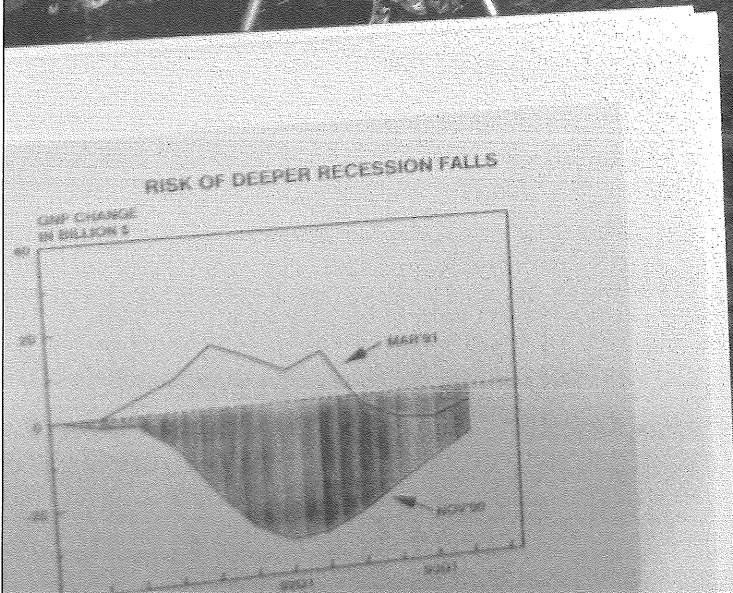


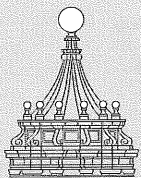
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March Forecast Changes
\$ millions

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Expenditures	100.0	100.0	100.0
Surplus	0.0	0.0	0.0
Available Balance	0.0	0.0	0.0





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Flashback

Although the date of Easter changes from year to year, the Easter Break at the state Capitol is etched in stone. And at the Legislature, it's a lot more than a holiday where members return home.

It's often the last reality check for lawmakers hunkered down in the Capitol complex — which is known for creating its own reality — before the legislative session adjourns.

Back home, people usually aren't shy about letting lawmakers know how they feel about issues being discussed at the state Capitol. Across Minnesota this weekend, legislators will be fielding questions while at church, grocery shopping, or even raking leaves.

And the results of those conversations are sometime later felt in law. Probably the best example was in 1987 when lawmakers returned to the Capitol following that year's Easter Break with axes in hand. Several conservative DFLers, after "listening to the people," balked at a proposed tax increase and voted as a caucus to trim it by \$200 million. "A revolt against liberalism" was how one conservative DFL member referred to the stormy caucus meeting that led to the cuts.

Two years later, business leaders apparently tried to duplicate that insurrection. Just before the Easter Break in 1989, several major business groups waged a massive advertising campaign that called for a \$900 million cut in the proposed state budget. They gave all 201 legislators red caps with the slogan, "Put a Cap on State Spending," emblazoned on the front.

The campaign fell flat — further proof that nothing works the same way twice in politics.

What will legislators hear this Easter? It's a fair bet to assume that property taxes — particularly the proposal to double the rate at which low-valued homes are taxed — will be among the hottest topics.

Conventional wisdom holds that voting for such a tax increase would be politically difficult; some would say tantamount to political death. With such a blemish on a voting record, rebirth in two or four years could well be a political miracle.

— Grant Moos

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On the cover: Finance Commissioner John Gunyou outlined the latest revenue forecast to reporters March 28. While state government will have more money than expected to operate, Minnesota still faces a major deficit in the next two-year spending cycle.

(Photo by Tom Olmscheid)

Highlights

Revenue forecast: partly cloudy

Minnesota's chief financial official March 28 said the state is still in a deep fiscal hole, but not as far down as previously thought.

State Finance Commissioner John Gunyou predicts there likely will be an additional \$77 million available to help lawmakers balance the state's \$1.2 billion budget shortfall over the next two years.

Gunyou says state revenues are expected to be up about \$58.4 million over earlier estimates while state spending, based on Gov. Arne Carlson's proposed budget for the upcoming budget cycle, should be about \$18.3 million less than first anticipated.

