HF566/SF188* (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (121-6).

License plates—term change
HF946/SF838* (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—passed (128-0).

Petroleum tank cleanup fund—changes
HF1816/SF1725* (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—passed (127-0).

Mental retardation—services policy
HF1908/SF1831* (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—passed (130-0).

Emergency dispatch services—task force
HF1930/SF2026* (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—passed (128-0).

Prescription drugs—dispensation
HF1935/SF1789* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—passed (126-0).

Tort reform
HF2027/SF1827* (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (110-18).

Human rights—discrimination law changes
HF2038/SF1847* (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (129-0).

Ramsey County—charter members' terms
HF2043/SF1777* (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—passed as amended (123-2).

Criminal sexual conduct—definition
HF2077/SF2564* (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—passed (128-0).

HMOs—liquidation regulations
HF2118/SF1940* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (126-0).

Hospitals—new construction
HF2168/SF1698* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (127-0).

Telecommunications—fraud
HF2222/SF2132* (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—passed (128-0).

State property—rental agreement changes

HF2304*/SF2233 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—passed (127-0).
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

City hospital payments—special fund
HF2318/SF2092* (Uphus, IR-Sauk Rapids)—passed (126-0).

Conservation officers—search warrants
HF2351/SF1704* (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—passed as amended (118-10).

Juvenile delinquents—escape penalties
HF2367/SF2208* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (127-0).

Auto insurance—home child care providers
HF2589/SF2493* (Lynch, IR-Andover)—passed (129-0).

Aversion, deprivation procedures—definitions
HF2605/SF2318* (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—passed (128-0).

Non-profit corporations—clarifications
HF2678/SF2483* (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed (128-0).

Nursing home—waiver restrictions
HF2689/SF2051* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—passed (128-0).

Auto insurance—motorcycles
HF2735/SF2349* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—passed as amended (126-1).

Financial institutions—community evaluations, ratings
HF2770/SF2430* (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (129-0).

Claims against the state—payment
HF2812/SF2619* (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—passed as amended (130-0).

Tuesday, April 17

Dept. of Public Safety fees; school bus driver checks
HF972/SF1162* (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—passed (130-0).

Judicial system—racial bias study
HF1158/SF1081* (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (129-0).

Charitable gambling—changes
HF1891*/SF1853 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (128-0).

Rural Health Care—omnibus bill
HF1965/SF1896* (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—passed as amended (128-0).

Veterans Home Board—surplus facilities
HF2023*/SF2531 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—passed (128-0).

Occupational safety—employer programs
HF2398/SF1869* (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—passed (120-7).

Flexible gas rates—regulation
HF2520/SF2158* (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—passed as amended (128-0.)

Life insurance—home child care providers
HF2572/SF2424* (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed (128-0).

Judges—staggering terms
HF2751/SF2054* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended (130-0).

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Tuesday, April 17

Well construction—ownership requirements
HF1948/SF2126* (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—passed as amended (124-0).

Liming law—establishment
HF2592/SF2527* (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—passed (129-0).

FINAL ACTION

BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

Monday, April 16

Child care funding—county payments
HF2132/SF1726* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 432.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Street vacation—notification
HF2187/SF1980* (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—Chapter 433.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Drought emergencies—task force
HF2299/SF2172* (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—Chapter 434.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990, with qualifications

Education task force—member changes
HF2381/SF2136* (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 435.
Effective: July 1, 1990

Body armor—penalties
HF2086/SF2134* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—Chapter 439.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990, with qualifications

Metropolitan airport search area protection
HF2614/SF2433* (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—Chapter 440.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990, with qualifications

City, county assessors—appointments
HF2189/SF1897* (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—Chapter 441.
Effective: day after enactment (April 17, 1990)

Track abandonment—standards
HF2064/SF1752* (Brown, DFL-Appleton)—Chapter 442.
Effective: day after enactment (April 17, 1990)

Timber sales—multiple sale locations
HF1939/SF1879* (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—Chapter 443.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Veterans—redefinition, education assistance
HF1806/SF1794* (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—Chapter 444.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Forestry—expansion, maintenance program
HF2382/SF2127* (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)—Chapter 445.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Motor vehicle registration—changes
HF1981*/SF2084 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—Chapter 446.
Effective: various dates

Life insurance—cancellation, non-renewal
HF2500*/SF2129 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—Chapter 447.
Effective: various dates

Anoka County—land sale, exchange
HF2135*/SF2024 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—Chapter 448.
Effective: day after enactment (April 17, 1990)

Peace officers—jurisdictional increase
HF2056*/SF1916 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—Chapter 449.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990, with qualifications

Neighborhood organizations—tenants' rights
HF136/SF1087* (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—Chapter 451.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Tax-forfeited lands—sales
HF2656/SF2489* (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—Chapter 452.
Effective: day after enactment (April 17, 1990)

School district elections—changes
HF1870/SF1920* (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—Chapter 453.
Effective: day after enactment (April 17, 1990)

Health insurance—demonstration project
HF2293/SF1696* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—Chapter 454.
Effective: day after enactment (April 17, 1990)

Privacy—cordless telephones
HF2218/SF2061* (Seaberg, IR-Eagan)—Chapter 455.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

No-fault car insurance—clarification
HF2249/SF2068* (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—Chapter 456.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Insurance—agent compensation
HF1902/SF1995* (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—Chapter 457.
Effective: day after enactment (April 17, 1990)

