Open meetings

Public officials would be required to state why they intend to close public meetings under a bill approved Feb. 26 by the Judiciary Committee.

The measure would also allow government officials to publicly discuss the reasons for final disciplinary actions against most public employees.

"This bill is a compromise between openness and privacy," says Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), the bill's chief author. "We’ve had a lot of closed meetings going on, situations where the public is sitting in a meeting and all of a sudden it’s closed and they’re kicked out."

The bill would require officials at such public meetings to disclose the kind of business they’ll discuss and to specify the grounds for closure. Currently, public officials are allowed to close public meetings whenever "non-public data" is discussed.

The measure also provides immunity to public officials when discussing non-public data as long as the remarks are not malicious and the discussion is necessary to conduct the business of the body.

The bill includes a provision that would allow those in a meeting to assign a letter or number to people under discussion to shield their identities.

Starter homes

A bill that would encourage first-time home buyers in the metro area to move into already existing homes instead of building new ones was approved by the Housing Division of the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee Feb. 26.

Under the bill sponsored by Rep. Connie Morrison (IR-Burnsville), the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) and local housing authorities would be restricted from making loans for new single family housing in the metro area during the first eight months that financing is available.

Too many tax dollars are being channeled into new communities at the expense of older ones, says Morrison, who objects to the use of tax money to finance the infrastructure of new communities.

"When people find that the new house they built has a skylight, but doesn’t have a sidewalk and doesn’t have a park, they immediately go to city hall and ask for these things to be put in," she says.

The restriction on new homes wouldn’t apply to redevelopment areas, parcels of land acquired through tax forfeiture, and on homes that are financed with some form of government assistance to make them more affordable.

Jill Sammon of the Minnesota Realtors Association opposed the bill.

"I don’t think it’s right for the government to say that people of lower or moderate income can’t choose what kind of house they want to live in," she says.

The bill also applies to manufactured homes; an amendment that would have exempted such homes from the proposed law was defeated.

HF1669 was sent to the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee for further consideration.
Garage door regulation

How do homeowners test the safety of their garage door openers?
Officials answered that question for Commerce Committee members during a March 1 hearing on a bill that would regulate garage door opening systems.
They told lawmakers that to determine whether a garage door opener meets the minimum safety standard, one should place a two-inch piece of wood on the floor, and close the garage door. If the door works properly, it will reverse itself within two seconds of striking the wood.

HF2393 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul) would require automatic garage door openers to meet that standard, which Underwriters Laboratories developed, beginning in 1991.
Garage door openers installed before the effective date would be affected only if the homeowner sells the property. Then, the homeowner would either fix or remove the defective opener.
The proposal also would require garage door openers in 1993 to have a fail-safe system of remaining closed if the reverse mechanism doesn’t work.
The committee approved the bill.

School district spending

School districts around Minnesota spend about $3 per student for every hour the student is in school, according to a report from the Office of the Legislative Auditor. That translates into a yearly average of $4,243 per student to operate the state’s 436 districts.
The legislative auditor’s examination of school district spending also found that smaller school districts spend more per student than larger ones. The office surveyed 97 districts and presented its findings to the Education Committee Feb. 26.
Fewer students mean less leeway in spreading the costs around, so smaller schools’ per-pupil costs are about $1,000 above the state average, the report says. Auditors suggest that the state could save about $10 million if 85 of the state’s smallest school districts closed.
Other cost-saving measures the report recommends are sharing superintendents, reducing compensation for school board members, and pricing lunches to recover costs of the hot lunch program.
The report also finds that districts misreported 45 percent of the expenditure items tested to the Department of Education.
The report concludes that current method of reporting is cumbersome, complex, and difficult to understand, and that simplifying the system would lead to more reliable and consistent information.

Lobbyist Bob Orth could only gaze from a Capitol window at the spring-like weather as temperatures climbed above 50 degrees.
Several hundred workers representing privately operated residential group homes for the retarded rallied at the Capitol Feb. 27 for pay equal to that of workers in state facilities.

Bargaining deadlines

The Jan. 15 deadline for teacher contract settlements is better than a September or October deadline, the Education Committee learned Feb. 28.

The Legislature last session imposed the Jan. 15 deadline for school districts and teacher unions to reach contract settlements or lose $25 in state aid per pupil for each day beyond the deadline. The idea behind the deadline was to provide an incentive to school districts and teachers to settle contracts quickly.

The contract deadline was imposed for the 1990 fiscal year only, and will expire if the Legislature doesn't extend it to future contract periods. But so far, no one has introduced a House bill that would continue the deadline.

Bureau of Mediation Services Commissioner Paul Goldberg says only one contract was settled after the Jan. 15 deadline, but 11 union locals issued strike notifications.

Representatives of both the Minnesota Education Association and the Minnesota Federation of Teachers say their groups have no official positions on the Jan. 15 deadline. But both representatives say they are opposed to pushing the deadline back to September or October. They say that would be unrealistic because members of negotiation teams may not be available during the summer.

A spokesman for the State School Board Association says his group favors delaying any legislative action until the 1991 session so all the consequences of a deadline can be measured.

Arts school funding

The Minnesota Center for Arts Education in Golden Valley spends almost twice as much per student than other public schools when you include state-paid living expenses, according to testimony Feb. 26 at the Education Committee's Education Finance Division meeting.

The center spends about $8,500 per year per student, says Jim Undercofer, director of the center. That includes $5,500 per student in operating expenses and $3,000 per year for living expenses for those students who live on campus.

In contrast, the state average for K-12 spending per student is $4,200, according to a legislative auditor's report on Minnesota school spending. But that figure doesn't include any living expenses. Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls) says he's concerned whether the comparison is accurate and asked Undercofer to analyze the figures to see if they're being calculated in the same way.

Area learning centers

Helping more people earn high school diplomas is the idea behind a bill that would allow area learning centers to conduct Saturday classes.

Under the bill sponsored by Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids), the state's 20 area learning centers could be open on Saturdays, although they wouldn't be required to open.

"We're trying to provide access to the students so they can meet their graduation requirements, and indeed, graduate," said Bauerly at a Feb. 26 Education Committee meeting. By operating on Saturdays, students who work could be better served.

Area learning centers offer year-round educational programs for adults and youth who haven't earned a high school diploma in a traditional way because they've either dropped out of school or are disadvantaged in some way.

Bauerly says the bill would limit Saturday sessions to area learning centers. After hearing the bill, the committee sent it to the Education Finance Division for further review.

Education endowments

The state would match private endowment gifts to college undergraduate programs, if a bill approved by the Education Committee's Higher Education Division Feb. 28 becomes law.

The matching program would apply to the University of Minnesota, state universities, and private colleges. The Higher Education Coordinating Board would become the administrator.

Bill sponsor Gene Pelowski (DFL-Winona) says the bill would allow the private sector, "which in some instances has been critical of our educational systems, to put its money where its mouth is and say, 'all right, if you want to assist higher education in Minnesota ..."
fine, we will create a state program that will assist you in leveraging those dollars."

Tim Burchell, a representative from St. Mary’s College, says the bill would help motivate donors to invest money in programs that are sometimes difficult to find support for, such as endowed chairs, library endowments, and undergraduate research endowments.

A community college official says that the program, which calls for no funding this year but a $15 million to 20 million appropriation next biennium, would fight for dollars with other higher education programs seeking funds. In addition, some legislators say the matching program should also apply to community and technical colleges.

The division sent HF2008 to the full Education Committee.

Child protection

A child protection bill heard Feb. 28 in the Judiciary Committee’s Criminal Justice Division meeting would ensure that a child’s best interests are met in cases of child abuse.

Under HF2390 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul), children could be removed from their home if child protection workers suspect abuse and the parent has had other children removed for the same reason. Currently, when a victim is removed from a home and the abuse falls on another child, the courts must again prove the parent unfit before the new victim can be removed.

The bill also states that the child’s best interests rather than reunification with the family is the main court consideration. It would terminate parental rights if the parent has failed to successfully complete required treatment programs two or more times. And it would permit local welfare agencies and law enforcement agencies to exchange child abuse and neglect reports with similar agencies in other states. Currently, such information is classified as private data.

Pollution prevention

On March 1, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee recommended passage of a bill that would reduce the amount of toxic chemicals used by industries and others.

The bill’s sponsor, Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), says the bill is important because it deals with the pollution problem by reducing the use of harmful chemicals instead of the conventional method of curbing pollution in smoke stacks.

Environmental groups and industries support the bill which includes provisions for financial aid to industries for the development of technology that reduces the amount of chemicals they need. The bill also requires industries to submit to the Office of Waste Management a toxic reduction plan that identifies the steps the company is taking to reduce or eliminate the need for toxic chemicals.

Fees imposed on toxic users and generators will pay administrative costs.

Wild land arson

Arsonists would face a felony charge if they set fire to Minnesota wilderness under provisions of a bill the Environment and Natural Resources Committee passed March 1.

Bill sponsor Rep. Bob Johnson (DFL-Bemidji) says Minnesota has a large wilderness fire problem compared to other states. He worries about the increased numbers of fires in Minnesota. Johnson says a study conducted during the legislative interim reports that arsonists caused 35 percent of fires in the wilderness. In 1987, the state appropriated $15 million for fire fighting efforts.

Johnson says current Minnesota laws don’t include wild land arson which makes prosecution difficult. In 1988, arsonists torched more than 100,000 acres in 39 counties.