That adds up to almost \$77 million more than was previously thought, but only a fraction of what's needed to balance the state budget in the next biennium.

Gunyou says the nation's economic downturn, which sparked the state revenue decline should continue until early summer. He adds that while victory in the Persian Gulf conflict did not end the recession, the war's quick end should reduce its adverse impact.

Carlson is expected to issue a revised spending package to legislators next week, detailing where he believes the extra money should go. "It's a reasonable assumption that the governor and the Legislature will want to spend that \$77 million," Gunyou says.

Legislative reaction to the revenue forecast was guardedly optimistic. Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley) says that while the extra \$77 million is relatively small when compared to the state's \$15 billion overall budget, "the bright spot is [the state's economy] didn't get any worse."

Simoneau, chair of the House Appropriations Committee, says it's likely lawmakers will move to add more money into health and human service programs, as well as higher education — both of which were targeted for cuts, among many other areas, in Carlson's proposed budget.



Jackie Schweitz of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life testified against a bill March 28 that would allow only one parent to be notified when a minor seeks an abortion.

House Minority Leader Rep. Terry Dempsey (R-New Ulm) says the bulk of the additional money should be targeted for property tax relief, particularly for farmland and low- and moderate-income homeowners.

But Dempsey says he can't predict how he and other lawmakers will ultimately divide the windfall.

"I suspect there will be 200 other suggestions on where this money should go," he says.



Law

Parental notification bill

A movement to change Minnesota's 1981 law that requires pregnant minors to notify both parents at least 48 hours before having an abortion cleared its first hurdle in the House March 28.

The Judiciary Committee's Family Law Subcommittee approved HF512 that would allow only one parent to be

advised before a minor decides to have an abortion. A similar bill is pending on the Senate floor.

The measure authored by Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) comes less than a year after the Minnesota Parental Notification Law was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court on a 5-4 vote.

Jackie Schweitz, spokeswoman for Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, objected to the bill, saying that allowing only one parent to be notified of a minor child's abortion would endanger family relationships. One parent keeping the secret from the other is more destructive to a family unit than the truth, says Schweitz.

"I cringe to think about what this is going to do to some families," she told the committee.

But proponents, including a woman who identified herself to the committee as "Jane Doe," says legal and personal considerations should be weighted more toward the pregnant minor.

"Doe," who as a pregnant 14-year-old

had to get court approval so she wouldn't have to notify the father she hadn't seen in five years, says current law is unnecessarily burdensome to minors.

The Minnesota law does allow a minor to get approval for an abortion from the courts if she can show she is either mature enough to make the decision or if her best interests are served by not telling her parents.

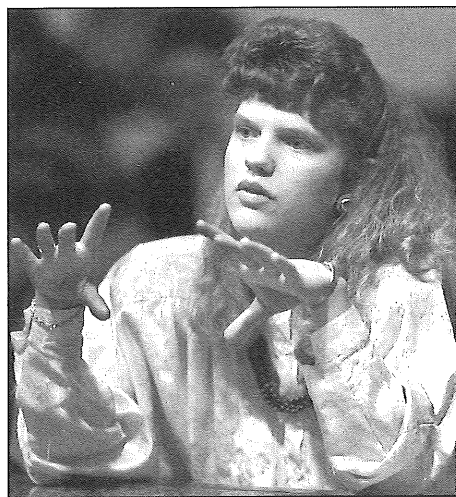
Shoot and run

Leaving the scene of an automobile accident without stopping is a crime in itself. But there's currently no penalty for leaving the scene of a shooting accident.

A bill approved March 27 by the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division would set up penalties for leaving the scene of a shooting accident, ranging from a gross misdemeanor to a felony.

The measure (HF922) would require those who discharge a firearm or who witness a shooting accident, and who have reason to believe an injury has occurred, to investigate the person's injury and offer assistance if needed.

A shooting incident last fall where the suspects left the scene prompted Rep. Don Ostrom (DFL-St. Peter) to sponsor the bill, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee for further review.



Jennifer Enter of rural Nicollet described how she was accidentally shot on her family's farm by hunters who fled the scene. The high school senior appeared before the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division March 27 to support a bill that would impose penalties for fleeing the scene of a shooting accident.

