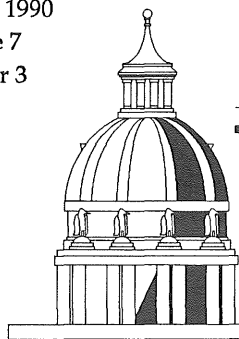


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## Highlights

### 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.

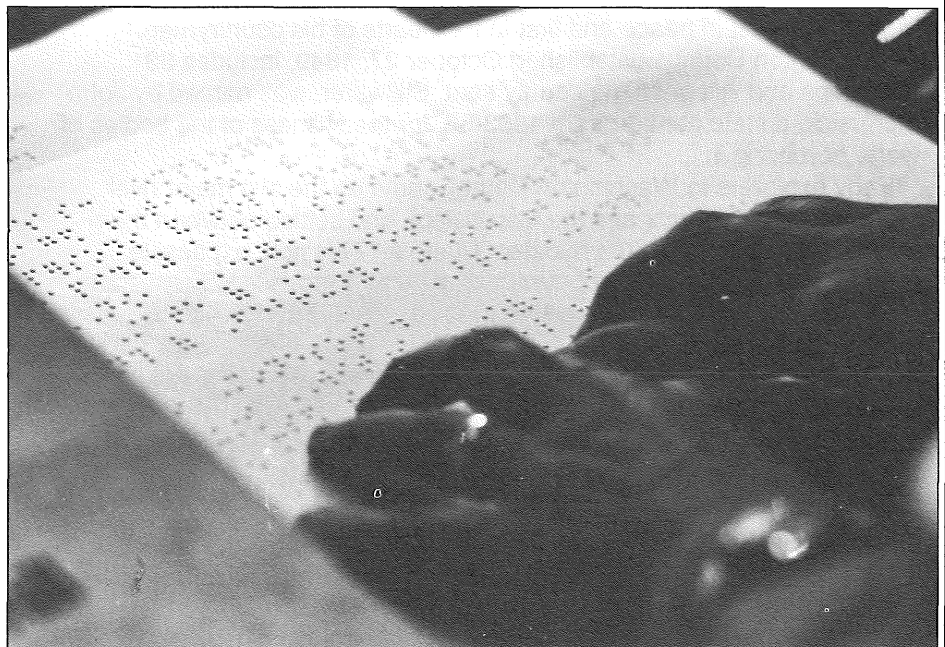
The division will consider HF1916 at a later date.

## 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.

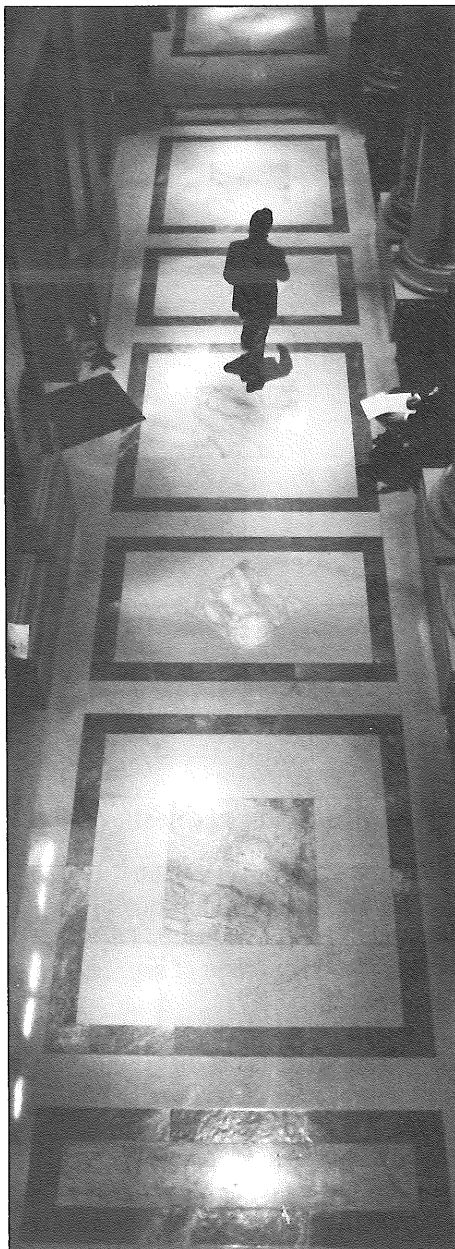
Confusion among seniors over having to choose from so many insurance policies prompted the bill.

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.