He says areas of sparse population aren’t the only areas being burned. Increasingly, arsonists strike areas close to homes and farmland, resulting in vast

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State architect Bruce Tabor looks on as Tom Maloy, an assistant commissioner for the Department of Health, testifies during a meeting of the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 27.
Moose Lake Fire Chief Osten Berg says he welcomes any means law enforcement can muster to deter arsonists since the continuing drought makes Minnesota vulnerable to fires. "This law could help us get the message that you don't burn Minnesota," says Berg.

The panel referred the bill to the Judiciary Committee for further discussion.

Gambling regulations

A bill regulating the state's lawful gambling industry that's designed to stop cheating by operators and money laundering by organizations was heard Feb. 22 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee.

The bill would require pulltab operators to mark off winning tickets as they are won and to post the names of the people winning them. Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester) says a recent study found about 4 percent of the players were winning 90 percent of the prizes. He says there's reason to believe someone is tipping these players off on when they should play a game. Listing the winners left in a jar and the names of people winning could correct this problem, he says.

The bill also is aimed at stopping the laundering of gaming funds. Licensed charitable gambling organizations would be prohibited from giving money to each other and from giving money to a national parent organization if the parent returns anything of value back to the local affiliate.

Tom Anzelc, director of the Gambling Control Board, says when money is swapped between organizations or between a local affiliate and a national parent organization, the money is put into the organizations' general funds and is no longer under the control of his office. He says some organizations are doing this, and for his office to properly regulate gaming profits, he must have a better mechanism for tracking the money.

The committee will hear the bill again March 6.

Security guard limits

A bill that would limit the activities of security guards during labor disputes was approved Feb. 26 by the Labor-Management Relations Committee.

The bill Rep. Joe Begich (DFL-Eveleth) sponsors would prohibit security guards from using inflammatory speech or gestures to provoke strikers, or from photographing strikers off company property.

The bill would also prohibit security guards from conducting surveillance of strikers and stopping vehicles off company property. Begich says he introduced the bill in response to actions by security guards during the recent labor dispute in International Falls.

Bill Peterson, president of the Minnesota State Building & Construction Trades Council, says he supports the bill because of the behavior of Vance International security guards during the strike.

"What this company has done, in conjunction with Boise Cascade and BE&K, is torn a once peaceful settlement of International Falls into a town that is absolutely scared to death," says Peterson, whose council represents some of the striking workers at the Boise Cascade plant. "People are afraid to leave their homes at night because of the invasion of BE&K and Vance Security."

BE&K is the Alabama-based general contractor that was hired by Boise to do construction work on the Boise expansion. The firm employed non-union labor.

Peterson says Vance security guards used language and gestures to provoke strikers, arbitrarily stopped vehicles on public roads, and videotaped strikers and other city residents away from the Boise plant.

But Lawrence May of the Minnesota Association of Private Detective Agencies, opposes the bill.

"Private security certainly doesn't condone what I've heard about the activities of Vance Security," he says. "Our company has provided security for about 70 labor disputes. In 31 years, we have never had a complaint filed against our company — ever."

HF1928 was sent to the House floor for further consideration.
Speeding violations

A bill that would place all speeding violations on a person’s driving record sped through its first hearing and was unanimously approved by a Transportation subcommittee Feb. 28.

The provision would repeal the so-called Dimler Amendment, which shields minor speeding violations — those up to 10 miles over the speed limit — from being placed on a person’s driving record.

Proponents of the bill, sponsored by Rep. Dick Kostohryz (DFL-North St. Paul), say some courts are lowering speeding violations to between 65 mph and 55 mph in return for guilty pleas.

Jake Crandall of the American Automobile Association says the “sophisticated speeder” with a driving violation of 70 mph, might use the Dimler loophole to plea bargain down to 64 mph, thus avoiding a fine and a mark on their record.

Kevin Kittridge, chief of the Minnesota State Patrol, told lawmakers about a Dakota County driver who was clocked at 106 miles per hour in a 55 mile-per-hour zone and successfully plea bargained the ticket down to 64 miles per hour. He says a repeal would help state troopers enforce speeding laws and “sell traffic safety.”

Proponents also say current law shields drivers from paying insurance premiums that reflect their driving habits. A representative from the Minnesota Trucking Association says when his industry hires drivers, the amendment may conceal their true road record.

No one testified against the bill.

The subcommittee sent HF1334 to the Transportation Committee for further consideration.

FACES AT THE CAPITOL

Phillips puts “Jolly Joe” Rolette days to rest

Phillips Legislative Service has been working for the Chief Clerk’s Office since before the invention of the copy machine.

Back in the 1950s “the only copy of a bill was the original and the only person who had a copy of that bill was the committee chair,” says William Lane Phillips, Sr., now semi-retired from the family business. As time went on, Lorna Phillips, the founder of the service, saw the obvious need for more bill copies to be reproduced beyond the few mimeographs taken from the chief clerk’s original.

Currently, Phillips Legislative Service, located near the state Capitol, prints and mails copies of every bill the day it’s introduced. They are delivered to House and Senate members, staff, and various subscribers (which include lobbyists, state agencies, and local government units) by the following morning.

Simply put, it would be next to impossible today for “Jolly Joe” Rolette to take off with the only copy of the bill that would have made St. Peter the capital of Minnesota. Rolette’s stunt back in 1857 kept St. Paul the capital.

Phillips also prints copies of bills for each member of a standing committee to which a bill was referred. When, or if, the bill supply is exhausted, or if a piece of legislation has a lot of public interest, more copies are ordered.

In addition to copying bills, Phillips now mails out a condensed, detailed version of every new bill that is introduced, including its author and the action taken.

House members, staff, and subscribers can usually run through one of the summaries in about 15 minutes, says owner Lane Phillips, Jr. They have become “a basic working tool for people at the Capitol” who don’t have the time or desire to read through a lengthy bill, he adds. Lane does the bill breakdowns himself, with extra help from a lawyer or law student during the session.

Other services Phillips provides for the House include last-minute copying, printing of weekly schedules of committee hearings during the interim, and a separate publication listing bills that have been signed and filed by the governor.
Guests who purchase a bottle of wine with their meal in a restaurant may be able to take the partially consumed bottle with them when they leave. The Regulated Industries Committee approved such a bill Feb. 26. The bottle, however, would have to be carried in the trunk of their vehicle.

Minnesota may have a new resource to improve its higher education system if HF2024 becomes law. The Education Committee’s Higher Education Division approved a measure that would allow Minnesota to take part in a higher education compact with other midwestern states. The compact would allow member states to exchange higher education ideas and opportunities, and eliminate overlapping programs, says bill sponsor Rep. Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn). Five member states are needed for the compact to go into effect.

Minnesota minnows have a bad reputation, says Mike Mulford, chair of the state Aquiculture Commission. That’s because early minnow exporters couldn’t ship the fish to other states without great losses. But, he says, that’s changing. Mulford asked the Rural Resources Development Division of the Economic Development Committee March 1 to consider laws that would encourage aquiculture in Minnesota.

Roy Wilkins, former NAACP executive director and St. Paul resident, may be memorialized on the Capitol grounds. Wilkins’ accomplishments helped bring about the federal civil rights acts of the 1950s and ’60s, says bill sponsor Rep. Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls). The Governmental Operations Committee approved his bill to permit the building of a memorial, Feb. 28. The bill goes now to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

The legislative auditor’s recommendation to close 85 small schools is premature, says Robert Wedl, deputy commissioner of the Department of Education. Speaking before the Education Committee’s Education Finance Division Feb. 28, Wedl said that since the audit was based on 1987-88 figures, it failed to consider savings these schools had last year because of cooperation programs between districts.

Depositors would receive priority over creditors in the liquidation of a financial institution under a bill the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee approved Feb. 21. Current law gives depositors and creditors equal priority. HF1913 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park) is now on the House Floor.

Elderly renters 55 or older would be allowed to keep a pet if they receive financial assistance to pay their rent or reside in a government subsidized building under a bill approved Feb. 28 by the Financial Institutions & Housing Committee. They would be allowed to keep a dog, cat, or two birds for companionship, as long as the pet doesn’t cause a public nuisance. HP693 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone) is on the House Floor.

About $100 million in state bonding would be available to develop a light rail transit system demonstration project in the Twin Cities metro area under a bill discussed by two subcommittees last week. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), would authorize $10 million in state bonds for the remainder of this fiscal year and another $90 million during the next biennium.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) may buy a Control Data building in St. Paul to meet its expansion needs, MnDOT representatives told a division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 27. Ed Cohoon, MnDOT’s assistant commissioner, says they’re considering the building because it can handle the high-tech equipment and computerization MnDOT requires. Several MnDOT departments now in rented buildings would move into the Control Data building. Cost estimates for the project are yet unknown, Cohoon says.

There’s reason to celebrate if you’re an ethnic American living in Minnesota. A proposal designating an Ethnic American day in Minnesota was approved by the Governmental Operations Committee Feb. 28. The purpose of Ethnic American day would be to “celebrate the diversity of Minnesotans,” says Agnea Antoniades, a supporter of the bill. The day would be the first Sunday in June.
Small gas stations could be eligible for up to $1 million for oil cleanup if a bill the Environment and Natural Resources Committee approved March 1 becomes law. Gas stations currently may receive up to $250,000. Bill sponsor Rep. Wally Sparby (DFL-Thief River Falls) says these gas stations must pay high insurance fees because of the small amount available to them in the Petrofund; raising the amount of money available to owners would lower insurance costs.

Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul) is sponsoring a bill that would require the commissioner of Trade and Economic Development to submit a report on the effects of military spending on the state’s economy. The Minnesota Task Force on Economic Conversion found that Minnesotans paid $4.7 billion in taxes to the military in 1987.

Days honoring mothers, fathers, grandparents, secretaries, and bosses abound. Why not honor students? Rep. Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth) sponsors a bill that would set aside a day for high school and college students. Jaros says all students — not just athletes or student government members — deserve a day of recognition. The Education Committee okayed the bill Feb. 28 and sent it on to the House Floor.

Kathy Lynch of St. Paul shows her five-year-old son Brian the House chamber as the pair tour the State Capitol.
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As It Happens . . .

Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE
Monday, Feb. 26

State packers, stockyards act
HF984/SF889 (Olson E., DFL-Fosston)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Food rules—federal uniformity
HF2012/SF1902 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Seed potatoes—growing area restriction
HF2025/SF1982 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass; referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

EDUCATION

Monday, Feb. 26

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

Area learning centers—Saturday operations
HF1858/SF1686 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—heard; amended; referred to Education Finance Division.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Postsecondary training
HF168/SF394 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Students’ day—establishment
HF1878/SF1791 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Aviation Training Center—remodeling
HF2059/SF1895 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Community Stabilization Division/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, March 1

Wild rice—promotion council establishment
HF2253 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; referred to Economic Development Committee.

EDUCATION

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Area learning centers—Saturday operations
HF1858/SF1686 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—heard; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Higher Education/EDUCATION

Wednesday, Feb. 28

College endowments—matching program
HF2008/SF2027 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—recommended to pass as amended; referred to Education Committee.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Vocational-technical boards—changes
HF2011/SF1927 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass; referred to Education Committee.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

COMMERCE
Thursday, March 1

Public furniture—flammability requirements
HF1730/SF1795 (O’Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Garage door openers—regulation
HF2393 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Tax increment financing—modification
HF2209 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—heard, amended; referred to Taxes Committee.

higher Education/EDUCATION

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Area learning centers—Saturday operations
HF1858/SF1686 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—heard; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Akeley school—fund transfer
HF1914 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—heard; amended into HF2200.

Joint power meetings—notice
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

School districts—notice requirement
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Mountain Iron-Buhl—account establishment
HF2069/SF2076 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—heard; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Shakopee—aid calculation
HF2260/SF2065 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)—heard; amended into HF2200.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

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Higher education—midwestern compact
HF2024 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Education Committee.

Vocational-technical colleges—title changes
HF2058 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Education Committee.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
Tuesday, Feb. 27
Wastewater treatment grants—requirement changes
HF1949/SF1925 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Waste Management Act—changes
HF2108/SF1996 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—laid over. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Wednesday, Feb. 28
Metropolitan Waste Control Commission—penalties
HF1918/SF2205 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Well construction, ownership—requirement clarification
HF1948/SF2126 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Educational  & Housing Committee.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING
Wednesday, Feb. 28
Neighborhood organizations—tenants' rights
HF136/SF1087* (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

Rental housing—elderly tenants' pets
HF693/SF1049 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Housing Division/Financial Institutions & Housing Committee
Monday, Feb. 26
Single family housing—fund restriction
HF1669/SF1867 (Morrison, IR-Burnsville)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Elections Division/GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING
Thursday, March 1
Elections—uniform election day
HF1916/SF1944 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

President primary—changes
HF2325 (Osthoft, DFL-St. Paul)—heard.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
Wednesday, Feb. 28
Ethnic American day—designation
HF1919/SF1737 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate General Legislation & Gaming Committee)

Roy Wilkins memorial—establishment
HF1958/SF1823 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environmental Operations Committee)

Rural health care
HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Transportation Committee. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

State contracts—task force establishment
HF2162/SF2114 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

County extension service—changes
HF2212 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—recommended to pass.

Thursday, March 1
Wholesale drug distributors—licensing
HF1847/SF1758 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)
### Graduate assistants—public employee coverage
HF2062/SF1936 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

### State employee provisions—changes
HF2081/SF1953 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

### Pension plans—technical changes
HF2199/SF2128 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

#### Tuesday, Feb. 27

- Birth control abortions—prevention
  HF1834/SF1688 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—heard. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

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#### Thursday, March 1

- Dept. of Health—housekeeping bill
  HF2021 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

- Mental retardation—definition
  HF2045/SF1905 (Seaberg, IR-Eagan)–recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

- Dept. of Human Services—property lease
  HF2050/SF2041 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

### INSURANCE

#### Wednesday, Feb. 28

- Property, casualty insurance—agent compensation
  HF1902/SF1995 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—laid over. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

### JUDICIARY

#### Friday, Feb. 23

- Government data practices—open meetings
  HF1836/SF1874 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—heard; amended. (SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

- Charitable gambling—changes
  HF1891/SF1853 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

- Second Judicial District—dispute resolution
  HF1895/SF1917 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

- Crime victims rights, reparations
  HF2063/SF1873 (Seaberg, IR-Eagan)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

#### Monday, Feb. 26

- Child abuse—definition expansion
  HF1823/SF1845 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—heard. (SF on Senate Floor)

- Government data practices—open meetings
  HF1836/SF1874 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

- Drugs—penalty increases
  HF1843/SF1759 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—heard; laid over. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

### Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY

#### Monday, Feb. 26

- Domestic abuse—prosecution
  HF1884/SF1860 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—heard. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

- Mental illness—criminal defense study commission
  HF2013 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

- Telecommunication—criminal penalties
  HF2195 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—recommended to pass as amended.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 28

- Child protection worker—assault penalty increase
  HF2128 (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

- Child abuse—protection, services
  HF2390/SF2188 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—heard; amended. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

#### Thursday, March 1

- Domestic abuse—restraining orders
  HF1884/SF1860 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

- Child protection—omnibus bill
  HF2390/SF2188 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)
LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Monday, Feb. 26

Labor disputes—security guards, agents
HF1928/SF2149 (Begich, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 1

County recorders—fees
HF1555/SF1238 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Hennepin County—bond issuance
HF1877/SF1807 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Taxes Committee.
(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Legal newspaper—deadline change
HF2018/SF1909 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Consent Calendar

Anoka County—land sale, exchange authorization
HF2135/SF2024 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, Feb. 26

Itasca County—off-sale liquor licenses
HF1807/SF1754 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—heard; amended into HF2076.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Earle Brown Heritage Center—liquor license
HF1844 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—heard; amended into HF2076.

Liquor sales—candy liqueurs
HF2076/SF2108 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

ST. PAUL PARKS, RECREATION—liquor license
HF2175/SF1961 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—heard; amended into HF2076.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

MINNEAPOLIS SPORTS ARENA—liquor license
HF2190/SF2044 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—heard; amended into HF2076.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Dept. of Transportation—housekeeping bill
HF1857 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—recommended to pass as amended.

Headlights—weather requirements
HF1860/SF1729 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—laid over.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Rural health care
HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—heard.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Motor vehicle registration—changes
HF1981/SF2084 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Driver education—tax exempt plates
HF1989/SF1775 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Driver licenses—electronic pictures
HF2294/SF2212 (Hauserman, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

FLOOR ACTION

CALENDER

Monday, Feb. 26

Water statutes—recodification
HF771/SF60* (Dille, IR-Dassel)—passed (130-0).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 26

Volunteer drivers—rule exemptions
HF1859*/SF1806 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—passed (129-0).
(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Debt of Commerce—communications regulations
HF1985* (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed (123-0).

GENERAL ORDERS

Thursday, Feb. 22

Water statutes—recodification
HF771/SF60* (Dille, IR-Dassel)—recommended to pass.
For Your Information . . .

The Inside Report

Information brief examines state abortion law

The state’s preference of birth over abortion and its interests in fetal life and maternal life were examined in “Minnesota Abortion Law,” a brief prepared by the House Research Department.

Since 1978 the state has favored childbirth over abortion as being in the best interests of Minnesota citizens. The Medical Assistance (MA) law also includes this preference.

Minnesota laws prohibit the use of MA money for abortions unless one of three conditions are met:

1) the abortion is medically necessary to save the mother’s life and the woman (or legal guardian) has consented to the procedure;
2) the pregnancy is the result of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and the crime, in most cases, was reported within 48 hours; or
3) the pregnancy is the result of incest, and the crime was reported to law enforcement officials before the abortion was performed.

The prohibition includes county welfare boards that provide medical assistance grants and reimbursements, political subdivisions that participate in the medical assistance program, and federal Medicaid funds that the state treasury receives.

Family planning grants administered by the state health commissioner can also not be used for abortion counseling. According to Minnesota law, the commissioner may make special grants to cities, counties and non-profit organizations to provide family planning services that include voluntary action by individuals to prevent or aid conception and exclude the performance of or referrals that encourage abortions.

In addition, insurance laws mandating maternity benefits do not cover elective, induced abortions. However, laws covering health maintenance organizations (HMOs) state that elective, induced abortions, except as medically necessary to save the mother’s life, shall not be mandatory for any HMO.

Abortion performance regulation

Before the landmark Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in 1973, it was a crime in Minnesota for a person to prescribe or administer drugs or instruments to cause an abortion. In 1974, the state Legislature enacted laws to bring the state’s abortion laws in line with changes outlined in Roe. However, the Eighth District Federal Court of Appeals found three major flaws in the reconstructed Minnesota law.

