The number seven has long been associated with good luck. So if that’s true, the 77th Session of the Minnesota Legislature that convened Jan. 8 should be a particularly good one.

Like most sessions, the opening days of 1991 have been marked by cooperation and goodwill. On the second day of Session, the DFL-controlled House and Senate granted Gov.-elect Arne Carlson three extra weeks to submit his proposed budget, recognizing the unusual circumstances of the November election.

But few people, it seems, have forgotten what happened the last time a DFL-controlled Legislature and an Independent-Republican governor were together.

There were seven special sessions during the four years Al Quie was governor, from 1979 to 1983. The term special, as in special session, seemed to lose its meaning. This year, even before the Legislature convened, members and staff were already talking about the prospects of a special session.

The Session Weekly, in a new and expanded format, plans to bring you all the highlights from legislative sessions — whether they’re special or simply regular. This is the first of 21 planned issues.

In this space, you’ll find an overview of the week’s events, which will also serve as an informal guide to the issue before you. Beginning on page 3 of every issue, you’ll find brief news stories of what happened in the House during the past week.

Each issue also contains the committee schedule for the coming week, a list of the bills that have been introduced in the past week, and a variety of informational articles about the Legislature and state government.

In this issue, you’ll find a handy pullout section that lists members’ committee assignments, and committee meeting times and room numbers.

In future issues, you’ll also find a detailed chart that can be used to track bills through the legislative process.

We go to press Thursday night and each issue must be at least 24 pages long, regardless of what happens at the Legislature. That way we qualify for a reduced postal rate. So even though the issues are longer than before, it costs much less to send — like flying to New York for half the price of a ticket to Bismarck.

We hope you like the expanded format and take the time to read the many articles contained in each issue.
Budget deadline

State lawmakers made the honeymoon official, granting Gov. Arne Carlson an extra three weeks to prepare a state budget package designed to balance an expected $1.2 billion revenue shortfall during the next two-year spending cycle.

Both the state House and Senate agreed unanimously Wednesday, Jan. 9, to give Carlson until Feb. 20 to prepare his biennial budget address — 23 days beyond the constitutional deadline for submitting budget recommendations to the Legislature.

The measure, SF 1, sped through both chambers on the first working day of the current session, passing 123-0 in the House and on a 59-0 vote in the Senate.

Carlson is expected to sign the bill by Friday, an aide to the governor said.

In supporting the extension, House Majority Leader Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) said the measure shows House and Senate DFLers are willing to work with the new Independent-Republican governor and the minority leadership.

"We want to cooperate as much as possible, Long said, acknowledging, however, that any postponement in Carlson's budget package will shorten the time lawmakers will have to address the looming state deficit.

Carlson requested the extra time in December, soon after state Department of Revenue officials predicted a $1.2 billion shortfall for the next two-year budget period.

Revenue officials said a slowdown in the economy and rising petroleum prices have caused state tax collections to fall off.

On Feb. 16, Carlson will present the Legislature with his plan to reduce a projected $197 million shortfall for the current budget period, which ends July 1.

Challenge 2000

Newly appointed Education Commissioner Gene Mammenga made his first appearance before the Education Committee Jan. 9 and endorsed the department's sweeping Challenge 2000 report that calls for an overhaul of the state's education system.

The report, which was prepared by former Department of Education Commissioner Tom Nelson, calls for dramatic reforms, including an expansion of early childhood family education and health care programs, transfer of more decision-making authority to local school boards, increased flexibility of teacher licensing rules, and the promotion of outcome-based education in all Minnesota schools.

Although the report recommends that more decisions be made at the local school board level, Rep. Kris Hasskamp (DFL-Crosby) questioned whether the plan would result in just "more state mandates."

"It's great to start coming up with new ideas, but when you start coming up with a whole new way of looking at education, you have to compare the two worlds," she says. "People want to see the new things happen . . . but they also want the economic accountability."

Reps. Dean Hartle (IR-Owatonna) and Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls) echoed the same concerns.

Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park) expressed concern about how Challenge 2000 will help educators deal with a "deep-rooted racism in our system . . . that threatens everything we do in education."

Barb Yates of the Department of Education (DOE) said the issue of overcoming racism is "woven through" many of the recommendations in the report.

For example, one of its recommendations is for the Legislature, in conjunction with the DOE, to develop incentives to encourage more minorities to become teachers.

