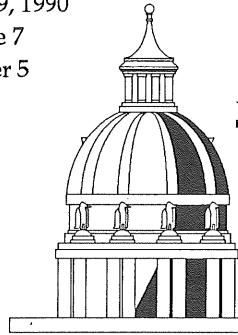


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It's a fact!

Minnesota's first laws were passed in the dining room of the Central House, a two-story log hotel in St. Paul where the Territorial Legislature convened. The 27-member, seven-district Legislature began meeting there on Sept. 3, 1849.

Before lawmakers could begin their morning session, breakfast dishes and dining tables had to be cleared from the room. They brought in small desks, the speaker called the meeting to order, and the business of the day began.

When lunch was ready, members stuffed their papers into their pockets and hats, picked up their desks, and piled them in an office. Tables and dishes were set up and lunch was served. Later, the room again became the meeting place for the House of Representatives...until it was time for supper.



Finance Commissioner Peter Hutchinson briefed members of the Appropriations Committee March 2 on the governor's 1990 budget recommendations.

Highlights

Fundraising ban

The Minnesota House banned its members from soliciting or accepting contributions during a regular legislative session and from accepting honorariums from certain groups.

On March 5, the House voted 134-0 to ban in-session fundraisers effective March 10.

"The close temporal relationship between the fundraising activity and the legislative action can lead to at least the appearance of possible undue influences," says House Majority Leader Dee Long (DFL-Mpls).

House Minority Leader Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) agrees that the practice must stop.

"I am pleased to see that we are now going to have, as a part of our rules, a ban on fundraisers by members of the

Legislature while the Legislature is in session," he says.

The bill also prohibits House members from accepting honorariums from any individual or group which has a direct interest in legislation before the House. But the measure wouldn't ban reimbursement, for example, of expenses incurred when a lawmaker gives a speech to a group.

The new rule does not prevent House members from soliciting funds from their constituents in their home districts. It also would allow in-session fundraisers as long as they are sponsored by a political caucus or a group of representatives (more than one). Since House rules only apply to its members, the rule does not prevent a candidate for the House from soliciting funds during a legislative session. The change in the House rules



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also doesn't affect the state Senate.

Violations of this rule will be referred
to the House Ethics Committee, which
could require that the money be returned
or impose other disciplinary action.

Tobacco vending machines

A vending machine that doesn't release
a pack of cigarettes when money is
deposited would be operating properly if
a bill approved March 6 by the Com-
merce Committee becomes law.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Bob
McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake), would
require that most cigarette machines have
a device that rings to alert an attendant
when a person drops the first coin into
the machine. The clerk would then push a
button to activate the machine, which
would release the cigarettes.

But the measure would pre-empt the
ordinances on vending machines that
have already been adopted in 23 Minne-
sota communities — a provision that
proved controversial during the commit-
tee hearing.

Uniformity over local rule-making
authority was the deciding factor in the
debate over restricting the location and
accessibility of cigarette vending ma-
chines statewide.

The bill would restrict cigarette
machines to places closed to the general
public or normally inaccessible to teen-
agers under the age of 18. These ma-
chines would not need the locking device.

"We want to prevent children from
buying cigarettes," says McEachern. "We
want to limit easy access."

Cigarette machines also could be
located in bars and liquor stores if the
machines are in plain view of an em-
ployee.

Nine Minnesota communities have
enacted outright bans on vending
machines, and 14 others have adopted
some form of restrictions. Opponents say
the bill would revoke actions communi-
ties already have taken to restrict ciga-
rette vending machine sales.

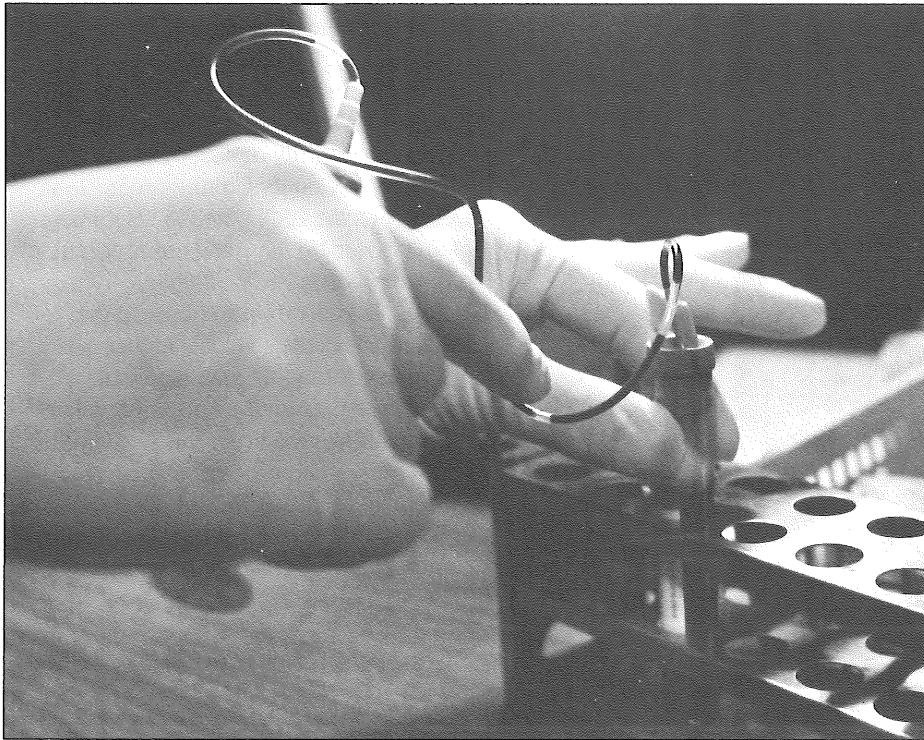
"We're asking you not to take away the
authority of the local community," said
Jerry Briggs, mayor of White Bear Lake,
which has a total ban.

Supporters of the measure countered
that it provides uniformity across the
state, and that local officials could still
control cigarette vending machines in
their municipalities through licensing
procedures.

HF2042 was sent to the House floor for
further consideration.



Sister Mary Madonna
Ashton testified against
a bill March 5 that
would pre-empt
restrictions imposed on
cigarette vending
machines in 23
Minnesota communities.
Ashton, commissioner of
health, said she would
support the measure if
the pre-emption was
removed.



Several lawmakers gave blood March 6 in recognition of the state's Bone Marrow Donor Week. Their blood was used to see if it matched samples from people in need of bone of bone marrow transplants.

Bone marrow

Several lawmakers and other officials rolled up their sleeves March 6 and took the first step toward becoming bone marrow donors in an effort help people dying of leukemia and other blood-related diseases.

They gave blood so it could be matched with people from across the country who are in need of bone marrow transplants.

And two days later members of the Health and Human Services Committee unanimously approved a bill that would allow employees time off to undergo a medical procedure to donate bone marrow.

In addition, the measure sponsored by Rep. Charlie Weaver (IR-Champlin) requires the commissioner of health to educate the public about the issue and to recruit potential donors.

In an attempt to recruit state employees as potential bone marrow donors, the measure also allocates funding for lab fees — which usually cost about \$75 — for each of the first 200 state employees tested.

Weaver told the committee that approximately 9,000 people die in the United States every year from blood-related diseases. He says some of them

could be cured with bone marrow transplants.

Gov. Rudy Perpich designated March 4-10 as Bone Marrow Donor Week in Minnesota.

HF1889 was sent to the Appropriations Committee for further review.

Radioactive waste ban

Low-level radioactive waste would be banned from Minnesota landfills and incinerators if a bill passed March 6 by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee becomes law.

Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls) says the bill is needed because the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) may allow some low-level radioactive waste to be disposed of in landfills and incinerators.

Currently, radioactive waste generated in Minnesota is shipped to Michigan for disposal in a special facility there.

Members of the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) support Greenfield's bill and say there are no safe levels of exposure to radioactivity. They want all radioactive waste to be disposed of in proper facilities and say

the long-term cost to the state could be enormous if the wastes contaminate the environment.

But John Windschill, superintendent of radioactive protection for the Northern States Power Co. (NSP), opposed the bill, saying people are exposed to more background radiation than what is contained in the low-level radioactive waste.

Windschill says the NRC's proposal to deregulate certain radioactive wastes would greatly reduce disposal costs of the material for NSP. He says the cost of disposing the wastes would drop from about \$5,000 per ton to \$25 per ton.

The committee sent HF2311 to the House floor.

DWI jail time

Repeat DWI offenders would face a mandatory 10-day sentence behind real bars under a bill approved March 2 by the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester), who authored the amendment to the omnibus drug bill, says DWI offenders need the "shock value" of jail time instead of being confined to their homes under house arrest.

Under the amendment, people convicted of a second DWI offense within five years or a third offense within 10 years would be required to spend at least 10 days in jail in addition to time in home detention or performing community work service.

Bishop says judges in some communities are increasingly sentencing DWI offenders to the alternative programs as a way to ease jail overcrowding.

Mandating jail sentences, however, could result in increased costs. Mark Cuniff, director of corrections for Hennepin County, says the proposal could burden smaller counties that lack the jail space and the finances to build larger jails to accommodate the increased DWI penalties.

HF1843 was sent to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.



Robert Lohman, and his daughter Maria were part of a group of about 300 people that assembled March 5 in the Capitol rotunda to protest the destruction of the environment. Lohman is from Garrison.

Garbage incinerators

A bill that would impose a temporary moratorium on the construction of all but two garbage incinerators in the state was approved March 5 by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia), exempts incinerators planned in Dakota and Winona counties from the moratorium that would continue until the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) conducts an environmental impact study of incinerators. The measure calls on the MPCA to issue a report on its findings by June of 1993.

Rep. Leo Reding (DFL-Austin), who offered the amendment to exempt the two counties, says the counties have spent several years and millions of dollars in planning the incinerators.

Rukavina's measure had called for a complete moratorium. He says more information is needed about the environmental effects of garbage burning, and that the Legislature needs to send a clear message that recycling and composting is the best solution to the garbage problem.

The measure, HF2444, also requires

that counties recycle 35 percent of their solid waste and that at least 35 percent of the heavy metals such as lead and cadmium be sorted out of the waste stream before future incinerator permits could be renewed.

The bill now goes to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Light rail transit

A bill that would get the building of a light rail transit (LRT) system underway was approved by the Transportation Committee March 7.

The measure would call for \$10 million in state bonding money this year; a \$90 million appropriation for next biennium was stripped from the bill. Mike Ehrlichman of the Regional Transit Board says the \$10 million would at least allow some planning and engineering to go forward.

"It's time we ask ourselves . . . is the state behind LRT or not?" says Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), the bill sponsor. "We really need a statement that says the state is willing to be a partner in this."

The preliminary plan would locate the

LRT line in the so-called Midway corridor, which would link the downtowns of Minneapolis and St. Paul. LRT planners say the site would have the highest probability of success.

Hennepin County Commissioner John Derus calls the LRT plan the "beginning of an answer" to the state's transportation problems.

Some lawmakers who opposed the legislation say the state has higher priorities for funding than a new mass transit system. And they question where the remaining money for the \$300 million preliminary system would come from.

Members sent HF1788 to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Budget deficit

"We're spending more than we're taking in . . . to the tune of \$540 million dollars," says Peter Hutchinson, commissioner of the Department of Finance. He and other state officials presented the governor's budget recommendation to the Taxes Committee on March 6.

Hutchinson has forecasted the state will face a \$145 million dollar deficit at the end of fiscal year 1991. If current spending trends continue, the state can expect a \$537 million dollar shortfall by the end of the 1992-1993 biennium.

He says the state must correct the imbalance between its spending and revenues to provide a balanced budget.

Department of Revenue Commissioner John James said the governor proposed a 3 percent reduction in the aid given to local governments. These local government aid reductions would include eliminating some automatic increases in certain aids and restricting the uses of other forms of aid.

James says the governor is also recommending reducing some business loans and credits. He says these include reducing the Office of Tourism's revolving loan program, sunsetting the Job Skills Partnership Program, and eliminating the commercial/industrial equalization property tax refund.

James also says the governor is recommending reducing state agencies' budgets by 5 percent.

The committee will continue hearing the governor's recommendations March 12.

Triple-vehicle trailers

A measure that would allow triple-vehicle trailers on most Minnesota highways successfully steered its way through the Transportation Committee March 7.