Public buildings—recodification
HF2105/SF2431* (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—Chapter 458.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

Bias crimes—curriculum development
HF1561/SF1365* (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—Chapter 459.
Effective: Aug. 1, 1990

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11A Brown, Chuck (DFL)	569	4929	28B Olson, Katy (DFL)	523	5373
43A Burger, John (IR)	225	9188	16A Omann, Bernie (IR)	229	6612
14B Carlson, Doug (IR)	203	4308	22B Onnen, Tony (IR)	277	1534
46B Carlson, Lyndon R. (DFL)	379	4255	64B Orenstein, Howard (DFL)	521	4199
47B Carruthers, Phil (DFL)	575	3709	66A Osthoff, Tom (DFL)	591	4224
60A Clark, Karen (DFL)	407	0294	23B Ostrom, Don (DFL)	401	7065
21B Cooper, Roger (DFL)	507	4346	59B Otis, Todd (DFL)	403	9281
9B Dauner, Marvin K. (DFL)	581	6829	37B Ozment, Dennis (IR)	287	4306
65A Dawkins, Andy (DFL)	371	5158	65B Pappas, Sandy (DFL)	503	9714
23A Dempsey, Terry (IR)	261	9303	42A Pauly, Sidney (IR)	291	7449
21A Dille, Steve (IR)	227	4344	52B Pellow, Dick (IR)	215	0141
24A Dorn, John (DFL)	533	3248	34B Pelowski, Gene, Jr. (DFL)	531	8637
42B Forsythe, Mary (IR)	245	4363	18A Peterson, Jerome "JP" (DFL)	421	6746
24B Frederick, Marcel "Sal" (IR)	303	5513	10A Poppenhagen, Dennis (IR)	301	5387
32A Frerichs, Donald L. (IR)	389	4378	56A Price, Len (DFL)	417	3018
27A Girard, Jim (IR)	213	5374	39A Pugh, Thomas W. (DFL)	501	6828
61A Greenfield, Lee (DFL)	375	0173	50B Quinn, Joe (DFL)	445	2439
17B Gruenes, Dave (IR)	201	6316	32B Redalen, Elton R. (IR)	251	9278
33A Gutknecht, Gil (IR)	309	9249	31B Reding, Leo J. (DFL)	537	4193
30A Hartle, Dean (IR)	233	5368	46A Rest, Ann H. (DFL)	429	4176
13A Hasskamp, Kris (DFL)	413	4333	57A Rice, James I. (DFL)	381	4262
31A Haukoos, Bob (IR)	279	8216	12A Richter, Don (IR)	223	4293
63B Hausman, Alice (DFL)	439	3824	25B Rodosovich, Peter (DFL)	451	8237
45B Heap, Jim (IR)	281	7026	5A Rukavina, Tom (DFL)	473	0170
40B Henry, Joyce (IR)	323	7158	52A Runbeck, Linda (IR)	329	4226
41A Himle, John (IR)	247	7803	58A Sarna, John J. (DFL)	563	4219
29A Hugoson, Gene (IR)	221	3240	35A Schafer, Gary (IR)	217	8634
49B Jacobs, Joel (DFL)	485	4231	47A Scheid, Linda (DFL)	583	3751
5B Janezich, Jerry (DFL)	597	0172	48B Schreiber, Bill (IR)	267	4128
7B Jaros, Mike (DFL)	559	4246	38B Seaberg, Art (IR)	393	3533
57B Jefferson, Richard H. (DFL)	431	8659	44B Segal, Gloria (DFL)	551	9889
19B Jennings, Loren G. (DFL)	331	0518	51B Simoneau, Wayne (DFL)	365	4331
51A Johnson, Alice M. (DFL)	539	5510	61B Skoglund, Wesley J. "Wes" (DFL)	409	4330
4A Johnson, Bob (DFL)	345	5516	3B Solberg, Loren A. (DFL)	453	2365
34A Johnson, Virgil J. (IR)	207	1069	1B Sparby, Wally (DFL)	351	9918
58B Kahn, Phyllis (DFL)	369	4257	53B Stanius, Brad (IR)	315	5363
29B Kalis, Henry J. (DFL)	543	4240	27B Steensma, Andy (DFL)	471	4336
67A Kelly, Randy C. (DFL)	509	4277	26A Sviggum, Steven (IR)	237	2273
36A Kelso, Becky (DFL)	415	1072	55A Swenson, Doug (IR)	321	4124
4B Kinkel, Anthony G. "Tony" (DFL)	449	2451	40A Tjornhom, Chris (IR)	239	5375
43B Knickerbocker, Jerry (IR)	283	4315	37A Tompkins, Eileen (IR)	231	5506
54B Kostohryz, Dick (DFL)	585	4936	67B Trimble, Steve (DFL)	491	4201
12B Krueger, Richard "Rick" (DFL)	433	3201	1A Tunheim, Jim (DFL)	525	9635
19A Lasley, Harold (DFL)	553	5364	15A Uphus, Sylvester (IR)	253	5185
2A Lieder, Bernard L. "Bernie" (DFL)	527	5091	54A Valento, Don (IR)	359	7153
48A Limmer, Warren E. (IR)	327	5502	25A Vanasek, Robert (DFL)	463	4229