"When we talked to young people, that was very much something that they told us was critical to them — they wanted those role models," said Yates.

At the end of the discussion on Challenge 2000, Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake) asked Mammenga:

"Now when you endorsed it [Challenge 2000], does that mean that Ame endorsed it too, or not?"
Jim Lyon, vice president of banking business. He also calmed supervision for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Skoglund told the group during its first meeting Jan. 9.

The committee can expect to deal with several major issues this session, including health care access, the solvency of insurance companies, and no-fault insurance, Skoglund told the group during its first meeting Jan. 9.

Committee members expressed concern about recent East Coast bank failures as they listened to and questioned Jim Lyon, vice president of banking supervision for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Lyon explained the evolution of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., and hinted at coming federal and state reform of the banking business. He also calmed legislators’ concerns about the health of this region’s banks.

Bank failures in the southwestern United States, he noted, were tied to the bust in the oil fields, while recent troubles in the northeast are linked to declines in the region’s industrial economy and problems in commercial real estate.

“Relatively speaking,” Lyon says, “the economy of this region is doing much better.”

Energy Committee

For the first time since 1984, the Minnesota House of Representatives has a standing committee on energy.

House Speaker Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) said he named the new committee because energy has re-emerged as a major issue.

The committee, chaired by Rep. Mary Murphy (DFL-Hermantown), met Jan. 9 for an organizational meeting. Members of the committee discussed various issues that they would like the committee to focus on during the legislative session.

Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester) said he would like the committee to look at the energy implications of the state’s transportation system.

Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul) added that he would like energy efficient lighting to be discussed, as well as a loan fund that would allow people to buy more energy-efficient appliances.

Other topics discussed included solar energy, ethanol, and natural gas for automobiles.

Special elections

Special elections are planned next month to fill two vacant seats in the Minnesota House.

Ballooning is scheduled Feb. 5 in District 50B, the seat previously held by Rep. Joe Quinn. The four-term DFL lawmaker from Coon Rapids stepped down Jan. 5 to join the state District Court bench, serving the 10th Judicial District in east-central Minnesota.

Filings for House District 50B, comprising Coon Rapids, Blaine, and Ham Lake in southern Anoka county, will close Jan. 15. A primary, if necessary, would be held Jan. 22.

House Speaker Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) has selected state Rep. Richard Krueger (DFL-Staples) to replace Quinn as speaker pro tem.

A special election will likely be held Feb. 12 for former Rep. Elton Redalen’s seat in House District 32B in southeastern Minnesota. The Independent-Republican from Fountain left office Jan. 10 to become commissioner of the Department of Agriculture in Gov. Arne Carlson’s new administration.

State law requires that special elections be held within 28 days to fill vacated legislative seats. Filings in District 32B will probably close by Jan. 22, with a primary to follow one week later if needed.
The Minnesota Legislature began the 77th Session with 23 new members, but the balance of power between the two major parties remains virtually unchanged from the 76th Session.

The Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party controls the House by a 79-53 margin over Independent-Republicans, with two seats still open. Before the November elections, DFLers held control by an 80-54 margin.

Likewise, the rankings of the most common professions among House members remained about the same, although the number of farmers has decreased slightly from earlier levels.

And the number of women serving in the House has reached an all-time high, with 29 members — up from 27 a year ago.

Farming, the traditional number one occupation in the House, is now tied for first as the most common occupation among members. A total of 20 members listed farming as their main job this year — down from 23 a year ago.

That's a pronounced drop from the 27 members who cited farming in 1987, but still above the all-time low for farmers in 1977, when only 18 members listed it as their occupation.

Business was also cited by 20 members as their occupation, which was in second place a year ago. That gives farmers and business 30 percent of House membership, or 15 percent each.

Farming and business were followed by educator (19) and full-time legislator (19) among occupations. The number of full-time legislators remains unchanged from a year ago, but the ranks of educators increased by one during that time.

The biggest change in the makeup of the House was in the number of attorneys. There are now 18 attorneys serving in the House, up from 15 in 1990.

That's a significant increase from the 12 attorneys who served in the House in 1987, but still below the 27 attorneys who served in 1963. At that time, when the Legislature met every other year, it was easier for attorneys, as it was for many other professions, to take time off to serve.