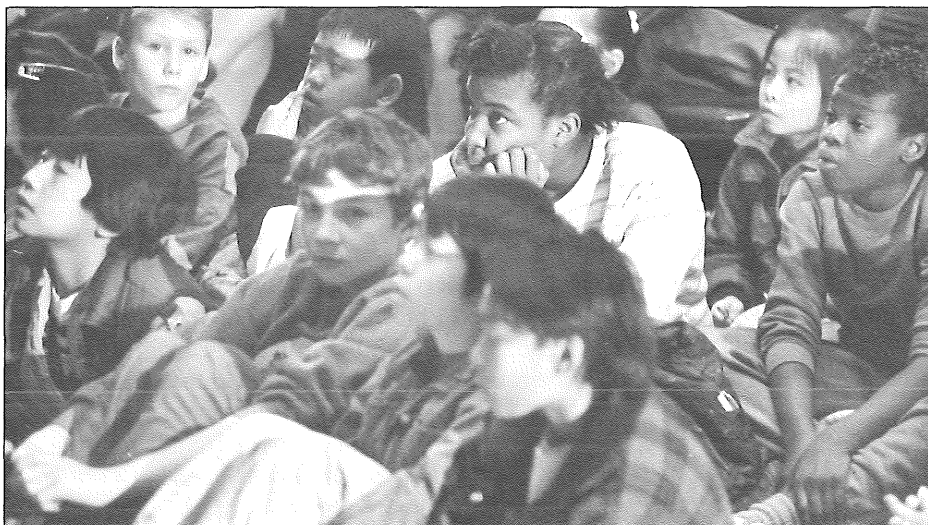
"There's a great deal of emphasis in this state on access," says Chancellor Robert Carothers. "I think it has damaged quality in the meantime."

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.

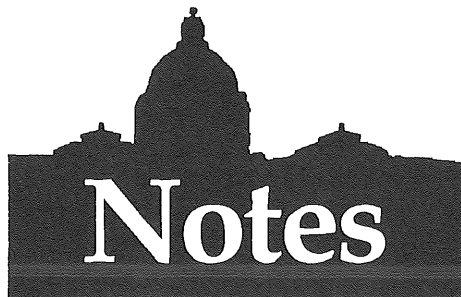
"The competition is so great, the number of households to be hooked up is so few, and the cost of the project is so big that they [townships] never get top priority," says Murphy. "The cities have a lot more places to turn to [for financial help]."

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.

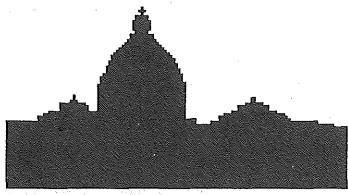
The operation of the University of Minnesota's physical plant is on the rebound, the Appropriation Committee's Education Division learned Feb. 19. A legislative auditor's report in 1988 criticized the operation, saying it was fraught with poor management, faulty accounting, and disgruntled workers. A 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)—recom-  
mended 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 amen-  
ded; re-referred to Taxes Committee.  
(SF in Senate Local & Urban Govern-  
ment 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.

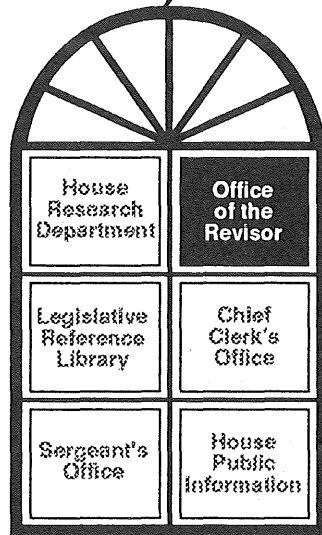
Most of the session is spent working with legislators. The first step in the process is for a bill drafter to discuss a proposed bill with a legislator, and then write a draft.

"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

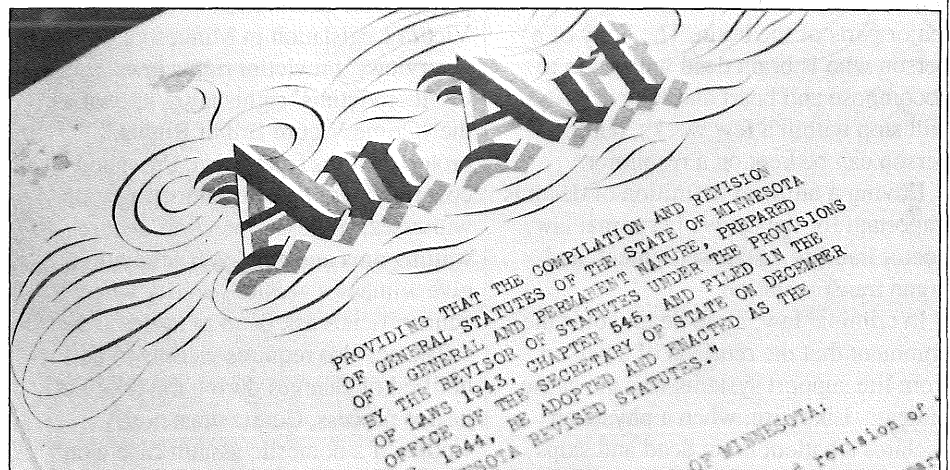
Other responsibilities of the office include examining other states' laws; giving a yearly report on court decisions that criticized, or declared invalid, Minnesota laws; and giving advice on statutes upon request.