It would allow a vehicle to pull both a camper and a boat. Combinations measuring as long as 70 feet would be allowed on most Minnesota roads, but would be banned from the metro area.

Bill sponsor Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn) says restricting triple recreational vehicles is "keeping a lot of tourism out of Minnesota." She adds that states that permit triple-vehicle trailers have had no problems.

But the bill could face some difficult navigating in the weeks ahead. Maj. Ralph Church of the State Patrol told lawmakers his department is "really fearful of them." He says that in other states the triple rigs are allowed only on four-lane highways. Under Olson's proposal there would be no such restriction.

A driver of the vehicle wouldn't need a commercial license.

"We could have a 16-year-old driving a 70-foot vehicle with no training," says Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park).

Lawmakers sent HF1712 to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Environmental education

In an effort to increase awareness of environmental issues, the Education Committee approved a bill March 5 that would create an environmental education program.

The program is designed to teach people about the ecological system and the cause-and-effect relationship between humans and the environment, says Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls), the bill's chief author.

The measure, officially called the Environmental Education Act, would create the Office of Environmental Education. The office would be part of the State Planning Agency and would coordinate informal environmental

education with schools, colleges, and the general public.

Nelson explained that housing the office within the planning agency would allow the office the flexibility to work with different communities, educators, and environmental organizations.

The bill also includes provisions for environmental resource centers throughout the state. These centers would be focal points for environmental education aids, curricula, and general information for schools or groups.

Lawmakers sent HF2383 to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee for further review.



Agnea Antoniades, who is of Greek descent and lives in St. Paul, was on the House floor March 5 to listen to the debate on a bill that would designate an ethnic American day. The House passed the bill unanimously.

Farm safety

Recognizing that farming is one of America's most dangerous occupations, the Agriculture Committee unanimously approved a bill March 5 that would take steps to eliminate safety and environmental hazards on farms.

During the 1980s there was an average of 48 farm work related deaths in Minnesota per year, according to a farm

safety task force report. Children under the age of 15 accounted for 19 percent of the deaths; 23 percent of those who died were senior citizens. Most accidents involved machinery.

"I think there's a danger that we've become callous to what's been taking place," says Herb Halvorson, assistant commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

Under the proposal, sponsored by Rep. Steve Dille (IR-Dassel), the Minnesota Extension Service would carry out a pilot project of comprehensive farm safety audits which would be performed in cooperation with certain farm mutual insurance companies.

The measure would also direct the Department of Public Safety to seek greater compliance with existing farm safety laws.

The state would allocate \$38,660 for the program over the next two years, and findings of the farm safety pilot project would be presented to the Legislature by 1993.

Committee members sent HF2495 to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Family sick time

A bill that would allow employees to take time off from their jobs to care for family members who are ill was approved by the Labor-Management Relations Committee March 5.

The bill, authored by Rep. Peter McLaughlin (DFL-Mpls), would grant workers up to 10 days leave per year to care for seriously ill family members or for a personal illness. It also would allow employees to use three of the 10 days to attend school conferences for their children.

McLaughlin says the bill reflects the changing makeup of today's workforce. He says oftentimes a parent isn't available to care for a sick child or other family member because more parents are working.

To qualify for the leave, an employee would have to have worked on the job for at least a year, and the business or agency

would have to employ at least 21 workers.

Employers wouldn't have to pay workers for the time off, but an employee could use accrued paid leave time during the absence. Employers would be required to continue the employee's group health insurance coverage as long as the employee continued to make normal insurance premium contributions.

The committee sent HF367 to the House floor for further consideration.

Telephone service

A bill that could require more telephone calls made within the seven-county metro area to be considered "local" was approved by the Regulated Industries Committee March 7.

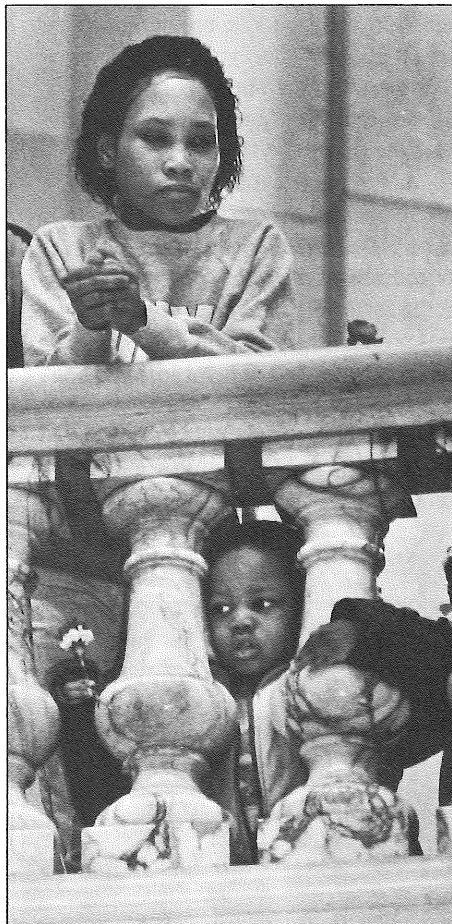
With much debate, the committee adopted a measure sponsored by Rep. Joel Jacobs (DFL-Coon Rapids) that would require expansion of the metropolitan Extended Area Service (EAS).

The effect could be that telephone calls made within the seven-county metro area would not be considered "long-distance" as long as a variety of conditions are met.

The measure would give the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) authority to grant petitions for inclusion in an EAS only when certain criteria are met. One requirement would be that at least half the customers in the area requesting the extended service make one or more calls per month to the area they want included in the toll-free calling zone.

An amendment to the bill would require that existing EAS customers pay 25 percent of the costs, with the remainder being picked up by those petitioning for the extended service.

The committee sent HF2327 to the House floor for further consideration.



One hundred fifty women and children gathered in the Capitol rotunda March 7 to rally for changes in law and attitudes about domestic violence. The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women sponsored the rally.

Child support enforcement

Those ordered to make child support payments would be required to provide child support agencies with their bank account numbers under a bill approved March 5 by the Judiciary Committee.

The bill, proposed by Rep. Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls), would allow courts to order the financial institution to pay monthly support if a person failed to make the payments and income withholding was ineffective.

It would also give child support agencies access to driver's license records, and require those ordered to pay child support to provide their social security numbers and date of birth to child support agencies.

Currently, a person's income can be withheld if they are more than one month behind in support payments and written notice of the income withholding has been served to the person. But oftentimes

it's difficult to obtain the delinquent payments — particularly from those who are self-employed, says Jefferson.

"This will increase the effectiveness of child support agencies," he says. "It will give them the ability to do their job."

HF2404 was sent to the Health and Human Services Committee for further consideration.

School condemnation

School districts could raise funds for building projects without voter approval under a bill heard March 6 by the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee.

Under an amendment to a bill authored by Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake), districts would be permitted to levy more taxes without voter approval for repair of facilities or the construction of new ones if the Department of Education orders the work done.

Currently, school districts must ask voters for approval if additional money is sought to repair or replace buildings.

The amendment would also give the Department of Education the power to condemn school buildings, based on the recommendation of the state fire marshal.

The department would then determine what portion of the cost of repairs or building project could come out of the district's existing capital funds. The remaining costs would be levied against the taxpayers in the districts.

McEachern says the measure will ensure districts are complying with fire and safety standards.

But Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids) expressed concern about the costs the measure would have on school districts.

"Behind this floodgate is a deluge of schools that are going to be asking us for loans," says Bauerly.

The committee took no action on HF1876.

Powers of arrest

Police officers from other states would no longer be foiled when pursuing a suspect across Minnesota state lines if a bill approved March 7 by the Judiciary Committee becomes law.

HF2056 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley) would give officers from other states the authority to arrest and detain a suspect inside Minnesota state boundaries.

Under current Minnesota state law, officers from other states can't arrest suspects who cross the state line into Minnesota.

The bill would also make results of blood tests taken in other states admissible in Minnesota courts. Currently, such tests taken on suspected drunk drivers are often ruled inadmissible on the grounds they weren't performed in Minnesota.

The committee sent the bill to the House floor for further consideration.

Police ticket quotas

A bill that would prohibit law enforcement agencies from setting "ticket quotas" for their officers was approved by the Judiciary Committee March 7.

Requiring officers to issue a certain number of tickets doesn't serve the public interest and is bad policy, says Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul).

"Threatening officers with poor evaluations or disciplinary action in order to get them to write traffic citations or to arrest people for DWI seems like the worst kind of public policy that could possibly exist for law enforcement agencies," says Kelly.

But St. Louis Park Police Chief Mancel Mirchren says ticket quotas aren't a problem.

"We don't give out tickets. People earn them," he says.

HF2397 was sent to the House floor for further consideration.

Insurance agents

The Department of Commerce will establish a review board to hear complaints from insurance agents who have been dismissed from their jobs if a bill

passed by the Insurance Committee March 7 becomes law.

Bill sponsor Rep. Jerome Peterson (DFL-Princeton) says many award-winning insurance agents have lost their jobs when the insurance company they had been employed with for decades decided to terminate them for no good reasons.

The bill spells out a process that kicks in if an insurance agent requests a review of his or her termination. The department would then organize a hearing within 30 days. Three members of a hearing panel — selected from a pool of 10 insurance agents and 10 representatives from insurance companies — would hear the complaint.

If the review board decides the termination was unjustified, the commissioner of commerce would decide the amount of the compensation to the insurance agents.

Scott Goldsmith of Farmers Insurance opposed the bill, and questioned whether the bill is constitutional. He says the Legislature can't deprive people of a right to a contract and can't change existing contracts.

Governor's drug plan

The governor's drug intervention program for school-aged children got its first legislative airing March 7 in the

Education Committee.

The plan, presented by Jan Smaby, director of the Office of Drug Policy, would weave existing school and community programs to work with children who may be at risk for drug or alcohol abuse.

"We do not intend to fill in the gaps with this bill," Smaby told the committee. "We do seek to lay a foundation for the future."

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake), would also seek to establish 10 demonstration sites to develop early childhood and family education programs for parents of kindergarten and early elementary grade children, and the development of a plan to help at-risk children.

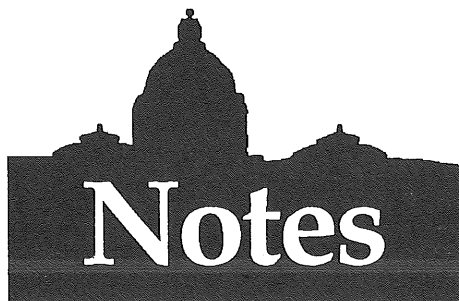
The committee sent HF2004 to its Education Finance Division for further review.

Correction

The penalty for missing the state-imposed bargaining deadline for settling teacher contracts was incorrectly reported in the March 2 *Session Weekly*. The penalty is \$25 in state aid per pupil.



On the eve of the state hockey tournament, a group of legislators told Minnesota State High School League officials that more teams should participate in the annual event. On March 7, the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee postponed a vote to repeal the two-tier hockey tourney to give the league time to find a solution.

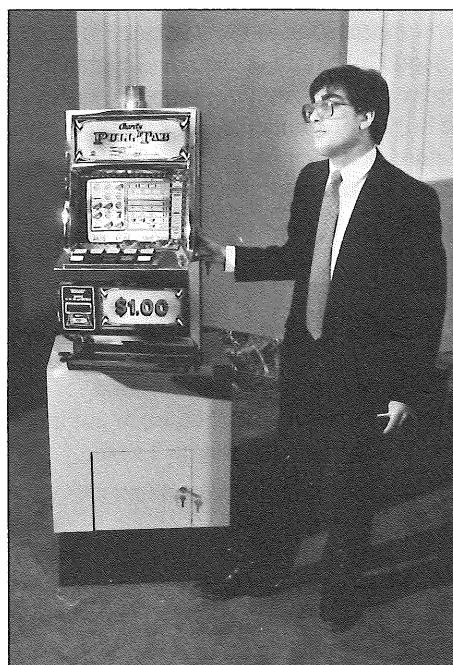


Notes

We've got light beer, light mayonnaise and even light fruit cocktail. So why not light butter? That, apparently, was the collective thinking of the Agriculture Committee March 5 when it approved HF2305, a measure that would permit light butter to be sold in Minnesota. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples), would allow butter containing only 52 percent butterfat, which has one-third less cholesterol, fat, and calories than regular butter, to be sold in the state. In Minnesota, it's currently illegal to sell butter that contains less than 80 percent butterfat. Krueger says butter sales have declined in recent years because consumers are more diet conscious.