The maximum penalty for failing to investigate the extent of injuries would be two years in prison and a \$4,000 fine for the person who discharged the firearm, and up to a year in jail and a \$3,000 fine for a witness to a shooting accident.

Some committee members, however, thought the gross misdemeanor penalty for witnesses was too stringent.

Rep. David Bishop (IR-Rochester) unsuccessfully attempted to reduce the penalty for witnesses to a misdemeanor, which carries a lesser sentence.

Pranksters beware

Pranksters wouldn't have the last laugh if a bill recently approved in the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division becomes law.

The measure (HF174) sponsored by Rep. Dennis Ozment (IR-Rosemount) would expand the disorderly conduct law to include offensive, obscene, or abusive conduct. Generally, the law now only applies to offensive, obscene, or abusive language.

The bill was prompted by a 1989 incident in which a junior high school girl's pants were pulled down by some male classmates.

Their prank wasn't covered by the current definition of disorderly conduct, but would be under Ozment's proposal.

Although there is a law prohibiting the removal of clothing when it's done with sexual or aggressive intent, Ozment says the penalty for that crime is too harsh for the boys' behavior.

He says his bill would consider less serious acts of misconduct as disorderly and charge them as misdemeanors, which carry a lesser penalty.

HF174 was referred to the full Judiciary Committee for further review.

Juvenile jails

Minnesota has one year left to comply with a 1974 federal law mandating that juvenile offenders be held in facilities separate from the adult offender population while awaiting court disposition of their cases. The state faces a loss of nearly \$800,000 in federal funds yearly if that goal isn't met.

Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester), along with David Johnson, project director of Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, presented a plan March 25 to the Judiciary Committee aimed at beating that deadline.

Bishop's measure (HF600), which was approved by the committee, calls for the establishment of two types of county-operated facilities to accomplish the transition:

- 50 temporary hold facilities statewide, with an average of two beds each, which would hold juvenile offenders for 24 hours; and
- three eight-day hold facilities, with approximately eight beds each.

Johnson told the committee that sites would be distributed so that law enforcement officers would have to travel no more than 75 minutes to transport detained juveniles, and that counties would be asked to establish sites on a volunteer basis.

Currently, 150 jail beds are available statewide for detention of juvenile offenders. Those beds are maintained with complete sight and sound separation from adjacent adult facilities, as stipulated in the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act.

Minnesota has been in compliance with portions of the act since 1979, but 1992 looms as the deadline for the complete removal of juveniles from adult jails, says Johnson.

The measure would be funded with state and federal funds. HF600 was referred to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Rural access to courts

Minnesota counties that are losing people also are losing judges, leading to concern among lawmakers that residents of outstate Minnesota don't have adequate access to the state court system.

A bill (HF200) approved by a House subcommittee March 22 would require the Minnesota Supreme Court to consider how eliminating a judicial position would affect a community's access to a judge before a decision on the position is made.

Two attorneys practicing in the Eighth Judicial District, where four of thirteen

counties are without a resident judge, urged a House panel to approve the measure.

Attorney Walt Libby told the Judiciary Committee's Civil Law Subcommittee that justice isn't served when law enforcement officers and people involved in lawsuits have to travel too far to appear before a judge. The problem is particularly evident when a judge is needed to issue a time-sensitive order such as a search warrant or order for protection.

The bill, authored by Rep. Doug Peterson (DFL-Madison), stipulates that the court must weigh access against administrative needs when a district judicial position is under review. It neither requires the court to maintain judgeships based solely on access, nor restore positions in the 10 counties statewide that currently don't have a resident judge.

"This bill, we feel, would help deal with that problem to where access really was a co-equal factor with judicial administration," says Libby.

Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Sandy Keith told members that he didn't oppose the bill, adding that the court already carefully considers the question of access when reviewing judgeships.

HF200 now moves to the full Judiciary Committee for consideration.

Crime victims' notification

A bill requiring crime victims be told when the offender who harmed them escapes from jail, prison, or a mental facility, cleared another hurdle in the House March 25.

The measure (HF716) passed the Judiciary Committee March 25 and was referred to the House floor.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Art Seaberg (IR-Eagan), would require that crime victims be told within six hours of the time their offender escapes — provided the victim asked to be notified.