59A Long, Dee (DFL)	459	0171	64A Vellenga, Kathleen (DFL)	549	8799
50A Lynch, Teresa (IR)	313	5369	62B Wagenius, Jean (DFL)	545	4200
36B Macklin, Bill (IR)	307	6926	26B Waltman, Bob (IR)	289	9236
17A Marsh, Marcus (IR)	295	7806	49A Weaver, Charlie (IR)	241	1729
35B McDonald, K.J. (IR)	273	8872	15B Welle, Alan W. (DFL)	437	6206
22A McEachern, Bob (DFL)	343	4237	13B Wenzel, Stephen G. (DFL)	487	4247
63A McGuire, Mary Jo (DFL)	377	4342	9A Williams, Diane Wray (DFL)	567	5515
60B McLaughlin, Peter (DFL)	577	7152	28A Winter, Ted (DFL)	411	5505
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12 Anderson, Don (IR)	153 SOB	6455	10 Larson, Cal (IR)	145 SOB	5655
29 Beckman, Tracy L. (DFL)	G-9 Cap	5713	3 Lessard, Bob (DFL)	111 Cap	4136
41 Belanger, William V., Jr. (IR)	107 SOB	5975	47 Luther, William P. (DFL)	205 Cap	8869
32 Benson, Duane D. (IR)	147 SOB	3903	63 Marty, John J. (DFL)	235 Cap	5645
11 Berg, Charles A. (DFL)	328 Cap	5094	48 McGowan, Patrick D. (IR)	121 SOB	2159
60 Berglin, Linda (DFL)	G-29 Cap	4261	44 McQuaid, Phyllis W. (IR)	135 SOB	1279
21 Bernhagen, John (IR)	113 SOB	4131	26 Mehrkens, Lyle G. (IR)	127 SOB	8075
16 Bertram, Joe, Sr. (DFL)	323 Cap	2084	49 Merriam, Gene (DFL)	122 Cap	4154
62 Brandl, John E. (DFL)	306 Cap	4837	39 Metzen, James (DFL)	303 Cap	4370
33 Brataas, Nancy (IR)	139 SOB	4848	65 Moe, Donald M. (DFL)	309 Cap	4264
14 Chmielewski, Florian (DFL)	325 Cap	4182	2 Moe, Roger D. (DFL)	208 Cap	2577
64 Cohen, Richard J. (DFL)	G-27 Cap	5931	34 Morse, Steven (DFL)	309 Cap	5649
50 Dahl, Gregory L. (DFL)	111 Cap	5003	52 Novak, Steven G. (DFL)	301 Cap	4334
18 Davis, Charles R. (DFL)	G-24 Cap	2302	43 Olson, Gen (IR)	133 SOB	1282
4 Decker, Bob (IR)	109 SOB	0415	37 Pariseau, Pat (IR)	151 SOB	5252
27 DeCramer, Gary M. (DFL)	303 Cap	6820	17 Pehler, James C. (DFL)	G-9 Cap	4241
5 Dicklich, Ronald R. (DFL)	235 Cap	2859	19 Peterson, Randolph W. (DFL)	G-9 Cap	8018
56 Diessner, A.W. "Bill" (DFL)	323 Cap	8298	24 Piepho, Mark (IR)	105 SOB	9457
61 Flynn, Carol (DFL)	G-27	4274	31 Piper, Pat (DFL)	325 Cap	9248
51 Frank, Don (DFL)	G-9 Cap	2877	58 Pogemiller, Lawrence J. (DFL)	306 Cap	7809
30 Frederick, Mel (IR)	119 SOB	4123	25 Purfeerst, Clarence M. (DFL)	303 Cap	4167
20 Frederickson, David J. (DFL)	G-24 Cap	5640	45 Ramstad, Jim (IR)	123 SOB	9251
23 Frederickson, Dennis R. (IR)	143 SOB	8138	46 Reichgott, Ember D. (DFL)	G-24 Cap	2889
40 Freeman, Michael O. (DFL)	122 Cap	9307	35 Renneke, Earl W. (IR)	117 SOB	4125
8 Gustafson, Jim (IR)	115 SOB	4314	13 Samuelson, Don (DFL)	124 Cap	4875
54 Hughes, Jerome M. (DFL)	328 Cap	4183	36 Schmitz, Robert J. (DFL)	235 Cap	7157
15 Johnson, Dean E. (IR)	181 SOB	3826	7 Solon, Sam G. (DFL)	303 Cap	4188
6 Johnson, Douglas J. (DFL)	205 Cap	8881	59 Spear, Allan H. (DFL)	G-27 Cap	4191
53 Knaak, Fritz (IR)	149 SOB	1253	42 Storm, Donald A. (IR)	125 SOB	6238
38 Knutson, Howard A. (IR)	129 SOB	4120	1 Stumpf, LeRoy A. (DFL)	306 Cap	8660
57 Kroening, Carl W. (DFL)	124 Cap	4302	28 Vickerman, Jim (DFL)	G-29 Cap	5650
55 Laidig, Gary W. (IR)	141 SOB	4351	66 Waldorf, Gene (DFL)	124 Cap	3809
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Bill Introductions . . . Out of the hopper; into the books

Today's laws were yesterday's ideas. Those ideas were in the minds of lawmakers, citizens, and lobbyists. But to become a law, those ideas have to become House files first. House files are formal legislative proposals that the Legislature can study and act upon.