Minnesota can do its part to help curb the growing problem of global warming, says Rep. Phyllis Kahn. The DFLer from Minneapolis has proposed a state tree-planting program to be paid for with a surcharge on automobiles and carbon dioxide-producing facilities. Kahn says trees play a big role in keeping the earth's carbon cycle balanced. The Environment and Natural Resources Committee approved HF1617 and sent it to the Appropriations Committee for further review.

A proposed constitutional amendment calling for the creation of a compensation court of appeals to deal with employee/employer issues may be on the ballot next November. A measure sponsored by Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls) seeks to abolish the current Worker's Compensation Court of Appeals and replace it with the compensation court. The measure, which has the support of both labor and business, would make those sitting on the compensation court bench judges. Currently, they are considered administration officials. The Judiciary Committee approved HF2196 and sent it to the Labor-Management Relations Committee for further review.



James Maida, president of New Jersey-based Gaming Laboratories International, demonstrates a video pulltab machine during a press conference March 6.

Ever see piles of pulltabs in a club? After Jan. 1, 1991, those pulltabs may have to be manufactured from recycled paper. The requirement was added to HF2005 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids), a bill regulating the state's lawful gambling industry. The General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Committee approved the measure March 8 and sent it to the Appropriations Committee.

Minneapolis reported 15 violent crimes per 100,000 people in 1988, second only to Portland, Ore., in a nationwide comparison of 39 mid-sized cities. But St. Paul averaged only nine reported violent crimes per 100,000 people, well below the average of 12.5 reported violent crimes among the 39 cities compared. Hennepin County's Criminal Justice Department presented the comparison March 2 to the Judiciary Committee. St. Paul's rank among the cities wasn't mentioned during the committee meeting.

Concern over the safety of school buildings has prompted a division of the Education Committee to consider mandatory inspection by the state fire marshal of public school buildings. Rep. Becky Kelso (DFL-Shakopee), author of HF1805, says the state shouldn't wait until children become casualties of unsafe school buildings. A survey of 614 school buildings built before 1940 showed that almost 40 percent of them had never been inspected by the state fire marshal. The Department of Education conducted the survey.

Minnesotans will go to the polls on the first Tuesday in April 1992 to make their choices in the state's new presidential primary. Voters also may be required to sign a certificate and mark which political party's ballot they intend to use. Both are changes from the law passed in 1989 creating the presidential primary. The General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Committee approved HF 2325 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park) March 8 and sent it to the House floor.

The International Wolf Center (IWC) in Ely could have a new and improved home if a request for \$2.2 million in bonding money is approved for the project. Nancy Gibson, president of the IWC, says that last year 35,000 people visited the Voyageur Visitors Center, and that a new building is necessary to accommodate the ever-increasing number of visitors. The wolf center would be built alongside the Voyageur Visitors Center. The visitors center is seeking an additional \$600,000 for other improvements. Gibson appeared before the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee.

Commissioner of Corrections Orville Pung told an Appropriations Committee division March 6 that the number of women at the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Shakopee has increased substantially over the last decade. In early 1977 there were 47 women at the prison, the only one in the state for women. Now there are more than 170 female inmates. Pung speculated that drugs and longer sentences could explain some of the increase.

"Let the buyer beware" shouldn't pertain to higher education. That was the idea behind a bill sponsored by Rep. Len Price (DFL-Woodbury) that would direct the State Board of Vocational Technical Education to provide prospective students with information about the jobs they hope to land after finishing their schooling. Specifically, the board would provide information about the job market, working conditions, wages for different jobs and qualifications of technical college instructors. The Education Committee approved the bill March 6.

A council on homelessness would be established if a bill approved by the Housing Division of the Financial Institutions and Housing Committee becomes law. The council would be under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Supporters of HF2283 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls) say that without an organization to coordinate services for the homeless and to apply for federal grants for programs for the homeless, Minnesota could stand to lose millions in federal dollars.

MnDOT wants to upgrade and expand the state's bicycle system, says Ken Buckeye, the state's bike coordinator. Buckeye told the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division of the Appropriations Committee March 6 that there is a lot of interest in cycling in Minnesota. Bicycles outsold cars in Minnesota in 1989, 73 percent of Minnesota households own one or more bicycles, and an estimated \$20 million was saved in operating costs because people chose biking instead of driving, Buckeye says.

Drivers may think twice before ignoring a railroad crossing signal if a bill approved by the Transportation Committee March 7 becomes law. The proposal would make driving through a railroad crossing's warning signal a misdemeanor; the crime would be a gross misdemeanor if the driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Members sent HF2401 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy) to the Judiciary Committee for further consideration.

Women veterans would have at least two spots on the Veteran Homes Board under a measure approved March 7 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming Committee. The bill, HF2138 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington), would require the governor to appoint at least two women to the nine-member board. The bill is now on the House floor.

Bullet-proof vests are under attack by Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul). A bill Kelly has proposed makes the wearing of "soft body armor" during the course of a felony a felony itself, punishable by a maximum of five years in prison. The armor could also be confiscated without question by police. The Judiciary Committee approved HF2086 on March 2.

A resolution that would encourage the U.S. Congress to reauthorize the Low Income Energy Assistance Program was approved in the Housing Division of the Financial Institutions & Housing Committee March 5. The program, which helps the poor pay for heating costs, has been extremely beneficial for the state, says bill sponsor Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul). The resolution calls on Congress to increase funding for the program to \$2.3 billion. Last year, Minnesota received \$55.2 million through the program.

A proposal to help fund pensions for volunteer ambulance crew members was approved March 7 in the Transportation Committee. The bill would require Minnesotans to pay a \$2 fee every time they renew their driver's license. The bulk of the money — \$1.3 million — would be channeled into a pension fund for volunteer ambulance crew members in rural areas. Members sent HF1965 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island) to the Taxes Committee for further consideration.

1990 House Leaders

Assistant Minority Leaders

Assistants help keep the minority caucus running

House Minority Leader Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) leads the minority caucus, but he relies on his six assistant leaders to help him perform his duties.

They stand in for him at caucus meetings, direct the Independent-Republicans during floor sessions, and make public appearances on Schreiber's behalf.

Reps. Kathleen Blatz (IR-Bloomington), Terry Dempsey (IR-New Ulm), Dave Gruenes (IR-St. Cloud), Brad Stanius (IR-White Bear Lake), Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon), and Don Valento (IR-Little Canada) are all assistant minority leaders.

Although each perform a variety of duties, some assistants develop specific areas of responsibility.

Blatz, an assistant leader for four years, for example, orients freshman caucus members.

"I help freshman members procedurally, getting their bills through committees," she says.

IR leadership meets at least two times a week, and Blatz says the assistants act as a "conduit back and forth between the minority leader and the caucus members."

She also briefs other members about upcoming

legislation. Most members serve on only a few committees, and can't follow every bill through the House.

"I inform the caucus members of what is going to be on the agenda so there will not be any surprises," she says.

Dempsey also fills in for Schreiber whenever the need arises. In Schreiber's absence, he conducts IR caucus meetings, and often has been assigned to chairing ad hoc committees on specific issues facing the caucus.

Dempsey says he likes being an assistant leader because it "gives you access to a decision-making level that you might not otherwise be at."

"Caucus policy is formulated at the leadership level, and then brought back to the caucus for approval and refinement." Having that early voice in planning caucus positions isn't available to all caucus members.

He also helps mediate disputes between groups within the caucus such as flare-ups between rural and suburban lawmakers.

Stanius says his duties are "multi-functional," but that his "biggest duty is to set policy and direction for the Republican caucus in the House."

"I articulate the problems with the way this state is going, and outline answers to those problems," he says.

He helps IR caucus members understand how they can reach solutions to various problems. "Some of the folks have great ideas, but they sometimes need a little help to get their bills heard and made into laws."

The part of the job he likes best is that he feels he is making a difference. "I think what we do, and the decisions we make as assistant minority leaders, are implemented 90 percent of the time," he says.

Sviggum has been an assistant leader for two years. He was also an assistant majority leader when the IRs controlled the House in 1985 and 1986.

Sviggum is the IR floor leader and assists Schreiber during floor sessions, acting as the IR point man when prepar-

ing strategy and offering amendments to legislation on the floor.

"I like the involvement with the floor activity, the charge of being floor leader . . . and to lead the caucus philosophically on various positions," he says.



Assistant minority leaders from left to right: Reps. Don Valento, Kathleen Blatz, Dave Gruenes, Brad Stanius, Steven Sviggum, and Terry Dempsey.

A Window on the House

Legislative Reference Library

Legislative library works to answer questions

There is no traditional card catalogue but every piece of information is meticulously filed. The room appears to hold as many study tables as shelves but there is an endless wealth of information available.

This is the Legislative Reference Library (LRL), the department where a broad range of information is found and obscure questions are answered.

Legislators preparing bills use the library to gather statistics and background information, says Jan LeSuer, one of four reference librarians. They also read how other states deal with issues, the local response to proposed bills, and the fate of past proposals.

The clipping files, a collection unique to the LRL, are frequently used as a resource, LeSuer says. The files, started in 1969, contain articles clipped from almost every Minnesota newspaper. They are arranged topically, from crime and disabled housing to public lands and U.S. presidents.

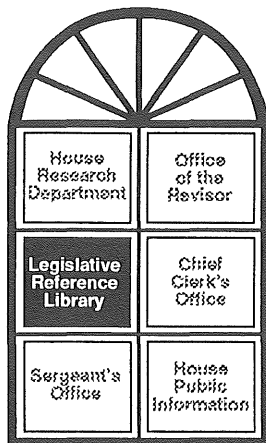
"Legislators are very interested in how issues are covered in the press. The files provide great background information and give a sense of how an issue is growing," he says.

The majority of library users belong to the Legislature or a state government agency.

"Our first duty is to legislators and their staff. If the public or a state agency or even the governor comes in, great. But they may have to work independently," LeSuer says.

The priority given to legislators and their needs is why the library emphasizes research materials, according to Director Marilyn Cathcart.

"We do just about anything to get information for a legislator or legislator's staff—call other states and national associations and connect into various computer data bases. We're like detectives," Cathcart says.



Computers give "let-work" new meaning

Originally located in a small room in the Capitol, the department has grown as the needs of patrons have grown.

Because legislators want up-to-date information from all levels of government, the LRL uses extensive on-line

database systems. In 1983, the library's records became a part of the State University System's on-line catalog, PALS. The computer search service gives quick and easy access to the library's collection of books, government publications, and reports.

NEXIS, an electronic news service, includes information from major newspapers, magazines and wire services, and SISP (State Information Systems Project) indexes information collected by Minnesota state agencies.

Another valuable service is DIALOG, a vendor of several hundred data bases which LRL uses to fetch a wide range of information.

"DIALOG bursts our ability to get information beyond our walls," Cathcart says. With it and other data bases, LRL staff are able to answer almost any question.

The information connection

When a person needed information on Eurasian water milfoil, for example, Cathcart reached for the computer. The search yielded valuable background articles about the algae that has contaminated Minnesota lakes.

Other questions are more straightforward. Cathcart says some people call and ask for the governor's address or a quotation from former Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. The LRL staff receives an average of 80 questions every day, she says.

"During session, most of our questions come from legislators. After session, we get questions from the public wanting to know what the Legislature did," Cathcart says.

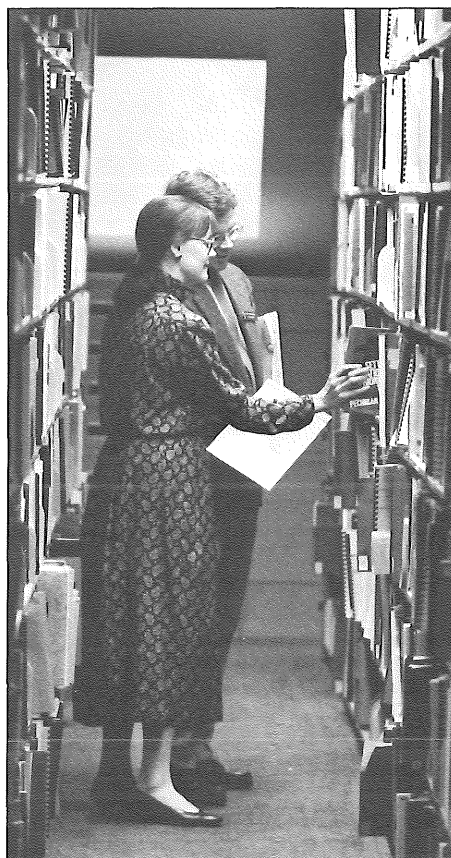
Instead of waiting for questions to come up, the staff gathers information they know is of interest to legislators.