Many other occupations remained relatively stable between 1990 and 1991. Homemaker was cited by seven members, followed by trades/labor (4), real estate (3), and auctioneers (2).

Occupations that showed an increase over 1990 are consultants (5 to 7) and government workers (2 to 4).

Among other occupations cited were banker, counselor, pharmacist, engineer, certified public accountant, loan officer, securities representative, executive director for a non-profit organization, and a social issues program director.

Many of the occupations were somewhat difficult to categorize, however. For example, seven additional members listed legislator as a secondary occupation and eight listed it as their primary job, while also citing a secondary occupation. But these members were not included in the count of full-time legislators.

There have also been some shifts in the educational makeup of the House.

The number of legislators who hold some kind of college undergraduate degree has increased significantly from 31 in 1990 to 48 in 1991. However, those who have done some graduate work has declined from 27 to 17, as have those with vo-tech or some college (32 in 1990 compared to 25 in 1991). Members holding graduate degrees dropped slightly from 31 to 29.

The average age of House members is 47, with the youngest member at 26 and the oldest at 79. The largest group of legislators are the 27 who are currently serving their third term. The next largest group is the 21 who are in their first term (the two other members elected in November had previously served in the House). There are 16 fifth-term members, 15 second-term members, 12 fourth-term members, and 10 tenth-term members.

Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth) continues as Minnesota's elder statesman, serving his 18th term and will have his 80th birthday later this month.

This breakdown was based on 132 members — two short of the 134 House districts. Special elections are expected to be held next month for the seats previously held by Reps. Elton Redalen (IR-Fountain), who was named commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, and Joe Quinn (DFL-Coon Rapids), who was named a district court judge.
Children peeped over mahogany desk tops, yawned, and stretched as families joined lawmakers on the House floor for the convening of the 77th Session of the Legislature on Tuesday, Jan 8. The rap of Secretary of State Joan Growe's gavel brought the session to order, but the many children and grandchildren continued to squirm as the proceedings progressed.

Legislators opened business by re-electing Rep. Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) to another term as speaker of the House. Vanasek is now entering his fourth year as speaker.

Later, Rep. Elton Redalen (IR-Fountain), newly appointed commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, resigned before his colleagues.

"It's hard to say goodbye," said Redalen, who served 13 years in the House.

But for 21 new legislators and their families, January 8 was their first official hello. And for two other members, Reps. Irv Anderson (DFL-International Falls) and Ray Welker (IR-Montevideo), it was an official "happy-to-see-you again."

Anderson and Welker have returned to the House after serving earlier in the Legislature.

Rep. Jerry Janezich's niece, Jennifer, and son, Craig, enjoy their view on the proceedings from behind the legislator's desk.

right: First-term Rep. Jeff Hanson his and son, Adam, enjoy a playful moment's respite from the pomp and ceremony.

Alexander Abrams (right) tries out a prone perspective on the proceedings while, in the background, brother Benjamin's chin meets his bow tie. They're the sons of Rep. Ron Abrams.
Erik Sviggum, son of Rep. Steve Sviggum, is attentive as House Speaker Robert Vanasek is sworn in.

Ashley remains perched on grandfather Dennis Newinski's left arm as he raises his right hand to be sworn in. Joining Rep. Newinski are his wife, Sharie, and another granddaughter, Genelle.

When the ceremonies begin to seem long, a good stretch revives Brittany, granddaughter of Rep. Andy Steensma.

Rep. Dean Hartle's grandson, Sam, stakes out a cozy place to take in opening ceremonies.
Making a difference . . .

House File 1 goes to wetlands issue

Introducing the first bill in the Minnesota House of Representatives is a lot like having your name appear first in the telephone directory — with one important exception. It can make a difference.

This session, HF1 belongs to Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth) and the wetlands protection issue.

"It was between me and [Rep. Paul] Ogren," says Munger, referring to the Aitkin DFLer who introduced HF2, a measure calling for a state health insurance program.

Munger agrees with other lawmakers that introducing HF1 carries with it a certain amount of political clout.

"There is a psychological importance to that kind of magical House File 1," says Sen. Randy C. Kelly (DFL-St. Paul), who in 1989, while serving in the House, introduced that session's HF1.

His bill called for a constitutional amendment allowing six-member juries in nonfelony court cases. Introduced on the second day of the session in January 1989, the bill was signed into law just over a month later.

