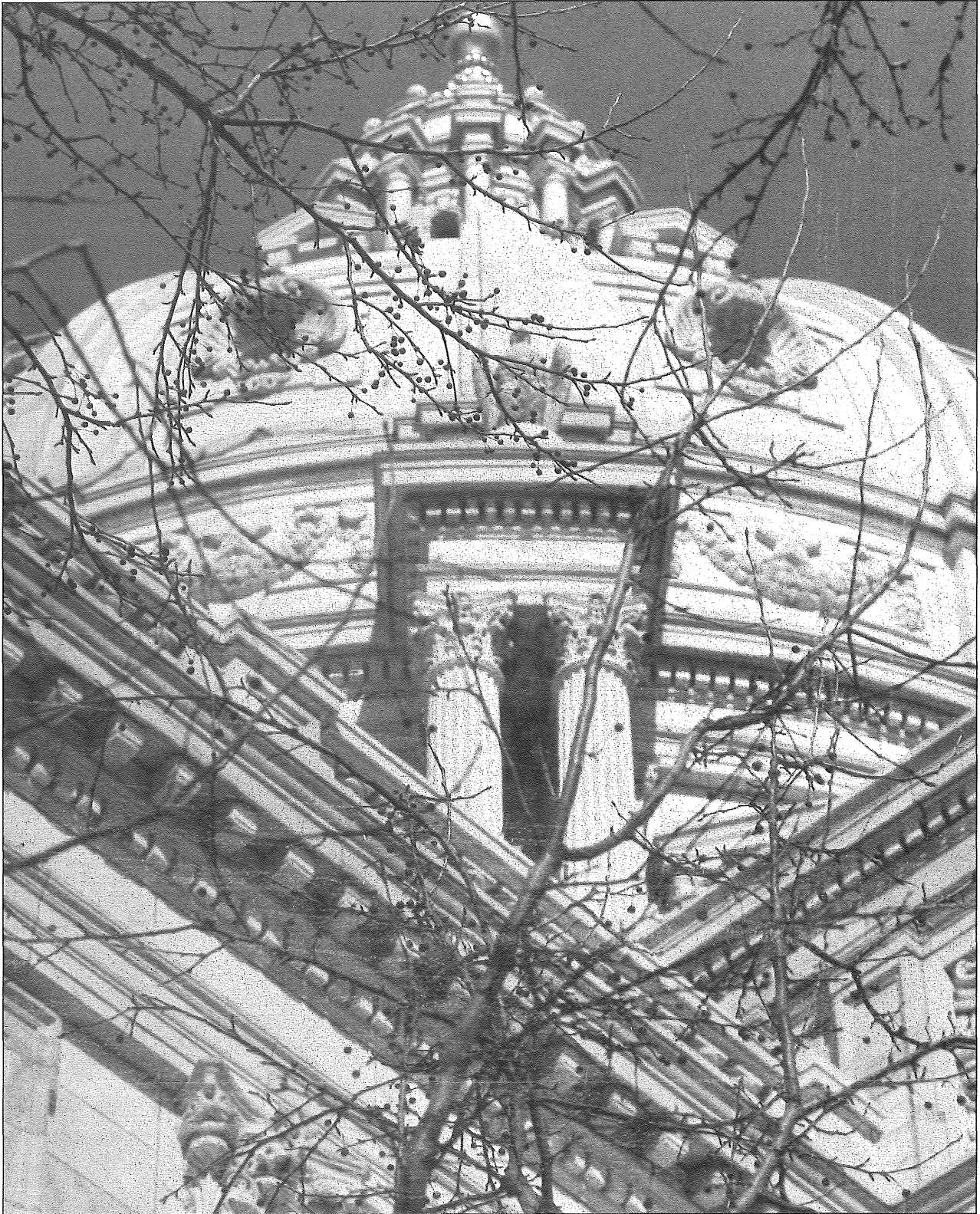
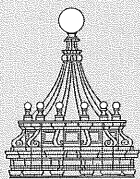


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Flashback

It seemed crass when Rep. Leo Reding (DFL-Austin) was quoted in the newspaper as saying that at the Legislature, "most deals last two years."

The comment came in response to a bill he introduced that would raise the speed limit on a stretch of I-35E in St. Paul from 45 miles per hour to 55. To those who drive slowly through the parkway in deference to the citizen battles long since fought to stop it, the remarks may have seemed offensive.

Who would dare rustle the bones that lay peacefully buried by the compromise that allowed the highway to be built? But to anyone who spends time at the Capitol, his remark made perfect sense. The truth is that one Legislature isn't bound by decisions made by another. Legislators don't hesitate to do an abrupt about-face on public policy just a year or two after it's approved.

Take, for example, the 1988 bill that allowed a proposed constitutional amendment to be placed on the ballot asking voters to decide whether the state should have a lottery. The measure was approved on the premise that proceeds from the lottery would be split equally between the Environmental Trust Fund and the Greater Minnesota Corporation.

But just two years later the Legislature drastically changed the way the proceeds are divvied up. The trust fund was cut back to a 40 percent share, while the Greater Minnesota Corporation was pared to 25 percent. Most of the remaining funds are used to fund construction and maintenance of state university buildings.

And had voters not approved another constitutional amendment in 1990 requiring that at least 40 percent of lottery money be channeled to the trust fund, "I know it would have been gone this session," says Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), the Legislature's environmental dean.

Some question whether the Legislature has the authority to overturn the 1984 federal court settlement that allowed construction of the highway on the condition, among others, that the speed limit be 45.

But there's no question that at the Legislature, most deals last two years — at most.

—Grant Moos

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On the cover: What a day to be cooped up in a committee meeting... The temperature soared to 63 degrees March 19—the last day of winter—as buds swelled on a tree near the Capitol.

(Photo by Andrew VonBank)

Highlights



Children

Focus on children

Children's issues have been a big topic at the Capitol for several years. But this year there appears to be more bills on the subject than ever.

A measure (HF585) that would establish a task force to study the possibility of creating a state department of children's services was under discussion March 18 by the Government Structures Division of the Governmental Operations Committee.

This proposal, sponsored by Rep. Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn), shouldn't be confused with an entirely separate bill that seeks to establish a legislative commission on families and children. That bill (HF9) has already been approved by three different House committees and is pending before the Health and Human Services Committee.

Nor is it to be confused with a bill (HF557) that seeks to create a department of families and children outright — without asking for a task force study.

No less than two dozen bills dealing with services for children or addressing children's policy have been introduced this session in the House.

A theme expressed by supporters of some of these bills is that there is no coordination of the various programs and departments that affect children. And the disparate bills could be just one more example of the fragmentation.

"It's a perfect example of honest efforts to achieve coordination but lacking collaboration in the process," says Erna Fishhaut of the University of Minnesota's Fact Find program.

An overall lack of communication, and in some cases 'turf wars' are making the 'three c's' of effective children's policy — collaboration, cooperation, and coordination — impossible, says Fishhaut, explaining that her organization is designed to piece together information on children's programs.



Bakshesh-NOW flutist Bob Bonawitz performed with the group March 15 during the third annual Freedom of Information ceremony in the Capitol rotunda. Former Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Peter Popovich was the recipient of this year's Freedom of Information award.

"We really need an unprecedented reweaving of the bureaucratic web," she told members. "If we do this, we can become a model state."

With those thoughts in mind, Division Chair Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul) delayed action on HF585 to allow the authors of the various bills to merge their proposals. O'Connor hopes to create one omnibus children's bill.

Children of color

One person would be assigned to each of the state's race and ethnic councils to oversee programs affecting children and families of color if a bill approved March 18 by a Judiciary subcommittee becomes law.

The measure (HF774) sponsored by Rep. Kathleen Vellenga would require that an "ombudsperson" be appointed to serve on the Indian Affairs, Spanish-Speaking Affairs, Black Minnesotans, and Asian-Pacific Minnesotans councils to review agencies and programs that affect children of color.

Vellenga says the bill was prompted by concerns of minority parents, foster parents, social workers, and others who said they felt communities of color didn't have much input into a child protection reform bill approved by the 1990 Legislature.

Although minority children represented only 8 percent of Minnesota's child population in 1988, "minority heritage" children represented one-third of children entering foster care, according to the Minnesota Department of Health.

And Jackie Smith of The City, Inc. told lawmakers that children of color represent 60 percent of those entering foster care in Hennepin County, but comprise only 10 percent of the child population. The City, Inc. provides intervention services for at-risk youth.

Specifically, Communities of Color Concerned About Child Protection criticized several aspects of current child service and protection programs, recommended more emphasis on family-based services, and urged that more minority foster parents be recruited.

Elena Izaksonas of the Spanish-

Speaking Affairs Council, says that all too often "children may be placed out-of-home [and] out-of-culture, without their needs being considered."

The measure would also create an "ombudspersons advisory committee" to oversee programs and services affecting children and families of color.

Co-authors of the measure include Reps. Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls), Edwina García (DFL-Richfield), Carlos Mariani (DFL-St. Paul), and Brad Stanius (IR-White Bear Lake).

The measure goes next to the Judiciary Committee for further discussion.

Sexual abuse reporting

Minors who are victims of sexual abuse could press charges against their abusers at any time if a bill the Judiciary Committee approved March 18 becomes law.

Currently, victims who are minors have seven years to report sexual abuse up until they are 25 years old; after that age, charges can't be filed. The measure now moves to the House floor for further review.

Supporters of the measure sponsored by Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) say it takes years for some victims to come to terms with the abuse. Oftentimes, under current law, it's too late to press charges, they say.

The bill (HF345) had called for removing the statute of limitations only for those who were abused by a family member or by someone living jointly in the same dwelling.

But Rep. Chuck Brown (DFL-Appleton) offered the amendment lifting the statute of limitations for all types of sexual abuse involving minors. Victims say that sexual abuse by other authority figures or neighbors is just as easily repressed.

"The crime that we are talking about here is somewhat analogous to physical murder, it just so happens that we're talking about psychological murder in many instances," says Brown.

Murder is the only other crime in which there is no time limit on when criminal charges can be brought.

HF345 would also give victims six years after discovery of abuse to file civil lawsuits against the perpetrator. Existing law allows two years.

Rural, inner city pediatricians

Chronically ill children in rural Minnesota may have to travel for as long as four hours to see a pediatrician, says Dr. Robert Vernier of the University of Minnesota Department of Pediatrics.

Vernier told the Health and Human Services Committee March 19 that the only way to curb the problem is to recruit more medical students to work and train in rural clinics.

The problem, says Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), is that state and federal money for training now goes to large teaching hospitals.

Greenfield has proposed that the state help pay for an existing university program that trains pediatric medical students in rural and inner-city clinics.

Greenfield says such training would be better for the intern and the community and will ultimately cost less. He says the university won't be able to fund its program much longer; the estimated cost to the state will be about \$3 million in the next biennium.

Dr. Alfred Michael of the university's Department of Pediatrics says there is currently only one pediatrician for every 8,000 children in rural Minnesota, while the metro areas (Twin Cities, Rochester, and Duluth) have a ratio of one pediatrician for every 1,700 children.

But some members questioned whether such a program is needed given the current budget crunch.

"I don't think it's the end of the world if these children have to see a general practitioner," says Rep. Eileen Tompkins (IR-Apple Valley). "I think it's frivolous at a time when we have a revenue problem . . . [to try] and have a pediatrician at every little nook and cranny in the state."

Greenfield says the measure will not provide a pediatrician for every child, but will provide a scattering of pediatricians so that general practitioners will not have to refer a child to the metro area for services.

Greenfield's measure has been folded into HF227, which is authored by Rep. Roger Cooper (DFL-Bird Island) and deals with several rural health issues.

The Health and Human Services Committee has not taken a final vote on HF227.



Education

CCS-SUS merger?

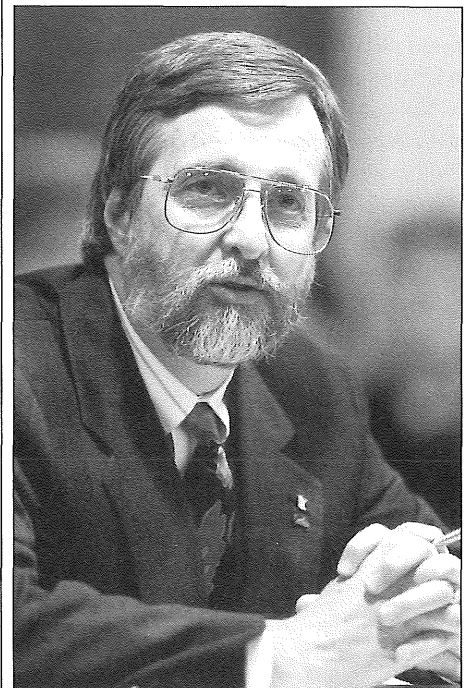
Action on a proposal to merge community colleges and the state's universities was delayed March 20 by the Education Committee's Higher Education Division.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Loren Thompson (DFL-Waubun), would combine both the administrations and academic programs of the two systems, which together have 28 campuses across the state.

Thompson says a merger would increase the quality of education and make it cheaper. And by combining the systems specializing in two-year and four-year degree programs, it would allow the technical colleges to concentrate on vocational education and the University of Minnesota to focus on postgraduate and research work, he says.

Officials with both systems, however, oppose the move. Community College Chancellor Gerald Christenson says the proposal would not improve quality.

"Mr. Thompson's bill is a solution in search of problem," he told division members. "If you ask me what my personal desire is, 'leave us alone.' I think



State university Chancellor Robert Carothers testified March 20 before the Higher Education Committee about a bill that would merge the community college system with the state university system.

we have got a good operation at the community colleges, and I think we run very cost-efficient institutions."

Similar objections were voiced by State University System Chancellor Robert Carothers. He says he fears the merger would add students to the systems when enrollments should be limited.

"In the process of trying to offer something to everybody, we've lost sight of what 'something' is," he says. "We've increasingly offered student access to mediocrity or something even less."

At the author's request, the bill was held over for further discussion before the division. But Thompson says he's confident the measure will ultimately be approved. It is not known, however, whether the division will be able to re-hear the bill prior to next month's committee deadlines.

Lunchroom control

School food services should control the vending machines on school premises so students don't eat junk food and soda pop instead of school lunches, says dietician Mary Begalle.

Begalle, a registered dietician from the Rosemount School District, testified before the Education Committee March 20 in support of a bill (HF532) authored by Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park) that would prohibit any organization other than the school food service from selling or distributing food and beverages to students.

Begalle says that competition with commercial enterprises is also harming the nonprofit school lunch program.