Currently, authorities are required to notify the victim only when an offender is released from a 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, if the victim requests notification.

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

Registering sex offenders

A bill proponents say could help find missing children and keep track of some sex offenders after they are released from prison was approved March 27 by the Judiciary Committee's Data Privacy Subcommittee.

HF461, sponsored by Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) would mandate that certain convicted kidnappers and sex offenders whose crimes were against minors furnish authorities with their address.

The decision to obtain the convicted offender's address would rest with the judge at the time of sentencing. If the court finds that "there is a significant risk that the offender may re-offend," the convicted offender must provide the probation officer with a current address for 10 years after release from prison. Failure to comply would be a misdemeanor.

Some questioned whether the decision of mandatory notification should be decided before prison time is served, saying such a finding, "rejects the possibility of rehabilitation."

But proponents say keeping track of offenders would serve as both a deterrent and would help law enforcement officials in cases where an offender commits a similar crime.

Testimony by members of the Missing Children's Task Force told of repeat offenders, who are still at large, and who continue to prey on minors.

Their victims are sometimes "throw-away" children, what one witness calls the "invisible population" of kids on the street.

HF461 tries to identify these children and calls for a list of missing children to be circulated among law enforcement agencies. It also would create a quarterly bulletin listing missing children.

HF461 was referred to the full Judiciary Committee for further debate.



Transportation

Light rail debate

Relieving congestion on Twin Cities highways rather than curbing pollution or saving energy will likely be the impetus for building a new rapid transit system in the region, says a Metropolitan Council planning specialist.

Testifying March 26 before a House subcommittee, Napalio Diaz of the Metropolitan Council says, "We can't justify LRT [light rail transit] solely on the basis of pollution or energy issues."

Instead, he says it will be clogged highways which will likely prompt commuters to demand alternative modes of travel.

Diaz says more than a third of all major Twin Cities roadways will routinely be gridlocked within the next 20 years unless commuter patterns are significantly changed.

But Diaz backed away from an open-armed endorsement of light rail or other rapid transit systems. He says LRT, at best, should be part of a comprehensive regional transportation program.

"The Met Council does not subscribe to LRT as an end for itself," Diaz says, suggesting that light rail lines should be built only in specific corridors where ridership would offset its costs.

Peter Vanderpoel of the Minnesota Citizens League, a Twin Cities-based public interest and lobbying group, says it's doubtful LRT would ever lure enough people out of their cars to make it cost-effective.

He estimates LRT could draw about 200,000 riders a day by 2010. But that would be only a small share of the nearly 10 million individual passenger trips expected each day by that time, and Vanderpoel says only about 43,000 of those passengers would be taking the train solely because of LRT.



Television

Beheading Big Bird

Minnesota's national ranking for state support to public television would plummet into a last place tie with Delaware if Gov. Arne Carlson's proposal to discontinue state funding for public television is adopted.

Currently, state government contributes \$2.1 million annually to six public television stations statewide, earning a 36th place national ranking in per capita funding for public television.

By joining tiny Delaware (where viewers receive programming from neighboring Maryland) in expending no money on public TV, Minnesota Public Television Association spokesman Bill Strusinski says, "We would truly be very unique."

Strusinski outlined the plight of public broadcasters to lawmakers March 27, addressing the Appropriations Committee's State Government Division.

Strusinski says the loss of state funding would also jeopardize broadcasters' access to matching federal and foundation grants. One-half of Minnesota's stations would fall below the threshold to qualify for grants from public TV's premier backer, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