The HF1 designation is usually given to a piece of legislation that the House leadership deems important, Kelly says. At the start of a session, House members jockey for the No. 1 position. "Ultimately, the speaker determines what goes on top of the heap," Kelly says.

HF1 can set the tone for a legislative session and often reflects key Minnesota issues. Responding to problems in agriculture, for example, HF1 in the 1987-88 session called for extending and financing the farm mediation and interest rate buydown programs.

In 1983, Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) introduced that session's HF1, which called for a Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment to the state Constitution.

Although Munger says his bill reflects a key environmental concern in Minnesota, he doubts it will pass in 60 days, which is how long Gov. Arne Carlson has said it will take to pass a wetlands bill.

"It's probably the No. 1 environmental bill we'll have this session," Munger says, and he promises that it will be controversial.

House File 1 topics set legislative tone

Here's a list of House File 1's introduced in the past five legislative sessions:

76th Session (1989-1990): HF1 called for allowing six-member juries in nonfelony cases.

75th Session (1987-1988): HF1 extended and financed the farm mediation and interest rate buydown programs.

74th Session (1985-1986): HF1 set down the procedure to merge the cities of International Falls and South International Falls.

73rd Session (1983-1984): HF1 called for a Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment to the state Constitution.

72nd Session (1981-1982): HF1 called for payment of state school aid money that was not paid in fiscal year 1981 because of the governor's spending cuts.

And in the first Territorial Legislature in Minnesota, House Bill No. 1 in 1849 initially called for regulating grocery licenses.

It's a fact!

The Hmong refugees from southeast Asia have only been in Minnesota since the late 1970s, but they've already left their mark at one of the state's most historic landmarks, the State Capitol.

When restorers wanted to replicate the original draperies in the Governor's Office, they turned to the Hmong, who are known for their fine sewing skills.

Using only written specifications and black and white photographs, several Hmong men and women made 1,100 gold oak leaves, hand embroidering every vein in each leaf. They then applied the leaves individually to the red velvet draperies.

Likewise, an "M" for Minnesota was embroidered in gold on the valances of the curtains.

The design also appears in the governor's reception room and two adjoining rooms. The seamstresses were first contacted in 1986 through a project sponsored by a Minneapolis high school.
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Rice-DFL  
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Schreiber-IR  
Frentics-IR  
Seaberg-IR  
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Todd Johnson—Cmte. Admin.  
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**House restructures old committees, forms new ones**

The largest committee in the Minnesota House — the Appropriations Committee — has been restructured to include an additional division devoted solely to environmental and natural resources policy.

House Speaker Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) said the change is a reflection of the growing importance environmental issues play in society.

The Environment and Natural Resources Division will oversee funding for such state governmental bodies as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Department of Natural Resources, the Waste Management Board, and the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources. It will also make funding decisions on how to use money from the Environmental Trust Fund.

Before the change, the former State Departments Division was charged with overseeing the funding of virtually all state departments, including those dealing with the environment.

But the duties of that former division have essentially been divided. Now, the State Government Division will oversee the rest of the state agency budgets that aren't closely tied to the environment.

Among those budgets will be those of the Minnesota Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, State Auditor, Department of Revenue, Department of Finance, and the State Planning Agency.

Rep. Dave Battaglia (DFL-Two Harbors) has been named chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, and Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) has been named chair of the State Government Division.

In addition, the titles of two of the remaining three divisions have changed slightly, but the duties of each division have remained essentially the same.

The Human Resources Division, which oversees funding for the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Housing Finance Agency, Department of Corrections, and several related boards and councils, replaces the Health and Human Services Division.

The Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Division, which oversees funding for the World Trade Center, Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, Department of Commerce, Department of Labor and Industry, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation, replaces the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division.

The title and duties of the Education Division have remained unchanged.

In addition to the changes in the appropriations divisions, three new full committees have been added: Redistricting, Energy, and Housing.

The Redistricting Committee, which meets every 10 years, will focus on redrafting legislative, congressional, and metropolitan council districts. Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault) will chair the committee.

Rep. Mary Murphy (DFL-Hermantown) will chair the Energy Committee, and Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls) will chair the Housing Committee.
Thinking, listening, and exchanging ideas that will benefit the people of Minnesota were all part of a recent two-day freshmen orientation program at the Riverwood Conference Center in Monticello, Minn.