But Dave Locey of the Minnesota Soft Drink Association says that all vending machines that are sold to schools have timers on them and are prohibited from operating during lunch hours. Therefore, Locey says, there shouldn't be any competition.

The issue is really one of local control, Locey says, because school administrators determine the contents of the machines and when they operate.

But Scheid says that some school administrators do ignore the rules because proceeds from vending machines support valuable student organizations and projects.

HF532 remains in the Education Committee for further discussion.

MAEF and MSHSL

Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation officials say they would strongly oppose any attempt to merge their nonprofit group with the Minnesota State High School League.

The reason? Different objectives.

The foundation coordinates academic competitions and awards programs for scholastic achievement. The high school league largely concentrates on athletic competition, explained a foundation director, Zona Sharp Burke, during March 21 testimony before the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee.

The high school league has rejected consolidation efforts three times, and Burke says foundation members want no part of them now. "Academics need their own voice," she says.

Another foundation member, Owen Heibel, was more blunt. "If we were combined with the high school league, it would rip the guts out of us," he says.

Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake), however, questions whether state monies should be provided for the foundation while the league has no public financial support.

"If we're going to fund one, we should fund the other," says McEachern, Education Committee chair.

The foundation, established by the state Legislature in 1987, is seeking \$266,000 in state funding over the next two years, a \$20,000 increase over the current budget cycle. It also relies heavily on private contributions to support its programs.

But Rep. Charlie Weaver (IR-Champlin) says until the academic foundation is as well established as the high school league, it likely will require state funding. "Once there is a level playing field, then they probably won't need any state money," says Weaver.



Environment

Lake of the Woods 'wall'

A House committee March 19 approved a resolution asking Canadian officials to drop their policy requiring border-crossing permits for U.S. citizens.

On a unanimous voice vote, the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee voted to place the measure on the Consent Calendar where its final passage is virtually assured.

Border-area residents say the permit system could dramatically harm tourism and other local businesses. They say many visitors will forego vacations on northern Minnesota border lakes rather than grapple with the permit process.

Canadians adopted the permit policy earlier this year as a way to regulate non-resident use of their natural resources. But many Americans say the process is burdensome. Furthermore, they say most visitors don't even know they could be breaking the law by entering Canada without a permit.

"It's always been friendly Canada, friendly Ontario, and suddenly, the Berlin Wall is going up on this lake," says Lake of the Woods County Commissioner Jeri Beckel.

The resolution, sponsored by Rep. Irv Anderson (DFL-Int'l Falls), urges federal officials on both sides of the border to begin talks to resolve the conflict. State and provincial officials, and private citizens would be included in the discussions as well.

Similar legislation is pending before the Senate Veterans and General Legislation Committee.

Don't spray it

The state highway department, railroads, and power companies are among those that would be banned from using chemicals to control unwanted plants in their rights-of-way under a bill headed for the House floor.

Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 19 split in approving HF602, proposed by Rep. Joseph R. Begich (DFL-Eveleth).

Farmers, many of whom rely on herbicides and pesticides, would be

among those exempt from the measure.

The bill is aimed at reducing chemicals that Begich believes are too pervasive. He says rights-of-way along public roads and those owned by railroad or public utilities can just as well be mowed.

But if chemical pesticides are applied properly by a licensed operator, they pose little, if any, risk to the environment, Rep. Steve Dille (IR-Dassel) told the committee.

"... I have not yet heard one scrap of scientific evidence that these pesticides are so harmful out there," Dille told the committee.

He offered an amendment that would have allowed use of pesticides on rights-of-way by licensed applicators.

But supporters of Begich's bill countered that Dille's amendment would "gut" the intent of the measure and defeated it on an 18-8 vote. The committee went on to approve the bill.

A watchdog with bite

If you see someone pollute you may be able to call a toll-free tip line at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and, if convicted, the polluter could end up spending time in jail and paying a fine.

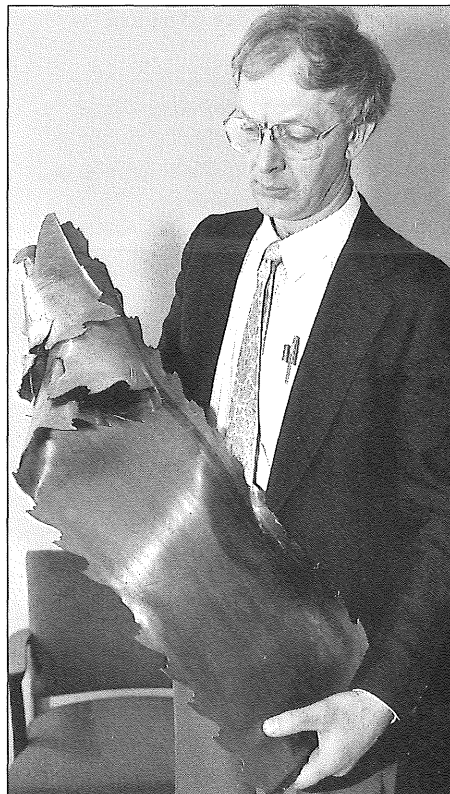
Those are provisions of a bill approved March 21 by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

Among recommendations the Legislative Auditor's Office made in January to improve the MPCA's enforcement of pollution laws was that the agency be given more power to levy administrative penalties.

That recommendation has been translated into HF694, the Environmental Enforcement Act of 1991, proposed by House Majority Leader Dee Long (DFL-Mpls).

A major component of the bill is that it extends the use of administrative and criminal penalties, previously limited to hazardous waste pollution, to now include solid waste, air pollution and water pollution.

The bill also establishes a pilot project that would allow MPCA personnel and state conservation officers to issue citations to polluters. Someone who dumps a used tire, for example, could be



Howard Hedstrom, an owner of Hedstrom Lumber, Inc., showed members of the Criminal Justice Division March 20 what happens to a high-speed saw blade when it hits a spike hidden in a tree. Hedstrom testified in support of a bill sponsored by Rep. Loren Solberg dealing with forest vandalism.

subject to a \$25 fine.

But a major violation of state water or air pollution laws could bring a criminal charge punishable by a penalty of up to \$50,000 for each day of the violation, plus three years in jail.

Rep. Myron Orfield (DFL-Mpls) added the provision for a toll-free tip line that would be modeled after the Department of Natural Resources' TIP (Turn In Poachers) program.

The bill now moves to the Judiciary Committee for consideration.

Government waste

State employees in the Twin Cities would join in the effort to increase recycling under a Department of Administration bill carried by Rep. Jean Wage-nius (DFL-Mpls).

HF322, approved March 21 by the Environment and Natural Resources

Committee, calls on the department to establish a centralized location and collection system for recyclables from state offices.

The bill also would set up a pilot project in one large state office building to see how recycling efforts could best be handled.

The program could cost in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000 per year.

An amended version of HF322 now moves to the Appropriations Committee for consideration.



Agriculture

Farmland value grows

Farmland still has a long way to go to gain back the value it had in the early 1980s, but agricultural real estate is on the rebound.

Market values this year are expected to increase 5 to 15 percent in some parts of Minnesota, says Matt Smith, an agricultural economist with the state Department of Revenue.

Revenue department officials appeared March 18 before the Agriculture Committee to discuss Gov. Arne Carlson's property tax proposal and how it would affect farmers.

In 1983, the average acre of Minnesota farmland was worth \$1,200, Smith says. But along with the farm crisis of the early- and mid-1980s, land values plummeted. By 1988, the average acre of Minnesota farmland was worth \$526.

"Since that time, prices have rebounded," Smith says, "particularly in southern Minnesota."

Last year, Smith told the committee, the value of an average acre stood at \$631.

Estimates from county assessors, Smith says, are that some land in the heavily cropped areas of southern Minnesota could see values increase 10 percent to 15 percent this year. Particularly productive land could see a jump of up to 20 percent.

In central Minnesota's dairy country and the wheat-growing area of northwestern Minnesota, land prices are expected to increase 5 percent.



Insurance

Insuring solvency

The savings and loan industry, battered by years of risky investments, is the focus of a multi-billion dollar federal bailout. But could the insurance industry be next?

Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls) wants to ensure that it's not. The Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee began hearings March 20 on his HF12, a 193-page bill that would regulate the solvency of insurance companies based in Minnesota.

Skoglund's bill follows last October's report on the health of the state's insurance industry by a Commerce Department task force. The report noted that from 1985 to 1989, 162 insurance companies in the U.S. were declared insolvent. Some of those companies fell victim to junk bond and commercial real estate investments that went sour.

"We are not in an S & L crisis yet. But we do have storm clouds gathering," Skoglund warned the committee. "And unless we prepare for this storm, unless we prepare for the bad weather that's coming, we're going to deserve to have the leaks in our roof that will occur."

A key provision of the bill would regulate what types of "reinsurance" will qualify for deductions on a Minnesota insurance company's books. Insurance companies buy insurance of their own, called "reinsurance," to help offset their risks.

Among regulations would be one requiring a reinsurer to have a cash surplus of at least \$20 million.

The bill also would:

- change the limits of protection available to insurance policy holders provided by the state's Life and Health Guaranty Association when an insurance company fails (All Minnesota insurance companies are required to be members of the association.);
- change the amount of assets insurance companies can put into various kinds of investments, such as stocks, mortgages loans, and real estate; and
- require Minnesota insurance companies to set up reserves to deal with distressed real estate to protect them and policyholders from losses incurred when a mortgage is delinquent or foreclosed.

Health insurance bills advance

Two key articles of the Minnesotan's Health Plan were approved by a House subcommittee March 20 and sent to the Health and Human Services Committee for further review.

The action on HF2 and HF5 by the Health Care Access and Delivery Subcommittee means that four of the five articles dealing with the plan are now before the full Health and Human Services Committee. The fifth is pending before the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

HF2, authored by Rep. Paul Ogren (DFL-Aitkin), is the portion of the bill that establishes minimum benefits for all Minnesotans and outlines plan requirements, including one requiring recipients to live in Minnesota for at least one year — unless they're unemployed — to receive benefits.

HF5, authored by Rep. Alan Welle (DFL-Willmar), calls for a consolidation and streamlining of health care programs into a proposed bureau of health care access.

The subcommittee voted down a major amendment offered by Rep. Dave Gruenes (IR-St. Cloud) that he says would have cut the plan's cost, thereby helping ensure its passage this year.

"My first priority is to have us do something this session," says Gruenes. "It's inexcusable for us to adjourn without making some strides in addressing this problem."

Gruenes says he's afraid the current plan is too expensive and will be killed in the Appropriations Committee. He says his proposal would cost \$50 to \$65 million over the next biennium for 193,000 "hardcore" uninsured Minnesotans compared to the estimated \$120 million needed in HF5 to provide for an estimated 380,000 uninsured Minnesotans.

Gruenes proposal was killed on a 6-4 vote that followed party lines.



Veterans

Free tuition for vets

Rep. Pat Beard (DFL-Cottage Grove) wants to make sure students who served as military personnel in the Persian Gulf return to school to earn a degree.

"I'm trying to give these kids an incentive, a chance to better their lives with a degree, to give them opportunities," he told members of the Veterans Affairs Division.

The division unanimously approved his bill (HF426) March 19 that would allow active military personnel serving between Aug. 2, 1990, and February 28, 1991, to attend any public Minnesota college or university free of charge for two years.

Under the proposal, the surviving spouse and children of a veteran who died in the conflict would also be eligible, but veterans who have already earned a baccalaureate degree would not.

A similar act was established in 1947 to aid Minnesota's WWII veterans and their families. At that time, a \$1.25 million appropriation gave veterans and their wives and children up to \$250 each per year to defray educational costs. In 1947, University of Minnesota resident tuition was \$360 per year.

The projected cost of the current proposal has yet to be determined. The current cost of resident tuition for a full-time student at the University of Minnesota is \$2,500 per year, the highest cost of the four public systems. The lowest tuition is \$1,474 at the state's technical colleges. The number of veterans eligible for the program hasn't been determined.

Beard says that as of Jan. 29 of this year, there were 8,937 Minnesotans serving in the Persian Gulf, with a total of 38,000 state residents called to active duty during the time frame prescribed in the bill. The Department of Veterans Affairs is currently investigating which of those 38,000 have already earned a degree.

Beard says the tuition exemption could not be used with any other form of military or veterans' educational benefits.

Currently, about 85 percent of all military personnel are enrolled in a federal education fund program. These

service people contribute \$100 per month for three years to the federal fund. After that time, they receive a \$6.66 return for every dollar invested.

HF426 was referred to the full General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, and Gaming Committee.

Veterans' bonus

Should veterans of the Panama and Grenada military actions be awarded state bonuses similar to the ones being proposed for Persian Gulf vets?

Rep. Harold Lasley (DFL-Cambridge) thinks so, but the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, and Gaming Committee didn't agree. The committee March 21 voted down Lasley's attempt to amend HF224 to include veterans of the Panama and Grenada actions.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Tony Kinkel (DFL-Park Rapids), would ask voters if veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict should be awarded a bonus by the state.

"We had Minnesota residents who put their lives on the line [in Grenada and Panama.] The question here is, 'Should we treat everybody equally?'" asks Lasley.

But Kinkel opposed the amendment, citing that each military conflict has had its own constitutional amendment in the past. He suggested Lasley author separate bills to resolve the issue.

Several members say including Panama and Grenada on the ballot question could cause the measure to fail.

Members later approved HF224, without the amendment, and referred the bill to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee.



Sports

Final Four snub

The NCAA Final Four men's basketball tournament is definitely scheduled for the Metrodome in March 1992. But whether the Legislature will appropriate \$500,000 in state funds to organize the event, as promised by former Gov. Rudy Perpich, remains a question.

The pledged amount is not included in Gov. Arne Carlson's 1992-93 biennial

budget for the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission, whose budget was reviewed by the Appropriations Committee's State Government Division March 18.

Paul Erickson, director of the Amateur Sports Commission, told lawmakers that the money was promised during the state's 1986 bid presentation to NCAA officials. Although he admits Perpich promised the money without legislative approval, Erickson says the commitment is very real in the eyes of the NCAA.

If the Legislature abdicates on Perpich's pledge, the state's reputation as a world-class host for athletic events could be damaged, says Erickson.

"I'm concerned about this one because if there ever was a high profile event that is going to get national recognition, this is it," he adds.

But division Chair Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) objected to Erickson's damage assessment.

"Don't you think the image of a state that believes in a constitutional process where appropriations are made by the Legislature and not just pronounced by a despot, no matter how benevolent he might be, is a better picture to portray to the country?" she asked.

Erickson responded that the state's pocketbook, as well as its image, could be affected if lawmakers don't make good on Perpich's promise.