Cathcart emphasized that the library is non-partisan, and keeps requests for information confidential.

"Most library users are concerned about confidentiality because they have a political agenda, but we don't reveal—and never will—what we're doing for someone or who we're doing it for," she says.

While the LRL can't do as much

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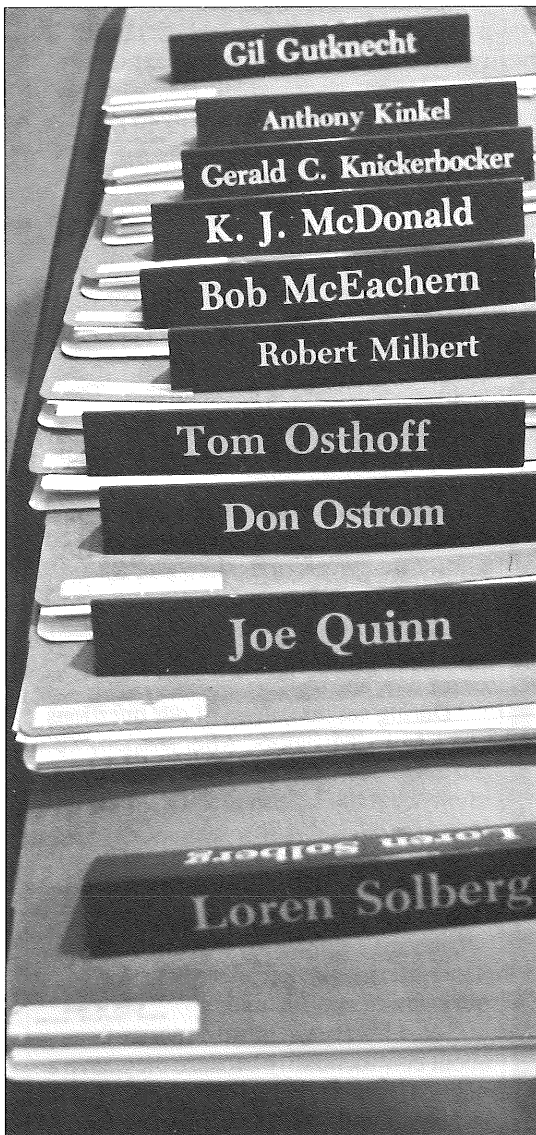
Marilyn Cathcart and Dan Gjeltten inspect part of the Legislative Reference Library's collection. Cathcart is the director; Gjeltten, the assistant director.

COMMITTEE ACTION

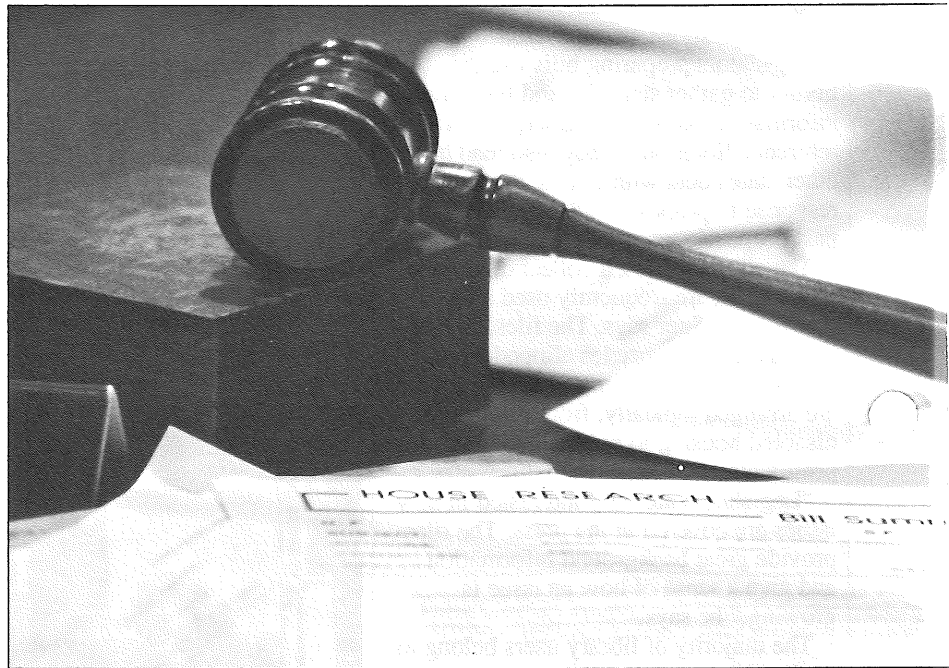
If floor action is the heart of the House, then committee action is its soul.

The committee molds the bill by amending it — sometimes adding just a word, sometimes deleting just a sentence, sometimes substituting an entirely new version. And the amending process can happen more than once if a bill moves through several committees before reaching the floor.

But every bill undergoes the committee process because a bill must pass through at least one before it reaches the House floor for debate.



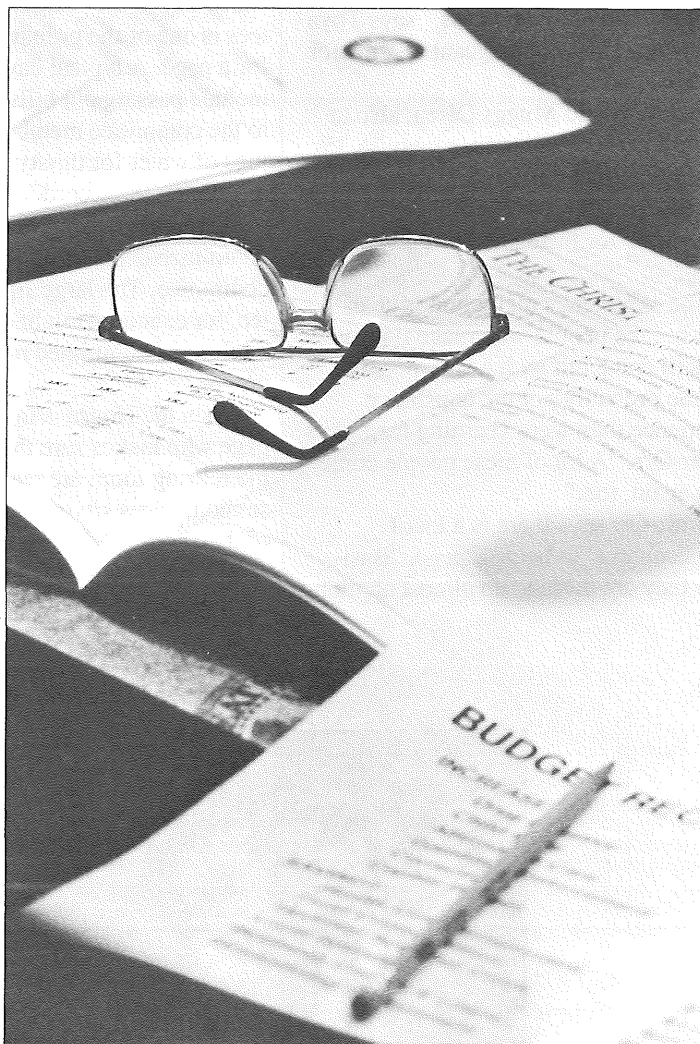
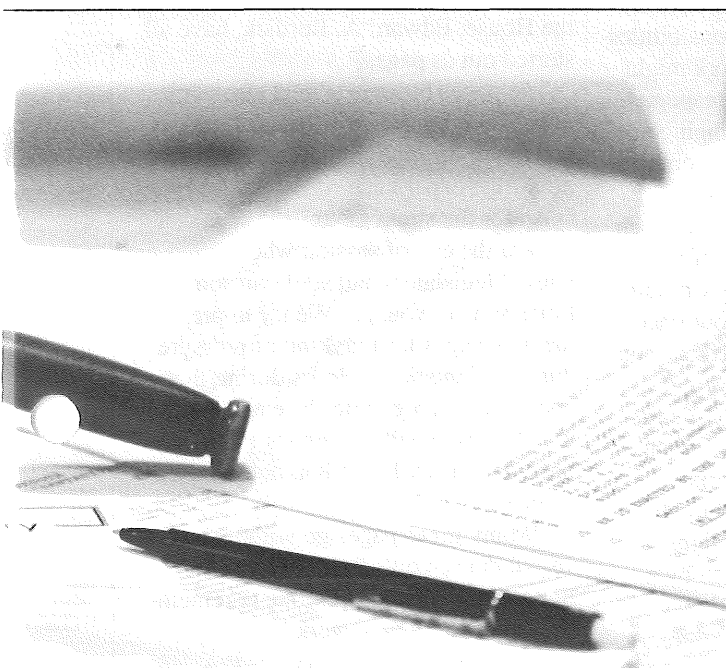
Nameplates and information packets greet committee members as they arrive to tackle the topics of the day.



Information awaits distribution during a committee hearing.



Left: Testimony is paramount during a committee hearing. House members and witnesses explain a bill to other lawmakers.
Center: A gavel, pen, and the all-important bill summary are trademarks found at any House committee hearing.



Committee members' eyes often grow weary after a long and tedious budget hearing.



Tape recordings provide a complete record of committee sessions. The taping began in 1973. Old tapes (1973-1980) are stored at the Minnesota Historical Society's Research Center; newer tapes (1981-1989) are stored in the Legislative Reference Library.

Say 'thanks' to the House pages

The hours are long. Sometimes very long. There's no overtime pay and the stress at times can be great. So why would anybody want to be a House page?

"People want to be pages because it allows them to get their feet wet in the political arena and gain more knowledge about the legislative process," says Toya Farrar-Orr, assistant sergeant at arms for the House.

Farrar-Orr and Muggs Olsen, also an assistant sergeant at arms, supervise 35-40 full-time pages every session. Andy Remke, chief sergeant at arms, is responsible for hiring and training the group.

"The experience really builds character . . . the people who make it through and still come out with a very positive attitude probably got the legislative experience they were yearning for," says Farrar-Orr. "A lot of these people come back again, too."

Farrar-Orr says there is a lot of "physicalness" in being a page. "Basically they are there to do almost anything

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that will help a House member or staff member get their work done," she says.

Serving in the various House committees is one of the primary responsibilities for a page. A typical day of work might include passing out bills and amendments to the committee members, bringing up jugs of water for thirsty House members, or running the recording system.

The number of pages assigned to each committee depends on the size of the committee. The large Judiciary Committee, for example, might need four pages, while a subcommittee may need only one or two.

When the House is in session it's the page who makes sure the chamber and the retiring room are ready. During session, pages sit on a bench in the front of the chamber waiting for the light signal that means they're needed by a representative. After session, it's the

pages' job to clean up the chamber.

Farrar-Orr says that 65-70 percent of pages are recent college graduates, mostly political science majors. However, pages come from a variety of backgrounds and range in age from 18 to 80. Many are using the job as a "stepping stone" to other state government positions. Legislators, staff members, the chief sergeant at arms, and chief clerk of the House, Edward A. Burdick, have all started out as pages.

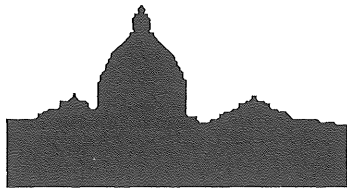
The pages become a "real close knit group" during sessions, Farrar-Orr says, and many lasting relationships have come out of the experience.

As for the stress factor, she says that toward the end of session when things are tense, "legislators and staff can sometimes snap at you. . . . We try to prepare the new pages for that kind of pressure during orientation." Hours during that hectic time can go into the early morning, which is especially rough for pages who have to be back for an 8 a.m. committee meeting.

"Many times pages go without any verbal thank-you's," she says. "The important thing for everyone to remember is how hard they work."