The orientation retreats have been held for newly elected representatives since the late 1970s, said Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault), chair of the orientation program. He added that the retreats are a way to help new members feel more comfortable and confident in their roles as lawmakers.

"I felt less nervous [after the orientation] in terms of the mechanics and the people," said freshman Rep. Carlos Mariani (DFL-St. Paul). Mariani said that having the opportunity to socialize with members from both parties was beneficial.

And a newly elected Independent-Republican agreed with Mariani's sentiments.

"I liked the idea that it was stressed that we have to work together [both parties] for the good of the state," said Rep. Peggy Leppik (IR-Golden Valley).

Although the orientation was for "freshman" members, two members, Rep. Irv Anderson (DFL-Int'l Falls), and Rep. Ray Welker (IR-Montevideo), previously served in the Minnesota House.

The 23 House members participated in workshops conducted by the House Research Department, DFL and IR research departments, the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, and fiscal analysts. Ed Burdick, chief clerk of the House, also gave a presentation on parliamentary procedure.

New members also met members of the Capitol press corps and heard a talk on ethics by Bob Terry, a professor of ethics and public policy at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute.
Freshman Hanson has veteran credentials

Editor’s note: In each issue for the next 10 weeks, Session Weekly will profile two or three of the 21 new members of the House. This is the first of those installments.

Although he’s a freshman, Rep. Jeff Hanson is no newcomer to the state Capitol.

Fifteen years ago, he was a Senate page, running errands for Sen. Roger Moe and the Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee. Today he is a DFL state lawmaker, representing District 56A in the Minnesota House.

"It was never a childhood dream to become a legislator," he says. "Just a natural next step in my commitment to public service." A graduate of both the Humphrey Institute of Public Policy and Moorhead State University, Hanson has a wide-ranging job history.

After nine years as a radio and television journalist, he returned to state politics, working three years as a legislative assistant to the Senate Finance Committee chair. He has also taught at the university level and most recently served as governmental relations coordinator for Washington County.

A resident of Woodbury since 1983, Hanson has also been active in a number of volunteer organizations and community boards.

His district is both suburban and rural, and the region is among the fastest growing areas in the state.

"Growth and development are double-edged swords," says Hanson, explaining that environmental issues — particularly groundwater contamination — will be among his top legislative concerns. "They bring opportunity, but they can also bring pain."

Crime is another topic on Hanson’s agenda, adding that more attention needs to be paid to the victims of sexual assault and those who are injured by drunk drivers.

Hanson, an avid collector of political buttons when not handling constituent calls, credits former legislator L.J. Lee of Bagley for the inspiration to seek office. "He taught me to look back from where we’ve come, and forward to where we’re going," says Hanson. "He was a model of integrity."

Erhardt plans to focus on business issues

Ron Erhardt always wanted to be a state legislator. So when friend and associate Mary Forsythe chose to retire after representing the Edina area in the House for 18 years, he jumped at the chance.

A longtime IR activist, party leader, and fundraiser on both local and state levels, Erhardt welcomes the challenges state government offers.

Although he ran unopposed in the strongly Republican district, Erhardt still made the rounds, doorknocking at more than 11,000 homes.

He describes his district as a group of achievers, "a hard-working core of business and professional people," and bristles at the common perception of Edina as a very affluent suburb.

"I must have met at least 5,000 of my constituents," he says. "To meet with any degree of success at the Capitol, I need to know their concerns."

Their priorities, he found, were largely about education. And that only makes sense considering that 92 percent of Edina High School graduates go on to some form of higher education.

"People want to know that our commitment to education will still be there despite a budget crunch," he says.

A lifetime Minnesotan, Erhardt has worked in the financial planning field since 1961. Like many legislators, he sees improvement of the business climate as a top priority.

"We need to improve the Edina business climate," he says. "Examining the current property tax system would be a step in the right direction."

He also sees the shift to an Independent-Republican governor as a positive one for the minority party. "I think we’ll have opportunities this session we haven’t had in the recent past," he says.

But as a first-year legislator, he recognizes there is much to be learned and much to be done.

"I think I’ll be doing a lot of listening," he says.
Unofficial State Fair opinion poll reveals . . .

Few salutes for a new Minnesota state flag

The status quo was the big winner in the House of Representatives’ annual opinion poll conducted at the Minnesota State Fair that ended Sept. 3.