He said sales tax proceeds from out-of-state basketball fans for the Final Four tournament are estimated at more than \$3 million — six times the amount Perpich pledged.

The committee took no action on the request, which some legislators expect to appear in Carlson's supplemental budget recommendations to be released later this month.

Blowing the whistle

Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) wants to blow the whistle on those who threaten or inflict bodily harm on school sports officials.

His bill (HF424), which was approved March 21 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, and Gaming Committee, would allow Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) officials to ban people committing such offenses from attending

sporting activities for up to one year.

"When we hear chants saying 'kill the umpire' it's time to take action," says Dorothy McIntyre, associate director of the MSHSL, adding that athletic officials have been spat on, followed, and have even had their lives threatened.

"And it's not just the high schools. We've had incidents as low as the fifth grade level," she told members.

The most severe case occurred only two weeks ago, when two basketball referees received death threats following the District 9 girl's championship game which ended in overtime, with Tracy-Milroy beating Russell-Tyler-Ruthton by a single point. Severe criticism was leveled at the referees during and after the game by both fans and coaches of the losing team.

Under the bill, anybody, including coaches and players, would be subject to the suspension if found guilty of such an assault or threatened assault.

The accused person would be provided a hearing by the high school league on the matter. The power to suspend would rest with either the league or its authorized superintendent.



Entertainment

Curtain falling on film board

State resources for home-grown movies like "Purple Rain" would slow to a drizzle and eventually dry up under a budget proposal before a House appropriations division.

Under an overall budget cut of \$14.5 million to the Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED) budget, funding for the Minnesota Motion Picture Board would be trimmed about \$50,000 next year, and \$116,000 in 1993.

While acknowledging "the extraordinary job" performed by the film board in promoting the state's fledgling movie industry, DTED Commissioner E. Peter Gillette says "it's time for it to go out on its own."

Executive Director Randy Adamsek, however, says the film board more than pays its way in return for a nominal state investment.

Testifying March 18 before the State Government Division of the Appropria-

tions Committee, Adamsek says the board was responsible for luring six out-of-state movie makers to Minnesota last year, and helped pump \$16 million into the state's economy.

The state took in about \$1.4 million in tax revenues connected to film production last year, he says. Northwest Airlines alone received about \$400,000 in additional bookings, and local hotels filled about 6,000 extra rooms from the movie business.

"We are revenue-producing," Adamsek says.

The film board currently receives about \$166,000 in state grants annually. Under the plan developed by DTED and Gov. Arne Carlson, funding would drop to \$100,000 later this year, and \$50,000 in 1992. All state funding would cease by the start of the 1993-95 budget cycle.

The DTED proposal suggests the film board will be able to make up for the loss in state funding by stepping up its fund-raising efforts among private donors.



Business

Commercial interior design

Commercial interior designers would have to follow a licensing blueprint if a bill the Commerce Committee approved March 19 becomes law.

The measure (HF217), sponsored by Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), would require certain commercial interior designers to become licensed by a proposed board of design professions. Currently, commercial interior designers aren't required to be licensed.

Lowell Torseth, chair of the Minnesota Task Force on Interior Designers, says commercial designers will have to follow the same Rules of Professional Conduct that govern architects, professional engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects.

In addition, he says designers would have to pass a competency exam prepared by the National Council of Interior Designers Qualifications Board, and a state building code exam.

Only interior designers who work in public space — areas occupied by the general public or employees of a firm —



Senate parking marshals Dan Orsello and Jim Shields (foreground) pay special attention March 21 to a distinguished, but furry, Capitol guest.

would have to be licensed.

Proponents of the bill say commercial interior designers affect the life and safety of the public when they make design decisions ranging from whether asbestos should be used to how handicapped entrances should be designed. About 10 states now require commercial designers to be licensed.

But the only opponents testifying against the bill were architects. They say they would support a law requiring that interior designers meet certain standards before they can use the "interior designer" title.

The opponents say Carruthers' bill would allow commercial interior designers to design building space without getting final approval from an architect.

The bill would not apply to interior designers who offer residential design services such as selecting wall coverings, paint, floor coverings, and surface materials.

The measure was referred to the Governmental Operations Committee for more discussion.

Business corps?

Would you have the first idea about running a business if doing so had been against the law your entire life? That's the question for many people in the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe.

And that's why Rep. Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth) says he is authoring a bill (HF121) that would create a Minnesota state volunteer corps to educate and assist those starting businesses in that part of the world.

Jaros told Education Committee members March 18 that basic business knowledge is severely limited in the U.S.S.R. and East Central Europe, adding that now is the perfect time to offer assistance and build trade relationships.

Under the bill, Minnesotans would apply to the state Department of Commerce to teach business entrepreneurship, business, economics, or the English language. The state would then reimburse people for a portion of their transportation costs.

Rep. Charlie Weaver (IR-Champlin) says that the goals are good, but thinks there may be considerable risk. "The state's going to be funding some people who are trying to exploit this opportunity and make business for their companies," says Weaver.

But Jaros says he wants the Department of Commerce to adopt rules that would

limit reimbursement to individuals, retirees, or smallbusiness people.

He says an ideal candidate for the program would be small-business owners who have sold their businesses and have a desire to teach.

Rep. Dick Anderson (IR-Waseca) says he likes the idea but thinks the volunteer corps needs to be developed first. "I don't see any structure," says Anderson. People who "are getting a notion into their head" isn't enough to represent a Minnesota effort, he adds.

The Education Committee approved HF121 and referred it to the Commerce Committee for further debate.



Employment

Dislocated workers' fund

Against the wishes of both business leaders and the Department of Jobs and Training, a bill to continue placing money into the dislocated workers' fund past the June 30, 1992, sunset date was approved by the Labor-Management Relations Committee March 18.

Proponents of HF352 say that a 0.1 percent payroll tax charged to employers should be allowed to continue. The \$19 million dollars a year generated by the tax is used to retrain workers and assist them in returning to the work force.

In addition, the proposal authored by Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls) would expand the definition of dislocated worker to include some full-time homemakers.

Some legislators suggested that the question of lifting the sunset date should be debated next year to allow more time to evaluate the program that was created by the 1990 Legislature.

"What's the hurry here?" asked Rep. Jim Girard (IR-Lynd). "There is no reason to take action on this bill this session. The sunset doesn't happen until over a year from now."

Gerald Olson, president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, asked legislators not to "rush ahead before we can determine whether this program works."

But Clark says she wants to include homemakers in the program as soon as possible.

"We're supposed to have a state-run program that replicates and supplements a federal program," says Clark. "We want to come out of this session with a program that better meets everybody's needs."

The Department of Jobs and Training says it's too early to tell if the current program is effective.

"We're not here to speak against the [dislocated workers] program, we're here to talk against repealing the funding sunset," Commissioner Jane Brown told members at a March 11 meeting. She advocates revisiting the bill next session "to better determine if the program is doing what it's supposed to do."

When pressed by committee members, department officials couldn't answer how many dislocated workers had actually obtained jobs through the program.

No perk for state employees

The Governmental Operations Committee approved a Department of Administration housekeeping bill March 20, but not before deleting a controversial section from the measure.

When asked if state employees should be allowed to purchase personal computers under state contracts, seven members of the committee said yes. But 10 said no, thereby removing a portion of HF812 that would have allowed such purchases, which are currently not permitted.

A similar provision failed last session, but some think it's an idea that's long overdue.

"If you want efficient government, make these people efficient with the technology you expect them to be working with," says Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul), adding that encouraging home use of computers would translate into better job performance.

"That, in the long run, is good for the state," he says.

O'Connor says removing the provision is one more example of "bashing public employees for something that goes on in private industry every day."

But opponents say any employee benefits would be lost by the state becoming a "computer retailer," in direct competition with computer sales companies.

The Department of Administration notes that such purchases are currently allowed in community colleges and state universities throughout Minnesota, but that buying any supplies or materials through state contracts has never been authorized for state employees.

"This shoe has been around before," says Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker (IR-Minnetonka). And again this year, it doesn't fit.

Strikebreaker law

Despite objections that it will hurt Minnesota's business climate, a bill that would bar employers from hiring permanent workers to replace those on strike was approved March 18 on a 79-53 vote by the House.

HF304, proposed by Rep. Irv Anderson (DFL-Int'l Falls) has been sent to the Senate and is pending in its Employment Committee.

The bill would make it an unfair labor practice for an employer to offer a permanent job to a worker hired during a strike (see *Session Weekly*, March 1).

The bill had support from several labor groups, who argue that employers currently have an unfair advantage in strike negotiations because they can hire permanent replacement workers.

But in the House, the bill was criticized by some lawmakers, including Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon), who says the measure would hurt businesses, particularly small ones.

"It's an ill-founded law," says Sviggum. "It destroys balance in negotiations and at the heart of the problem it is going to negatively be affecting, if anybody, small business in this state to the detriment of all of our towns in rural Minnesota."

Critics also question whether the law is constitutional. Thirty states have similar "anti-strikebreaker" laws.

Residency requirement

A bill that could require new Minneapolis school teachers and other new city employees to live within city limits was approved by the House March 21 on a 96-36 vote.

The measure (HF291), authored by Rep. John Sarna (DFL-Mpls), would give city, school district, and other Minneapolis public agencies the authority to limit new hires to people living within Minneapolis' borders.

Although the bill has been strongly opposed by teacher, fire fighter, and municipal employee unions, vocal dissent on the House floor was limited to comments by Rep. Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park).

With Minneapolis schools expected to hire hundreds of new teachers soon, Schreiber says HF291 would severely limit the pool of teachers available to the city.

Sarna, however, disagreed. "We don't think we'll have any trouble getting qualified teachers or qualified people to live in our great city of Minneapolis," he says.

Supporters say a residency requirement will revitalize the Minneapolis inner city and provide urban youth with appropriate role models living in their neighborhoods.

The bill would exempt Minneapolis from a 1981 law that bans residency requirements.

HF291 is expected to be sent to the Senate's Local Government Committee for consideration.



Law

Mandatory police reviews

Minnesota police officers charged with misconduct would face a state-mandated process of disciplinary review if a bill Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center) authors becomes law.

The measure (HF67), heard March 15 by a Judiciary subcommittee, applies only to officers whose conduct is questioned in a written complaint, filed by either a citizen or a police official.

Such a review policy would safeguard the rights of accused officers while

providing improved recourse for citizens who report police abuses, says Carruthers. The proposed review process does not apply to officers facing criminal charges.

Dennis Flaherty, executive director of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, told the committee that review practices vary widely among the state's police departments, not all of whom are protected by collective bargaining or union agreements.

"What this bill would do is just insure that the officers would have some due process rights extended to them when they themselves are subjected to interrogation or the formal investigative process," says Flaherty.

But Tim Cole of the Minnesota Commission on Civil Rights suggested that the bill is nothing more than an attempt to infringe on the powers of the recently created Minneapolis Police Civilian Review Board.

Carruthers, however, says that's not so and pledged to eliminate language in the bill that critics say suggests such an infringement.

The Judiciary Committee's Civil Law Subcommittee took no action on the measure (HF67).

Checkpoint Dakota?

Public safety officials don't think large quantities of liquor are being smuggled into Minnesota from other states, but say they have too few people checking to make sure.

"We take the resources we have and utilize them the best we can," says Joe Novak, head of the Department of Public Safety's liquor control division.

"It's difficult for us to make border checks," Novak told members during a March 19 meeting of the Appropriations Committee's Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Regulations Division.

The division, unlike those in most states, has no direct arrest authority and must work in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies when clamping down on illegal alcohol activities.

"It's almost impossible, because we don't have any arrest powers," he says. "It's difficult for us to enforce that no matter how hard we try."

And to make matters worse, Novak says the agency lost two positions earlier this year due to state budget cutbacks.

Although the Legislature is considering increasing liquor taxes this year, Novak says he doesn't anticipate a big increase in people buying alcohol in other states to skirt paying higher taxes in Minnesota.

Crime victims' notification

Crime victims may be able to sleep a little better if a bill approved March 20 in the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division becomes law.

The measure (HF716) sponsored by Rep. Arthur Seaberg (IR-Eagan) would require that crime victims be told within six hours of the time the offender who harmed them escapes from prison, jail, or a mental facility — provided the victim asked to be notified.

Currently, authorities are only required to notify the victim when an offender is released from jail, prison, or mental facility.

The bill would also require prosecutors to notify victims within seven days of the disposition of the case in those instances where the victim is identifiable.

In addition, it would also waive the court costs for indigent people seeking temporary restraining orders, which are often used to protect the victims of domestic abuse.

The measure was referred to the Judiciary Committee for more discussion.

More fees for DWI offenders

The fee Minnesota DWI offenders must pay to have their drivers license re-issued would become the costliest in the nation if a bill the Transportation Committee approved March 20 becomes law.

The measure (HF705), authored by Rep. Jeff Hanson (DFL-Woodbury), would require DWI offenders to pay \$300 to get a license back — up from the current \$200 fee.

More than 38,000 Minnesota licenses were suspended in 1990 because of alcohol-related offenses, says Hanson. Reinstatement fees netted over \$5 million dollars for the state last year; Hanson estimates an extra \$2 million in revenue would be collected if the bill becomes law.

While 50 percent of the license reinstatement money goes to Minnesota counties to subsidize probation services for DWI offenders, more funds are needed, says Hanson.

"The costs of those probation services are increasing at a time when [state] local government aid is going to be diminishing . . . this is one way offenders can put money back into these accounts they're causing to be spent," he says.

But Rep. Connie Morrison (IR-Burnsville) challenged the proposed increase, saying the high fee may discourage convicted drunken drivers from getting their licenses back, but won't keep them off the road.

"Okay, your goal is to repay the cost of government. My goal is to get drunk drivers off the road. If your bill results in people not reinstating their licenses, therefore, having very little to lose by being caught one more time, what have we accomplished?" asked Morrison.

Hanson responded that the Minnesota chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving supported the flat \$300 fee as reasonable, but objected — on the same grounds — to an earlier draft of the bill that had much higher reinstatement fees.

HF705 was referred to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Corrections budget

Most state commissioners would probably be more than happy with a call for a 21.3 percent increase in their agency budget in the upcoming two-year spending cycle.

But Corrections Commissioner Orville Pung says he's only "fundamentally satisfied" with Gov. Arne Carlson's call for a \$58 million increase in the corrections budget.

Although the proposed increase appears large, it will probably only allow the department to keep pace with a large influx of prisoners brought about by the Legislature's recent spate of get-tough-on-crime bills.

Speaking to the Appropriations Committee's Human Resource Division March 18, Pung says the state's prison population is expected to continue rising and that even more funding will be

needed in the future.