Pages gather around Muggs Olsen to get last minute instructions before the House meets in session.



Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Monday, March 5

Food ingredients—consumer information

HF173 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—heard; re-referred to Dairy & Livestock Subcommittee.

Potato producers—checkoff fees

HF2087/SF2012 (E. Olson, DFL-Fosston)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Light butter—standards

HF2305 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—recommended to pass.

Farm safety audit—pilot project

HF2495/SF2345 (Dille, IR-Dassel)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

Agricultural contracts—mediation, arbitration

HF2060/SF1779 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Farm products—redefinition, penalties

HF2061/SF2037 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Agriculture societies—district changes

HF2514 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended.

COMMERCE

Tuesday, March 6

Tobacco vending machines—restrictions

HF2042/SF1923 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

Universal Commercial Code—fund transfers

HF2243/SF2064 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Real estate brokers—securities transactions

HF2610 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—laid over.

Thursday, March 8

Amusement rides—regulation

HF1995/SF1751 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Non-profit organizations—voting

HF2116 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass.

Auto purchase price refunds—itemized statement

HF2321/SF2253 (Haukoos, IR-Albert Lea)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Free newspapers—distribution sites

HF2594/SF2391 (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Real estate brokers—securities transactions

HF2610 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, March 6

Military contractors—grants

HF1971/SF2245 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—not recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Wild rice—promotion council establishment

HF2253/SF2299 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Prevailing wage requirement

HF2601 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

Thursday, March 8

Military spending—impact, conversion

HF1031 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—not recommended to pass.

Employment task force—creation

HF2329/SF2319 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Governmental Operations. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Port authorities—trade zone power

HF2384/SF2281 (Rice, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Minnesota Project Outreach Corp.—changes

HF2534/SF2360 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

South St. Paul—land improvement grant

HF2636/SF2435 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

EDUCATION

Monday, March 5

College endowments—matching program

HF2008/SF2027 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Higher education—midwestern compact

HF2024/SF2248 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Vocational-technical colleges—title changes

HF2058 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Environmental Education Act

HF2383/SF2160 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Environment & Natural Resources Committee.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

Parenting programs

HF1849 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—heard; amended; amended into HF2004.

Governor's drug plan

HF2004/SF1929 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard; amended; re-referred to Education Finance Division. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Vocational-technical board—changes

HF2011/SF1927 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Education task force—member changes

HF2381/SF2136 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Minneapolis school district—unclassified positions

HF2508/SF2314 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Education Finance/EDUCATION

Monday, March 5

Public schools—mandatory fire inspections

HF1805 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)—heard.

Maximum effort loan program—modifications

HF1876/SF1787 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard; amended.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Thursday, March 7

Education district levy limits—clarification

HF1813 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—heard.

Education districts—transfers

HF1850/SF1783 (Schafer, IR-Gibbon)—heard.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Academic calendars—requirements removal

HF1864/SF1863 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—heard.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Education, school district meetings—interactive TV

HF2310 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—recommended to pass; amended into education omnibus bill.

Transportation—non-resident students

HF2375/SF2083 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—heard.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Transportation—non-resident pupils

HF2387 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—heard.

Transportation formula—modification

HF2431/SF2324 (Ostrom, DFL-St. Peter)—withdrawn.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Education districts—initiatives increase

HF2477/SF2254 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Higher Education/EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 7

Anoka-Ramsey Community College—appropriation

HF45 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Education Committee.

Postsecondary child care—limit removal

HF1929/SF2191 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Education Committee.

(SF in Senate Education Committee)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Friday, March 2

Washington County—Highway 21

HF1881/SF2049 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Transportation Committee.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Metropolitan water management—regulation

HF2007 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

Water use—cooling restriction

HF2085 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Drought emergencies—task force

HF2299/SF2172 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Monday, March 5

Solid waste—resource recovery permits

HF2444 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—recommended to pass as amended.

Tuesday, March 6**Greenhouse effect—reduction**

HF1617/SF1473 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Pipeline plans—authority repeal

HF1991 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass.

Radioactive waste—regulation

HF2311/SF2195 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

PCA property—disposition

HF2353/SF2396 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Environmental education program

HF2383/SF2160 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Thursday, March 8**Deer hunters—two deer**

HF232 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass.

Lake of the Woods state forest—establishment

HF1879/SF1772 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Timber sales—multiple sale locations

HF1939/SF1879 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Wild life management—farmer agreements

HF1960/SF1706 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Eurasian water milfoil—regulation

HF2092 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Watershed administrative fund—limit increase

HF2207/SF2231 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Helmer Myre, Newstrand Woods state parks—name changes

HF2219/SF2079 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

State park permits—agent sales

HF2350/SF2408 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Conservation officers—search warrants

HF2351/SF1704 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

St. Louis County—solid waste management authority

HF2386/SF2270 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Committee. (SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING**Wednesday, March 7****Homesteading—area redefinition**

HF1924/SF1955 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Low-income housing—tax credits

HF1987/SF1850 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Credit unions—closing agent requirements exemption

HF2028/SF1922 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—recommended to pass. (SF passed Senate)

Detroit Lakes—detached banking facility

HF2057/SF1871 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Energy assistance—resolution

HF2097/SF1973 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Public housing—low-rent, Section 8 changes

HF2117/SF1822 (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Home loans—securities regulation

HF2234/SF1848 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Housing Finance Agency—loans, grants

HF2283/SF1950 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING**Monday, March 5****Homesteading—area redefinition**

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Low income housing—tax credits

HF1987/SF1850 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Energy assistance—resolution

HF2097/SF1973 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass; re-referred

to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Rental property—drug raid damage

HF2197/SF2095 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—heard; laid over.

(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Home loans—securities regulation

HF2234/SF1848 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee.

(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Housing Finance Agency—loans, grants

HF2283/SF1950 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Financial Institutions & Housing Committee.

(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**GENERAL LEGISLATION,
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING**

Tuesday, March 6

**Gambling—task force
recommendations**

HF2005/SF2018 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—heard; amended.

(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

School district elections—changes

HF1870/SF1920 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

**Dept. of Military Affairs—executive
director**

HF1976/SF1851 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

(SF on Senate Floor)

**Veterans Home Board—executive
director**

HF1977/SF1880 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Veterans—redefinition

HF2001/SF1882 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Veterans & Military Affairs Committee)

Veterans' homes—cemeteries

HF2002/SF1967 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF on Senate Floor)

**Gambling—task force recommenda-
tions**

HF2005/SF2018 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—heard; amended.

(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

**National Guard—tuition reimburse-
ment**

HF2053/SF1884 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—laid over.

(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Elections—automatic recounts

HF2134/SF2002 (Abrams, IR-Minnetonka)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

**Veterans Home Board—women
members**

HF2138/SF1989 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Veterans & Military Affairs Committee)

**Veterans Home Board—contested case
exemption**

HF2173/SF1918 (Ostrom, DFL-St. Peter)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Thursday, March 8

Elections—uniform election day

HF1916/SF1944 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Absentee ballots—ill, disabled

HF1988/SF2057 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—amended into HF2041.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

**Gambling—task force
recommendations**

HF2005/SF2018 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

**Veterans Home Board—surplus
facilities**

HF2023 (DFL-Steensma, DFL-Luverne)—recommended to pass.

Election changes—secretary of state

HF2041/SF2229 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

**Gambling—horse racing, pari-mutuel
betting changes**

HF2171/SF1870 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Presidential primary—changes

HF2325/SF2421 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

**Waseca County—FarmAmerica
exemption**

HF2336/SF1890 (Frederick, IR-Mankato)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

**St. Paul—school board election
changes**

HF2515/SF2386 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—laid over.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

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

Thursday, March 1

School district elections—changes

HF1870/SF1920 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Absentee ballots—ill, disabled
HF1988/SF2057 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Election changes—secretary of state
HF2041/SF2229 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Elections—automatic recounts
HF2134/SF2002 (Abrams, IR-Minnetonka)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

Presidential primary—changes
HF2325/SF2421 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Elections & Ethics Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Monday, March 5

Public employees—pay equity
HF1198/SF448 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—heard.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Public employee retirement—investment reports
HF2103/SF2105 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Court administrators—salary appeals
HF2319/SF2250 (E. Olson, DFL-Fosston)—not recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

Public employees—severance payment limits
HF1894/SF2117 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Public employees—vesting
HF2148 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass as amended.

Lake Superior authority—establishment
HF2459/SF1866 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Safety officers' dependents—scholarship fund
HF2492/SF2301 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Thursday, March 8

Public employees—pay equity
HF1198/SF488 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—heard; postponed.
(SF on Senate floor)

Public buildings—recodification
HF2105/SF2431 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Intergovernmental relations—advisory commission
HF2228 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Public employees—insurance plan
HF2323/SF2246 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Anoka County—jobs, training
HF2507/SF2333 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, March 6

Prescription drugs—financial assistance
HF1739/SF1617 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Child care funding—county payments
HF2132/SF1726 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Willmar area—mental retardation services
HF2380/SF2164 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Vocational rehabilitation—employment programs
HF2487/2353 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Welfare reform
HF2632/SF2419 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Thursday, March 8

Bone marrow donors—education
HF1889/SF1903 (Weaver, IR-Champlin)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Lead assessment standards—education
HF1970/SF1937 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Child support—enforcement
HF2404/SF2204 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

General Assistance Medical Care—housekeeping bill
HF2649/SF2478 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—laid over.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

INSURANCE

Thursday, March 1

Liability insurance—claim denials
HF1897/SF1942 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Health, accident insurance—benefits coordination
HF1984/SF2110 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Comprehensive health insurance—data classification
HF2343 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Wednesday, March 7

Property, casualty insurance—agent compensation
HF1902/SF1995 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Better beginnings act—establishment
HF2031/SF1835 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Health & Human Services Committee.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Insurance information disclosure—clarification
HF2204/SF2153 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Automobile insurance—antique, recreational vehicles
HF2242/SF2264 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

No-fault car insurance—clarification
HF2249/SF2068 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Health insurance—demonstration project
HF2293/SF1696* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Health & Human Services Committee.
(SF passed Senate)

Life insurance—benefits acceleration
HF2572/SF2424 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Domestic insurers—foreign insurers
HF2645 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.

JUDICIARY

Friday, March 2

Child abuse—definition expansion
HF1823/SF1845 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—amended into HF2390.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Human rights—discrimination law changes
HF2038/SF1847 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child abuse—penalties increase
HF2044/SF1969 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—amended; amended into HF2390.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Drugs, alcohol—assessment regulation
HF2068/SF2047 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—heard; laid over.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Revisor's bill—changes
HF2084/SF1986 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Body armor—penalties
HF2086/SF2134 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child protection worker—assault penalty increases
HF2128/SF2312 (Stanis, IR-White Bear Lake)—amended; amended into HF2390.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

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

Data practices—omnibus bill
HF2365/SF2200 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Monday, March 5

Bail reform—constitutional amendment
HF1279 (Seaberg, IR-Eagan)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Domestic abuse—restraining orders
HF1884/SF1860 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—heard; amended; laid over.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

District courts—county filing fees
HF2225/SF2004 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child support—enforcement
HF2404/SF2204 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Health & Human Services Committee.
(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Felony—pre-sentence investigations
HF2481/SF2237 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

Drugs—penalty increases
HF1843/SF1759 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child support, custody—omnibus bill
HF1855/SF1745 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Peace officers—jurisdictional increase
HF2056/SF1916 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Wild land arson—penalties
HF2131/SF2175 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Environmental offenses—statute of limitations
HF2184/SF2355 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Court of compensation appeals—creation

HF2196/SF2045 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Labor-Management Relations Committee.

(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Telecommunications—fraud

HF2222/SF2132 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Trust requirements—modifications

HF2223/SF1891 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF passed the Senate)

Juveniles—chemical assessment

HF2244/SF2042 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—heard; amended into HF1843.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Police officers—ticket quotas

HF2397/SF2267 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Conciliation court—regulations

HF2530 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

**Criminal Justice Division/
JUDICIARY**

Thursday, March 1

Domestic abuse—prosecution

HF1884/SF1860 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child protection—omnibus bill

HF2390/SF2188 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Monday, March 5

Peace officers—jurisdictional increase

HF2056/SF1916 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—heard; laid over.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Juveniles—chemical assessments

HF2244/SF2042 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Tuesday, March 6

Drugs, alcohol—excise tax

HF1979/SF1945 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—heard; laid over.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Peace officers—jurisdiction expansion

HF2056/SF1916 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Sexual contact—definition expansion

HF2077 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

Adoption—procedure changes

HF2210/SF2199 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—heard; laid over.