When House members want new laws passed, they have their proposals put in the form of bills by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. They are then officially introduced on the House floor and assigned to appropriate committees for consideration. Committee chairs schedule meetings on the bills sent to them, and that committee has a hand in how the bill may ultimately take shape.

Committee members considering a bill can take various actions on it. They can approve the bill by recommending that it pass, they can amend it, and they can defeat it. Committees can also defer action on it and consider it at another time. While some bills go to only one committee, others will pass through two or more committees.

When a bill moves out of its committee, it goes to the House floor for consideration by the whole body. Again, the House can amend it, defeat it, or give it final approval. If the House passes the bill, it is then sent to the Senate where the process could start all over again.

Bills introduced in the first year of the biennium (odd-numbered years) can still be acted upon in the second, even-numbered year of the biennium. When the Legislature adjourns in an even-numbered year, all bills become inactive and have to be reintroduced when the

Legislature reconvenes.

Legislators can introduce bills at any time. When the Legislature is not in session during odd-numbered years, they can be introduced and be unofficially referred to a committee.

During the 1989 session, 1,801 bills were introduced. This session, 1,029 bills have been introduced.

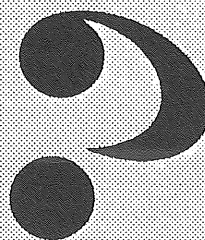
During sessions, the House will announce committee deadline dates for bills. The first deadline, March 9, required that House bills be passed by a House committee to receive further action. The second deadline, March 16, required Senate bills to have been passed by a House committee to receive further action. These deadlines don't apply to education finance, tax, and appropriation bills.

Most committees stop meeting after the second bill deadline, although some hold informational meetings on subjects related to the committee.

Lawmakers can introduce bills anytime during the session. Since the first committee deadline, over 100 House bills have been introduced. Most of these bills didn't have any chance of passing this year, but they were introduced by lawmakers because they felt a subject should be addressed in a future session.

The last House bill, introduced on April 17, though, may pass. The bill, HF2831 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville), is a resolution memorializing Congress to release information concerning POWs and MIAs. The companion bill was passed April 19 by a Senate committee.

Do you know



The International Institute of Minnesota sponsors its Festival of Nations this year as part of the state's "Celebrate Minnesota" program. The festival will be at the St. Paul Civic Center (including the Roy Wilkins Auditorium) from April 27-29.

People representing 76 ethnic groups are expected to attend the festival, the state's largest ethnic celebration.

In keeping with this year's theme, "Ethnic Weddings," a variety of ethnic wedding customs and costumes will be on display. And a naturalization ceremony will take place April 28.

Features include free overseas telephone calls, foreign language classes, and ethnic foods. Other attractions include ethnic folk dances, exhibits, demonstrations, and bazaar booths.

Adults can register to win free round-trip air fare to Madrid, Spain, and children can register to win all-terrain bicycles.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6.50 at the door. Tickets for youths between 5 and 16 are \$4, and children under 5 are free if accompanied by a parent. Special group rates are available. For more information, call the International Institute of Minnesota at (612) 647-0191.

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For Capitol Security . . .

An ounce of prevention is Capitol idea

For Capitol Security, prevention is the cure to whatever ails the Capitol complex.

Whether it's a fire, theft, smoldering coffee pot, or taking steps to keep elected officials and others from being assaulted, it's the job of Capitol Security to "prevent any undesirable things from happening," says Bill Lunz, Capitol Security's operations manager.

"We want to make sure the three branches of state government can run without any interruptions — whatever it takes to ensure that the people and the property in the Capitol complex are safe."

Lunz points to purse snatching and other forms of stealing as their biggest problem within the Capitol complex. There is a great deal of crime in the Capitol's surrounding neighborhoods, says Lunz, and "we know thieves pass through the complex at all times looking for cash."

How does security prevent the thefts of wallets, purses, or other personal belongings?

One new method employed this session is through the Capitol tunnel's emergency intercom system. Lunz says the recently funded security tool enables people to get immediate help in the underground tunnel system. He adds that the tunnels have the potential to trap people because of their long stretches without exits.

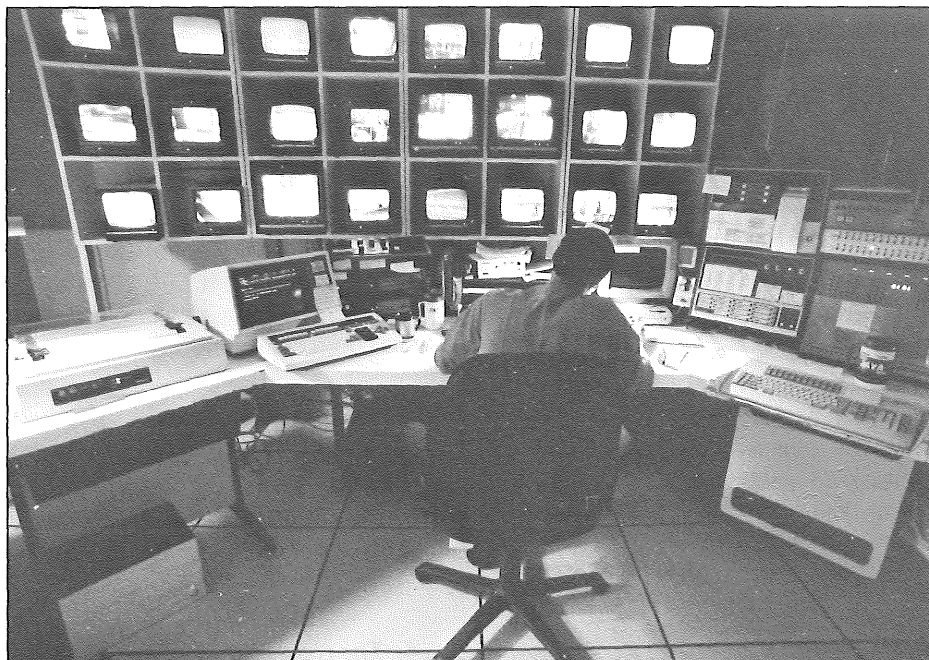
The system allows employees who feel uncomfortable with someone they see