The latest statistics show Minnesota adult inmate population at 3,270 in December 1990 and project an increase of almost 760 inmates by 1994 — a 23.2 percent increase.

In addition, he says the aging prison population will cause medical costs to increase as well. On average, the prison population is growing older just as the general population is.

The governor's proposed budget calls for \$330.6 million in spending in the 1992-93 biennium. Although that's a lot of money, the department spends less on state prisons per citizen than all but two other states — West Virginia and North Dakota — according to the department's biennial report.

In addition, the department is one of only nine states that have not been under court order to reduce prison populations.



Government

Doling out new districts

Drawing a good redistricting plan is more than just meeting the minimal constitutional requirements, says Charles Backstrom, who has spent a good portion of his life studying reapportionment.

The University of Minnesota professor on March 20 gave the Redistricting Committee a historical perspective on the "boundary wars" of Minnesota since 1857.

Although today the "one person, one vote" principle is used to create districts of nearly equal size, before 1900, equal representation didn't exist, says Backstrom. A clause in the state Constitution calling for districts "apportioned equally in proportion to population" was largely ignored by the Legislature.

Instead of redrawing boundaries to balance district populations, lawmakers boosted their own numbers every 10 years or so. New representatives were doled out by county, which, in effect, created new districts.

Remnants of these parochial designations are still in evidence today; the House speaker will still occasionally identify a member as the representative from a specific county, even though the district may contain portions of other

counties.

But this 'addition' system only increased population inequalities, with the Twin Cities area historically coming up short. Backstrom calculates that as late as 1959, the metro area was under-represented at the Capitol by 50 percent.

Today, lawmakers are held to tighter standards under the watchful eyes of the court system.

Still, court rulings often seem contradictory. The U.S. Supreme Court in 1983 upheld a Wyoming reapportionment plan with a difference in some district populations of 89 percent. Curiously, on that same day in 1983, the court tossed out a plan with an overall range in district size of less than 1 percent.

To develop a plan strong enough to withstand any court challenge, Minnesota House committee members are aiming for less than a 2 percent deviation in population between districts.

House districts will have about 32,650 people each. But math isn't the only thing members need to consider. Other variables in the boundary equation include preserving communities of interest, such as racial and language minority groups, and drawing districts that are "contiguous and compact," according to a resolution the Redistricting Committee approved March 19.

"This is the toughest bill the Legislature has to pass," Backstrom says. And he should know. In 1964, he was appointed by then Gov. Karl Rolvaag to serve on a redistricting commission. The plan they developed was promptly rejected by the Legislature. In turn, the Legislature came up with their own plan, which the governor vetoed. The Legislature then sued the governor.

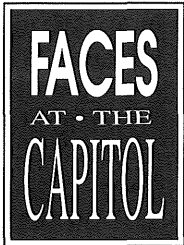
Nobody said the process was easy or pretty.

March 20, 1858

On this day, Kandiyohi County was established and named with a Dakota word meaning "where the buffalo fish come." Fish swim upstream in the region's rivers to spawn.

'Father Hamburger' . . .

Chaplain sees no conflict in church/state stew



To friends, he's known as "Father Hamburger," and he jokes that his altar boys are "Hamburger Helpers."

He's Msgr. James D. Habiger, executive director of the St. Paul-based Minnesota Catholic Conference and — for the second session in a row — chaplain of the Minnesota House of Representatives.

His job is straightforward: to deliver the prayer at the start of each House session. More often than not, however, someone other than Habiger delivers the invocation, but it's Habiger's job to line them up.

"It's an interesting position," Habiger says of his job, "and it's a rich position in the friendships you make and the chance to participate in making great things happen."

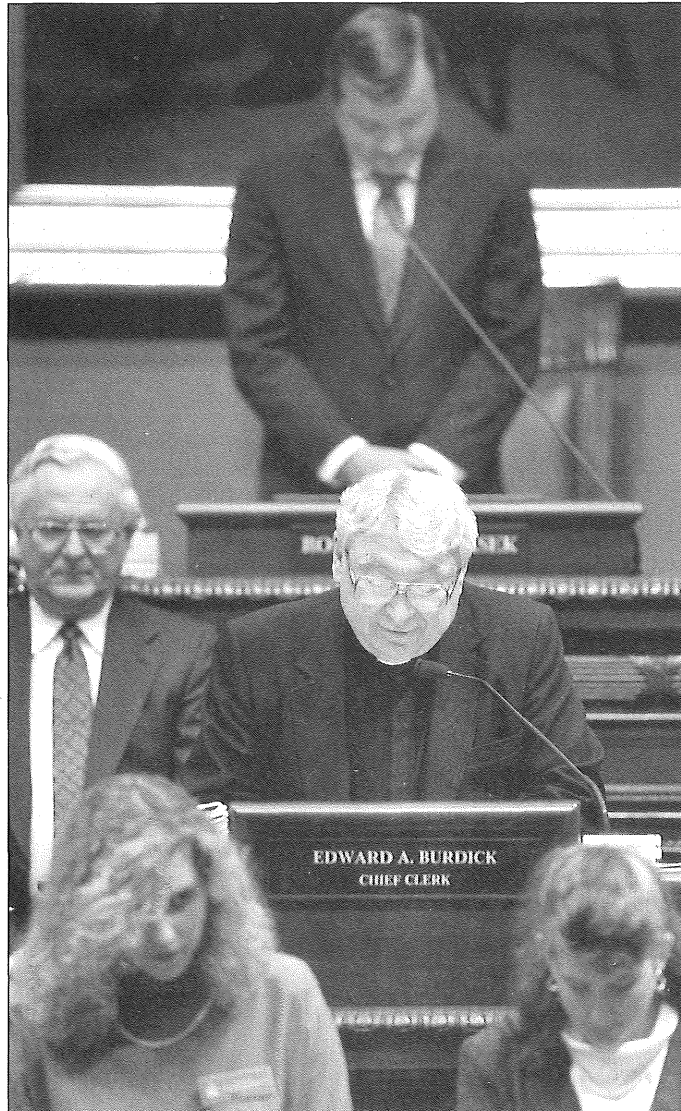
A stop in the House retiring room brings him plenty of attention, almost as if he were a senior statesman. Legislators walk over to say hello, suggest a local minister for the House prayer, or to ask for prayers for a friend.

Habiger's background includes stints as a pastor and president of the ministerial association in Winona, as well as experience as a high school teacher and principal. He's served as superintendent of education for the Winona diocese. Habiger also is on the board of directors for the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, a group that offers a common religious voice in lobbying state lawmakers.

At the urging of House Speaker Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague), Habiger was first elected House chaplain during the 1989 legislative session.

Although he's technically a public official (he receives a stipend for his duties), Habiger is still a lobbyist, a characterization that's acceptable to him. As head of the Minnesota Catholic Conference, Habiger says he and other religious leaders will press issues with legislators.

"We bring to the lawmakers, through a bipartisan way, the concerns of the poor,



House Chaplain Father James Habiger delivers the prayer at the start of a House session.

the homeless, and the humble," Habiger says. "We try to bring the moral dimension of these issues to the discussion."

And Habiger has plenty of things to say about the issues facing state government, such as the condition of agriculture and the environment. One of the biggest issues of this session — how to deal with a projected \$1.2 billion budget shortfall in the next biennium — also is put into a moral and religious context by Habiger.

"The call for budget cuts should not drown out the cry of the homeless and the hungry," he says. Habiger wants to remind lawmakers that "taxation is the process by which

people collect their resources . . . to take care of those people who have not."

Rules for the prayer are simple, Habiger explains. The prayer must be "gender inclusive," must recognize the disparate tenets of religious beliefs and must be short, usually about a minute.

Theoretically, the prayer may come from any religion, but Habiger admits, "There are certain prayer styles that might have trouble with the time limit."

Habiger is well aware of those who question the use of a chaplain by the Legislature, but, he says, "The separation of church and state can never demand the separation of church from society."

— Andris Straumanis

Smith ready to 'bang heads' with system

Although Steve Smith says he's not a career politician, his recent history has been marked by a snowballing commitment to public life.

It started, recalls Smith, with a one-term stint on the Mound City Council beginning in 1985. He then won two terms as mayor of Mound, serving from 1987 to 1990, before running for the state House when former representative John Burger retired.

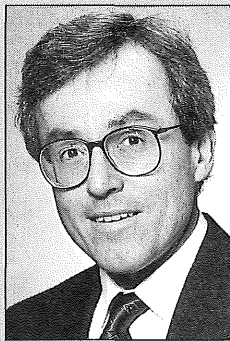
As with his original candidacy for city council, the motive behind Smith's House campaign was simple. "I got involved because I saw some things I didn't like and I wanted to try to change them," the IR lawmaker says.

The biggest of those concerns is property taxes.

"People [in District 43A] perceive property taxes as being out of control, that we are unfairly burdened in the west Hennepin, Lake Minnetonka area," he says.

He points to the state's complicated three-tier property tax system, coupled with ever-inflating real estate values, as the source of his constituent's unrest. Smith says his constituents are not only disturbed by the way property taxes are raised, but also in how they are distributed.

And although the spread of Eurasian



Steve Smith

District 43A

Age: 41

Home: Mound

Occupation: Attorney

District traits: 43A includes the cities of Excelsior, Long Lake, Minnetonka Beach, Minnetrista, Mound, Orono, St. Bonifacius, Shorewood, Spring Park, and Tonka Bay. The district voted for Rudy Boschwitz over Paul Wellstone in the 1990 U.S. Senate election by a margin of 56.9-to-43.1 percent.

water milfoil and boating safety issues are not of paramount concern to a lot of Minnesotans, they are a very big topic in the district that includes Lake Minnetonka, he says.

In District 43A, where ten cities are arranged around a Lake Minnetonka centerpiece, Smith says the lake itself often is the big issue.

With his years of experience as a family law attorney and background in local government, Smith says he feels well-prepared to penetrate the Byzantine workings of state government.

Legal training, he says, taught him the mechanical basics: what a law is, and how it gets into the books. But working with the

law has given him more significant insights.

"You tend to know what laws work well, which ones don't, and maybe how they can be changed," he explains.

Smith sits on the Judiciary Committee, where he foresees an opportunity to work on some favorite legislation in the Family Law Subcommittee. Smith says one of his priorities — as a relatively new father of a two-year-old son, Ryan — is to strengthen private in-home day-care.

And Smith says he's ready to bang his head against the wall for those priorities.

"I've already had six years of banging my head against the wall with the city of Mound. I can tell you that oftentimes it hurts, but occasionally you succeed in doing something."

Supreme Court okays legislative chaplains

That church and state should be separate is a basic tenet of American society. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution spells this out by prohibiting government from preferring one faith over another.

So how does Minnesota, not to mention many other states, get by allowing the Legislature to start its day with a prayer?

The simple answer is that's the way it's always been. And the U.S. Supreme Court upheld that position in its ruling on the Nebraska Legislature's chaplaincy program.

Ernest Chambers, a Nebraska legislator, sued the state arguing that his legislature's use of a chaplain — who is paid with public money — violated the U.S. Constitution.

A federal district court allowed the state to keep its chaplain, but took away his pay. The federal appeals court, however, banned the chaplain altogether.

But the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the appeals court's decision, saying history was on the side of the chaplain. Con-

gress, Chief Justice Warren Burger noted, had used chaplains for 200 years.

"To invoke Divine guidance on a public body entrusted with making laws is not, in these circumstances, an 'establishment' of religion or a step toward establishment," Burger wrote in the court's opinion. "It is simply a tolerable acknowledgment of beliefs widely held among the people of the country."

Justice John Paul Stevens, however, didn't agree. In a dissenting opinion, he questioned the open-mindedness of legislative chaplain programs.

"Prayers may be said by a Catholic priest in the Massachusetts Legislature," Stevens wrote, "and by a Presbyterian minister in the Nebraska Legislature, but I would not expect to find a Jehovah's Witness or a disciple of Mary Baker Eddy [founder of the Christian Science church] or the Reverend Moon serving as the official chaplain in any state legislature."

Mariani carries out campaign housing pledge

During the 1990 campaign, Carlos Mariani said one of his top priorities as a state lawmaker would be finding affordable housing for low- and moderate-income Minnesotans.

Less than five months after his election to the House, the DFLer is chairing a House subcommittee on community revitalization issues, which held its first hearings this week.

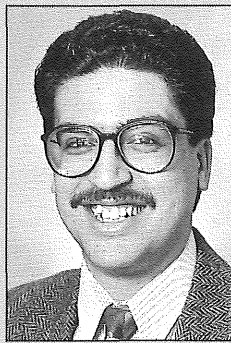
Mariani says he intends to capitalize on the assignment by keeping "people issues" in the public eye during a political season when the state's fiscal problems have monopolized headlines.

Mariani and other subcommittee members are examining how to use existing state programs and funds to re-energize older neighborhoods. He says the state can better target its resources in those areas to help rebuild crumbling homes and small businesses, and provide the social programs designed to keep residents in the neighborhoods.

"It combines the physical element with the human element," Mariani says of the revitalization subcommittee.

He cites community action groups in north Minneapolis and in his home district in St. Paul that show how neighbors can band together to tackle tough issues such as crime, drugs, racism, and improving sub-standard housing.

While the state provides some of the



Carlos Mariani

District 65B

Age: 33

Home: St. Paul

Occupation: Social issues program developer

District traits: The working class district in west St. Paul is home to Minnesota's largest Hispanic community. The heavily DFL district voted for Paul Wellstone over Rudy Boschwitz in the 1990 U.S. Senate election by a 69.9-to-30 percent margin.

initial resources to get the programs off the ground, Mariani says it's the neighborhood residents who keep them moving ahead.

"It's the same process that comes up with the social services," he says. "The push behind it comes from the people."

Mariani has long been active in neighborhood causes. The Chicago native moved to Minnesota 16 years ago and quickly became involved with the Twin Cities' Spanish-speaking community, most recently serving as director of Hispanic Ministries for the Minnesota Council of Churches.

As one of two Hispanics now serving in the Legislature (Rep. Edwina Garcia is the other), Mariani says his election symbolizes the trend of Spanish-speaking Minnesotans moving into mainstream politics.

"It's important for many Hispanics just to know someone from their community is there," he says. "It's a feeling of empowerment. They now have expectations they can have an advocate, a voice in the Legislature."

But he is quick to point out that he is not at the state Capitol only to represent selected interests from his district, which covers a large part of the West Seventh Street neighborhood and portions of downtown and Crocus Hill. Although Hispanics comprise a sizable portion of the District 65B population, they are not a majority.