(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Wednesday, March 7

Drugs, alcohol—excise tax

HF1979/SF1945 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT
RELATIONS**

Monday, March 5

Medical, family care leaves

HF367/SF409 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Labor-management committees—mediation services

HF2248/SF2181 (Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Occupational safety—employer programs

HF2398/SF1869 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
& METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, March 6

Blue Earth County—office appointment

HF2078/SF2119 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Port authorities—title changes

HF2149/SF1960 (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee)

County performance bonds

HF2156 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—recommended to pass as amended.

Street vacation—notification

HF2187/SF1980 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Township ordinance codification

HF2188/SF1979 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Ramsey County—performance bond waiver, fee authorization

HF2250/SF2179 (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Public debt issues—voting

HF2254 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

Metropolitan airport search area protection

HF2614/SF2433 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Thursday, March 8

Rights-of-way—map, plat filings

HF1784 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass.

Metropolitan Waste Management—regulation

HF2007 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

Ramsey County—charter commission members' terms

HF2043/SF1777 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF on Senate Floor)

City, county assessors—appointment clarification

HF2189/SF1897 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Abstractors—minimum insurance coverage

HF2252 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)—recommended to pass.

Olmstead County—treasurer, auditor combination

HF2448/SF2373 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

Revenue recapture—claimant agency definition

HF2513/SF2399 (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Law Committee)

Cemetery—land transfer

HF2650/SF2455 (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Wednesday, March 7

Municipal electric utilities

HF2075/SF2317 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Public Utilities & Energy Committee)

Metropolitan telephone service—expansion

HF2327/SF1743 (Jacobs, DFL-

Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Public Utilities & Energy Committee)

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, March 7

Motor carriers—irregular route regulation

HF869/SF677 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Triple recreational vehicles—authorization

HF1712/SF1603 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Light rail transit—bonding

HF1788 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Intersection right-of-way—clarification

HF1927/SF2138 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Rural health care

HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee.

(SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Track abandonment—standards

HF2064/SF1752 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)—laid over.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Chisago County—Moberg Trail

HF2090/SF1947 (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF passed Senate)

Service brakes—requirements

HF2124/SF2074 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Hazardous materials—dealer exemptions, regulations

HF2211/SF2147 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Railroad crossings—penalties, changes

HF2401/SF2400 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

(SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

FLOOR ACTION

CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 1

Mille Lacs, Kanabec counties—town contributions

HF1893*/SF1761 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—passed 131-0.

(SF in Economic Development & Housing Committee)

Second Judicial District—dispute resolution

HF1895*/SF1917 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed 132-0.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Monday, March 5

Ethnic American day—designation

HF1919*/SF1737 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (134-0).

(SF in Senate General Legislation & Public Gaming Committee)

DWI—crime victims reparations

HF2143*/SF2043 (Janezich, DFL-Chisholm)—passed (133-0).

(SF on Senate Floor)

GENERAL ORDERS

Monday, March 5

State-aid system—changes

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

(SF on Senate Floor)

American Heritage Trust Act—resolution

HF1754/SF1647 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Plat monuments—tampering penalties

HF1785/SF2141 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm) recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Child punishment—penalties increase

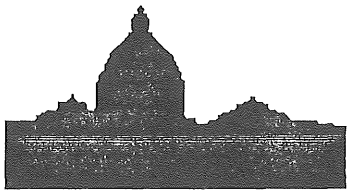
HF1830/SF1978 (Morrison, IR-Burnsville)—recommended to pass.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Prostitution—penalties for patrons

HF1846/SF1977 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)



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Bill Introductions

HF2526-HF2721

Monday, March 5

HF2526—Pauly (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Birth control; memorial to Congress to support birth control and fertility research.

HF2527—Tunheim (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Health insurance coverage provided by certain providers outside of network.

HF2528—Tunheim (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Emergency 911 telephone services to have local location identification data bases.

HF2529—Tunheim (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Red Lake River flood control; Clearwater and Beltrami counties appropriated money for floodwater retention, with state bonds sold.

HF2530—Pugh (DFL)**Judiciary**

Conciliation court judgments collected under Revenue Recapture Act, and other changes made.

HF2531—Omann (IR)**Agriculture**

Drought relief provided to farmers and small business, with money appropriated.

HF2532—Carlson, D. (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Regional park land acquisition provisions repealed for Lake Minnetonka Regional Park.

HF2533—Carlson, D. (IR)**Appropriations**

Game and fish license fees increases reduced, and certain transfers reversed.

HF2534—Otis (DFL)**Economic Development**

Project Outreach Corporation provisions changed, capital access program to require certain notifications, and other changes provided.

HF2535—Bertram (DFL)**Transportation**

Motorcycles; off-road motorcycle registration and operation regulated as for all-terrain vehicles, fees and penalties set, and money appropriated.

HF2536—Redalen (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Forest resource center in Lanesboro appropriated money to provide classroom space, shiitake mushroom facility, and maple syrup demonstration.

HF2537—Girard (IR)**Agriculture**

Honeybees; money appropriated to compensate for colonies lost due to grasshopper control.

HF2538—Jaros (DFL)**Taxes**

Income tax subtraction for elderly modified for federal retirees.

HF2539—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

School aid provided for classes with independent study credits, and adult high school graduation aid conformed to that for other pupils.

HF2540—Olson, K. (DFL)**Education**

Special education fund reductions restricted, and educational cooperative service unit self-insurance pools exempted from certain requirements.

HF2541—Beard (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Unemployment compensation provisions changed for Conservation Corps members and entertainers, income disregard, holiday pay, administrative hearings, and appropriation of certain federal funds.

HF2542—McDonald (IR)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Racing days assigned to both thoroughbreds and quarter horses.

HF2543—O'Connor (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Minnesota-produced beer sold at public facilities selling other beers.

HF2544—Dawkins (DFL)**Appropriations**

Capitol area; Roy Wilkins memorial provided and money appropriated.

HF2545—Johnson, R. (DFL)**Appropriations**

Bemidji; money appropriated for tourist facilities, with state bond sales authorized.

HF2546—Swenson (IR)**Judiciary**

Driving while intoxicated; motor vehicle forfeiture required for certain repeat violators.

HF2547—Olsen, S. (IR)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Charitable gambling regulations changed for allowable expenses, posting of pulltab prizes and winners, and audits, with money appropriated.

HF2548—Kelly (DFL)**Judiciary**

Judicial election provisions changed for district judges.

HF2549—Bertram (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Vietnam POW/MIA's; rewards for return authorized and a tax checkoff provided for POW/MIA rescue fund.

HF2550—Bertram (DFL)**Judiciary**

Controlled substances; penalty increased for possession of marijuana.

HF2551—Bertram (DFL)**Commerce**

Flags made of nonflammable materials and treated to maintain flame-resistant condition.

HF2552—Olsen, S. (IR)**Education**

Parental involvement increased.

HF2553—Frederick (IR)**Taxes**

Sales and use tax exemption provided for materials used and consumed to produce certain taxable services.

HF2554—Ogren (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

McGregor; a certain school district employee allowed to repay benefits and resume status as an active member.

HF2555—McPherson (IR)**Taxes**

Bayport; special levy authorized for city library.

HF2556—Stanisus (IR)**Education**

School district equity revenue provided to all districts.

HF2557—Pugh (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Police and fire retirement associations; municipal contributions refunded after consolidation.

HF2558—Waltman (IR)**Education**

School district equity revenue provided to all districts.

HF2559—Stanisus (IR)**Taxes**

Sales tax imposed on retail game fish sales, with proceeds dedicated to aquiculture tax revenue fund.

HF2560—Stanisus (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Pharmacy board to regulate sale of over-the-counter drugs, with drug outlets required to register.

HF2561—Richter (IR)**Transportation**

Transportation department to erect a sign near Perham giving mileage to Ottertail.

HF2562—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Nursing home reimbursement level continued for a certain facility.

HF2563—Uphus (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Reinvest in Minnesota and wastewater treatment grants appropriated money from state bond sales.

HF2564—Brown (DFL)**Education**

Educational opportunity task force created to coordinate opportunities on Minnesota-South Dakota border.

HF2565—Scheid (DFL)**Education**

Teachers; arbitration provided for disputes due to proposed termination or discharge of teachers following probationary period.

HF2566—Wenzel (DFL)**Appropriations**

Secondary vocational education program appropriated money.

HF2567—Kelso (DFL)**Commerce**

Performance bonds required for building and construction contractors.

HF2568—Rest (DFL)**Judiciary**

Driving while intoxicated; penalties increased for refusal to submit to implied consent test, and crime of aggravated driving while intoxicated expanded.

HF2569—Segal (DFL)**Insurance**

Health insurance to cover mental illness as other illnesses.

HF2570—Steensma (DFL)**Education**

College credit allowed for some military activities and experiences.

HF2571—Pelowski (DFL)**Education**

State universities required to use semester system.

HF2572—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Life insurance policies regulated for accelerated benefits, and other changes made.

HF2573—Solberg (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Aging board appropriated money for supplemental funds for congregate meals.

HF2574—Rest (DFL)**Commerce**

Contracts for deed; certain deed interests recorded if no taxes were delinquent when contract was executed.

HF2575—Pelowski (DFL)**Economic Development**

Small businesses aided in procuring federal government contracts, Winona State University to administer procurement assistance program, and money appropriated.

HF2576—McEachern (DFL)**Education**

American Indian long-range education plans provided.

HF2577—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

Cultural education programs provided, and money appropriated.

HF2578—Krueger (DFL)**Education**

School District 213 in Osakis provided a capital loan.

HF2579—Johnson, A. (DFL)**Education**

Preparation time; equal preparation time provided to teachers at all levels.

HF2580—Cooper (DFL)**Agriculture**

Agricultural societies; county and district fairs appropriated money.

HF2581—Greenfield (DFL)**Judiciary**

Abuse and neglect; criminal penalties provided for

health care facilities or programs guilty of abuse or culpable neglect of patients.

HF2582—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Medical examiners board; provisions changed for membership, disciplinary actions, and reporting for liability coverage.

HF2583—Pelowski (DFL)**Appropriations**

Winona State University appropriated money for a new library, with state bonds issued.

HF2584—Pelowski (DFL)**Appropriations**

Winona Technical College appropriated money from state bond sales for capital expenses.

HF2585—Pugh (DFL)**Judiciary**

Labor and industry department data regulated for collection, classification, and dissemination.

HF2586—Jacobs (DFL)**Judiciary**

Information released to adopted people earlier.

HF2587—Otis (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Public Employees Retirement Association; a certain Minneapolis employee allowed to purchase prior service credit.

HF2588—Onnen (IR)**Insurance**

Health care; affordable health care and insurance studied, and money appropriated.

HF2589—Lynch (IR)**Insurance**

Automobile insurance made available for home child care providers.

HF2590—Otis (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Plastic recycling provided in all state food services.

HF2591—Richter (IR)**Taxes**

Sales tax deduction provided for certain postage costs.

HF2592—Jennings (DFL)**Agriculture**

Liming law established and money appropriated.

HF2593—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

Way to Grow school readiness program appropriated money.

HF2594—Hausman (DFL)**Commerce**

Free newspapers; contracts establishing an exclusive right to display free newspapers prohibited.

HF2595—Osthoff (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Housing**

Community development block grant program; Housing Finance Agency to approve housing grants through small cities development program.

HF2596—Simoneau (DFL)**Appropriations**

Oil overcharge funds appropriated to energy conservation programs for low-income people.

HF2597—Lynch (IR)**Regulated Industries**

Communication-impaired board; program administrator placed in unclassified service.

HF2598—Simoneau (DFL)**Judiciary**

Trial court system given 12 additional judges.

HF2599—Simoneau (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Minneapolis municipal employees; funds consolidated, mandatory retirement age removed, bounce-back annuity provided, and survivor benefits increased.

HF2600—Waltman (IR)**Taxes**

Wabasha County; certain reassessment costs transferred, and other changes made.