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.

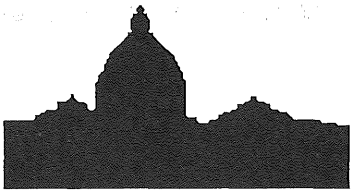
When the department was created it was placed under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Its job was to compile the state laws passed each year.

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 sentencing 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.

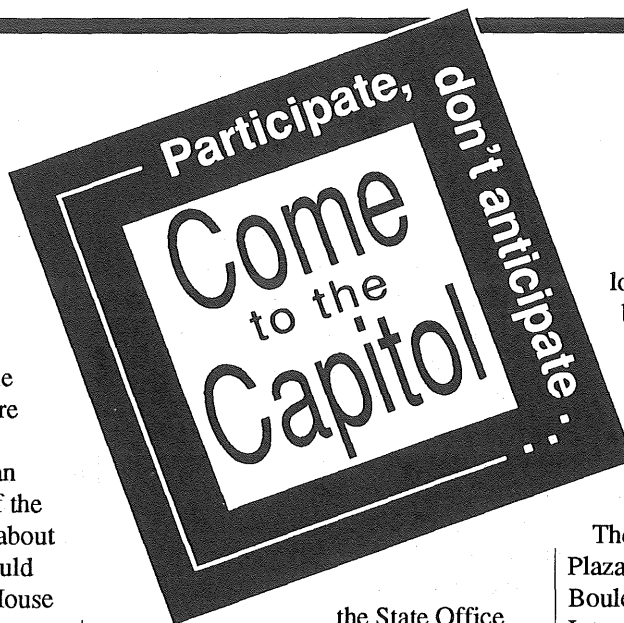
## The Capitol complex

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.

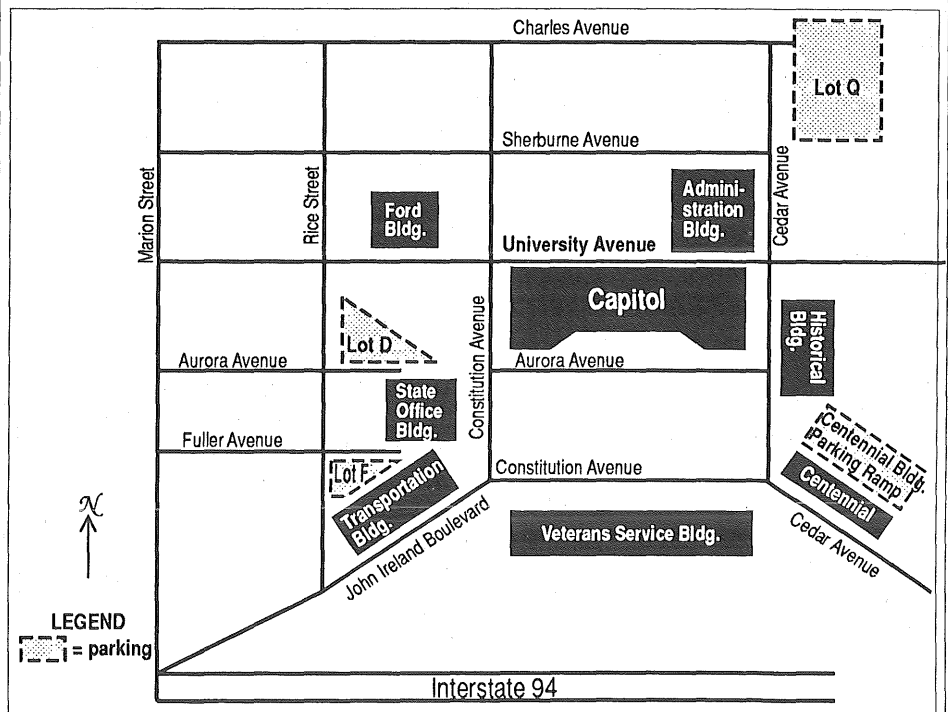
The Revenue Building is in River Place Plaza on Fillmore Avenue at Plato Boulevard, near the Lafayette Bridge and Interstate 94.

## 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

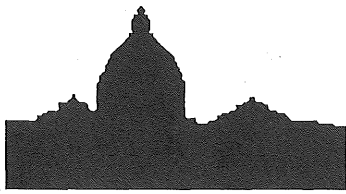
Here are a few things you may want to keep in mind when organizing your day at the Capitol:

- 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

## Monday, Feb. 19.

### 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.

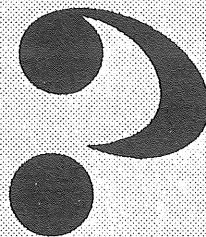
**HF2266—Jennings (DFL)****Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

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.