The court struck down sections on a fetus’ potential viability, saying the provision was too broad and presumed viability before the 24th week. In addition, the federal court struck down a portion of the law that prohibited abortions performed on an unconscious woman unless the abortion was necessary to save her life. The court said Roe gave the woman the right to decide on an abortion in the first trimester. The court also overturned a section that stated that no person, hospital, or institution shall be coerced, held liable, or discriminated against because of a refusal to perform, accommodate, or assist in an abortion.

The court said the section was unconstitutional as applied to public hospitals and institutions because these facilities must be available for abortions.

State law also requires the state Department of Health to set up a confidential abortion reporting system to collect statistics on maternal health and gives the department the authority to regulate abortion facilities.

Parental notification

Nine years ago the Legislature enacted a law requiring minors to notify both parents at least 48 hours before having an abortion. However, in case a court invalidated this requirement, lawmakers included a “judicial bypass” provision, which allows a pregnant minor who chooses not to notify one or both parents to petition the court to authorize the abortion without parental notification. The court could authorize the abortion if it found the minor was mature and capable of informed consent, or if the abortion were to be performed in the minor’s best interest, regardless of maturity. A federal appeals court overturned an effort to eliminate judicial bypass.

The U.S. Supreme Court late last year heard arguments on the parental notification rule and is expected to reach a decision sometime this year.

Other laws on fetal tissue and remains, liability

Experimentation or sale of a living human conceptus, or organism, for any type of scientific or laboratory research except to protect the life or health of the conceptus is a gross misdemeanor under state law. Another exception provides for research and experiments that have been shown harmless to the living human organism. It is also a gross misdemeanor, with exceptions, for a person to buy or sell a living human organism or nonrenewable body organ.

The Legislature also enacted a law that provides for a dignified and sanitary disposal of fetal remains. Medical facilities are required to dispose of the remains by cremation, burial, or in a manner directed by the health commissioner. A federal appeals court permanently enjoined the state from enforcing this statute, saying it was too vague. It is on appeal to a federal district court.

Using a common law cause of action called “wrongful conception,” a doctor cannot be sued for negligently failing to give information so a pregnant woman may make an informed decision about abortion. But a parent could sue if a child is born as a result of a doctor’s negligent performance of a sterilization procedure.

March 2, 1990/SESSION WEEKLY
More than 2,000 abortion rights advocates rallied in front of the state Capitol Feb. 28.

Scores of people sporting “Vote life” and “Choice” buttons arrived. Some rallied in the hallways and on the Capitol steps; some remained silent. State troopers patrolled the crowds, walkie-talkies in hand. The hearing room filled to capacity with the press in its own section; staff members in theirs. The media lights went on. And abortion foes and proponents pressed their points to lawmakers on a bill that would ban most abortions in Minnesota.

Lawmakers heard testimony on HF1834 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls) during two Health and Human Services Committee meetings Feb. 27 and 28.

The bill would outlaw abortions except to save the life of the mother or in cases of pregnancies caused by rape or incest or in cases of severe fetal deformity.

The Minnesota Medical Association also opposes the bill, saying it would create a significant intrusion on the physician-patient relationship and would have an overall negative impact on attempts to provide quality care and services to pregnant women and children.

But Dr. Steve Calvin, a Minneapolis obstetrician, says that the bill is necessary and that it serves to promote the health and well-being of Minnesota women and their unborn children.

Audience members listened attentively to testimony during the Feb. 27 hearing.
Kate Michelman, executive director of the National Abortion Rights Action League, took the microphone during the Feb. 28 committee meeting.

Some onlookers wore clothing to emphasize their message.

Members of the Health and Human Services Committee held two hearings (one for proponents; one for opponents) on HF1834 (Wenzel-DFL).
Speaker Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) and Majority Leader Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) are the most visible DFL leaders in the House, but they have a supporting cast of four assistant majority leaders who are often working behind the scenes.

Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault) and Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples) represent the Greater Minnesota contingent; Reps. Peter McLaughlin (DFL-Mpls) and Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope) represent the metropolitan and suburban areas.

Directing the DFL caucus is a team effort between Vanasek, Long, and the assistant majority leaders. They attend weekly leadership meetings where DFL leaders discuss and plan caucus strategies.

Rodosovich and Krueger say communicating with members of the DFL caucus is a big part of their job. "Talking with all of the caucus members gives me the pulse of how the caucus feels on a specific subject," says Krueger.

Rodosovich says he "serves as a listening post for other members." "And," he says, "I inform other members of discussions between the Legislature and other branches of government, of decisions between the House and Senate on key issues, and on decisions of the DFL leadership."

Rodosovich says he also talks with members to find out how they feel about a particular issue. Rodosovich then tells the other caucus leaders of these views, which helps them formulate a better idea of what position the caucus should take.

Assistant majority leaders also serve as floor leaders during House sessions. The DFL caucus is split into four sections on the floor, and each covers a quadrant. They assist the majority leader in planning floor strategy and in day-to-day operations. They will survey members on a particular issue to see if the necessary votes are present on the floor to support a caucus position, and will make the necessary floor motions in support of the majority leader.

Krueger says one of his primary responsibilities is to ensure that tax and appropriation bills pass when they are brought up for discussion on the House floor.

"If you went by the inclination of the [House] body, much like the public, you would end up with a lot more spending and a lot less taxes... if you didn't have certain people such as assistants working to hold together the budget," says Krueger.

Rodosovich says he likes being an assistant majority leader because of the opportunities it gives him. "I like the ability to work with all the members of the caucus and to learn more about the procedures and proceedings of the House," Rodosovich says.

In addition, Rodosovich says he "enjoys being a part of the planning, strategy, and focus mechanism of the caucus." He says the opportunity to talk and work with all caucus members isn't available to every member.

The assistant leaders are exposed to more issues facing the House and state than most members are and, oftentimes, will travel around the state to represent the House and DFL positions on issues.

They also take on extra duties because of their positions. Last year, Krueger was appointed a member of the committee that negotiates salaries for House employee salaries. And Rodosovich recently finished directing the restoration of the House chamber.

Assistant Majority Leaders. (Left to right:) Reps. Peter McLaughlin, Rick Krueger, Ann Rest, and Peter Rodosovich.
The Minnesota House of Representatives Public Information Office is the “first point of contact” for people who want state government information but aren’t sure where to find it, says David Cummiskey, acting public information officer.

Whether constituents need to know their districts, the phone number of their representative, or directions to committee hearings, the purpose of the non-partisan office is to help people participate in the government process, he says. The office serves a variety of publics including the media, House members, staff, and all Minnesotans.

“We walk a tight line by serving the public as well as all 134 House members,” says Peg Hamerston, assistant public information officer. “We try to stay with the issues and give fair coverage to all committees and divisions.”

During each legislative session, the staff publishes a weekly newsletter, the Session Weekly, which covers committee and floor action on bills, lists bill introductions, highlights the week’s legislative activities, gives the upcoming week’s committee schedule and agendas, and provides other useful information about the House. Between sessions, the office reports on statewide mini-sessions, interim hearings and studies, and other state government news.

The Session Weekly staff aims to produce a weekly product that makes the legislative process easier to understand and more approachable. Writers cover committees and attend all scheduled hearings.

The office opens before the legislative day begins so that staff members can help people find committee hearing rooms. After the legislative day ends, the staff is available to answer questions about the day’s events.

The office’s radio line provides radio stations throughout Minnesota with access to up-to-date committee and floor action. A weekly news release service keeps media throughout the state informed of legislative action.

Two 24-hour call-in lines also provide session information: (612) 296-9283 gives committee schedules and agendas; (612) 297-1264 reports bill actions from the preceding day. For general information, the public can call (612) 296-2146 or 1-800-657-3550. The staff answers telephone queries between 7:30 a.m. and 9 p.m.

A TDD, or telecommunications device for the deaf, is also provided by the office. Those with hearing impairments can ask questions or leave messages on the TDD line, (612) 296-9896, during regular office hours.

The office staff publishes informational material about the lawmaking process. The material explains how to contact elected representatives, how a bill becomes law, and other helpful facts about the state and its government.

The House Information Office’s main outreach program is a booth at the State Fair. “It takes a big piece of effort but it’s a good way to let people know what our office does,” says Cummiskey. Informational brochures, publications about the Legislature, and colorful district maps are available to locate representatives. And legislators and staff are there to discuss issues.

At the beginning of each biennium, the office sponsors a Media Day in which Minnesota journalists who are new to the Legislature learn how the process works. The journalists participate in a mock committee hearing and sit in on a legislative session in the House Chamber. During the day, representatives and other state officials are available for press conferences.

Beginning with the 1990 Session, the House Information Office added a new form of publishing geared to help the public find what they want faster and more easily.

Committee hearing information is now available on the Minnesota Legislative Information Systems (MLIS) computer. Previously, this information has been on the office’s telephone recordings, but only on a limited basis.

The service is for those who are at the Capitol regularly and want to look up bill information on their own, Cummiskey says. This means lobbyists or members of the public can now find the hearing history of a bill without having to go to several sources, he adds.

The computer service also makes it easier for people doing legislative history research to find the committee hearing history of a bill after session ends. “In the past, it has been very difficult to reconstruct a committee hearing history for those seeking more clarification of legislation,” says Cummiskey.

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HF2268—Simoneau (DFL)  Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs  Energy efficiency projects; municipalities allowed to enter guaranteed energy savings contracts.

HF2269—Carlson, L. (DFL)  Appropriations  Permanent university fund investment provisions changed, and fund used to endow professorial chairs.

HF2270—Rest (DFL)  Education  Intermediate school district levy per pupil unit cap eliminated.