lurking in the tunnel to push the intercom button which also turns on a

television monitor covering that location. Security can talk with the caller and see the intruder, and can quickly move to the scene to apprehend the subject if needed.

By 1992, Lunz says they should have about 87 surveillance cameras plus an expansion of the intercom system.

Capitol Security, a division of the Department of Public Safety, staffs 42 people, 24 hours a day, seven days a



Lt. Steve Schnagel watches the television monitors at the Capitol Security communication center.

week to monitor the 30 buildings in the Capitol complex.

And when needed, they also call in additional public safety personnel for deterrence, including the State Patrol, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and the fire marshal.

"We plan to prevent the worst case scenario from happening," says Lunz. One situation that had the potential for trouble this year was during the abortion hearings.

In one incident an anonymous phone caller threatened to harm a freshmen senator who was poised to cast a vote in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee Feb. 28. Lunz says Capitol Security provided her with personal escorts after the threat was made and screened any visitors she had the day of the hearing.

In another incident that day, a man got into a heated debate outside the hearing room where the abortion bill was being debated. Lunz says the man became disruptive and began speaking irrationally. Capitol Security later whisked him off to a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

National officials visiting the Capitol

grounds also create a challenge for Capitol Security. When U.S. "drug czar" William Bennett came to the Capitol recently, security worked closely with federal enforcement agencies, including the U.S. Secret Service.

"The feds come in and they don't know the layout of the building, who the employees are, who the friendly people are, and who the bad people are," notes Lunz.

Another primary responsibility of Capitol Security is to support the Sergeant at Arms staff. If there is a disruption in a committee room or gallery and the Sergeant at Arms can't resolve it, Capitol Security gets the call.

During a legislative session Lunz says there are about 6,500 state employees working within the Capitol complex, a cluster he refers to as a "mini-city."

Being ready for any situation is all in a day's work for Capitol Security. Lunz says rallies and protests are among the most difficult. Security staff will outline to demonstrators what they can and can't get away with.

"Basically we're doing our job right if we don't get on TV," says Lunz.



MINNESOTA BILL OF RIGHTS

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA Preamble

WE, THE PEOPLE of the state of Minnesota, grateful to God for our civil and religious liberty, and desiring to perpetuate its blessings and secure the same to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I BILL OF RIGHTS

Sec.1. Government is instituted for the security, benefit and protection of the people, in whom all political power is inherent, together with the right to alter, modify or reform government whenever required by the public good.

Sec. 2. No member of this state shall be disfranchised or deprived of any of the rights or privileges secured to any citizen thereof, unless by the law of the land or the judgment of his peers. There shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the state otherwise than as punishment for a crime of which the party has been convicted.

Sec. 3. The liberty of the press shall forever remain inviolate, and all persons may freely speak, write and publish their sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right.

Sec. 4. The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate, and shall extend to all cases at law without regard to the amount in controversy. A jury trial may be waived by the parties in all cases in the manner prescribed by law. The legislature may provide that the agree-

ment of five-sixths of a jury in a civil action or proceeding, after not less than six hours' deliberation, is a sufficient verdict. The legislature may provide for the number of jurors in a civil action or proceeding, provided that a jury have at least six members.

Sec. 5. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel or unusual punishments inflicted.

Sec. 6. In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the county or district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which county or district shall have been previously ascertained by law. In all prosecutions of crimes defined by law as felonies, the accused has the right to a jury of 12 members. In all other criminal prosecutions, the legislature

While most Minnesotans are aware of the U.S. Bill of Rights many are not aware of the significant rights granted by Article 1 of the Minnesota Constitution, the Minnesota Bill of Rights.

Unlike the U.S. Bill of Rights, which was added after the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, the Minnesota Bill of Rights was an integral part of the Minnesota Constitution from its inception. The rights it grants are affirmative ones given to Minnesota residents; Federal rights are merely limitations on governmental power.

Many of the familiar rights stated in the U.S. Constitution are expressed even more strongly and broadly in the State Constitution. Examples are, the freedom to speak and the liberty of the press stated in Section 3 and the freedom of religion stated in Sections 16 and 17. Section 4 grants the right to bring civil suits for injuries for any amount. The federal right is limited to amounts over \$20.

Some Minnesota granted rights are not as strong as the federal rights however. The federal constitution requires grand jury indictment before felonies are charged. Minnesota Section 7 once had such a requirement but it was removed in 1904.