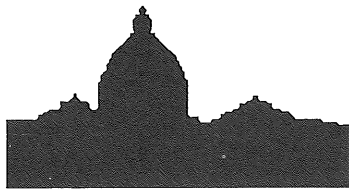
Keynoter Erica Bouza will speak on "Women Peace Activists in the Changing World" at 5:15 p.m. Following her talk, participants can choose between two sessions: "Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling" and "Choices and Challenges: How To Reach Young Women." The Women's Alliance in Iceland will conclude 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.  
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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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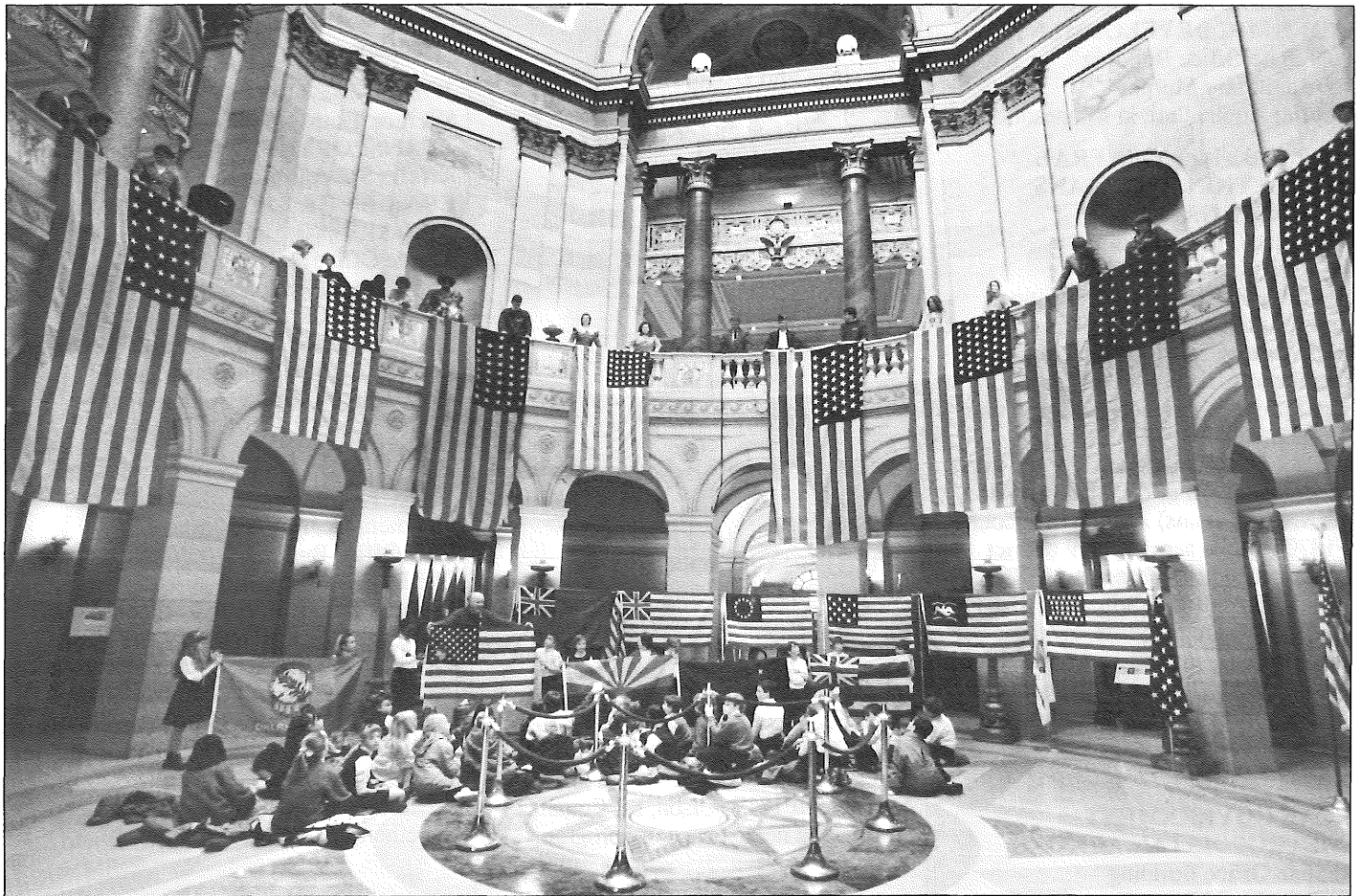
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