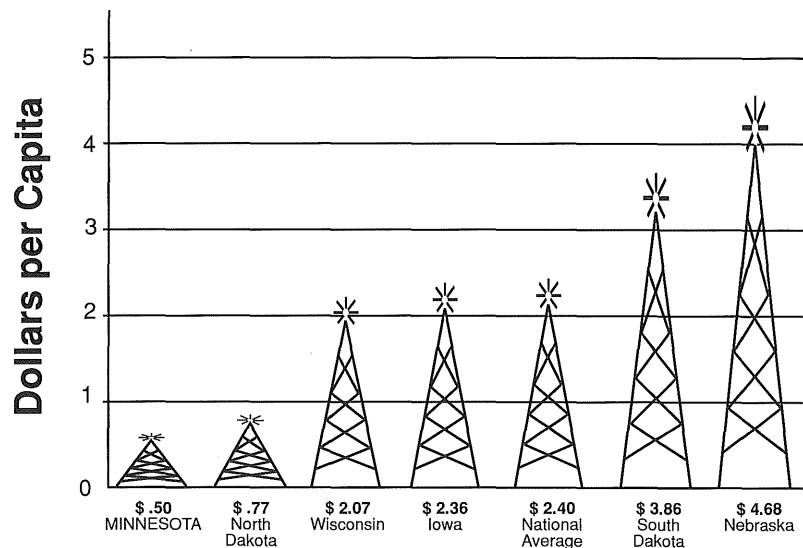
Minnesota viewers, who watch 300 million hours in public broadcasting yearly, could lose a variety of popular public affairs and educational programs if the proposed cuts are adopted, says Strusinski.

Even the popular children's program, "Sesame Street," could fall victim, he says.

Strusinski reminded lawmakers that public television ranked number one — above milk — in a recent *Adweek* poll that rated products and services that satisfy American consumers.

Even so, the committee made no recommendation on funding for public television.

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Development

The GMC's future

The controversial Greater Minnesota Corporation (GMC), the economic development agency begun in 1987, got off to a bad start, says the Legislative Auditor's Office.

But despite improvements in the GMC's operation in the past year, lawmakers still are looking at what to do with the organization. The International Trade and Technology Division of the Economic Development Committee is expected next week to consider at least seven bills that could eliminate or dramatically change the GMC.

Kathleen Vanderwall, a researcher with the legislative auditor, told lawmakers March 28 that the GMC early on suffered from a lack of focus and accountability. The quasi-public agency also was hurt by the "ethical shortcomings" and the inexperience of its former president, she says.

Although the agency's performance has improved, the legislative auditor suggests, among other recommendations, that the GMC's board be appointed by the governor and that the state develop an overall economic development policy.

Next week, lawmakers are expected to take up several bills:

- HF686 (Krueger-DFL), which abolishes the GMC and transfers its duties to a new legislative commission on economic

development.

- HF687 (Krueger-DFL), which would break up the GMC into four separate entities.
- HF727 (Krueger-DFL), which would transfer the GMC to the University of Minnesota.
- HF907 (Krueger-DFL), which would rename the GMC the Minnesota Technical Development Center and would make the agency give more attention to technology transfer and small manufacturers.
- HF930 (Krueger-DFL), which would create a separate division of science and technology in the governor's office.
- HF989 (Bishop-IR), which would change the GMC to the Minnesota Technology Development Corporation and adopt other recommendations made recently by Gov. Arne Carlson.
- HF1109 (Frerichs-IR), which would establish Advantage Minnesota Inc., a new corporation devoted to marketing economic development.

Sowing seeds

Some lawmakers want the state to get into the seed capital business by starting a fund to finance companies whose profit potential doesn't attract investments from traditional venture capitalists.

A measure (HF1088) authored by Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park) seeks to fill a so-called "funding gap" that hinders the growth of startup and expanding

businesses in Minnesota. Enterprises that fall in this gap are those with a three- to five-year earning potential of between \$1 million and \$5 million, says Greater Minnesota Corporation (GMC) spokeswoman Patty Billings.

Billings, testifying before the Economic Development Committee March 26, said the proposed fund is aimed at "growing small but stable companies in outstate Minnesota."

The GMC would be responsible for priming the proposed fund with \$3 million from their 1992-93 biennial budget. Matching community and private monies would add to the pot. The fund would provide loans of up to \$100,000.

Billings says the fund shouldn't be perceived as a government pot since it would also contain money from communities and private business, and would be staffed by a qualified private portfolio manager. Otherwise, she adds, "people would assume just because they're a Minnesota taxpayer that the government owes them a chance when they're turned down by the banks."

Former Control Data Chair Bill Norris also encouraged passage of HF1088, saying that risk capital is less available to small Minnesota companies than at any time in his recollection.