HF2271—Kelso (DFL)  Education  Independent school districts allowed to join intermediate districts, with requirements provided for technical colleges, special education, and other programs.

HF2272—Sviggum (IR)  Education  School district equity revenue changed.

HF2273—O’Connor (DFL)  Commerce  Credit card disclosure reports filed with state treasurer.

HF2274—O’Connor (DFL)  Commerce  Credit card late payment and delinquency charges regulated.

HF2275—O’Connor (DFL)  Governmental Operations  St. Paul police pension benefits changed.

HF2276—Kelly (DFL)  Judiciary  Peace officers to hold college degrees, professional peace officer education programs certified, and other peace officer licensing provisions changed.

HF2277—Pappas (DFL)  Judiciary  Sexual assault victims notified to risk of developing AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases, and money appropriated.

HF2278—Pappas (DFL)  Education  Labor studies and resource center established to train teachers, and money appropriated.

HF2279—Simoneau (DFL)  Governmental Operations  Public Employees Retirement Association and local relief associations to prepare calculations and complete consolidation.

HF2280—Bertram (DFL)  Health & Human Services  Physicians reimbursement increased under Medical Assistance, and money appropriated.

HF2281—O’Connor (DFL)  Governmental Operations  St. Paul police and firefighters relief associations authorized to make investments related to post-retirement adjustments.

HF2282—Uphus (IR)  Education  Driver’s licenses issued as a condition of school attendance.

HF2283—Jefferson (DFL)  Financial Institutions & Housing  Low-income housing provided, council on homelessness established, related changes made, and money appropriated.

HF2284—Swenson (IR)  Taxes  Property tax; agricultural land expanded to include land used for boarding horses.

HF2285—Schreiber (IR)  Gen’l Leg., Vet’s Affairs & Gaming  Gen’l Leg., Vet’s Affairs & Gaming  Lobbyist contributions prohibited during legislative sessions.

HF2286—Gruenes (IR)  Insurance  Health care provided for uninsured residents, minimum benefits provided, tax credits allowed, and money appropriated.

HF2287—Gruenes (IR)  Transportation  Handicapped parking; mandatory minimum fines established for violations.

HF2288—Gruenes (IR)  Taxes  Sales tax exemption provided for removal of certain diseased shade trees.

HF2289—Olsen, S. (IR)  Judiciary  Controlled substance penalties increased for offenses in school or park zones, school and park boundaries increased for purposes of drug sales, and certain notices provided.

HF2290—Bertram (DFL)  Judiciary  Police dogs; penalty increased for killing a police dog engaged in correctional duties.

HF2291—McLaughlin (DFL)  Governmental Operations  Affirmative action; sanctions applied for failure to comply with affirmative action.

HF2292—Waltman (IR)  Transportation  Towns reimbursed for building certain bridge approaches, and money appropriated.

HF2293—Jaros (DFL)  Insurance  Health insurance; commissioners of commerce and health to help design uninsured low-income demonstration project.

HF2294—Hausman (DFL)  Transportation  Driver’s licenses may bear electronically produced pictures.

HF2295—Marsh (IR)  Judiciary  District courts to maintain information on felony sentencing practices.

HF2296—Poppenhagen (IR)  Governmental Operations  Becker County to sell certain tax-forfeited land.

HF2297—Macklin (IR)  Environment & Natural Resources  Scott County; certain land sold by Department of Natural Resources, with proceeds appropriated.

HF2298—Solberg (DFL)  Environment & Natural Resources  Well and groundwater use applications to include contingency plans.

HF2299—Solberg (DFL)  Environment & Natural Resources  Drought emergencies planning and drought task force created.

HF2300—Johnson, R. (DFL)  Taxes  Income maintenance programs; equalization aid payments changed.

HF2301—Dawkins (DFL)  Health & Human Services  Chemical dependency consolidated treatment fund reported on by Department of Human Services.

HF2302—Swenson (IR)  Health & Human Services  Alternative care grants appropriated money.

HF2303—Stanius (IR)  Judiciary  Adoption; independent and private adoptions and certain payments connected with adoptions prohibited.

HF2304—Bauerly (DFL)  Governmental Operations  Rental agreements for state property changed, and state to pay tenants for capital improvements when a lease is not renewed.

HF2305—Krueger (DFL)  Agriculture  Dairy products; standards established for light butter.

HF2306—Bishop (IR)  Transportation  Driver’s licenses to carry living will designations.

HF2307—Quinn (DFL)  Education  Equalized aid and levies for exceptional need provided for school districts, and money appropriated.

HF2308—Quinn (DFL)  Education  Pupil unit weights changed for AFDC students, and money appropriated.
HF2309—Kinkel (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Cass County to sell certain tax-forfeited lands bordering Stevens Lake, Long Lake, and Lake Louise.

HF2310—Kinkel (DFL)
Education
Education districts and school districts operating under joint powers agreements allowed to hold meetings via interactive television.

HF2311—Greenfield (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Radioactive waste; certain low-level waste not deposited at unlicensed facilities.

HF2312—Gutknecht (IR)
Insurace
Health care provided for uninsured residents, benefits provided, tax credits allowed and money appropriated.

HF2313—Osmann (IR)
Regulated Industries
Off-sale liquor license provided for sale of Minnesota wine at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

HF2314—Stanis (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Personal flotation devices required for people being towed on water.

HF2315—Stanis (IR)
Health & Human Services
Wage subsidy programs; one month probationary period provided.

HF2316—Ostrom (DFL)
Regulated Industries
Municipal electric companies to keep records as for public utilities and undergo annual financial audits.

HF2317—McDonald (IR)
Agriculture
University of Minnesota to evaluate its agriculture programs.

HF2318—Uphus (IR)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
Municipal hospital financial operating provisions changed.

HF2319—Olson, E. (DFL)
Governmental Operations
District court administrators not allowed to appeal salary set by county board.

HF2320—Limmer (IR)
Judiciary
Firearms; penalties increased for dangerous weapon offenses.

HF2321—Haukoos (IR)
Commerce
Automobile purchase price refunds required to include an itemized statement.

HF2322—McDonald (IR)
Judiciary
Flag burning prohibited in certain circumstances.

HF2323—Simoneau (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Public Employees Insurance Plan expanded, and classes of premiums established.

HF2324—Carruthers (DFL)
Insurance
Health insurance; nondiagnostic use of X-rays prohibited, trade practices regulated, and payment of claims regulated.

HF2325—Osthoff (DFL)
Gen'l Lega., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Presidential primary provisions changed.

HF2326—Anderson, R. (IR)
Transportation
Tires; retread tires prohibited on front wheels of commercial motor vehicle towing units.

HF2327—Jacobs (DFL)
Regulated Industries
Metropolitan telephone area expanded.

HF2328—Lasley (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Cambridge Regional Human Services Center to transfer water and sewer facilities to city, and money appropriated.

HF2329—McLaughlin (DFL)
Economic Development
Legislative task force on employment in 1990s created.

HF2330—Reding (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Firefighters; professional firefighter certification established under board of professional firefighters.

HF2331—Tunheim (DFL)
Taxes
Counties of Lake of the Woods, Beltrami, and Roseau reimbursed for funds lost through federal Bankhead Jones Farm Tenant Act leases.

HF2332—Begich (DFL)
Judiciary
Privacy; right to privacy created by constitutional amendment.

HF2333—Pappas (DFL)
Judiciary
Essential employee arbitration awards provided interest.

HF2334—Orenstein (DFL)
Judiciary
Toxic chemical not discharged into air or water, penalties increased for illegal disposal of solid waste, felony penalties imposed for tampering with pollution monitoring devices, and environmental cleanup imposed as restitution.

HF2335—Carruthers (DFL)
Insurance
Health claims appeals regulated.

HF2336—Frederick (IR)
Gen'l Lega., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Waseca County; FarmAmerica exempted.

HF2337—Hausman (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Family planning and birth control research provided, and money appropriated.

HF2338—Kahn (DFL)
Gen'l Lega., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Lottery director to establish National Football League championship betting.

HF2339—Kahn (DFL)
Judiciary
Ticket scalping penalties repealed.

HF2340—Kahn (DFL)
Regulated Industries
On-sale liquor licenses issued by cities and counties for sales until 3 a.m.

HF2341—Pugh (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Private hunting preserves exempted from certain licensing provisions for game birds and pheasant release provisions changed.

HF2342—Skoglund (DFL)
Insurance
Preferred health care provider organizations to be licensed and regulated.

HF2343—Skoglund (DFL)
Insurance
Comprehensive health insurance data classified and disclosure provided.

HF2344—Skoglund (DFL)
Insurance
Medicare supplement insurance coverage regulated.

HF2345—Trimble (DFL)
Education
Community colleges; student activity fee and fund established.

HF2346—Trimble (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing home moratorium exception provided.

HF2347—Segal (DFL)
Commerce
Asbestos contractors, consultants, and project monitors licensed.

HF2348—McLaughlin (DFL)
Taxes
Medical debts exempted from collection; income levels increased for debtors.

HF2349—McGuire (DFL)
Judiciary
Criminal vehicular homicide.

HF2350—McGuire (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
State park permits sold by designated agents.

HF2351—McGuire (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Conservation officers to seek issuance of and to serve search warrants.

HF2352—McGuire (DFL)
Taxes
Property tax class rate reduced for certain nonprofit student housing.

HF2353—McGuire (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Property acquired for response actions provided disposition.

HF2354—Miller (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
PCBs burned only after an environmental impact statement, counties compensated for human health risks, permits and local approval required for burning PCBs, and other changes made.