Most of the 5,817 people who took the unofficial survey during the 12-day fair indicated that, when given the choice, they prefer things be kept the way they are.

More than four out of every five voters (84.3 percent) said they would prefer to keep the current state flag rather than adopt another design as the one proposed by two Rochester men. Only 15.6 percent of those polled supported a change.

Several fairgoers said one proposed design, which features a large yellow star on a blue, white, and green background, reminded them of Libya’s flag, or the flag of another Middle Eastern country. Many said it looked decidedly un-Minnesotan.

But support for the current flag, in some cases, appeared thin when the reasons for changing the flag were given. Critics say the detail on the current flag can’t be seen from a distance, is backwards when viewed from behind, and looks similar to the flags of 25 other states.

The current state flag and the proposed design were both on display at the House of Representatives’ booth to add color to the exhibit and to pique the interest of passersby.

When asked about the number of state House and Senate districts, 51.4 percent of those polled said they preferred that the number of legislative districts be kept the same. Another 41.6 percent said they supported a reduction in the number of House and Senate districts, and 7 percent supported a reduction in Senate districts only.

Similarly, 67.7 percent of the respondents said they would prefer to keep the present two-body Legislature rather than adopt a one-body, or unicameral, system. Only 26.7 percent of those polled approved of a unicameral system, and 5.6 percent said they approved of limiting the role of the Senate, similar to the House of Lords in Britain.

Fairgoers also said the length of terms for legislators should be kept the same. A total of 57.4 percent of respondents said they want the length of terms kept the same for representatives (two years) and senators (four years). Only 29.4 percent of those polled said they would like to see terms for House members lengthened to four years. And just 1.2 percent said they would like to see terms lengthened to six years for senators. However, when given the option of lengthening both House and Senate terms, 11.9 percent said they would support four-year terms for House members and six-year terms for senators.

Although support for the status quo was clear, several poll takers at the fair said they wished another question had been asked: Should the number of terms a legislator can serve be limited?

Many people said they would support such a change to encourage more turnover in the House and Senate, and to remove the near invincibility of incumbents.

And finally, it seems people don’t want government to intervene much in their private lives — even when it comes to banning charge-per-call services such as “900” or “976” numbers, which typically charge a high price for a brief service.

A total of 52.7 percent of respondents said the state should not ban such services, while 47.3 percent said they should be banned.

Members who volunteered at the State Fair

Jeff Bertram (DFL-Paynesville)
John Burger (IR-Long Lake)
Doug Carlson (IR-Sandstone)
Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center)
Roger Cooper (DFL-Bird Island)
Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul)
Terry Dempsey (IR-New Ulm)
John Donn (DFL-Mankato)
Sal Frederik (IR-Mankato)
Don Frerichs (IR-Rochester)
Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls)
Dean Harle (IR-Owatonna)
Kris Hassiang (DFL-Crofty)
Bob Haukoos (IR-Albert Lea)
Alice Hausman (DFL-St. Paul)
Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth)
Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls)
Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park)
Virgil Johnson (IR-Caledonia)
Henry Kalls (DFL-Waite)
Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul)
Rick Krueger (DFL-Saint Paul)
Harold Lasley (DFL-Cambridge)
K.J. McDonald (IR-Waterdown)
Mary Jo McGuire (DFL-Falcon Heights)
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Connie Morrison (IR-Burnsville)
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Edgar Olson (DFL-Festoon)
Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn)
Tony Orten (IR-Cokato)
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Dek Pellow (IR-New Brighton)
Gene Pelowicz (DFL-Winona)
Jerome Peterson (DFL-Princeton)
Len Price (DFL-Woodbury)
Tom Punger (DFL-South St. Paul)
Elton Redaie (IR-Fountain)
Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope)
Peter Rosovitch (DFL-Faribault)
Gary Schafer (IR-Cibon)
Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park)
Art Seaberg (IR-Eagan)
Goria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park)
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Sylvester Uphus (IR-Sauk Centre)
Don Vannio (IR-Little Canada)
Kathleen Vollenga (DFL-St. Paul)
Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls)
Bob Waltman (IR-Eagan)
Ted Winter (DFL-Filda)
Did you ever wonder how Kandiyohi County got its name? Or how about Watonwan, or Lac qui Parle counties? Those were just a few of the riddles that were answered at the House of Representatives' booth at the Minnesota State Fair this past summer.