"There is a responsibility for people of color to assume more leadership roles for all communities," he says. "There's no one way to do that. All you can do is keep plugging away, challenging preconceptions."

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Key to Committee/Division Abbreviations

AG	AGRICULTURE	EG	ENERGY	HO	HOUSING
AGR	AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	EH	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING	JU	JUDICIARY
AP	APPROPRIATIONS	EM	EMPLOYMENT	JU/crjus	Criminal Justice Division
AP/ecir	Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulation Div.	EN	ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES	LA	LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
AP/ed	Education Division	EP	ENERGY & PUBLIC UTILITIES	LG	LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
AP/enr	Environment & Natural Resources Division	ET	ETHICS	LO	LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AP/hr	Human Resources Division	FI	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE	MA	METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
AP/sg	State Government Division	FI/bk	Banking Division	RA	RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
CO	COMMERCE	FN	FINANCE	RE	REDISTRICTING
EC	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	GL	GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING	RI	REGULATED INDUSTRIES
EC/itt	International Trade & Technology Division	GL/elec	Elections Division	RU	RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION
ED	EDUCATION	GL/vet	Veterans Affairs Division	TA	TAXES
ED/edfin	Education Finance Division	GO	GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS	TR	TRANSPORTATION
ED/high	Higher Education Division	GO/gs	Government Structures Division	TT	TAXES & TAX LAWS
ED/ef	Education Funding Division	GR	GAMING REGULATION	VG	VETERANS & GENERAL LEGISLATION
EE	ELECTIONS & ETHICS	HH	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	WM	WAYS & MEANS

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SF0557	Price		3/4 CO	CO	3/18 rp							
HF0415	Sparby	Farm equipment—dealerships	2/21 CO	CO	3/21 rpa							
SF0484	Hottinger		2/28 CO	CO	3/18 rp							
HF0674	Brown	Funeral trusts—Medical	3/7 CO	CO	3/21 rp							
Sf0645	Solon	Assistance requirements	3/7 CO									
		EDUCATION										
HF0121	Jaros	Volunteer corps—USSR, Eastern	1/28 ED	ED	3/21 rpa	reCO						
SF0553	Hottinger	Europe business instruction	3/4 EH									
HF0173	Rukavina	Univ. of Minn.—collective	1/31 ED	ED	3/21 rp	reGO						
SF0447	Pogemiller	bargaining units	2/25 GO									
HF0175	A. Johnson	Elementary school guidance	2/4 ED	ED	3/20 h	reED/high						
SF0751	Traub	counselors authorized	3/14 ED									
HF0499	O'Connor	Missing children records flagged	2/25 ED	ED	3/21 rp							
SF0158	Waldorf		2/4 ED									
HF0532	Scheid	School food funds—increase	2/28 ED	ED	3/20 h							
SF0519	Reichgott		2/28 ED									
HF0541	Runbeck	School districts—additional	2/28 ED	ED	3/18 a	reED/edfin						
SF0399	Knaak	members authorized	2/21 ED									
		Education Finance Division EDUCATION										
HF0421	Bauerly	Grade schools—development, learning aid	2/21 ED	ED/edfin	3/20 h							
HF0651	Rodosovich	State academies—	3/4 ED	ED/edfin	3/21 h							
SF0577	Neuville	cost reimbursements	3/4 ED									

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		Higher Education Division EDUCATION										
HF0455	Thompson	Community colleges—merger with state university system	2/25 ED	ED/high	3/20 h							
		ENERGY										
HF0910	Bodahl	Low-income housing— energy efficient	3/18 EG	EG	3/21 rp							
HF0911	Hausman	Commercial buildings—energy efficient	3/18 EG	EG	3/20 h							
		ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES										
HF0322	Wagenius	Waste management—	2/14 EN	EN	3/21 rpa	reAP						
SF0257	Merriam	state recycling program	2/11 EN									
HF0637	Kahn	Environmental trust fund, LCMR	3/4 EN	EN	3/21 rp	reAP						
SF0621	Dahl	clarified	3/7 EN									
HF0602	Begich	Pesticide application—written approval requirement	3/4 EN	EN	3/19 rpa							
HF0694	Long	Environmental enforcement act, 1991	3/7 EN	EN	3/21 rpa	reJU						
HF0783	Bishop	Water wells—technical changes	3/11 EN	EN	3/21 rpa	reAP						
SF0842	Morse		3/18 EN									
		FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE										
HF0012	Skoglund	Insurance company solvency	1/9 FI	FI	3/20 a							
SF0037	Luther		1/14 CO									
HF0093	Onnen	Health insurance—small businesses	1/24 FI	FI	3/14 h							
HF0095	Onnen	Insurance—underwriting practices restricted	1/24 FI	FI	3/14 h							
HF0208	Simoneau	Insurance—small employer health	2/4 FI	FI	3/14 h, a							
SF0501	Merriam	benefit act	2/28 CO									
HF0234	Dawkins	Language translators— insurance coverage	2/7 FI	FI	3/14 rpa							
HF0351	Gruenes	Insurance—coverage for uninsured residents	2/14 FI	FI	3/14 h, a							
SF0181	D. Benson		2/4 HH	HH	2/18 h							
HF0816	Reding	Health—outcome-based pilot project	3/13 FI	FI	3/14 h							
		Banking Division FINANCIAL INST. & INSURANCE										
HF0613	Dawkins	Credit unions—supervisory	3/4 FI	FI/bk	3/18 h							
SF0547	Cohen	committees	3/4 CO									

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HF0697	Reding	Credit unions—supervisory	3/7 FI	FI/bk	3/18 rpa	reFI						
SF0673	Spear	committees, state depository	3/7 CO									
		GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING										
HF0224	Kinkel	Constitutional amendment—	2/7 GL	GL	3/21 rpa	reRU						
SF0144	Samuelson	bonus to Iraqi conflict servicemen	1/31 VG	VG	2/20 rp	reFN*						
HF0408	Bauerly	Animals—carcass disposal	2/21 GL	GL	3/21 rp	reAG						
SF0391	Bertram	options provided	2/20 AG									
HF0424	Sviggum	Athletic officials—penalty for	2/21 GL	GL	3/21 rpa							
SF0445	Hottinger	assaults	2/25 ED									
HF0471	Ogren	Special Olympics—supporting	2/25 GL	GL	3/21 rpa							
SF0436	Luther	resolution	2/25 VG									
		Elections Division GENERAL LEGISLATION										
HF0478	Lasley	Election provisions changed	2/25 GL	GL/elec	3/19 a							
SF0508	Hughes		2/28 EE									
		Veterans Affairs Division GENERAL LEGISLATION										
HF0426	Beard	Tuition exemption—	2/21 GL	GL/vet	3/19 rpa	reGL						
SF0444	Price	Gulf War veterans	2/25 VG	VG	3/7 rpa	reED						
		GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS										
HF0041	Rukavina	Pensions—Virginia firefighters relief	1/14 GO	GO	3/20 rpa							
SF0072	Dicklich	association	1/22 GO	GO	3/14 rpa							
HF0044	Begich	Pensions—Eveleth police, fire	1/14 GO	GO	3/20 rp							
SF0005	D.J. Johnson	trust fund	1/9 GO	GO	3/18 rpa							
HF0161	Solberg	Pensions—Nashwauk police relief	1/31 GO	GO	3/20 rp							
SF0162	Lessard	association	2/4 GO	GO	3/18 rp							
HF0167	Segal	Mental health—advisory council chair	1/31 GO	GO	3/20 rp							
SF0769	Storm		3/14 GO									
HF0522	I. Anderson	Pensions—appointed public officer	2/28 GO	GO	3/20 rp							
SF0567	Lessard	buy-backs	3/4 GO	GO	3/18 rpa							
HF0812	S. Nelson	Department bill—administration	3/11 GO	GO	3/20 rpa							
SF0233	Waldorf		2/11 GO	GO	3/11 rpa	reFN						
		Government Structures Division GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS										
HF0058	Jaros	State government—decentralization	1/22 GO	GO/gs	3/18 rpa	reGO						
SF0428	Solon	study	2/25 GO	GO								
HF0585	K. Olson	Child service task force—creation	3/4 GO	GO/gs	3/18 h							
SF0332	Hottinger		2/18 HH									

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		HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES										
HF0227	Cooper	Loan forgiveness, training program—	2/7 HH	HH	3/21 rpa*	reAP						
SF0258	Vickerman	health occupations	2/11 HH									
HF0251	Solberg	Home delivered meals—supplemental	2/7 HH	HH	3/21 rpa	reAP						
SF0415	Dicklich	funds authorization	2/25 HH									
HF0438	Ostrom	Human services personnel—appeal	2/21 HH	HH	3/21 a							
SF0342	Frederickson	provisions	2/18 HH									
HF0458	Clark	Early childhood council created	2/25 HH	HH	3/21 a							
SF0475	Piper		2/28 HH									
HF0529	Orenstein	Child vaccination requirements—	2/28 HH	HH	3/21 rpa							
SF0583	Flynn	clarified	3/4 HH	HH	3/18 rpa							
HF0610	Leppik	Community support services	3/4 HH	HH	3/21 h							
SF0488	Storm	program—defined	2/28 HH									
HF0691	Rodosovich	WIC program funding increase	3/7 HH	HH	3/21 rp	reAP						
SF0665	Vickerman		3/7 HH									
HF0692	Rodosovich	Home delivered meals—funding	3/7 HH	HH	3/21 rp	reAP						
SF0670	Vickerman	increase	3/7 HH									
		HOUSING										
HF0714	Clark	Mortgage, rental assistance—	3/7 HO	HO	3/18 h							
SF0951	Pogemiller	pilot project	3/21 EC									
		JUDICIARY										
HF0071	Morrison	Marriage dissolution—include name	1/22 JU	JU	3/21 rpa							
SF0594	Pariseau	variants, aliases	3/4 JU									
HF0148	Dawkins	Probate—estate limits increased	1/31 JU	JU	3/7 rpa		3/18	131-0				
SF0246	Hottinger		2/11 JU	JU	2/28 rpa		3/7	58-0	3/13			
HF0345	Vellenga	Sexual abuse—statute of limitations	2/14 JU	JU	3/21 rpa							
SF0433	Reichgott		2/25 JU									
		Criminal Justice Division										
		JUDICIARY										
HF0174	Ozment	Disorderly conduct—defined	2/4 JU	JU/crjus	3/20 rp	reJU						
SF0206	Pariseau		2/7 JU									
HF0593	Orfield	DWI assessment charges—increased	3/4 TR	JU/crjus	3/20 rp	reJU						
SF0494	Spear		2/28 JU									
HF0647	Solberg	Timber harvesting—penalties	3/4 JU	JU/crjus	3/20 rpa	reJU						
SF0588	Finn		3/4 JU									
HF0716	Seaberg	Crime victims—notification	3/7 JU	JU/crjus	3/20 rpa	reJU						
SF0605	kelly		3/7 JU									

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		LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS										
HF0304	I. Anderson	Labor strikes—permanent	2/14 LA	LA	2/28 rp		3/18	78-54				
SF0597	Chmielewski	replacements prohibited	3/4 EM									
HF0352	Clark	Dislocated worker fund eligibility—	2/14 LA	LA	3/18 rpa							
SF0384	Frank	extended	2/20 EM									
		LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS										
HF0068	Lieder	Airport plan extended—	1/22 LG	LG	3/21 rp							
SF0075	Langseth	Minneapolis-St. Paul	1/22 MA	MA	3/11 rp		3/21	64-0				
HF0178	Kelso	Abstractors—insurance liabilities	2/4 LG	LG	3/21 rp							
SF0426	Johnston		2/25 CO									
HF0349	Vellenga	St. Paul—hotel/motel tax increase	2/14 GL	LG	3/21 rp	reTA						
SF0333	Kelly		2/18 LG	LG	3/21	reTA						
		REGULATED INDUSTRIES										
HF0683	Jacobs	Liquor—state, local regulation	3/7 RI	RI	3/18 h, a							
SF0683	Solon		3/11 CO									
		REDISTRICTING										
HF0635	Rodosovich	Reapportionment—deadlines, goals	3/4 RE	RE	3/20 rpa	reGL						
SF0643	Pogemiller	provided	3/7 RE	RE	3/21 rpa	reFN						
HF0810	Rodosovich	Elections—special elections restricted	3/11 RE	RE	3/19 rpa	reGL						
		TRANSPORTATION										
HF0100	Cooper	Health coverage—ambulance	1/24 HH	TR	3/20 rpa	reGO						
SF0112	Frederickson	personnel plan established	1/28 CO									
HF0106	Dauner	Town road funds—March 1 deadline	1/24 TR	TR	3/20 rp							
SF0092	Langseth		1/28 TR									
HF0155	Bishop	Automobile towing—regulations	1/31 JU	TR	3/7 rpa		3/18	128-1				
SF0816	Brataas		3/18 TR									
HF0466	Bauerly	Wreckers—redefined	2/25 TR	TR	3/20 rpa							
SF0478	Davis		2/28 TR									
HF0491	Dauner	Highways—adding Route 392 to	2/25 TR	TR	3/20 rp*							
SF0217	Langseth	system	2/7 TR	TR	3/11 rp							
HF0515	Lasley	Commercial drivers licenses—	2/28 TR	TR	3/20 rpa							
SF0195	Bertram	housekeeping	2/7 TR									
HF0606	Brown	Mn/DOT housekeeping	3/4 TR	TR	3/20 rpa*							
SF0528	Riveness		2/28 TR	TR	3/18 rpa	reEN						
HF0705	Hanson	Drivers license fees—DWI	3/7 TR	TR	3/20 rpa	reAP						
		reimbursement increase										
HF0731	R. Anderson	Trunk Highway Route North 392— redefined	3/7 TR	TR	3/20 rp*							

*HFs 0491, 0731 incorporated into HF0606

Bill Introductions

HF877 — HF1062

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HF877—Johnson, A. (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Special seasons and limits authorized for hunters who have a physical disability.

HF878—Rodosovich (DFL)

Energy

Public utility definition modified.

HF879—Clark (DFL)

Housing

Housing and urban development secretary memorialized to place an immediate injunction upon the HUD master agreement and new lease agreement, and develop a lease to assist homeless people to become homeowners.

HF880—Trimble (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Ditching and draining services tax imposed; tax revenue to be credited to the environment and natural resources trust fund.

HF881—Peterson (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Goose zone permits; certain fees prohibited.

HF882—Blatz (IR)

Transportation

Littering fines increased.

HF883—Osthoff (DFL)

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

State fair, state agricultural society; building and contracting exceptions provided.