HF2355—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
Training and experience funding changed.

HF2356—McEachern (DFL)
Education
School District 885, St. Michael-Albertville, provided a capital loan.

HF2357—Valento (IR)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
Elected county, city, town, and school district official salaries and per diem payments limited as a percent of governor's salary.

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HF2358—Abrams (IR)  
Health & Human Services  
Intermediate care facilities serving people with  
mental retardation given temporary exemption from  
moratorium.

HF2359—Abrams (IR)  
Taxes  
Income and franchise tax checkoff provided for  
chemical abuse resistance education grants.

HF2360—Abrams (IR)  
Insurance  
Automobile insurance; uninsured motorist coverage  
regulated.

HF2361—Abrams (IR)  
Taxes  
Property tax; income qualifications changed for  
disabled people qualifying for class 1b tax  
treatment.

HF2362—Abrams (IR)  
Insurance  
Beneficiaries not changed without prior notice.

HF2363—Abrams (IR)  
Health & Human Services  
Child care; amount of care per child increased for  
children in drop-in day care programs.

HF2364—Dorn (DFL)  
Appropriations  
Mankato State University appropriated money from  
bond sales for capital improvements to Trafton Hall.

HF2365—Pugh (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Data classification provided.

HF2366—Greenfield (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Juvenile court; juveniles prosecuted as adults for  
felony acts when they have also escaped from local  
juvenile delinquent correctional facility.

HF2367—Greenfield (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Juvenile delinquents who are 18 and escape from  
local juvenile correctional facility given criminal  
penalties.

HF2368—Bertram (DFL)  
Agriculture  
Noxious weed law provided to supersede old law.

HF2369—Orenstein (DFL)  
Education  
Human rights curriculum provided in elementary  
and high schools.

HF2370—Orenstein (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Medical facility access not to be blocked.

HF2371—Orenstein (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Tort liability; monetary limit raised for claims  
settled without court approval.

HF2372—Orenstein (DFL)  
Transportation  
License plates; manufacturer's registration plates  
and their use regulated.

HF2373—Olson, K. (DFL)  
Transportation  
Wheel flaps and covered loads regulated, with  
penalties provided.

HF2374—Bauery (DFL)  
Agriculture  
Potato research and promotion council makeup  
changed.

HF2375—Tunheim (DFL)  
Transportation  
Transportation provided for nonresident students  
who present themselves on a regular transportation  
route.

HF2376—Tunheim (DFL)  
Education  
Secondary sparsity revenue increased.

HF2377—Tunheim (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Recreational all-terrain vehicles used for agricul­
tural purposes or on private lands exempted from  
registration, with use limited.

HF2378—Tunheim (DFL)  
Education  
School District 676, Badger, allowed to borrow  
against taxes levied by district.

HF2379—Welle (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Case management services clarified for Medical  
Assistance, requirements specified for individual  
serve plans, and certain county documentation  
required.

HF2380—Welle (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Mentally retarded people provided services in  
Willmar area.

HF2381—Nelson, K. (DFL)  
Education  
Education Organization Task Force continued and  
membership increased.

HF2382—Lasley (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Forestry; statewide program implemented to  
encourage maintenance and expansion of commu­nity  
and urban forests.

HF2383—McEachern (DFL)  
Education  
Environmental education act provided and office of  
environmental education created in planning  
agency.

HF2384—Rice (DFL)  
Economic Development  
Port authorities allowed to use foreign trade zone  
powers.

HF2385—Olson, E. (DFL)  
Agriculture  
Agricultural products sold with cash discount if  
interest discounts are provided for other sales.

HF2386—Rukavina (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
St. Louis County; solid waste management  
provisions changed.

HF2387—Olson, K. (DFL)  
Education  
Transportation not provided for nonresident pupils  
without school board approval.

HF2388—Lieder (DFL)  
Education  
General education revenue reduction revised.

HF2389—Otis (DFL)  
Education  
Incentives provided to motivate teachers and  
administrators to improve school performance, and  
money appropriated.

HF2390—Vellenga (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Child abuse; protection provided for abused and  
neglected children in comprehensive legislation.

HF2391—Kahn (DFL)  
Appropriations  
General fund revenues not used to pay for revenue  
bonds or notes.

HF2392—Kahn (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Forfeiture proceeds deposited in state treasury and  
allocated among agencies that assisted with  
forfeiture, and money appropriated.

HF2393—Milbert (DFL)  
Commerce  
Garage door systems regulated for residential  
buildings.

HF2394—Price (DFL)  
Taxes  
Property tax; homestead property subject to  
preferential class rates provided an increased market  
value.

HF2395—Sparby (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Thief River Falls Police Relief Association trust  
fund allowed less frequent actuarial surveys.

HF2396—Price (DFL)  
Taxes  
Watershed capital improvement costs paid by  
special levy.

HF2397—Kelly (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Traffic citation quotas prohibited.

HF2398—Beard (DFL)  
Labor-Management Relations  
Occupational safety and health; written programs  
for reducing work-place injuries prepared by  
employers.

HF2399—Greenfield (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Public assistance; counties allowed to keep half of  
what they recover for assistance costs.

HF2400—Greenfield (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Court-ordered care, examination, or treatment of  
juveniles by counties provided partial state  
reimbursement, and money appropriated.

HF2401—Tunheim (DFL)  
Transportation  
Railroad crossings; penalties provided for  
disregarding crossing warnings, crossing safety  
instruction provided, standards provided for closing  
a crossing, and other changes made.

HF2402—Vellenga (DFL)  
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs  
Ramsey County and St. Paul to issue general  
revenue obligation bonds for restoration of St. Paul  
Union Depot.

HF2403—Pappas (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Child custody investigators to consider statutory  
factors, bonds authorized to ensure compliance with  
protection orders, and other changes made.

HF2404—Jefferson (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Child support and medical support enforcement  
incentives, requirements, and procedures estab­lished,  
and money appropriated.
HF2405—Wagenius (DFL)
Education
Early childhood family education programs to recruit and retain at-risk families.

HF2406—Wagenius (DFL)
Taxes
Sales tax exemption provided for certain chair lifts, ramps, and elevators.

HF2407—Olson, K. (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Asbestos abatement provisions changed for containment barriers.

HF2408—Skoglund (DFL)
Insurance
Comprehensive health plan to accept enrollments of employees working for small employers.

HF2409—Dempsey (IR)
Judiciary
Child support provisions changed.

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HF2410—Onnen (IR)
Insurance
Comprehensive insurance plan expanded to cover additional employees.

HF2411—Pappas (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Capitol area; money appropriated for a Roy Wilkins memorial.

HF2412—Simoneau (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Housing
Houses damaged by drought repaired using low-interest loans.

HF2413—Wenzel (DFL)
Taxes
Morrison County; state compensation provided for certain land.

HF2414—Otis (DFL)
Regulated Industries
Electric utilities encouraged to undertake conservation programs that reduce energy consumption, financial incentives provided and money appropriated.

HF2415—Segal (DFL)
Insurance
Health plans must provide mental health coverage.

HF2416—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
Teachers and school boards provided certain rights and responsibilities.

HF2417—Nelson, K. (DFL)
Education
School district levy and bonding authority extended for first class cities.

HF2418—Otis (DFL)
Education
University of Minnesota Board of Regents Advisory Council deadline changed for submitting recommendations.

HF2419—Solberg (DFL)
Appropriations
Mississippi headwaters board appropriated money.

HF2420—Rest (DFL)
Transportation
Driving while intoxicated; license plates impounded for repeat violations.

HF2421—Pelowski (DFL)
Appropriations
State university board authorized to issue revenue bonds.

HF2422—Stanarius (IR)
Judiciary
Peace officers to operate unlighted motor vehicles and watercraft in certain situations.

HF2423—Stanarius (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Moose licenses restricted.

HF2424—Dempsey (IR)
Regulated Industries
Absentee ballots are secret ballots.

HF2425—Solberg (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Aging board to use a formula for distribution of funds for congregate meals.

HF2426—Rice (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Contract enforcement provisions strengthened for labor contract successors.

HF2427—Redalen (IR)
Regulated Industries
Off-sale liquor licensees authorized to make limited sales between other off-sale licensees.

HF2428—Lasley (DFL)
Education
Special education levy equalized with equalization aid provided.

HF2429—Williams (DFL)
Insurance
State, agency, and political subdivision insurance plans to provide equal access to providers.

HF2430—Forsythe (IR)
Health & Human Services
Nursing home moratorium provided an exception for existing, freestanding hospice.

HF2431—Ostrom (DFL)
Education
Transportation formula modified to create a category of funding for nonpublic pupils.

HF2432—Jacobs (DFL)
Regulated Industries
Public utility sales and service of energy-consuming products, appliances, and equipment regulated.

HF2433—Bennett (IR)
Judiciary
Sentencing Guidelines Commission to increase weight assigned to prior convictions for certain repeat offenders.

HF2434—Nelson, K. (DFL)
Judiciary
Assault of social workers or other medical and social service employees provided penalties and threats of violence prohibited.

HF2435—Weaver (IR)
Education
Parental involvement in schools increased, eligibility expanded for early childhood family education programs, other changes made, and money appropriated.

HF2436—McDonald (IR)
Regulated Industries
Telephone service; metropolitan extended service area expanded.

HF2437—Stanarius (IR)
Ways and Means
Finance commissioner to prepare quarterly revenue and spending forecasts.

HF2438—Carruthers (DFL)
Judiciary
Controlled substance crime provisions changed, and money appropriated.