Several of the nearly 400,000 people who strolled through the fair's Education Building rested their weary feet and probed House computers to find the answers to these bits of state history, among other legislative facts that were incorporated into several computer games.

And if fairgoers didn't feel like probing the past or testing their knowledge of state government, they could meet at least one of the 51 representatives who volunteered to greet people at the booth.

House members from both sides of the aisle volunteered to greet guests — and sometimes field questions from angry citizens — at the House fair booth.

In case you missed the exhibit, Kandiyohi is taken from the Dakota, or Sioux language, and means, "where the buffalo fish come." Watonwan is also a Dakota word and means "fish bait," or "where fish bait abounds."

Lac qui Parle is the French translation of a Dakota phrase that means, "the lake that talks." The name is believed to stem from the echoes that bounced off the bluffs on either side of Lac qui Parle Lake, which is actually a wide spot in the Minnesota River.

Several fairgoers stopped at the House booth to register to vote, while others played a variety of computer games or rested while watching a video of the House chamber restoration project.

State Fair games tested Minnesota trivia
## Committee Schedule

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<td>EDUCATION</td>
<td>5 State Office Building</td>
<td>Reports: Permanent School Fund, and Desegregation Policy Forum.</td>
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<td>9 a.m.</td>
<td>Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS</td>
<td>200 State Office Building</td>
<td>Organizational meeting.</td>
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<td>10 a.m.</td>
<td>AGRICULTURE</td>
<td>5 State Office Building</td>
<td>Organizational meeting and presentations regarding the economic status of rural Minnesota as affected by the 1990 Farm Bill. Presentations by Steve Taff (University of Minnesota economist), Paul Christ (Land O'Lakes), and C. Ford Runge (University of Minnesota).</td>
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<td>JUDICIARY</td>
<td>Basement Hearing Room State Office Building</td>
<td>Updates from the Office of Drug Policy and the Department of Corrections.</td>
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<td>Minnesota Horizons Program.</td>
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<td>Regularly scheduled morning committee meetings will not be held.</td>
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<td>REDISTRICTING</td>
<td>400N State Office Building</td>
<td>Organizational meeting.</td>
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<td>12:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Banking Division/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS &amp; INSURANCE</td>
<td>Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank</td>
<td>Tour of Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank. The bus will leave from the front steps of the State Office Building at 12:15 p.m. and return by 2:00 p.m. The full committee is invited to join the tour.</td>
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<td>Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION</td>
<td>300N State Office Building</td>
<td>Needs and expectations of our education system. Testimony to be given by students.</td>
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<td>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</td>
<td>5 State Office Building</td>
<td>Introductions, committee business and rules. Introduction and summaries from: E. Peter Gillette Jr., designated commissioner of the Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED); Jim Swiderski, executive director of Minnesota Project Innovation; Tom Triplett, executive director of Minnesota Business Partnership; and Candace Campbell, president of Minnesota Project Outreach.</td>
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FRIDAY, Jan. 18

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APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: Overview of the governor's 1991 budget recommendations by the Department of Finance.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: Budget recommendations for fiscal year 1991.

10:00 a.m.

State Government Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: To be announced. This meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. or immediately following the full Appropriations meeting.

Child Care Task Force
Twin Cities Room, Shenton Midway, St. Paul (I-94 at Hamline)
Chr. Rep. Karen Clark
Agenda: The final proposal for a coordinated child care system to be presented to the 1991 legislature.

10:30 a.m.

Economic Development,
Infrastructure, and Regulation Division/APPROPRIATIONS
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Do you know?

Had the people who named Big Stone County been a little truer to the Dakota language, the county on South Dakota's border could have been named "Stone Very Great" County.

That's the approximate English translation of "Inyan tankinyanyan," so named for the abundant granite deposits in the region. In fact, four of the granite pillars supporting the Capitol rotunda are made of this granite, as are several structures throughout Minnesota, including the facade of the Minneapolis City Hall.

The Minnesota River flows through this county via Big Stone Lake, which is 1 1/2 miles wide by 26 miles long. The deepest point in the lake is about 30 feet.

Norman Kittson, a colleague of Henry Sibley, Minnesota's first governor, established a fur trading post on Big Stone Lake in the 1840s.
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Source: State Policy Data Book '89