HF884—Hausman (DFL)

Energy

Nuclear power plants; certificate of need issuance for construction of new plants prohibited until the public utilities commission is satisfied that there is a safe disposal method available.

HF885—Nelson, K. (DFL)

Education

Extended day and adult basic education provisions modified, teacher licensing and mentoring program funding provided, and printing options extended.

HF886—O'Connor (DFL)

Governmental Operations

St. Paul police and firefighters relief associations made eligible for certain investment related post-retirement adjustments via reduced population requirements.

HF887—Reding (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Deer hunters allowed two deer under certain conditions.

HF888—Clark (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Child service costs; parents not required to pay child service costs if payment would cause a hardship.

HF889—Girard (IR)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Fire and rescue equipment borrowing authority expanded for local governments.

HF890—Rukavina (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Recycling programs expanded for counties and required for certain cities; packaging materials restricted; and five-year moratorium placed on new solid waste incinerators.

HF891—Orenstein (DFL)

Judiciary

Coroner and medical examiner information released to law enforcement agencies investigating a death.

HF892—Hausman (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Community-based long-term care program grants established for living-at-home/block nurse programs, with money appropriated.

HF893—Olson, K. (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Insurance

Educational cooperative service unit self-insurance pools exempted from certain requirements.

HF894—Uphus (IR)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Conflict of interest provisions changed for certain local government officials relating to commercial contracts.

HF895—Uphus (IR)

Commerce

Creditors exempted from credit agreement signature requirements.

HF896—Anderson, I. (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Deer licenses; husband and wife deer license created.

HF897—Jefferson (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Minneapolis municipal employee retirement and post-retirement provisions modified relating to liabilities, adjustments, optional annuities, and survivor benefits.

HF898—Jefferson (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Minneapolis municipal employee retirement and post-retirement provisions modified relating to liabilities, adjustments, optional annuities, and survivor benefits, and an additional employer amortization contribution provided.

HF899—Hufnagle (IR)

Regulated Industries

Nonessential telephone (pay-per-call) service charges incurred by minors not collectable without subscriber authorization.

HF900—Hufnagle (IR)

Health & Human Services

Nursing home bed moratorium exception provided.

HF901—Hufnagle (IR)

Transportation

State-aid highway No. 18, Hennepin county, appropriated money for upgrading construction costs.

HF902—Frederick (IR)

Taxes

Materials exempted from taxation when used or consumed in the production of certain taxable services.

HF903—Uphus (IR)

Taxes

Self-employed health insurance deduction allowed.

HF904—Uphus (IR)

Health & Human Services

Nursing home bed moratorium exception provided.

HF905—Reding (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Experimental waters for fishing habitat prohibited in specified counties.

HF906—Uphus (IR)

Agriculture

Carcass disposal options provided.

HF907—Krueger (DFL)
Economic Development
Greater Minnesota corporation provided change in name and primary focus.

HF908—Trimble (DFL)
Energy
Renters and low-income families to be the primary focus of residential energy conservation programs.

HF909—Trimble (DFL)
Energy
Low-income energy assistance advisory task force and unclaimed deposits start-up fund created, and money appropriated.

HF910—Bodahl (DFL)
Energy
Low-income housing required to be built according to energy efficiency standards.

HF911—Hausman (DFL)
Energy
Energy efficient rebate and surcharge program established for new commercial buildings.

HF912—Olson, K. (DFL)
Energy
Low-income energy assistance recipients charged lowest heating oil rates by vendors receiving energy assistance money.

HF913—Bauerly (DFL)
Commerce
Amusement ride permits and inspections required, and money appropriated.

HF914—Lasley (DFL)
Environment and Natural Resources
Otter Tail county authorized to return certain land donated to the state.

HF915—Runbeck (IR)
Housing
Ombudsman created for manufactured home residents, rules authorized for collection of fees from park owners, and money appropriated.

HF916—Solberg (DFL)
Judiciary
Timber roads; state, political subdivisions, and owners provided tort liability for claims arising out of the public use of timber roads.

HF917—Pelowski (DFL)
Commerce
Sales of previously leased or rented vehicles required license for each nonmetropolitan area county in which sales are to take place.

HF918—Thompson (DFL)
Environment and Natural Resources
Antlerless deer permits authorized, certain landowners and veterans granted preference.

HF919—Winter (DFL)
Taxes
Mortgage registration tax on reverse mortgages and administrative changes provided.

HF920—Trimble (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Chlorofluorocarbons; recycled (CFCs) to comply with certain standards.

HF921—McEachern (DFL)
Education
Criminal defense costs; reimbursement of school district employees authorized.

HF922—Ostrom (DFL)
Judiciary
Witnesses and passersby required to render aid to shooting accident victims.

HF923—Stanisus (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Raccoon and fox designated as unprotected wild animals.

HF924—Kelso (DFL)
Regulated Industries
Public utilities allowed to recover economic and community development expenses.

HF925—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
Regional library services special levy changed.

HF926—Orenstein (DFL)
Judiciary
Victim services and rights office created, sexual violence and general crime victims advisory council established, and the director of the office of victim services authorized to administer grants-in-aid for crime victims programs.

HF927—Wagenius (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Mercury level maximums in batteries established.

HF928—Solberg (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs and Gaming
Persian Gulf war surviving dependents to receive post-secondary education assistance.

HF929—Brown (DFL)
Agriculture
Bovine growth hormone (BST) ban extended until 1992.

HF930—Krueger (DFL)
Economic Development
Science and technology division established within the office of the governor with money appropriated.

HF931—O'Connor (DFL)
Commerce
Restraint of trade; evidentiary presumption provided in resale price maintenance cases.

HF932—Olsen, S. (IR)
Judiciary
Female offender programs to include juveniles and grant-in-aid expanded for program development by counties and agencies.

HF933—Bertram (DFL)
Taxes
Fire state aid formula amended for local governments.

HF934—Johnson, A. (DFL)
Transportation
Salvage certificate of title not valid for motor vehicle registration.

HF935—Pugh (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Firearm safety certificate required for certain persons before issuance of a hunting license.

HF936—Sparby
Health & Human Services
Child service costs; parents not required to pay child service costs if payment would cause a hardship.

HF937—Abrams (IR)
Education
Independent school district No. 284, Wayzata, authorized early referendum

HF938—Nelson, S. (DFL)
Agriculture
Dairy prices; memorializes Congress and the president to expedite passage of a law establishing class 1 dairy support prices at the market levels prevailing on August 1, 1990.

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HF939—Schreiber (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Maple Grove, Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and Coon Rapids allowed special levy increase.

HF940—Stanisus (IR)
Environment and Natural Resources
Sanction enforcement provided for hunting under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

HF941—Bodahl (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Pheasant and duck stamp to be included in issuing fee provision.

HF942—Dawkins (DFL)
Energy
Power facilities to justify use of nonrenewable resources for new large energy facilities.

HF943—Weaver (IR)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Public elementary and secondary school events prohibited on general and special election days.

HF944—Dorn (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Public elementary and secondary school events prohibited on regularly scheduled election days.

HF945—Hartle (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Firearm safety and wildlife identification courses required for certain hunters.

HF946—Runbeck (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Salary freeze, appropriation limit, legislative fund carryover restriction, and unexpected fund determination provisions provided.

HF947—Farrell (DFL)
Commerce
Property claims; expenses accrued for claims made in other states provided payment.

HF948—Valento (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Municipal boundary commission provided duties.

HF949—Valento (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Plat monument recording authorized before actual placement.

HF950—McEachern (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Boarding care and board and lodging facility residents exempted from fishing license requirement.

HF951—Dorn (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Mankato and North Mankato allowed to incur debt and impose a sales tax for Riverfront 2000 expenses.

HF952—Hanson (DFL)
Judiciary
Conviction to include failure to comply with a judicially issued notice to appear in court related to motor vehicle violations.

HF953—Jaros (DFL)
Taxes
Duluth food and beverage service tax sunset repealed.

HF954—Jaros (DFL)
Governmental Operations
St. Louis county employee granted two months maternity leave service credit.

HF955—Jaros (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Family planning grants provided additional funding, medical assistance outreach program for pregnant women established, and money appropriated.

HF956—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Employer-paid health insurance provided as incentive for early retirement of public employees.

HF957—Anderson, I. (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Rental agreements for state land extended to 20 years for political subdivisions and state agencies.

HF958—Sparby (DFL)
Economic Development
Aquaculture development act adopted.

HF959—Simoneau (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Food service contractors included in school district comparable work job evaluation systems, and equitable wage required.

HF960—Dawkins (DFL)
Regulated Industries
Customer access allowed to utility and telephone company nonregulated services.

HF961—Nelson, S. (DFL)
Agriculture
Farmer-lender mediation act to include extension service mediation fees.

HF962—Segal (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Specialized children's mental health resources commission established and residential treatment required.

HF963—Anderson, I. (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Deer license issued without a fee to residents 70 years old or older.

HF964—Winter (DFL)
Taxes
Tax increment financing; qualifying captured tax capacity not to include an exempt district, and eligible duration limit increased to 13 years.

HF965—Welker (IR)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Health care plans established for residents not covered by other plans and minimum benefits provided, with money appropriated.

HF966—O'Connor (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Rule of 85 adopted for state and public employees and teachers.

HF967—Blatz (IR)
Judiciary
Child support guidelines extended to all court orders and child support guidelines deviation standards established.

HF968—Winter (DFL)
Economic Development
Economic development policy commission established and money appropriated.

HF969—Schreiber (IR)
Taxes
Metropolitan; fiscal disparities program definitions to include assessor's market value of the net tax capacity of real and personal property.

HF970—Blatz (IR)
Judiciary
Volunteer service act; immunity from civil liability provided for injuries incurred from volunteer activities.

HF971—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Efficiency incentive payments used by nursing homes to correct licensing violations, inflationary increases provided, and payments withheld for uncorrected violations.

HF972—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Child support law enforcement to become responsibility of the state; feasibility study authorized.

HF973—Kelso (DFL)
Education
Teachers severance pay conditions provided.

HF974—Pugh (DFL)
Appropriations
Finance department bill; uses of imprest funds, warrant cancellation, data search costs, conditions and uses of bonds, and certain account rules provided, and money appropriated.

HF975—Stanisius (IR)
Commerce
Fishing tournament entrants required to purchase stamps and revenue dedicated.

HF976—Sparby (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Petrofund reimbursement to include interest costs.

HF977—Solberg (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Oil and hazardous substance discharges; prescribing who must prevent, prepare for, and respond to worst case spills, authorizing certain commissioners to order compliance.