HF2439—Carlson, D. (IR)
Governmental Operations
Moose Lake Fire Protection District; Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association provisions clarified.

HF2440—Stanarius (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Lake Superior sportfishing zone established, with certain gill nets prohibited.

HF2441—Dempsey (IR)
Judiciary
Court administrator responsibility for certain vital statistic, notary public, hospital lien, and marriage license provisions transferred to county departments.

HF2442—Johnson, V. (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Mississippi River game and fish and water safety zone established with Wisconsin.

HF2443—Kindt (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Hubbard County; original meander corners restored.

HF2444—Rukavina (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Solid waste; diversions required for counties seeking resource recovery permits, moratorium placed on new permits until after a study of environmental effects, and money appropriated.

HF2445—Carruthers (DFL)
Insurance
Liability limits not reduced by cost of defense for professional and umbrella liability policies.

HF2446—Kahn (DFL)
Appropriations
Minneapolis refunded a bond application, and money appropriated.

HF2447—Pugh (DFL)
Judiciary
Security guards and people with history of child abuse or criminal sexual behavior excluded from certain predictions for criminals.

HF2448—Bishop (IR)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
Olmsted County permitted to consolidate offices of auditor and treasurer.

HF2449—Segal (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Prisoners in correctional or detention facilities allowed General Assistance medical care.

HF2450—Osthoff (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Local police and fire relief association consolidation provided amount for maximum municipal contributions.

HF2451—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
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HF2500—Carruthers (DFL)
Insurance
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HF2501—McLaughlin (DFL)
Insurance
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HF2502—Cooper (DFL)
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HF2503—J anezich (DFL)
Transportation
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HF2504—Jefferson (DFL)
Judiciary
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HF2518—Trimble (DFL)
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HF2519—Winter (DFL)
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HF2520—Jacobs (DFL)
Regulated Industries
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HF2521—Ogren (DFL)
Health & Human Services
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HF2522—McEachern (DFL)
Education
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HF2523—Hasskamp (DFL)
Governmental Operations
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HF2524—Onnen (IR)
Insurance
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HF2525—Osthoff (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Allowing a graduate social work license to be issued without examination to an applicant who was unable to apply before the transition period ended.

Do you know?

St. Paul's Great North American History Theatre will stage a production with a middle European flavor March 8 through April 1 as a part of the "Celebrate Minnesota" campaign.

"Mesabi Red" is a play about the Iron Range, where iron mining dominated the lives of immigrants from more than 50 nations. The play focuses on the events of 1916.

The musical is a collaboration between the theater and the Croatian National Theatre of Split, Yugoslavia. Lynn Lohr, the theater's founder, producer, and co-artistic director, and Lance Belville, playwright-in-residence and co-artistic director, met with the Croatian National Theatre director about 18 months ago to discuss doing a project together.

"We thought of doing a piece on the Iron Range for some time," says Linda Twiss, publicity director. "The more we talked, the more we felt this [collaboration] was the right thing to do."

A historical discussion will follow the performances. For more information about "Mesabi Red," call the box office (612) 292-4323.

Cast of Mesabi Red

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### Committee Schedule

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

#### MONDAY, March 5

**8:00 a.m.**

**Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS**
400S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. James Rice  
Agenda: Capital budget request; the Department of Public Safety.

**Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS**
300N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson  
Agenda: The governor's budget adjustments and capital budget recommendations, by the Department of Finance.

**State Departments Division/APPROPRIATIONS**
300S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn  
Agenda: Capital budget hearings: the Office of Waste Management, the International Wolf Center, the environmental learning centers, and the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board.

**EDUCATION**
5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern  
Agenda: HF2024 (Olson, K.) Midwestern higher education compact established and members appointed. HF2008 (Pelowski) Undergraduate academic programs; endowments provided matching state grants through Higher Education Coordinating Board. HF2383 (McEachern) Environmental education act provided and office of environmental education created in planning agency. HF2058 (Carlson, L.) Vocational-technical colleges; certain titles changed.

**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**
10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding  
Agenda: HF2103 (Reding) Public employee retirement plans; certain investment performance reporting required. HF2319 (Olson, E.) District court administrators not allowed to appeal salary set by county board. HF1198 (Simoneau) Public employment; defining equitable compensation relationships; requiring an implementation report; providing for review of plans. HF2323 (Simoneau) Public Employees Insurance Plan expanded, and classes of premiums established.

**8:30 a.m.**

**Health & Human Services Division/APPROPRIATIONS**
200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield  
Agenda: A review of the governor's capital and operating budget recommendations.

**10:00 a.m.**

**AGRICULTURE**
5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel  
Agenda: HF173 (Steensma) Agriculture; requiring consumers to be informed concerning the point of origin of certain food ingredients. HF2087 (Olson, E.) Potato producer checkoff fees are not refundable for certain producers. HFXX (Dille) Farm safety. HF2305 (Krueger) Dairy products; standards established for light butter.

**JUDICIARY**
Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly  
Agenda: Any bills remaining from the last meeting, or bills coming out of the division or subcommittee. HF1884 (Pappas) Domestic abuse; prosecution of domestic abuse cases improved, computerized data base studied for feasibility, and money appropriated. HF2226 (Swenson) Criminal vehicular homicide. HF2027 (Orenstein) Tort system changed. HF2088 (Kelly) Seat belts; proof of failure to use belt is admissible in litigation.

**12:30 p.m.**

**JOINT MEETING**
**HOUSE REGULATED INDUSTRIES & SENATE PUBLIC UTILITIES & ENERGY**
200 State Office Building  
Agenda: Telecommunications: the current status of the regulatory environment and the effect of technology on the future of communications.

**Next Week**

**SESSION WEEKLY/March 2, 1990**
The House will meet in session.

**Employee elections regulated.**

**Drug raids; grants provided to repair property damaged in raids or during controlled substance investigations.** HF2234 (O'Connor) Home loans; guarantees authorized, limits required, and securities regulated for home equity conversion and other home loans. HF1987 (Jefferson) Low-income housing tax credits allocated. HF2283 (Jefferson) Low-income housing provided, council on homelessness established, related changes made, and money appropriated. (Minnesota Housing Finance Agency bill) This meeting will continue at 6:00 p.m.

Civil Law Subcommittee/JUDICIARY 500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein

Agenda: HF1810 (Hartle) Religious corporations; certain deeds to real property conveyed by religious corporations validated. HF1869 (Rest) County boards allowed to charge for examining real estate titles for certain possessory estate procedures. HF1854 (Pugh) Joint tenancy provisions changed in cases of marriage dissolution and certain contract cancellations validated. HF2223 (Pugh) Perpetuities; common law rule against perpetuities abolished.

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS**

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich

Agenda: Presentation by Andy Meuwissen, State Fund. HF357 (McLaughlin) Employment; providing a medical leave of absence and a leave to care for family members. HF2398 (Beard) Occupational safety and health; written programs for reducing work-place injuries prepared by employers. HF2248 (Dawkins) Joint labor-management committees and public employee elections regulated.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

**After session**

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY 500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: HF2244 (Clark) Juvenile court; chemical use assessments provided for juveniles before case deposition. HF2056 (Dauner) Fleeing a peace officer from another state into Minnesota made a crime, peace officers from other states allowed to pursue into Minnesota, and certain blood tests from other states permitted.

After session or 5:00 p.m. (whichever is later)

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HFXXXX (Rukavina) Incinerator moratorium.

6:00 p.m.

**Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor

Agenda: A continuation of the 12:30 p.m. meeting.

**TUESDAY, March 6**

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS 400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: To be announced.

Education Division/

APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: The Higher Education Coordinating Board supplemental budget request and reciprocity.

Health & Human Services Division/

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200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: A review of the governor's capital and operating budget recommendations continued.

State Departments Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Capital budget hearing: the Department of Natural Resources.

Pensions Subcommittee/GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob Johnson

Agenda: HF802 (Johnson, R.) Retirement; Minnesota State Retirement System Correction Employees Retirement Plan; expanding the coverage of the plan; authorizing an election to obtain prior state service coverage; clarifying the provision specifying covered correctional service. HF2147 (Johnson, R.) Surviving spouse and dependent child benefits provided a maximum monthly limit. HF2235 (Reding) Judges insurance and pension benefit provisions changed. HF2395 (Sparby) Thief River Falls Police Relief Association trust fund allowed less frequent actuarial surveys. HFXXXX (Ois)

**TAXES**

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: Forecast overview by the Department of Revenue and the Department of Finance.

10:00 a.m.

**COMMERCE**

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: HF2042 (McCachern) Tobacco vending machine locations restricted.

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle
Agenda: HF2132 (Greenfield) Child care funding policies changed. HF2380 (Welle) Mentally retarded people provided services in Willmar area.
Department of Human Services bill.
HF1030 (Otis) Higher Education Division/Education Committee.

WAYS & MEANS
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Robert Vanasek
Agenda: Department of Finance will explain the governor’s budget.

12:00 noon

WAYS & MEANS
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Todd Otis
Agenda: HFXXXX (Otis) Placing requirements on businesses accepting economic development assistance.
HF1031 (Dawkins) Requiring Department of Trade and Economic Development to prepare a report on military spending. HF2253 (Clark) Wild rice; natural wild rice promotion council established and money appropriated.
HF1971 (Clark) Military contractors given preference for economic development grants for projects in accordance with alternative use plans designed to eliminate dependency on weapons contracts.