The committee delayed taking any action on HF1088 until the next scheduled meeting.



Health

Health Department budget cuts

While budget cuts of 4.8 percent in 1992 and 2 percent in 1993 may not sound that large, Department of Health officials say they will have a very real effect on programs that affect real people.

The proposed cuts will likely mean fewer dollars for state programs dealing with AIDS prevention and control, water safety testing, and health awareness, department officials told members of the Appropriations Committee's Human Resources Division March 25 and 26.

Among the proposals are reductions in research money for AIDS, Alzheimer's Disease, and water contamination in both public and private well systems. Also proposed are reductions in funding for

studies aimed to help reduce the state's infant mortality rate.

In addition, officials say that with the cuts in state funding, more pressure will be placed on the counties to fund some health-related programs.

Licensing audiologists

The consumer isn't being protected because there is inadequate regulation of the speech-language pathology and audiology industry, says Roberta Kreb of the Minnesota Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

She testified March 25 before the Governmental Operations Committee's Governmental Structures Division in favor of a bill (HF668) sponsored by Rep. Mary Jo McGuire (DFL-Falcon Heights) that would regulate and license speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

"The general public thinks we're licensed just like doctors and nurses, but we're not," says Kreb.

Currently, the two professions require only voluntary registration, and only the occupational titles are protected. But that hasn't stopped people from skirting the licensing requirement by calling themselves a communications disorder specialist, voice therapist, or aphasiologist, Kreb says.

Although these people do the same work as speech-language pathologists and audiologists, Kreb says they aren't necessarily qualified.

Currently, 39 states demand similar qualifications, including Iowa. Kreb says her organization was recently contacted by the Iowa Medical Association, which is suspending the license of someone practicing in the area of audiology.

"They wanted to warn us [that person] is moving to Minnesota, because we have no licensing requirements," says Kreb.

The potential harm to patients can be irreparable, says audiology Professor Robert Margolis of the University of Minnesota. An inaccurate diagnosis can, among other things, halt speech development in children, he says.

The committee did not act on HF668.

Health licensing fee increase?

Many of the state's health boards told legislators March 27 they plan to raise licensing and renewal fees in order to help cover rising costs.

Doctors, nurses, psychologists, dentists, and pharmacists are among those who will likely be affected.

Yearly fees range now from \$20 for a dental assistant to \$225 for a podiatrist. Most fees are expected to increase by between \$5 and \$30.

Most of the 15 boards are also requesting money from the Legislature for one or two new staff members. The influx of complaints filed for health-related services during the last few years has caused the need for more staff, a number of board officials say.

Karen Ramsey of the Board of Dentistry says the rise in complaints is a national trend, possibly due to increased consumer awareness.

Officials from the various boards appeared March 27 before the Appropriations Committee's Human Resources Division.

Limiting background checks

A Minnesota law that can disqualify people who have had a mental illness from working in human services facilities is against federal law and needs to be changed, says Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park).

Segal is authoring a bill (HF488) that would bar mental health evaluations from being included in background checks carried out before people are hired to work in licensed human service facilities.

The measure was approved March 28 by the Health and Human Services Committee and sent to the House floor.

Background checks would continue to contain criminal convictions and any substantiated reports of abuse or neglect of adults, or the maltreatment of minors.

Minnesota law requires background checks on all employees in licensed human service facilities. These background checks can reveal past mental illness that could disqualify a person for employment even if they have never been reported for abuse or neglect, says Segal.

Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls) says that just asking for mental health

information invites discrimination lawsuits under federal law. Any determination must be made from documented actions, he says, not a condition or evaluation.

But some representatives questioned whether prohibiting this information could possibly pose a threat to people at human service institutions.

Rep. Doug Swenson (IR-Forest Lake) wants to know if the state could comply with federal law without totally eliminating the use of mental health information in background screening.

Minnesota and Massachusetts

Is Minnesota following the failed example of Massachusetts by proposing access to health care for all Minnesotans? Opponents of the proposed Minnesotans' Health Plan told the Health and Human Services Committee March 26 that the plan must be scaled down to avoid a similar disaster.

Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester) says that the Minnesotans' Health Plan is on the "same wavelength" as the Massachusetts system which helped devastate that state's economy while health care costs continued to soar.