<p>HF978—Orfield (DFL) Energy Governor required to submit a biennial report on energy and the environment.</p> <p>HF979—Stanisus (IR) Judiciary Seizure-related conditions; opportunity for probable cause hearing authorized before license can be cancelled.</p> <p>HF980—Long (DFL) Rules & Legislative Administration Subpoenas; joint legislative commissions authorized to issue subpoenas.</p> <p>HF981—Sparby (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Petrofund reimbursement to include interest costs.</p> <p>HF982—Wenzel (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Veterans who are 100 percent disabled allowed deer license without fee.</p> <p>HF983—McGuire (DFL) Local Government & Metro. Affairs Ramsey county special laws amended.</p> <p>HF984—Bauerly (DFL) Education Reimbursement authorized to school districts for purchase of Minnesota commodities.</p> <p>HF985—Olson, K. (DFL) Education Cooperation and combination revenue; fund balance pupil units calculation provided for districts.</p> <p>HF986—Gruenes (IR) Governmental Operations Combined service annuity provision amended.</p> <p>HF987—Wejcman (DFL) Health & Human Services Massage therapy board created.</p> <p>HF988—Wagenius (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Watershed districts authority expanded, judicial review procedures expanded and clarified, watershed districts allowed to prosecute certain violations, attorney fee recovery allowed and administrative penalties provided.</p> <p>HF989—Bishop (IR) Economic Development Greater Minnesota Corporation name changed and duties added.</p> <p>HF990—Olson, E. (DFL) Taxes Property tax study commission established.</p>	<p>HF991—Bauerly (DFL) Transportation St. Cloud railroad grade crossing established.</p> <p>HF992—Kinkel (DFL) Commerce Personal watercraft; jet ski use and operation regulated.</p> <p>HF993—McEachern (DFL) Education Schools of excellence pilot program established by academic excellence foundation, and money appropriated.</p> <p>HF994—Rukavina (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources St. Louis county authorized sale and easement of tax-forfeited lands.</p> <p>HF995—Gruenes (IR) Environment & Natural Resources Deer; disabled hunters with permanent permits authorized to take deer of either sex.</p> <p>HF996—Pelowski (DFL) Regulated Industries Telephone assistance; applicant eligibility certified before benefits are received.</p> <p>HF997—Orenstein (DFL) Economic Development Economic development bonds authorized by port authorities for extraterritorial programs, and additional funding allowed by local governments.</p> <p>HF998—Winter (DFL) Commerce Insurer to notify secured party if debtor chooses not to repair an automobile with insurance proceeds.</p> <p>HF999—Jennings (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Water and soil resources board exempted from certain administrative procedure act requirements and appeals directed to court of appeals.</p> <p>HF1000—Dille (IR) Agriculture Agricultural health and safety research center established, farm safety provisions expanded, and money appropriated.</p> <p>HF1001—Trimble (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Dog handlers allowed one-way radio communication with dogs when hunting.</p> <p>HF1002—Clark (DFL) Housing Shallow rent subsidy, lease-purchase housing, blighted property acquisition, and housing capital reserve programs established by housing finance agency.</p>	<p>HF1003—Knickerbocker (IR) Judiciary Hennepin county law library allowed to collect a fee from convicted criminals in district court.</p> <p>HF1004—Koppendrayer (IR) Economic Development Economic development bonds limit increased.</p> <p>HF1005—Johnson, R. (DFL) Commerce Price gouging prohibited by petroleum product wholesalers and retailers.</p> <p>HF1006—Lourey (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Moose Lake transferred state land located in Carlton county for an electrical substation.</p> <p>HF1007—Orfield (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Asbestos air standards and licensing requirements clarified.</p> <p>HF1008—Segal (DFL) Education Employability services at community support programs provided grants for people with mental illness, and money appropriated.</p> <p>HF1009—Jennings (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources State parks provided additions, deletions, and nonpark uses, with sales authorized of certain deleted lands.</p> <p>HF1010—Macklin (IR) Health & Human Services Children's safety centers established to reduce children's vulnerability to violence and trauma, grant program provided, and money appropriated.</p> <p>HF1011—Frederick (IR) Education Waseca campus transferred to technical colleges board and money appropriated.</p> <p>HF1012—Segal (DFL) Health & Human Services Correctional or detention facility inmates provided general assistance medical care if eligible at time of detention.</p> <p>HF1013—Peterson (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Pipeline eminent domain authority repealed for natural resources commissioner.</p> <p>HF1014—Weaver (IR) Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming Adjutant general appropriated money to pay assessment costs of Anoka state armory.</p>
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<p>HF1015—Kinkel (DFL) Education Independent school district No. 115, Cass Lake, provided reinstatement of lost general education levy.</p> <p>HF1016—Murphy (DFL) Labor-Management Relations Employee drug testing lab requirements clarified.</p> <p>HF1017—Bertram (DFL) Commerce Grocery store license classification clarified, certain sales and services regulated, and certain license and regulatory applications limited.</p> <p>HF1018—Leppik (IR) Education Foreign exchange student status after graduation from high school clarified and post-secondary enrollment options for foreign exchange students limited.</p> <p>HF1019—Koppendrayner (IR) Taxes Mille Lacs county levy limit base increased.</p> <p>HF1020—Orfield (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Handicapped permits for display to be attached to handicapped vehicle identifying certificates carried by handicapped passengers.</p> <p>HF1021—Kelso (DFL) Transportation Opt-out transit service programs to receive financial and administrative assistance.</p> <p>HF1022—Reding (DFL) Governmental Operations Coverage transfer from the individual retirement account plan to the teachers retirement association permitted for certain persons.</p> <p>HF1023—Reding (DFL) Governmental Operations College supplemental retirement fund; repayment of certain omitted deductions permitted.</p> <p>HF1024—Reding (DFL) Governmental Operations Teachers retirement association; transfer of duties to the state university and community college boards delayed.</p> <p>HF1025—Reding (DFL) Governmental Operations Employer contribution to the teachers retirement association eliminated.</p> <p>HF1026—Carruthers (DFL) Taxes Ore royalty withholding tax exemption provided.</p>	<p>HF1027—Welle (DFL) Health & Human Services Equal access to employment opportunities for persons with severe disabilities act adopted.</p> <p>HF1028—Stanisus (IR) Environment & Natural Resources Mourning dove season authorized.</p> <p>HF1029—Janezich (DFL) Commerce Motor fuel franchise hour requirement prohibited and petroleum product prices regulated.</p> <p>HF1030—Janezich (DFL) Commerce Motor fuel retailers option to purchase from wholesalers granted.</p> <p>HF1031—Wagenius (DFL) Judiciary Child support enforcement law changed and clarified.</p> <p>HF1032—Orenstein (DFL) Judiciary Felonies; penalties for felonies committed with an illegal weapon increased and permissive inference of possession created with reference to firearms in an automobile.</p> <p>HF1033—Winter (DFL) Economic Development Small business development center program established.</p> <p>HF1034—Wenzel (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Young resident licensees; certain hunting and fishing license fees lowered.</p> <p>HF1035—Johnson, R. (DFL) Governmental Operations Teachers retirement association administration changes provided.</p> <p>HF1036—Trimble Environment & Natural Resources Anglers allowed to use two lines.</p> <p>HF1037—Sviggum (IR) Health & Human Services Family preservation grant requirements clarified and grants authorized for family-based crisis services.</p> <p>HF1038—Sparby (DFL) Financial Institutions & Insurance Bank identification verification standards increased, check cashing regulated, and information fees authorized.</p> <p>HF1039—Wejcman (DFL) Governmental Operations Disabled former public employees receiving disability benefits eligible for reemployment.</p>	<p>HF1040—Winter (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Metal detector use in state parks restricted.</p> <p>HF1041—Munger (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Toxic pollution prevention advisory council established, reduction goals and reports provided, and money appropriated.</p> <p>HF1042—Winter (DFL) Economic Development Economic development department reorganized to include a community development division, business development and analysis division, and a trade division with an office of tourism.</p> <p>HF1043—Rest (DFL) Judiciary Protection order violation considered grounds for issuance of a new order and two-year probation period authorized for misdemeanor-level domestic assault.</p> <p>HF1044—Beard (DFL) Governmental Operations Independent school district No. 833, South Washington county, teacher allowed to purchase service credit for a period of military service.</p> <p>HF1045—Bishop (IR) Governmental Operations Statewide telecommunications and routing system (STARS) study authorized for joint activity customers with money appropriated.</p> <p>HF1046—Begich (DFL) Labor-Management Relations Employers required to purchase workers' compensation insurance from the state insurance fund.</p> <p>HF1047—McPherson (IR) Environment & Natural Resources Solid waste disposal facilities in the metropolitan area inventory process abolished, temporary development rights provided, and continued levy authority granted.</p> <p>HF1048—Kelso (DFL) Transportation Walter Harbeck Highway designated in Shakopee.</p> <p>HF1049—Stanisus (IR) Commerce Gill nets prohibited in commercial fishing unless they are biodegradable.</p> <p>HF1050—Orfield (DFL) Governmental Operations Executive reorganization orders submitted to legislature.</p>
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HF1051—Sarna (DFL)**Commerce**

Fishing contest permit approved if not denied within 14 days.

HF1052—Milbert (DFL)**Judiciary**

Revisor's bill correcting erroneous, ambiguous, omitted text, and obsolete references.

HF1053—Scheid (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Contributions to constitutional officers reduced, preprimary expenditures limited, and reducing the public subsidy to unopposed candidates.

HF1054—Stanisius (IR)**Governmental Operations**

Teachers retirement association; purchases of prior services by certain employees permitted.

HF1055—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Jobs and training commissioner required to contract for the provision of comprehensive adjustment-to-blindness training services.

HF1056—Welle (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Child care and AFDC program priorities changed.

HF1057—Welle (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Retirement system members authorized to purchase service credit for a period of authorized educational leave.

HF1058—Sparby (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Insurance**

Mental health professional service coverage required.

HF1059—Lourey (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Counties allowed to appropriate county welfare funds to support hospitals.

HF1060—Lourey (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

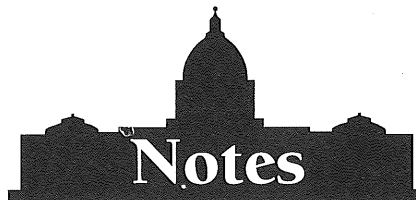
Salary increases required for employees of intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation, home & community-based waived services, developmental achievement centers, and semi-independent living services programs.

HF1061—Lourey (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Medical care vendor error notification procedures modified, rural hospital assistance grants awarded, state health plan flexibility required.

HF1062—Skoglund (DFL)**Judiciary**

Theft resulting in or contributing to the impairment or insolvency of an insurance company considered a criminal act.



Small towns in Minnesota aren't dying out, contrary to what slumps in farming and taconite mining might have done to rural areas of the state. In fact, most small towns in outstate Minnesota gained population from 1970 to 1988, says the recently published *Rural Investment Guide*. Prepared by the Rural Development Board, the guide says three out of four cities between 2,500 and 10,000 in population grew during the period. Only cities with less than 500 people lost ground, with 57 percent reporting declines, says the guide.

Noxious weeds growing in rights-of-way could still be the targets of chemical herbicides under a bill proposed by Rep. Joseph Begich (DFL-Eveleth). HF602 bans the use of herbicides and pesticides on rights-of-way controlled by public road agencies, railroad companies, and public utilities. But before Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls) caught the error during a recent meeting of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, Begich's bill would have exempted not *noxious* weeds, but *obnoxious* weeds. Noxious weeds are those that pose a danger to health or property, such as poison ivy or purple loosestrife. Obnoxious weeds, we assume, are those that are just a pain in the neck.

LUST might not seem like an appropriate topic of discussion for an Appropriations Committee division. But lawmakers who serve on the Environment and Natural Resources Division spent several minutes talking about LUST during a review March 21 of the proposed budget of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. But the subject is hardly as sexy as it sounds. LUST is the acronym for Leaking Underground Storage Tank.

Milkbone dog biscuits are very nutritional for a "junkyard dog," says Rep. Pat Beard (DFL-Cottage Grove). That's why Beard gave a box of the biscuits to Education Committee Chair Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake) during a recent meeting of the Education Committee. McEachern accepted the gift and graciously attempted to share by offering Beard the first biscuit.



Former Minnesota Twin Roy Smalley came to the Capitol March 21 to urge lawmakers to approve a resolution urging support for the International Special Olympics. Smalley is the executive director of the event that is to be held in the Twin Cities metropolitan area July 19-27.

March 18, 1858

On this day, Becker County was established and named after lawyer George Loomis Becker. Becker had been one of three people elected to Congress, but upon gaining statehood, Minnesota was allotted only two House seats. Becker lost the draw, but was later rewarded, in part, when this county was named after him.

Coming Up Next Week . . . March 25-29, 1991

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 25

8 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: Governor Carlson's capital bonding
proposal.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HF0563 (Bauerly) Adult basic
education programs expanded and provided
increased funding.
HF0532 (Scheid) Lunch and breakfast aid
increased to school districts, food preparation
restricted, and money appropriated.

Government Structures Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor
Agenda: HF0542 (Hanson) State government
functions studied relating to natural resources
and environmental protection.

10 a.m.

AGRICULTURE

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel
Agenda: Continuation of staff briefing from the
Department of Revenue, Morrie Anderson,
assistant commissioner for tax policy and Mike
Wandemacher, director, local government
services. Julie Bleyhl, Minnesota Farmers
Union. Vern Ingvalson, Minnesota Farm
Bureau Federation.
HF0938 (Nelson, S.) Dairy prices; memorial-
izes Congress and the President to expedite
passage of a law establishing class 1 dairy
support prices at the market levels prevailing
on August 1, 1990.
HF0493 (Wenzel) Dairy farm inspection fees
limited.
HF0213 (Cooper) Ethanol use promotion
appropriated money.
HF0552 (Peterson) Ethanol required in
oxygenated gasoline.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF0414 (Bishop) Deadly force policy
adopted by local and state law enforcement
agencies.
HF0233 (Greenfield) Patient rights include
making advance declarations regarding mental
health treatment.
HF0600 (Bishop) Juvenile detention services
subsidy program established and money
appropriated.
HF0639 (Pugh) District court judgeships
increased and to include additions due to trial
court unification.
HF0287 (Morrison) Teacher private data
provided to attorney general and licensing
regulations changed.
HF0716 (Seaberg) Crime victims notified of
offender escape and final disposition of case,
and temporary restraining order fees waived if
petitioner is indigent.
HF0726 (Swenson) Real property rights in
marriage provided.

Subcommittee on Actuarial Services/ Legislative Commission on Pensions & Retirement

400S State Office Building
Chr. Sen. Gene Waldorf
Agenda: Further consideration of the provision
of actuarial services issue.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: HF0427 (Ogren) Telephones; resale of
local exchange services regulated.
HF0683 (Jacobs) Retailers prohibited from
having an interest in a manufacturer, brewer, or
wholesaler; gambling allowed under a tribal-
state compact, and other provisions provided.

12:30 p.m.

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: Governor's biennial budget recom-
mendations: Health, safety and nutrition
(HF0462, Article 12); Miscellaneous programs
(HF0462, Article 8); and HF0532 (Scheid)
Lunch and breakfast aid increased to school
districts, food preparation restricted, and
money appropriated.

Banking Division/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wally Sparby
Agenda: To be announced.

HOUSING

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Karen Clark
Agenda: HF0714 (Clark) Mortgage and rental
assistance pilot project established, landlord
and tenant provisions modified, and money
appropriated.
Article 1: Jim Sorbel, Minnesota Multi Housing
Association, Paul Onkka, Legal Services
Advocacy. Article 2: Paul Onkka, Legal Services
Advocacy. Article 3: Sue Watlov-Phillips,
Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, Ann
Henry, Legal Advocacy Services, Kit Hadley,
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Chip
Halbach, Minnesota Housing Partnership.
Article 4: To be announced. Article 5: Scott
Knudson, National Association of Housing and
Redevelopment Authorities, Gene Ranieri,
NARO, Jerry Welf, Minneapolis Public Housing
Authority. Article 6: John Wenker, Minneapolis
Community Development Association. Article
7: Glen Dorfman, Minnesota Association of
Realtors, Alan Arthur, Central Community
Housing Trust, Jerry Boardman, Bloomington
HRA. If bill is not finished at the end of the
meeting, the committee will reconvene at 7
p.m. in 5 State Office Building.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joe Begich
Agenda: HF0406 (Johnson, A.) Employee wage
protection act adopted and money appropri-
ated.
HF0202 (Rukavina) Public employees to
include certain part-time employees.
HF0118 (Trimble) Workers killed while
working on a public construction project
honored and money appropriated.

2:30 p.m. The House will meet in session.

After session

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: The governor's Department of Health
budget proposals.

**Subcommittee on Family Law/
JUDICIARY**

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jean Wagenius

Agenda: SF0107 (Berglin)/HF0091 (Dawkins)
Marriage solemnization alternatives provided
for Quaker, Buddhist, and Hmong residents.

**Subcommittee on Safety/
TRANSPORTATION**

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jeff Hanson

Agenda: Minnesota Railroad Safety Grade
Crossing Report.

4 p.m. (or after session, whichever is later)

**Environment & Natural Resources Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Budget overview: Department of
Natural Resources.

6 p.m.

**Subcommittee on Community
Revitalization/
HOUSING**

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Carlos Mariani

Agenda: HFXXXX (Mariani) Community
Resources Program (CRP).

Seventh Congressional District Caucus

200 State Office Building
Roger Moe, convener

Agenda: University of Minnesota Regents
election.

6:15 p.m.

**Legislative Commission on Waste Manage-
ment**

123 Capitol
Chr. Sen. Gene Merriam

Agenda: New member introductions.
Commission members will meet to review and
approve the LCWM internal operating budget
for FY 1992-93.

7 p.m.

**Subcommittee on Agriculture Finance/
AGRICULTURE**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wally Sparby

Agenda: HF0384 (Wenzel) Farm and small
business management programs at technical
colleges appropriated money.
HF0617 (Bauerly) Education in agriculture
council appropriated money for expense
reimbursement.

TUESDAY, March 26

8 a.m.

**Economic Development, Infrastructure, and
Regulation Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Continuation of Department of Public
Safety budget overview.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Conclusion of system testimony on
merger cost comparisons. Central administra-
tion cost estimates by Minnesota Higher
Education Coordinating Board and the higher
education systems.

**Environment & Natural Resources Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Budget overview: Department of
Natural Resources.

**Human Resources Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: The governor's budget proposals for:
Department of Health (continued); Veterans
Home Board; and Human Rights.