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Todd Otis
Agenda: HF1976 (Milbert) Adjutant general allowed to appoint an executive director of the Department of Military Affairs. HF2053 (Bertram) National Guard members allowed to transfer tuition reimbursement to a child or spouse. SF1692 (Brown) Department of Public Safety bill.
HF1988 (Jefferson) Absentee ballots automatically provided to permanently ill or disabled people. HF2134 (Abrams) Automatic recount provisions changed for primary and general elections. HF1870 (McEachern) School district election procedures changed. HF2325 (Osthoff) Presidential primary provisions changed. HF2041 (Scheid) Voter registration, absentee voter, and polling place roster provisions clarified, and certain time limits changed. HF2171 (Price) Horse racing and pari-mutuel provisions changed. HF2185 (Murphy) Charitable Gambling Control Board authorized to issue certain licenses.
HF2138 (Blatz) Veterans Home Board to have women members.
HF2264 (Johnson, A.) Voter registration provisions changed, and certain people without permanent addresses allowed to vote in certain elections.
HF2265 (Johnson, A.) Campaign financial reporting requirements clarified.
HF2119 (Solberg) Hockey tournament structure provided for high school league. Also on the agenda is the confirmation of Vanne Hayes to the Ethical Practices Board.
Note: this meeting is scheduled to last until 4:00 p.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: HF2254 (Begich) Public debt questions voted on by additional property owners. HF2287 (Lieder) Street vacation notices required. HF2288 (Lieder) Towns allowed to publish collections of ordinances, resolutions, rules, and laws.
HF2149 (Hausman) Economic development port authority titles changed for certain officers.
HF2250 (Hausman) Ramsey County; certain performance bond requirements eliminated, and fees permitted for inspections by the county surveyor.
HF2156 (Pelowski) Performance bond provisions changed for construction or repair of roads, bridges, and buildings.
HF2078 (Dorn) Blue Earth County to appoint certain county officials, and county offices reorganized.

2:30 p.m.

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF2210 (Rest) Comprehensive adoption legislation classifying records, clarifying certain placements, providing studies for independent adoptions, and other changes made.
HF1986 (Rest) Open bottle law; constructive possession of alcohol prohibited in private vehicles.
HF2180 (Swenson) Criminal vehicular operation expanded to include repeat driving while intoxicated (DWI) offenders who negligently cause death or great bodily harm while having a blood alcohol level of .05 or more. HF1979
(Rest) Excise tax increased for cigarettes, beer, wine, and alcoholic beverages; local government drug council established; and grants provided for drug treatment and criminal justice programs.

4:00 p.m.

INSURANCE
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: Any bills not completed at the Thursday, March 1 meeting.
HF2204 (Skoglund) Insurer’s duty to provide loss or claims experience data to insureds clarified. HF2293 (Jaros) Health insurance; commissioners of commerce and health to help design uninsured low-income demonstration project.

WEDNESDAY, March 7

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: To be announced.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: A Continuation of the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Health & Human Services Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: A review of the governor’s capital and operating budget recommendations continued.

State Departments Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Capital budget hearing: the Department of Natural Resources.

EDUCATION
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HFXXXX (Pelowski) Corporal punishment. HF1849 (Johnson, A.) Early childhood family education programs expanded, model sites and grants provided for parenting programs, and money appropriated. HF2004 (McEachern) Education department program for implementing governor’s drug plan. HFXXXX (Bauerly) Teacher dismissal.

10:00 a.m.

Higher Education Division/ EDUCATION
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros
Agenda: HF45 (Johnson, A.) Appropriating money to administer “2+2” program at Anoka-Ramsey Community College. HF1929 (Pelowski) Post-secondary child care grants; four year limit removed.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: HF1669 (Morrison) Housing; requiring the Housing Finance Agency to restrict funding for new single family housing under certain circumstances. HF1838 (Jennings) Electronic fund transfer facilities regulated and access provided for transmission facilities. HF2057 (Dauner) Detroit Lakes; detached banking facility established under certain conditions. HF2117 (Osthoff) Low-rent public housing and Section 8 housing administration changed, local approval limited, special assessment exemption for housing and redevelopment authorities repealed, housing development projects transferred to economic development. Also on the agenda will be any bills from the division or subcommittee.

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: To be announced.

12:30 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION,
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz
Agenda: HF1826 (Milbert) Hockey; two-tier tournament requirement repealed and responsibility returned to high school league. A continuation of the March 6 agenda.

INSURANCE

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: Any bills not completed at the Tuesday, March 6 meeting. Additional bills to be announced.

TRANSPORTATION
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: HF1927 (Ogren) Right-of-way established for certain intersections. HF1965 (Cooper) Omnibus rural health care bill. HF2090 (Jennings) U.S. Route 8; a portion in Chisago County designated Moberg trail. HF2211 (Cooper) Hazardous materials; fertilizer and agricultural chemical retailers exempted from certain transportation requirements. HF2064 (Brown) Track, shop, terminal, and station abandonment standards established. HF2401 (Tunheim) Railroad crossings; penalties provided for disregarding crossing warnings, crossing safety instruction provided, standards provided for closing a crossing, and other changes made. HF1712 (Olson, K.) Triple recreational vehicle combinations. HF1214 (Bertram) Service brakes required on certain vehicles. If the agenda is not completed at this meeting, it will be continued at 7:00 in the basement hearing room.

2:30 p.m.

COMMERCE
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: HF2243 (Scheid) Uniform Commercial Code provisions governing fund transfers adopted.

Job Training & Retraining Subcommittee/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin
Agenda: Review of 1989 legislative initiatives. HF2329 (McLaughlin) Legislative task force on employment in 1990s created.

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: HF1813 (Olson, K.) Education district levy limits clarified. Academic calendars; requirement for a common calendar in education districts repealed. HF1864 (Sviggum) Academic calendars;
requirement for a common calendar in education districts repealed. HF1992 (Kinkel) Permit education district boards to hold meetings using interactive television.

4:00 p.m.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: HF2327 (Jacobs) Metropolitan telephone area expanded. HF1704 (Jacobs) Metropolitan extended area telephone service. HFXXXX (Jacobs) Flexible gas rates. HF2075 (Jacobs) Municipal electric utilities included in assessments for adjudicating service area disputes.

4:30 p.m.

AGRICULTURE
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel
Agenda: To be announced.

6:30 p.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: The Greater Minnesota Corporation funding.

JUDICIARY
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly
Agenda: Any bills remaining from the last meeting and any bills coming out of the division or subcommittee. HF1843 (Kelly) Controlled substance provisions changed and money appropriated. HF2032 (Peterson) Presentence investigation reports are discretionary for certain felons.

THURSDAY, March 8

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Capital budget request: the Historical Society.

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Health & Human Services Division/APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: A review of the governor’s capital and operating budget recommendations continued.

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

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: To be announced.

Property Tax Subcommittee/TAXES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ann Rest
Agenda: HF2209 (Rest) Tax increment financing provisions modified in comprehensive legislation.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: To be announced.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF1939 (Kinkel) Timber sales requirement changed. HF1879 (Tunheim) Lake of the Woods state forest established. HF2219 (Rodosovich) Helmer Myre and Nerstrand Woods state parks renamed Myre-Big Island and Nerstrand Big Woods state parks. HF2092 (Skoglund) Eurasian water milfoil not transferred out of water. HF2386 (Rukavina) St. Louis county; solid waste management provisions changed. HF2207 (Winter) Watershed administrative fund limit increased, and natural resources protection fund established. HF2350 (McGuire) State park permits sold by designated agents. HFHF2351 (McGuire) Conservation officers to seek issuance of and to serve search warrants.

HF1861 (Long) Blowgun regulations provided by commissioner of natural resources.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle
Agenda: HF2390 (Yellenga) Child abuse; protection provided for abused and neglected children in comprehensive legislation. HF1889 (Weaver) Bone marrow donations encouraged through paid leaves for employees, tax credits to certain employers, donor drives, and other programs and incentives. Money appropriated. Department of Human Services bills. HFXXXX Long term care

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Todd Otis
Agenda: HF2384 (Rice) Port authorities allowed to use foreign trade zone powers. HFXXXX (Otis) Changes in several economic development statutes.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz
Agenda: HF2336 (Frederick) Waseca County; FarmAmerica exempted A continuation of the March 7 agenda.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: HF2043 (Kostohryz) Ramsey County Charter Commission; terms set for members. HF2252 (Kelso) Abstracters insurance coverage increased and other changes made. HF2189 (Bauerly) Property tax; employment terms clarified for city and town assessors. HF2186 (Bauerly) Excavations; local governments notified of certain excavations. HF1784 (Dempsey) Real property; providing for filing and recording of maps or plats for proposed rights-of-way by local governing bodies. HF1792 (Girard) Redwood County; abandoning Judicial Ditch Number 37.
### LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich  
**Agenda:** HF2163 (Williams) Minimum wage excludes certain seasonal children's resident or day camp employees.  
HFXXXX (Rice) Collective bargaining  
HFXXXX Department of Jobs & Training, unemployment insurance.  
HFXXXX (Begich) Workers' compensation loggers' bill.

### ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger  
**Agenda:** HF2383 (McEachern) Environmental education act provided and office of environmental education created in planning agency.

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**On this day,** the Lyon County News of Marshall, Minn., claimed the word "blizzard" was first used in the town of Marshall. The article says that a local man, in describing the severity of the 1873 storm, drew on the German language and exclaimed, "It's a blitzardt!" Recent research, however, has found a still earlier occurrence of the word in the April 23, 1870, issue of the Northern Vindicator of Estherville, Iowa.
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