HF2601—Osthoff (DFL)**Economic Development**

Prevailing wage required for projects with economic development state financial assistance, and certifications required for certain past violations.

HF2602—Osthoff (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Government employee interchanges regulated.

HF2603—Janezich (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Criminal penalties provided for removing trespass signs, possession of firearms prohibited when intoxicated, transported animals covered, firearms not discharged on or over highways, and deer stand restrictions changed.

HF2604—Bertram (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Ice blocks of a certain size prohibited on frozen waters.

HF2605—Wagenius (DFL)**Education**

School district aversive and deprivation procedure rules conformed to those of Department of Human Services.

HF2606—Wagenius (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Authors and editors' names included on certain public documents.

HF2607—Janezich (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Employees allowed to purchase certain nursing facilities.

HF2608—Rodosovich (DFL)**Transportation**

Legislative Route 298 added to trunk highway system at Faribault.

HF2609—Milbert (DFL)**Appropriations**

Inver Hills Community College appropriated money for emergency capital expenses due to college center building fire, with state bond sales authorized.

HF2610—Scheid (DFL)**Commerce**

Real estate brokers; licensing exceptions clarified.

HF2611—Scheid (DFL)**Commerce**

Interest rate advertising modified for "yield to maturity."

HF2612—Kahn (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Abortion provisions changed for minors.

HF2613—Milbert (DFL)**Taxes**

Dakota County provided a property tax review.

HF2614—Lieder (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Metropolitan airport development; Metropolitan Council to review and approve changes in certain land uses.

HF2615—Begich (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Workers' compensation; mental retardation and related conditions included for subsequent disability fund.

HF2616—Begich (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Loggers covered under workers' compensation, commissioner of labor and industry to study issues concerning loggers, and money appropriated.

HF2617—Valento (IR)**Commerce**

Liens for improvements on real property are prospective in effect, service of notice required for each interested party.

HF2618—McGuire (DFL)**Education**

School districts provided aid for certain nonnative born students.

HF2619—Poppenhagen (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Fishing licenses provided to nonresident seasonal property owners at resident rates.

HF2620—Sparby (DFL)**Appropriations**

Thief River Falls Technical College appropriated money for capital improvements, with state bond sales authorized.

HF2621—Kalis (DFL)**Transportation**

Water well driller vehicles exempted from certain registration and taxation requirements.

HF2622—McEachern (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Charitable gambling; certain expenditures for real property allowed.

HF2623—Begich (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Insurance rate regulation provided.

HF2624—Schafer (IR)**Agriculture**

Dairy producers election held to determine continuation of dairy research and promotion order.

HF2625—Simoneau (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Public employees defined contribution plan provided for elected county attorneys, and ambulance service plan renamed.

HF2626—Johnson, R. (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Public Employees Retirement Association, State Retirement System, Duluth Reach Retirement Fund, and State Investment Board provisions changed.

HF2627—Limmer (IR)**Judiciary**

Hennepin County reimbursed for cost of confining felons at adult correctional facility.

HF2628—Sparby (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Jobs and training department to establish position of state job training office director.

HF2629—Skoglund (DFL)**Taxes**

Property tax; open space treatment to require equal access to food or beverage services at golf courses.

HF2630—Hausman (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Drilling for oil, gas, or other hydrocarbon-based fuels regulated for well spacing, unitization, and enforcement.

HF2631—Hausman (DFL)**Judiciary**

Human Rights Act; statute of limitations extended.

HF2632—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Human services provisions changed for employment and training programs, child care programs, work readiness, and others.

HF2633—Kelso (DFL)**Education**

Alternative preparation programs allowed for teacher licensing, and money appropriated.

HF2634—Johnson, A. (DFL)**Education**

Elementary school students provided counseling, referral, assessment, and other support services.

HF2635—Carlson, D. (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Public employees and facilities not used to perform abortions.

HF2636—Pugh (DFL)**Economic Development**

South St. Paul appropriated money to prepare land for economic development, and state bonds sold.

HF2637—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Subrogation provisions clarified for prohibition on actions against insureds.

HF2638—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Insurance provisions clarified and corrected.

HF2639—Kostohryz (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals; judges given increased salaries and included in managerial plan.

HF2640—Wenzel (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Ice blocks prohibited on frozen waters.

HF2641—Wenzel (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Deer licenses provided free to all disabled veterans.

HF2642—Wenzel (DFL)**Appropriations**

St. Cloud State University appropriated money for wood-fired boiler heating.

HF2643—Bertram (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Tuition waived at vocational-technical colleges for certain veterans.

HF2644—Bertram (DFL)**Appropriations**

United States Armed Forces services personnel given a cash bonus.

HF2645—Skoglund (DFL)**Insurance**

Domestic insurers; domestications and conversions provided for foreign insurers.

HF2646—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Long-term care provisions changed.

HF2647—Price (DFL)**Appropriations**

Higher Education Coordinating Board; responsibilities and authority clarified.

HF2648—Sarna (DFL)**Commerce**

Mortgage payment services regulated, licenses and bonds required, and fees established.

HF2649—Welle (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Clarifying Medical Assistance payment rate procedures for hospitals.

HF2650—Waltman (IR)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Cemetery property transferred to religious corporations.

Thursday, March 8**HF2651—Simoneau (DFL)****Appropriations**

Finance commissioner to make certain covenants to purchasers of bonds and certificates of indebtedness, certain accounts identified, certain bond sales reduced and cancelled, and money appropriated.

HF2652—Wenzel (DFL)**Agriculture**

Agriculture; memorial to president and Congress to protect family farm system.

HF2653—Bertram (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Peace officers killed in the line of duty given death benefits, and activities included under line of duty expanded.

HF2654—Simoneau (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Animal cruelty hotline established.

HF2655—Winter (DFL)**Economic Development**

Rural development zones established.

HF2656—Rukavina (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Tax-forfeited and other lands sold in various counties.

HF2657—Rukavina (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

American Indians; chair of Advisory Council on Urban Indians added to Indian Affairs Council.

HF2658—Bertram (DFL)**Agriculture**

Foreclosure sales; deficiency judgments provided, and fair market value of agricultural property determined.

HF2659—Sparby (DFL)**Education**

Telecommunication grants given to certain school districts, and money appropriated.

HF2660—Ozment (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Shooting preserves; licenses provided for family shooting preserves.

HF2661—Carlson, D. (IR)

Governmental Operations

Game and fish provisions changed for emergency rulemaking, seasons and limits on migratory birds and waterfowl, and hunting prohibitions on certain state lands.

HF2662—Wenzel (DFL)

Judiciary

Controlled substances; student loans or grants terminated, driver's licenses revoked, mandatory life in prison required for drug related murders, and other changes made.

HF2663—Pauly (IR)

Governmental Operations

State book designated as Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House on the Prairie".

HF2664—Carruthers (DFL)

Appropriations

University of Minnesota; proceeds from state bond sales appropriated to construct Minnesota Daily center.

HF2665—Carruthers (DFL)

Judiciary

Juvenile delinquents; statewide data base provided, and juveniles convicted of violent crimes prohibited from possessing pistols.

HF2666—Scheid (DFL)

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

Campaign provisions changed in comprehensive bill, with money appropriated for congressional campaign subsidies.

HF2667—Winter (DFL)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Economic development activities studied by joint legislative subcommittee.

HF2668—Nelson, K. (DFL)

Education

Education task force recommendations implemented, incentives provided for school districts participating in outcome-based learning programs, and school boards to set school calendars.

HF2669—Dorn (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Mankato permitted to adopt fire codes stricter than those established by Uniform Building Code.

HF2670—Dorn (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Mankato exempted from statutes restricting towing of vehicles.

HF2671—McEachern (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Otsego in Wright County permitted to become a statutory city.

HF2672—Simoneau (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Fiduciary economic interest statements regulated.

HF2673—Price (DFL)

Agriculture

Food advisory committee established, and money appropriated.

HF2674—Bauerly (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations

Overtime payments provided for certain employees.

HF2675—Simoneau (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Wild rice harvesting, processing, and sale regulated; marketing program provided, and money appropriated.

HF2676—Kalls (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Faribault County local redevelopment board allowed additional members.

HF2677—Milbert (DFL)

Education

School district exceptional need revenue modified.

HF2678—Pugh (DFL)

Commerce

Nonprofit corporation provisions clarified for organization and operation.

HF2679—McEachern (DFL)

Taxes

Automobile rental surcharge established.

HF2680—Begich (DFL)

Education

Bonds issued by various northern Minnesota school districts.

HF2681—Begich (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations

Premium calculation established.

HF2682—Bertram (DFL)

Regulated Industries

Emergency 911 telephone service fee reduced.

HF2683—Bertram (DFL)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Upsala permitted to establish a boundary commission.

HF2684—Wenzel (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Hunting and fishing licenses issued to minors for reduced fees.

HF2685—Pelowski (DFL)

Education

Corporal punishment provisions clarified.

HF2686—Pugh (DFL)

Judiciary

Dishonored check; liability clarified, fees established for use of law enforcement agencies, and penalties made consistent with theft penalties.

HF2687—Simoneau (DFL)

Appropriations

Oil overcharge money appropriated to commissioner of jobs and training for low-income energy conservation projects.

HF2688—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Nursing home property cost provisions changed.

HF2689—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Nursing homes; certain restrictions waived for controlling individuals.

HF2690—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Long-term care plan developed by Planning Agency.

HF2691—Poppenhagen (IR)

Education

Pine Point School on White Earth Reservation allowed to qualify for federal impact aid.

HF2692—McPherson (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board given two public members.

HF2693—Bishop (IR)

Judiciary

Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals replaced by court of compensation appeals, judges provided, and money appropriated.

HF2694—Gruenes (IR)

Taxes

Sales tax exemption provided for removal of diseased shade trees.

HF2695—Kahn (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Infectious or pathological waste provisions changed.

HF2696—Weaver (IR)

Health & Human Services

Child care; real estate and rental agreements not to prohibit licensed day care service.

HF2697—Pauly (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Solid or hazardous waste business owners required to undergo background checks, and money appropriated.

HF2698—Stanislaus (IR)

Health & Human Services

Health clubs to have CPR trained staff.

HF2699—Uphus (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Decoy provisions changed for decoys set out by peace officers.

HF2700—Uphus (IR)

Agriculture

Crop insurance reimbursement provided to farmers eligible for drought relief, and money appropriated.

HF2701—Uphus (IR)

Education

School District 615 in Villard provided a capital loan.

HF2702—Johnson, R. (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Police officers pension increased.

HF2703—Rukavina (DFL)

Education

Northeast Educational Cooperative Service Unit; a certain district allowed to levy for its share of deficit.

HF2704—Scheid (DFL)

Commerce

Real estate license provisions changed for corporate and partnership licenses.

HF2705—Olson, K. (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Medical provider payments increased, and wages increased for nursing home, intermediate care facility, developmental achievement center, and other staff.

HF2706—Blatz (IR)

Judiciary

Cemetery owners to report unlawful removal of bodies.

HF2707—Sparby (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations

Workers' compensation notice provisions changed for coverage and cancellation.

HF2708—Rukavina (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Classified service job titles and classes regulated.

HF2709—Trimble (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Conservation officers allowed to enforce certain game and fish laws.

HF2710—Pappas (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Citizens center for improving education established to improve and develop human resources.

HF2711—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Telephone services; local service provided to schools at reduced rates.

HF2712—Henry (IR)**Education**

Parental involvement in children's education increased, and parental leaves provided.

HF2713—Abrams (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Shooting preserves; family shooting preserves licensed, and money appropriated.

HF2714—Abrams (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Child care standards provided.

HF2715—Abrams (IR)**Judiciary**

Premarital agreements clarified for purposes of real estate.

HF2716—Rukavina (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Iron ore adopted as state mineral.

HF2717—Carlson, D. (IR)**Governmental Operations**

North Pine Area Hospital District employees excluded from membership in Public Employees Retirement Association.

HF2718—Otis (DFL)**Transportation**

Towing; motor vehicles parked in taxi zones towed without regard for waiting period.

HF2719—Wenzel (DFL)**Agriculture**

Drought relief; emergency relief provided for farmers and small businesses, water supplies provided for emergency use, hay and hayfield reseeding provided, and money appropriated.

HF2720—Sparby (DFL)**Economic Development**

Invention board established and appropriated money.