**Education Finance Division/
EDUCATION**

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Governor's biennial budget recom-
mendations: Professional development
(HF0462, Article 8); public libraries.
HF0597 (Olson, K.) Teacher assessment
programs appropriated money.
HF0730 (Johnson, A.) Teacher center revenue
formula provided.

**Legislative Commission on Pensions &
Retirement**

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HFXXXX (Johnson, R.) TRA;
Administrative provisions.
Budget request of the Legislative Commission
on Pensions & Retirement.
HF0299 (Reding)/SF0377 (Waldorf) Surviving
spouse benefits to continue after remarriage.
HF0536 (Jefferson)/SF0677 (Pogemiller)
Minneapolis fire department relief association
benefits to continue after remarriage.
HF0401 (Reding)/SF0338 (Waldorf) Legislator
surviving spouse benefits to continue after
remarriage.

HF0272 (Ogren)/SF0010 (Chmielewski)
Carlton county employee authorized to
purchase prior service credit.
HF0394 (Erhardt)/SF0279 (Storm) Minneapo-
lis teachers retirement fund member provided
leave of absence payment extension.
HF0023 (Blatz)/SF0297 (Belanger) Teachers
allowed to purchase prior service credit after
unrequested leave of absence.
HF0574 (Seaberg)/SF0537 (Halberg) Eagan city
council member allowed purchase of prior
service credit.
HF0273 (Ogren)/SF0009 (Chmielewski)
McGregor; employee of independent school
district No. 4 allowed to repay annuity and
resume active member status.
HF0223 (Bertram)/SF192 (Bertram) Retirement
benefits of judges reduced by half upon receipt
of social security benefits.
HF0495 (Jaros)/SF0236 (Solon) Duluth police
pension association member provided extended
access to the combined service annuity.
HF0870 (Murphy)/SF0646 (Solon) Duluth
police relief association surviving spouse
provided alternative benefit coverage.
HF0100 (Cooper)/SF0112 (Frederickson, D.J.)
Health coverage surcharge imposed; emergency
medical services personnel account and
incentive plan for ambulance personnel
established.
HF0225 (Dorn)/SF0244 (Hottinger) Mankato;
survivors of deceased fire fighters provided
benefits.
HF0190 (Swenson)/SF0314 (Laidig) St. Paul
water utility employee authorized to purchase
military and prior service credit in the public
employees retirement association.

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: HF0307 (Osthoff) Racing commission
members to receive increased per diem and
pari-mutuel clerks at county fairs licensed.

8:15 a.m.

**State Government Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Budget hearings: Department of
Veterans Affairs; and Department of Adminis-
tration.

10 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: HF0274 (Sparby) Motor vehicle
contract transfers regulated.
HF0832 (Sparby) Heavy and utility equipment
dealership agreements regulated.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF0021 (Bertram) Medical waste incineration facilities required to have an environmental impact statement and air emission permit.
HF0115 (Winter) Watershed administrative fund limit increased and natural resource protection fund established.
HF0181 (Sparby) Petroleum tank release cleanup account reimbursement restricted.
HF0744 (Sparby) Petrofund reimbursement to include interest costs.
HF0858 (Trimble) Pollution Control Agency rulemaking to conform to the administrative procedure act, junk yard investigations allowed, and fee collection authorized.
Other bills to be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: HF0006 (Lourey) Health care plan for uninsured and underinsured established.
HF0007 (Greenfield) Health care plan for uninsured and underinsured established.
HF0002 (Ogren) Health care plan for uninsured established.
No public testimony on the above bills.
HF0458 (Clark) Early childhood care and education council created, child care sliding fee modified, and money appropriated (Continuation from previous meeting).

12:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Dairy & Livestock/ AGRICULTURE

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jerry Bauerly

Agenda: Continuation of HF0669 (Krueger) "Minnesota pure" category created for dairy products.
HF0467 (Olson, K.) Animal, meat, and meat product inspection program reinstated and money appropriated.
HF0929 (Brown) Bovine growth hormone (BST) ban extended until 1992.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal

Agenda: HFXXXX (Segal) Minnesota seed capital fund.
HFXXXX (Winter) Department of Trade and Economic Development restructuring.

Elections Division/ GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid

Agenda: HF0478 (Lasley) Absentee ballot application requirement changed for deer

hunters, registered voter list use clarified, and other election provisions changed.
HFXXXX (Scheid) Relating to elections and ethics.

Veterans Affairs Division/ GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Pat Beard

Agenda: HF0615 (Sviggum) Persian Gulf; national guard and reserve members called to active duty issued a state ribbon, and money appropriated.
HF0722 (Waltman) Appropriation for land acquisition language clarified.
HF0648 (Anderson, R.) Fergus Falls veterans home established.
Other bills may be added.

Subcommittee on Fiscal Affairs/ LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers

Agenda: HF0444 (Sparby) Pennington county and Thief River Falls allowed to construct, finance, and own student housing.
HF0584 (Hasskamp) Municipalities authorized to enter into joint ventures with telecommunications organizations.
HF0845 (Blatz) Bloomington lodging tax use required to market and promote the city as a tourist or convention center.
HF0809 (Olson, E.) Document fees modified for counties.

Subcommittee on Government Structures & Policy/

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jerry Janezich

Agenda: HF0157 (Lieder) Crookston authorized to establish special service districts.
HF0743 (Lieder) Red River watershed management board to include all watersheds within the hydrologic basin of the Red River of the North; eligible funding criteria and levy use modified; and extended project cooperation provided.
HF0479 (Kinkel) Town officer temporary appointments authorized.
HF0623 (Hugoson) Martin county allowed to consolidate the offices of auditor and treasurer.
HF0894 (Uphus) Conflict of interest provisions changed for certain local government officials relating to commercial contracts.
HF0108 (Janezich) Towns required notice of projects and copies of permits.

Subcommittee on Transit/ LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Edwina Garcia

Agenda: Light Rail Transit. Peter Vanderpoel, Minnesota Citizens League.

2:30 p.m.

Environment & Natural Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Budget overview: Department of Natural Resources.

Subcommittee on Fish & Game/ ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: HF0877 (Johnson, A.) Special seasons and limits authorized for hunters who have a physical disability.
HF0935 (Pugh) Firearm safety certificate required for certain persons before issuance of a hunting license.
HF0887 (Reding) Deer hunters allowed two deer under certain conditions.
HF0905 (Reding) Experimental waters for fishing habitat prohibited in specified counties.
HF0918 (Thompson) Antlerless deer permits authorized, certain landowners and veterans granted preference.
HF0896 (Anderson, I.) Deer licenses; husband and wife deer license created.
HF0881 (Peterson) Goose zone permits; certain fees prohibited.
Other bills may be added.

Subcommittee on Salaries & Budgets/ Legislative Coordinating Commission

500N State Office Building
Chr. Sen. Roger Moe

Agenda: Appointments to the Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy and review of budgets of all legislative commissions and joint agencies.

Subcommittee on Civil Law/ JUDICIARY

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

Agenda: Bills not heard or laid over at subcommittee meeting on Friday, March 22, 1991.
HF0067 (Carruthers) Peace officers guaranteed certain rights when under investigation and in disciplinary proceedings.

REDISTRICTING

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

Agenda: To be announced.

3 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: A briefing regarding federal laws pertaining to wetlands by the following federal agencies: ASCS; US Army Corps of Engineers; US Fish & Wildlife; FMHA; and agricultural organizations.

3:30 p.m. (when the Salaries & Budgets Subcommittee is finished)

Legislative Coordinating Commission

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob Vanasek

Agenda: Appointments to the Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy and review of budgets of all legislative commissions and joint agencies.

5 p.m.

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Governor's biennial budget recommendations: Minnesota Center for Arts Education; MDE Educational Services; MDE Educational Administration and Finance. This meeting is scheduled to last until 8 p.m.

6 p.m.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: Continuation of Monday's agenda.

WEDNESDAY, March 27

8 a.m.

Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Regulation Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Continuation of Department of Public Safety budget overview.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: MSPAN: Final report by the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Environment & Natural Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Budget overview: Department of Natural Resources.

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: The governor's budget proposals for health boards.

Subcommittee on School Facilities/ EDUCATION

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Becky Kelso

Agenda: HFXXXX (Kelso) Shared school facilities. MDE school facilities inventory update. State fire marshal inspection update. (Full Education will not meet)

8:15 a.m.

State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Budget hearing: Department of Administration.

8:30 a.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HF0058 (Jaros) State government decentralization studied and money appropriated.

Report from the Division on Government Structures.

HF0667 (O'Connor) State patrol members allowed to donate vacation time to bargaining unit representatives.

HF0611 (Farrell) Duluth and St. Paul fire department relief associations authorized certain refunds.

HF0389 (Jefferson) State patrol retirement refunds paid to spouses and surviving children. In addition: Bills that pass the Pension Commission on Tuesday, March 26, 1991.

10 a.m.

Higher Education Division/ EDUCATION

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros

Agenda: HF0447 (Pelowski) High school graduate scholarship program established and certain higher education duties transferred. HF0455 (Thompson) Community colleges merged into the state university system. Other bills may be added.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: HF0815 (Skoglund) Comprehensive health insurance plan association open meetings restricted, preferred provider network allowed, and minimum benefits provided. HF0431 (Skoglund) Health maintenance organizations regulated by commerce commissioner.

Other bills to be announced.

Criminal Justice Division/ JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Loren Solberg

Agenda: Continuation from March 22, 1991.

HF0695 (Rest) Battered women's advisory council; role expanded and clarified, and statutory provisions corrected and updated. HF0768 (Rest) Protection order violation penalty increased for subsequent violations; arrest provisions clarified, and money appropriated.

HF0922 (Ostrom) Witnesses and passersby required to render aid to shooting accident victims.

HF0644 (Hasskamp) Juveniles referred for adult prosecution if previously tried in adult court.

12:30 p.m.

ENERGY

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

Agenda: HF0908 (Trimble) Renters and low-income families to be the primary focus of residential energy conservation programs.

HF0909 (Trimble) Low-income energy assistance advisory task force and unclaimed deposits start-up fund created, and money appropriated.

Subcommittee on Data Privacy/ JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers

Agenda: HF0416 (Vellenga) Sex offenders required to register with local law enforcement agencies and money appropriated.

HF0469 (Seaberg) Public disclosure of private facts provided penalty.

HF0751 (Pugh) Private data disclosure by law enforcement agencies restricted and subpoenas and court hearings required for dissemination of restricted data.

HF0862 (Wejcman) Convention facility, arena, stadium, and theater data considered public data.

HF0693 (Carruthers) Child protection services and family court service agencies authorized to share child abuse information.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: HF0723 (Kalis) Highway board established, transportation grants authorized, and other general, transportation provisions modified.

Article 1: Planning, Kalis; Article 2: Jurisdiction, Kalis; Article 3: Railroad crossings, Pauly; Article 4: Ports, Pauly; Article 5: Local finance, Uphus; Article 6: Toll roads, Uphus; Article 7: Transportation services fund, Lasley; Article 8: Metro transit development, Lieder; Article 9: Transportation research.

The committee will meet after session in 500S if this bill is not completed.

1 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: HF0001 (Munger) Wetland enhancement, preservation, and protection act of 1991. This meeting will adjourn for session and continue after session in the same room.

2:30 p.m. The House will meet in session.

After session

Subcommittee on Standards & Regulations/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein

Agenda: HF0313 (Pugh) Psychological associate and consulting psychologist licensing requirements clarified.

6 p.m.

Sixth Congressional District Caucus

10 State Office Building

Bob McEachern, convener

Agenda: University of Minnesota Regents election.

7 p.m.

Environment & Natural Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Budget overview: Department of Natural Resources.

HOUSING

2501 Cedar Ave S., Minneapolis

Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

Agenda: Little Earth of United Tribes Housing Project on pending foreclosure by HUD.

THURSDAY, March 28

8 a.m.

Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Regulation Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: To be announced.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Off campus programs, revenue and expenditures, all systems.

Environment & Natural Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Budget overview: Department of Natural Resources.

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: The governor's budget proposals on Minnesota Councils on: Indian Affairs; Black Minnesotans; Disability Council; Spanish-Speaking; and Asian-Pacific Minnesotans. Public testimony.

8:30 a.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: To be announced.

10 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: HF0895 (Uphus) Creditors exempted from credit agreement signature requirements. HF0311 (McEachern) Cigarette discounts not included as cost of doing business in unfair cigarette sales act and money appropriated.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: Subcommittee on Game & Fish reports. Others to be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: HF0333 (Segal) Mental health case management rules adopted and revised.

HF0808 (Orenstein) Parent cooperative child care programs exempted from drop-in service staffing requirement.

HF0892 (Hausman) Community-based long-term care program grants established for living-at-home/block nurse programs, with money appropriated.

HF0009 (Johnson, A.) Legislative commission on children, youth, and their families created.

HF0671 (Lynch) Churches providing child care services granted extension for handicapped accessibility requirements.

HF0488 (Segal) Human services license not denied because of past or present mental illness and mental health evaluations prohibited.

HF0610 (Leppik) Community support services program to include housing support services, psychiatric nurse definition clarified, and professional home-based family treatment defined.

12:30 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: To be announced.

Subcommittee on Family Law/ JUDICIARY

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jean Wagenius

Agenda: HF0512 (Vellenga) Minors; abortion notice requirements repealed for minors.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson

Agenda: All bills coming out of Tuesday, March 26 subcommittee will be heard in full committee on Thursday, March 28.

2:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Rural Development, Marketing & International Trade/ AGRICULTURE

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ted Winter

Agenda: HF0769 (Krueger) Central filing system established for purchasers of farm products with money appropriated.

FRIDAY, March 29

Holiday.

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MINNESOTA INDEX

Corrections in Minnesota

Minnesota national rank in per capita incarceration rate	49
Inmates per 100,000 people	73
Rank of Minnesota in violent crime index	36
Adult male inmate population, December 1990	3,106
Adult female inmate population, December 1990	168
Offenders participating in 1990 literacy programs	1,000 plus
Projected male inmate population, December 1993	3,787
Projected female inmate population, December 1993	239
Average juvenile population in state facilities, 1990	166
Year oldest state correctional facility, in Red Wing, opened	1867
States, including Minnesota, w/o court orders to lower prison population	9
Percentage of released offenders not returning to prison	80
Number of state correctional institutions	10
Institutions using acupuncture in chemical dependency treatments	3
Percentage increase of incarcerated drug offenders, 1988 to 1990	180
Percentage of inmate population incarcerated for sex offenses	19

Source: Minnesota Department of Corrections 1989-1990 Biennial Report.

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