Unlike the U.S. Bill of Rights which has not been amended, the Minnesota Bill of Rights has been substantially amended since it was first adopted as part of the Minnesota Constitution of 1857.

The first amendment occurred in 1888 when mechanics' liens were added to the section that prohibits people from being jailed for debt (Section 12).

In 1890, an amendment was added to allow six-person civil juries to issue decisions when only five people are in agreement - provided the jury has deliberated for at least six hours (Section 4).

In 1896, the phrase "damaged or destroyed" was added to the section pertaining to condemnation of private property by the state (Section 13).

In 1904, a provision that required grand juries to be called in most criminal cases was repealed (Section 7).

In 1906, a provision was added that granted people the right to peddle farm products without obtaining a license (Section 18).

The next amendment didn't occur until 1988 when Sections 4 and 6 were amended to allow for six-person juries in civil and gross misdemeanor and misdemeanor criminal cases.

Six-person juries had been used for several years in Minnesota, but a constitutional challenge to the practice, and a subsequent Minnesota Supreme Court ruling, made the amendment necessary if the six-person juries were to continue.

In 1974, many of the sections were re-worded in a revision of the entire Minnesota Constitution, but its meaning was not altered.

“Government is instituted for the security, benefit, and protection of the people”

may provide for the number of jurors, provided that a jury have at least six members. The accused shall enjoy the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witnesses against him, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor and to have the assistance of counsel in his defense.

Sec. 7. *No person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense without due process of law*, and no person shall be put twice in jeopardy of punishment for the same offense, nor be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law. All persons before conviction shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for capital offenses when the proof is evident or the presumption great. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended unless the public safety requires it in case of rebellion or invasion.

Sec. 8. *Every person is entitled to a certain remedy in the laws for all injuries or wrongs which he may receive to his person, property or character*, and to obtain justice freely and without purchase, completely and without denial, promptly and without delay, conformable to the laws.

Sec. 9. *Treason against the state consists only in levying war against the state, or in adhering to its enemies, giving them aid and comfort*. No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act or on confession in open court.

Sec. 10. *The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated*; and no warrant shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath

or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the person or things to be seized.

Sec. 11. *No bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or any law impairing the obligation of contracts shall be passed*, and no conviction shall work corruption of blood or forfeiture of estate.

Sec. 12. *No person shall be imprisoned for debt in this state*, but this shall not prevent the legislature from providing for imprisonment, or holding to bail, persons charged with fraud in contracting said debt. A reasonable amount of property shall be exempt from seizure or sale for the payment of any debt or liability. The amount of such exemption shall be determined by law. Provided, however, that all property so exempted shall be liable to seizure and sale for any debts incurred to any person for work done or materials furnished in the construction, repair or improvement of the same, and provided further, that such liability to seizure and sale shall also extend to all real property for any debt to any laborer or servant for labor or service performed.

Sec. 13. *Private property shall not be taken, destroyed or damaged for public use without just compensation therefor*, first paid or secured.

Sec. 14. *The military shall be subordinate to the civil power and no standing army shall be maintained in this state in times of peace*.

Sec. 15. *All lands within the state are allodial and feudal tenures of every description with all their incidents are prohibited*. Leases and grants of agricultural lands for a longer period than 21 years reserving rent or service of any kind shall be void.

Sec. 16. *The enumeration of rights in this constitution shall not deny or impair others retained by and inherent in the people*. The right of every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience shall never be infringed; nor shall any man be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship, or to maintain any religious or ecclesiastical ministry, against his consent; nor shall any control of or interference with the rights of conscience be permitted, or any preference be given by law to any religious establishment or mode of worship; but the liberty of conscience hereby secured shall not be so construed as to excuse acts of licentiousness or justify practices inconsistent with the peace or safety of the state, nor shall any money be drawn from the treasury for the benefit of any religious societies or religious or theological seminaries.

Sec. 17. *No religious test or amount of property shall be required as a qualification for any office of public trust in the state*. No religious test or amount of property shall be required as a qualification of any voter at any election in this state; nor shall any person be rendered incompetent to give evidence in any court of law or equity in consequence of his opinion upon the subject of religion.

Section 18 was moved from the Bill of Rights during the 1974 constitutional restructuring into Artical 13, Miscellaneous Subjects as Section 7:

"Any person may sell or peddle the products of the farm or garden occupied and cultivated by him without obtaining a license therefor."

Olsen eyes Frenzel's U.S. House seat

State Rep. Sally Olsen says she is responsive to her 30,000 or so constituents in the St. Louis Park area. So responsive, in fact, that she believes she can add about 520,000 names to the list.

That's why she says she's running for the Third U.S. Congressional District seat now held by Republican Bill Frenzel, who is retiring.

"I've never sought election until after people have come and asked me to consider running," says Olsen, an Independent-Republican from St. Louis Park.

She was the first to announce her candidacy for the congressional seat. But since then, many others, including state Sen. Jim Ramstad (R-Minnetonka) have expressed an interest in the job.

Olsen says she was ready to jump in early because she had been thinking about it two years earlier when it was thought Frenzel would be given a new job in President George Bush's new administration.

Frenzel kept his seat at that time, but the seed to go to Washington, D.C., had been planted and nurtured by family and friends, Olsen says.

"I can make a significant contribution to the state and to the country," Olsen says, citing her 12 years of service in the state House, and her concern for education and financial issues.