HF2721—Sarna (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Minneapolis; police and firefighter provisions changed for medical and surviving spouse benefits.

First Readings/Senate Bills**Monday, March 5****SF1663—DeCramer (DFL)****Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Redwood and Lyon counties; abandoning Judicial Ditch No. 37.

SF1692—Piper (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vets Affairs & Gaming**

Providing for fire code regulations revisions.

SF1778—Solon (DFL)**Insurance**

Creating and regulating the life and health insurance guaranty association.

SF1366—Marty (DFL)**Judiciary**

Making harassment in certain cases an unfair discriminatory practice.

SF1694—Berglin (DFL)**Judiciary**

Regulating child support orders.

SF1696—Solon (DFL)**Insurance**

Including the commissioners of commerce and health in designing the demonstration project for uninsured low-income persons.

SF1727—Moe, R. (DFL)**Gen'l Leg, Vets. Affairs & Gaming**

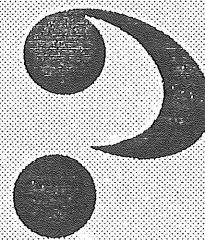
Repealing the requirement that the Minnesota State High School League conduct a two-class high school hockey championship.

House Advisories**Monday, March 5****HA36—O'Connor (DFL)****Education**

A proposal to study making the St. Paul School Board full time, elected by wards.

Thursday, March 8**HA37—Blatz (IR)****Health & Human Services**

A proposal to study the possibility of a state-sponsored group health insurance plan.

Do you know

As part of "Celebrate Minnesota," Blaine will host junior weightlifters from around the state for a two-day competition March 31 and April 1 at the National Sports Center in Blaine. The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. each day.

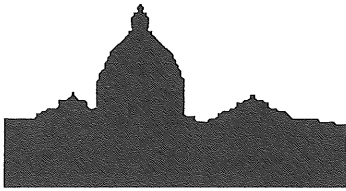
The competition, organized by the Minnesota Weightlifting Federation, includes representatives from the state's six junior weightlifting clubs. Organizers expect about 100 weightlifters from around the state to compete.

Participants will compete in either the 14 to 16-year-old division or the 17 to 19-year-old division. Each age group is divided into 10 weight classes. Winners will go on to compete for a spot on the National Junior Squad and the Junior World Team.

In addition, the Women's World Team trials will be on the evening of March 31. Organizers expect 15-20 competitors. Winners will go on to international competition in Yugoslavia.

Admission, \$3 for youths and \$5 for adults, is good for both days of the event. For more information, contact Brian Derwin at (612) 724-6753.

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Coming Up Next Week . . .

March 12 - March 16, 1990

Committee Schedule

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

MONDAY, March 12

8:00 a.m.

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

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: HF2609 (Milbert) Inver Hills Community College appropriated money for emergency capital expenses due to college center building fire, with state bond sales authorized. Completion of the capital budget requests from the higher education systems.

State Departments Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Budget proposals relating to pensions: Ron Hackett, team leader, Department of Finance; Arne Carlson, state auditor, and Robert Perkins, commission actuary, Wayatt Company.

TAXES
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: A continuation of the governor's budget proposal by the Department of Revenue.

8:30 a.m.

Health & Human Services Division/APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: The governor's proposed capital budget for Department of Human Services.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel
Agenda: HF2035 (Wenzel) Farm and small business management programs provided at vocational-technical colleges, and money appropriated.

JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly
Agenda: SF1104/HF1101 (Greenfield) Probate uniform anatomical gifts. HF1882 (Abrams) Guardianship; right to counsel provided for wards in certain guardianship and conservatorship proceedings. HF1439 (Pugh) Creditors remedies; regulating executions and garnishments. SF1267/HF1596 (Pugh) Notice before disposing of collateral. SF260/HF1372 (Pugh) Uniform statutory will act. HF596 (Rest) Allow creation of custodial trusts. HF2277 (Pappas) Sexual assault victims notified to risk of developing AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases, and money appropriated.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: SF2158/HF2520 (Jacobs) Flexible gas utility rates continued. SF2302/HF2528 (Tunheim) Emergency 911 telephone services to have local location identification data bases. SF2488/HFXXXX (McEachern) Local telephone service to schools. SF1983/HF2313 (Omamn) Off-sale liquor license provided for sale of Minnesota wine at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

12:30 p.m.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: HF2110 (Solberg) School District 319, Nashwauk-Keewatin, to make certain fund transfers. HF2166 (Bauerly) Performance bond requirements eliminated for purchases of finished tangible goods. HF2192 (Bauerly) Adult education; Department of Education grants distributed to innovative adult basic education providers. HF2237 (Carruthers) School district general education fund balance reduction modified. HF2378 (Tunheim) School District 676, Badger, allowed to borrow against taxes levied by district. Also on the agenda are referendum date amendments, alternative special education model, bargaining deadline amendment and other technical amendments.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich
Agenda: HF2460 (Ogren) Occupational disease surveillance system; money appropriated for planning.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

After session

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF2420 (Rest) Driving while intoxicated; license plates impounded for repeat violations. HF1986 (Rest) Open bottle law; constructive possession of alcohol prohibited in private vehicles. HF2180 (Swenson) Criminal vehicular operation expanded to include repeat driving while intoxicated (DWI) offenders who negligently cause death or great bodily harm while having a blood

alcohol level of .05 or more. HF2226 (Swenson) Criminal vehicular homicide

Tax Laws Subcommittee/TAXES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin

Agenda: HF2157 (Johnson, R.) Logging chain saw definitions changed. HF2480 (McLaughlin) Sales, miscellaneous taxes.

TUESDAY, March 13

No meetings are scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, March 14

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: Operating budget hearing: the Department of Transportation, Transportation Regulation Board, Regional Transit Board, Arts Board, Animal Health Board, Board of Architecture, Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architecture and the Department of Public Service.

Health & Human Services Division/APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: The governor's proposed capital budget for Department of Human Services, the Veterans Home Board, the Department of Health, and the Department of Jobs and Training.

State Departments Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

Agenda: To be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HF1198 (Simoneau) Pay equity bill.

10:00 a.m.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: To be announced.

Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: Driving while intoxicated bills from previous meeting.

HF1824 (Vellenga) Foster care; procedures established for placement and removal of children in foster homes.

12:30 p.m.

INSURANCE

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: SF2130/HF2205 (Skoglund) Public adjuster recordkeeping and practices regulated. SF2392/HF2445 (Carruthers) Liability limits not reduced by cost of defense for professional and umbrella liability policies. SF2109/HF2499 (Carruthers) Commercial property and liability insurance regulated for cancellations, reductions, and nonrenewal notices. SF2129/HF2500 (Carruthers) Life insurance policy cancellation and nonrenewal provisions changed. This meeting is scheduled to last until 4:30 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: SF2039/HF2621 (Kalis) Water well driller vehicles exempted from certain registration and taxation requirements. SF1752/HF2064 (Brown) Track, shop, terminal, and station abandonment standards established. SF2060/HF2238 (Lasley) Drivers' licenses; various provisions changed, and money appropriated. SF2146/HF2372 (Orenstein) License plates; manufacturer's registration plates and their use regulated. SF2213/HF2373 (Olson, K.) Wheel flaps and covered loads regulated, with penalties provided. SF1729/HF1860 (Sviggum) Headlights required during inclement weather.

2:30 p.m.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Capital bonding recommendations and bills referred to the division. This meeting is scheduled to last until 6:00 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: SF1931/HF2051 (Greenfield) Chemical dependency; drug abuse prevention, research, and treatment programs provided, and money appropriated. SF2286/HF2521 (Ogren) Health Care Access Commission provided additional members. SF2216/HF2582 (Greenfield) Medical examiners board; provisions changed for membership, disciplinary actions, and reporting for liability coverage. SF1789/HF1935 (Greenfield) Prescription drugs; practitioner defined for purposes of dispensing drugs. Only pharmacists allowed to dispense drugs for profit. SF1888/HF2096 (Battaglia) Swing bed services covered by Medical Assistance. SF1507/HF1673 (Stanis) Regulating medical devices by Board of Pharmacy. SF1696/HF2293 (Jaros) Arrowhead Demonstration Project.

4:00 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: SF2127/HF2382 (Lasley) Forestry; statewide program implemented to encourage maintenance and expansion of community and urban forests.

WAYS & MEANS

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Robert Vanasek

Agenda: House budget resolution.

7:00 p.m.

Housing Division/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING

Johnson High School Room 208,

1349 Arcade St., St. Paul

Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor

Agenda: Overview of Urban Revitaliza-

tion Action Program (URAP) money: how it's spent and current proposals on how the money should be spent. Full committee members are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY, March 15

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: Operating budget allocations: the Department of Gaming and the Department of Public Safety.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Allocations for capital bill.

Health & Human Services Division/APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: The governor's proposed capital budget for Department of Corrections. Public testimony is being taken.

State Departments Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

TAXES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: HF2478 (Ogren) Internal Revenue Service references updated.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: HF2015 (Sarna) Residential building contractors and remodelers licensed by state, advisory board established, and money appropriated.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: SF824/HF1025 (Trimble) Environment; requiring labeling of CFC-processed materials and materials



Insurance Committee.

containing CFC's. SF1703/HFXXXX Authorizing enforcement of natural resources laws by conservation officers.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: SF2073/HF2106 (Welle) Regional treatment centers to continue serving people with mental retardation, parents or guardians notified prior to discharge, and objections allowed. SF2224/HF2346 (Trimble) Nursing home moratorium exception provided. SF2051/HFXXXX (Greenfield) Controlling persons of a nursing home.

12:30 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz

Agenda: To be announced.

Privacy Subcommittee/JUDICIARY

400N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

Agenda: HF2218 (Seaberg) Cordless telephones included under Privacy of Communications Act. HF1890 (Pugh) Government data practices; procedures established for computerized data comparisons, with matching agreements required and contesting procedures provided.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: SF2156/HF2268 (Simoneau) Energy efficiency projects; municipalities allowed to enter guaranteed energy savings contracts. SF1739/HF2083

(Skoglund) Metropolitan Council compensation provisions clarified. SF2090/HF2266(Jennings) Town meeting provisions changed, town deputy treasurer provided, and maintenance of tunnels regulated. SF1663/HF1792 (Girard) Redwood County; abandoning Judicial Ditch No. 37. SF2092/HF2318 (Uphus) Municipal hospital financial operating provisions changed.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

7:00 p.m.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: A continuation of the Wednesday, March 14 meeting and bills referred to the division.

FRIDAY, March 16

8:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: Operating budget hearing: the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Agriculture.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Vote capital bill out of division. Presentation of reports: Teacher Placement, Technical College Student Place-

ment, and Higher Education Coordinating Board Student Placement.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Allocations for the capital bill.

**State Departments Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Agency budget hearings.

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: To be announced.

10:00 a.m.

**Education Finance Division/
EDUCATION**

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: To be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: SF1828/HF1912 (Welle) Nursing home capital replacement fund established, and property rates allowed to increase for a limited time. SF576/HF274 (Jefferson) Chiropractors certified. SF1689/HF2034 (Greenfield) Health insurance premiums paid by state for people with AIDS.

JUDICIARY

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly

Agenda: HF2027 (Orenstein) Tort system changed. HF2088 (Kelly) Seat belts; proof of failure to use belt is admissible in litigation.

Recess for lunch until 12:30 p.m.
HF1884 (Pappas) Domestic abuse; prosecution of domestic abuse cases improved, computerized data base studied for feasibility, and money appropriated. HF2420 (Rest) Driving while intoxicated; license plates impounded for repeat violations. HF1866 (Kelly) Judicial vacancies filled in accordance with the commission on judicial selection. SF1366/HF1690 (Pappas) Discriminatory practice to harass because of race. HF2631 (Hausman) Human Rights Act; statute of limitations extended. SF1016/HF134

(Johnson, R.) Beltrami County; regulating dogs and cats.

This meeting is scheduled to last from 10:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m., then reconvene at 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: To be announced.

Legislative Reference Library

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research for state agencies or the public as it does for legislators, the staff helps them find the information they need and will refer them to information sources.

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The Last Frame



Neither rain nor snow stops the appointed rounds of lobbyist John Horner of the Minnesota Multi Housing Association as he made his way to the State Office Building March 8.