If Olsen doesn't receive the IR



Rep. Sally Olsen

endorsement for the U.S. House seat, she says she will run again for the state House. Earlier, Olsen received the IR endorsement for her District 44A seat.

The endorsing convention for the Third U.S. Congressional District seat won't be until May 5.

Olsen, former chair of the Education Finance Division, is currently on the Financial Institutions and Housing, Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs, and Taxes committees.

She has traveled in the United States as well as in the Soviet Union, China, Israel, and Europe.

"My work and traveling have given me an appreciation for the diversity of the concerns of people out there," Olsen says.

She was instrumental in passing legislation that strengthened child abuse reporting laws, initiated art program funding for public schools, and reduced car insurance premiums for senior citizens who completed defensive driving courses, she says.

One of the pitfalls of her tenure at the House has been the amount of time it was spent being part of the minority party.

"As a minority member, you can't really sponsor any major legislation," Olsen says. "It becomes more of a game of inches; I work to get amendments passed that make the bills better."

If Olsen doesn't return to the House next session, she says she hopes people remember her as someone who worked hard for her constituents, and was conscientious and loyal.

"It's important to listen, to try to understand and be understanding," Olsen says. "I don't have to agree with people all the time, but I can listen to their concerns and ensure that our government is working in an honest, ethical, and fair way."

Revisor's bill cleans up "unnecessary locutions". . .

Walt Whitman or Emily Dickinson wouldn't have written it, but the process of writing the *Minnesota Statutes* is a little the same.

"It's like a poem — you're never done with it," says Harry Walsh, an attorney in the Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

And just as Whitman's *Leaves of Grass* went through many revisions, so, too, does *Minnesota Statutes* — all 645 chapters.

This year there are three separate "revisor's bills" — two of which have been signed into law — that make

corrections and clean up the language in the Minnesota statute books.

Chapter 367.01 dealing with the resignation of town officers is no poetic work.

But take a closer look and you'll see that this year's version is written in a language that's easier to understand than the one many lawyers and bureaucrats speak.

"It shall be the duty of the town treasurer" has been changed to, "It is the duty of the town treasurer."

And the section that states "Any town

may provide for combining the offices of clerk and treasurer" has become "A town may *combine* the offices of clerk and treasurer."

"There's more conscious concern for language now than there used to be," says Walsh.

The office had time to clean up the language in two chapters of the law during the 1989 interim, bringing the total number of revised chapters to 25 since the project began about six years ago.

Walsh says his office is reluctant to

Miller: Career politics aren't his style

Rep. Howard Miller (IR-Redwood Falls) has one simple reason for retiring from the House.

"I don't believe in career politicians and I don't want to wake up one morning and look in the mirror and find one," says the Independent-Republican from Redwood Falls.

His decision not to run, announced on the House floor April 9 by a colleague, surprised many, but is one Miller made nearly six months ago, he says.

It came with mixed emotions.

"I'll miss parts of this place very deeply," he says. "There's an intellectual stimulation that occurs here that I don't think other places have."

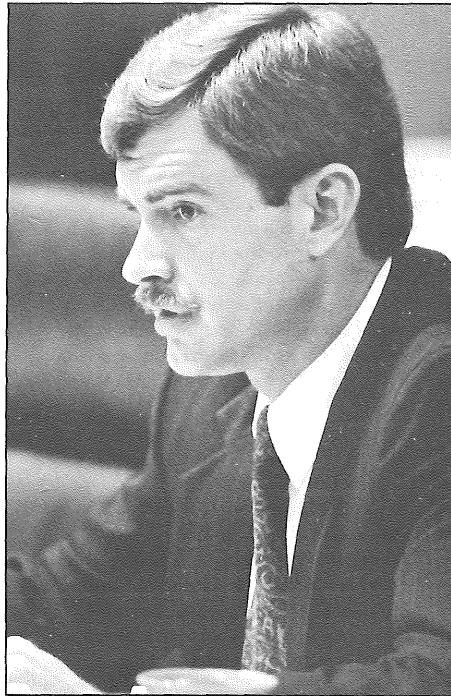
And then there's the camaraderie.

"You become 'buddies' in the sense that you've experienced the same things — the pressure from constituents, the pressure from your colleagues, the pressure from your beliefs," he says.

But there was also frustration that people aren't more active and interested in government, and that the system makes it tough for people to feel they have an impact.

"I'd like to see people take back government," he says. "It's theirs. They don't get involved yet complain about the decisions made. Someone needs to start a little fire under everyone out there."

Miller, first elected in 1984, serves on the Appropriations, Judiciary, and Economic Development Committees. He has worked to develop a strong founda-



Rep. Howard Miller

tion for the IR caucus and is currently trying to get the IR party to accept a set of "fundamental principles" to serve as a philosophical foundation for the party.

Its preamble hints at Miller's conservatism.

"America's future greatness, as with its past, rests not with government, individual leaders, or military strength, but with the recognition and preservation of those fundamental values and beliefs upon which our country was formed and serve as our foundation of freedom."

"There are a lot of tough issues here; a lot of times it's hard to decide what's right or wrong, but if we have some fundamental beliefs, then we'll have the foundation we need to build on," Miller said.

When Miller leaves the House, he will be joining Schwan's Sales Enterprises, an international, diverse food company with its Minnesota headquarters in Marshall. Miller will be working in government and industry relations.

He hopes his colleagues remember him as a man who "spoke his mind and voted his convictions," Miller says. "I've tried to ask the body to think more thoughtfully and deeply about the issues and the direction we're heading; let's not look so much at the best political reaction of the moment but further down the road to what's best for everyone."

He says he authored few bills during his tenure in the House. Rather, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, he helped decide the merits of other lawmakers' proposals.

As for his colleagues, they would do well to remember that, while they are accountable to their constituents, their party, and their state, in the end they are accountable to themselves.

"If they're able to walk away from here with their colleagues saying they were more wise than clever, more courageous than political, then they have served this institution well."

It's not poetry, but it's easier to read

make anything but formal changes without legislative approval.

"You can be sure that it's [punctuation] wrong, but you can't be sure that it's right," he says, adding that a comma can change meaning.

That's just one of the three types of revisor's bills the Legislature considered this year. A second one, which also has been approved and signed into law, deals primarily with errant references in statute, explains Walsh.

For example, when a new section of law is created and the old section is deleted, the references to the old law in other statutes often aren't discovered

until later. And that's why those changes need to be made, says Walsh.

Those two types of revisor's bills are pretty straightforward, but the third type — which Walsh says could be more accurately described as a corrections bill — can be a bit controversial.

That's the bill that is typically fashioned in the last days of a session to correct mistakes found in recently passed bills that are hastily put together before the Legislature adjourns.

"It's hard to draft a 300-page bill without making some mistakes," says Walsh.

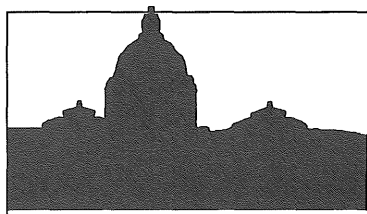
Although no substantive changes in

meaning are supposed to be contained in the bills, sometimes there are attempts to slip in a few meatier clauses.

Sen. John Marty (DFL-Roseville) recalled the time a few years ago when the revisor's bill he authored contained a change pertaining to horse racing that was perceived to be substantive.

The bill was voted down, and Marty says some of his colleagues were upset that the change was slipped into the bill.

"We haven't had another crash and burn, but we will," says Walsh. "It's in the nature of the process."



Bill Introductions & Schedule

Tuesday, April 17

HF2831—Bertram (DFL)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Resolution; memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 3603 which relates to the disclosure of information concerning POW/MIAs.

House Advisories

Tuesday, April 17

HA58—R. Anderson (IR)

Health & Human Services

A proposal to study preferential drug pricing within the health care system.

Thursday, April 19

HA59—McGuire (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

A proposal for a study regarding phosphorus and toxic substances discharge into the metropolitan disposal system.

First Readings/Senate Bills

Tuesday, April 17

SF1750—Stumpf (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1815—Sparby (DFL)

Agriculture; making legislative findings; extending the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act; appropriating money.

SF1860—Reichgott (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1884—Pappas (DFL)

Domestic abuse; authorizing courts to exclude a respondent from the place of employment of a petitioner in an order for protection; clarifying the probable cause arrest provision for violations of orders for protection; authorizing bonds to ensure compliance with orders for protection; authorizing referrals to prosecuting authorities for violations of orders for protection; improving prosecutorial procedures in domestic abuse cases; requiring the commissioner of public safety to study the feasibility and costs of a statewide computerized data base on domestic abuse; requiring a report; expanding the crime of first degree murder to include certain deaths caused by domestic abuse; imposing penalties.

SF1944—Luther (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1916—Scheid (DFL)

Elections; requiring the designation of a local government election for election of county and municipal officers, and officers of other political subdivisions except towns; requiring that certain questions be voted on only at the local government election for the political subdivision; requiring uniform and coordinated election precincts and polling places; superseding certain inconsistent general and special laws and home rule charter provisions.

SF2030—Purfeerst (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1898—Lasley (DFL)

Traffic regulations; requiring annual inspections of commercial motor vehicles; providing for the certification of persons to conduct annual inspections; requiring daily pre-trip inspections; requiring post-accident inspections; prescribing fees; providing penalties; appropriating money.

SF2246—Kroening (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2323—Simoneau (DFL)

Public employment; expanding coverage of the Public Employees Insurance Plan; establishing classes of premiums.

SF2527—Davis (DFL)

Appropriations

Agriculture; establishing an agricultural liming material law; allowing agreements between the commissioner of agriculture and certain persons required to file reports under the corporate farming law; appropriating money; prescribing penalties.

House Schedule

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MONDAY, April 23

10:30 a.m.

Elections Subcommittee/
RULES & LEGISLATIVE
ADMINISTRATION

Room to be announced

Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin

11:00 a.m.

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Chr. Rep. Dee Long

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

TUESDAY, April 24

The House will meet in session.

Time to be announced.

WEDNESDAY, April 25

The House will meet in session

Time to be announced.

THURSDAY, April 26

The House will meet in session, if necessary.

FRIDAY, April 27

The House will meet in session, if necessary.

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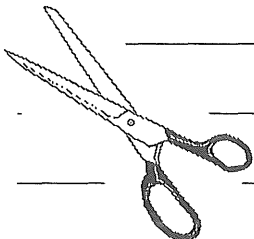
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