Opponents are pushing an alternative measure authored by Rep. Dave Gruenes (IR-St. Cloud) that he says would cut the estimated cost of providing basic health care to uninsured Minnesotans from \$120 million over the next two years to between \$50 million and \$65 million.

Gruenes says he wants to target those who have been uninsured for more than one year and get more employers to chip in to finance the program.

Supporters of the bill advocated by Rep. Paul Ogren (DFL-Aitkin), however, say critics just haven't done their homework. The Massachusetts system was entirely employer-based, they say, and did not include medical practices reform or insurance reform as the Minnesota plan does.

"We are not imposing anything on employers," says Ogren. "We had the example of Massachusetts before us in the Health Care Access Commission before any of this work was done. This is not based on Massachusetts, nor is it similar to it."

Ogren authors HF2, which outlines what benefits Minnesotans would receive under the plan. Along with HF7, the statewide data collection and research initiative, HF2 was approved by the Health and Human Services Committee and sent to the Appropriations Committee. HF6, which focuses on rural health care issues, was also approved and sent to the Governmental Operations Committee. The proposed Minnesotans' Health Plan is split into five separate bills.



Government

Governor's bonding proposal

Gov. Arne Carlson has proposed that state spending for 23 capital improvement projects authorized by the 1990 Legislature — totaling \$46.4 million — be delayed to prevent the state from sliding further into debt.

But the governor has also asked the Legislature to approve an additional \$133.5 million in new capital projects that he feels are necessary.

The governor's state bonding proposal drew a chilly reception March 25 as Finance Commissioner John Gunyou brought the package before the Appropriations Committee.

Among the initiatives put on hold was the state technical college system's top-ranked project: a \$4.5 million appropriation for new classroom space at the Detroit Lakes Technical College. A spokesman for the college says some classes, as well as a child care center, are housed in a 50-year-old building originally constructed as a machine storage shed.

Rep. Loren Thompson (DFL-Waubun) charged that by denying the Detroit Lakes commitment, even temporarily, the administration sends the message that the technical college system doesn't even know its own priorities.

And the administration's tactics — putting last year's session laws on hold while forwarding a new agenda — drew cries of constitutional foul play from Rep. Bob Anderson (IR-Ottertail). Anderson reminded Gunyou that the Legislature provides budget directives that the administration is expected to carry out, adding that the 1990 capital improvement plan was passed by overwhelming

majorities in both the House and Senate.

The administration cited two reasons for delaying the project: The first was to keep the state's debt load to within 3 percent of the state's general fund. The second was to await the findings of the recently created Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education, says Gunyou. The commission is charged with studying possible mergers and consolidations within the state's four public systems of higher education.

The Detroit Lakes facility was among the larger projects to be delayed. But the governor also suggested delaying funding for the \$2.5 million Giant's Ridge Shooting Sports Center, the \$2.5 million Holmenkollen Ski Jump, the \$1.2 million International Wolf Center in Ely, and the \$50,000 Battle Point Historic Site.

The delay of the Battle Point site, which one legislator says will save the state the approximate cost of a hot tub, reneges on a state promise to Native Americans of the Leech Lake Band, says Rep. Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls), adding that the tribe donated several miles of lake shore on Leech Lake for the historic site.

"I see this as a gratuitous insult, and, whether anybody likes it or not, I'm going to recommend to the Leech Lake Band that they pull that [proposal] off the table," says Rice.

Included in the \$133.5 million in new spending proposed by the governor are \$45.1 million in maximum effort school loans for six districts and \$50 million to finance the purchase of wetlands, as outlined in a measure sponsored this session by Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth).

The governor's capital budget recommendation will be considered by the Appropriations Committee's five divisions before being voted on by the full committee.

Children's commission

A bill to establish a legislative commission on children and families won approval from a fourth and final House committee March 28. The Health and Human Services Committee sent HF9 to the House floor for further review.

The measure would create a commission of eight senators and eight House members to examine children's issues

and coordinate resources throughout the state.

The measure specifies that commission members come from the Appropriations, Education, Governmental Operations, Health and Human Services, and Judiciary committees because these committees play essential roles in developing children's policy.

Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park), author of HF9, says the proposed commission would help bring the work done by various panels and task forces under one roof and eliminate duplication.



Energy

Energy task force

A bill to create an advisory task force on low-income energy assistance was approved by the Energy Committee March 27.

The measure (HF909) sponsored by Rep. Steve Trimble (DFL-St. Paul) would establish a task force to study various methods of providing emergency energy assistance for all heating sources. Task force members would include energy assistance providers, fuel suppliers, consumers, and legislators.

The bill was sent to the House floor for more discussion.



Education

Merging the college systems

Minnesota's higher education landscape could be considerably different in the near future if the state university, community college, and technical college systems are governed by a single unit as several key lawmakers have suggested.

The measure (SF1072), introduced March 27 by state Senate caucus leaders Roger Moe (DFL-Erskine) and Duane Benson (IR-Lanesboro) is by far the most extensive of several higher education consolidation proposals now surfacing at the state Legislature.

And it has, at least temporarily, delayed action on a House bill that called for a merger of the community college and state university systems.

Another bill that calls for the merger of the technical and community college systems has been drafted in the House, but has not been formally introduced. And the House bill calling for a merger of all three systems is expected to be introduced soon as well.

The authors of all three bills now before the Legislature say some streamlining of the state's higher education systems is long overdue. Each have said their measure would reduce duplication in program offerings and administration costs within the different institutions.

Recent cost estimates compiled by the state Higher Education Coordinating

Board (HECB) and presented March 27 to the House Appropriations Committee's Education Division suggest some merger of the state college systems could save money.

The HECB says a merger of the community college and technical college systems could save about \$5.5 million per year, and merging the state university and community college systems would result in about a \$2.5 million annual savings.

The HECB did not calculate the costs and possible savings of a three-system merger.

Collegiate license plates

A bill creating state scholarships for top high school students that would be financed through the sale of commemorative license plates was unanimously approved March 27 by the Education Committee's Higher Education Division.

Rep. Gene Pelowski says his bill (HF 477) would provide full scholarships for students pursuing a variety of degrees at any of the seven state university system campuses, the University of Minnesota, or participating private institutions.

The commemorative license plates, bearing college insignias or mascots, would cost \$100 over the regular price of the plates and contribute \$500,000 or more each year for the renewable scholarships, says Pelowski. The award amount for students choosing private



A few participants in the first School-Age Child Care Day at the Capitol discovered that lobbying takes a lot of energy. About 750 school-age children came to the Capitol March 26.

schools would be equal to the instruction costs at a comparable public institution.

The number of scholarships available to each college would be determined according to the number of license plates sold. Pelowski says individual schools would be expected to help promote sales of the specialty plates.

He says it's very important to provide students with academic incentives, adding that it's a common misconception that all top high school students automatically receive college scholarships.

Nine other states currently sell commemorative plates to help fund college scholarship programs.

Pelowski says he may amend the bill to include technical college students, and to limit the scholarships to students who don't receive other grants.

The bill now moves to the full Education Committee.

Teacher education

Two bills proposing more funding for teacher development and assessment programs were heard March 26 before the Education Committee's Education Finance Division.

If approved, the measures would pump more money into programs to aid beginning instructors and to develop regional teacher centers for improving teacher skills at all experience levels.

The first measure (HF597), sponsored by Rep. Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn), would establish structured internships to give would-be teachers an opportunity "to prove themselves" before being licensed.

"Beginning teachers so often are left to either sink or swim," says Olson. Her bill would also establish assessment programs to gauge teachers' performance and skills.

The second measure (HF730), authored by Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park), would better fund five regional "teacher centers" that would be designed to improve teaching skills.

The programs would receive \$500,000 each of the next two years under Olson's measure.

Teacher centers, which would bring together teachers, administrators, parents and other community leaders to develop ways to improve classroom methods, would each receive between \$75,000 and

\$300,000 in state funding every year under Johnson's bill.

The centers would also work with education department officials to evaluate teacher education programs, and would — according to division chair Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls) — unite several existing and proposed professional development programs for teachers.

No action was taken on either of the bills, although Nelson says both likely will be incorporated into the division's omnibus education package.

Outcome-based education

The notion that just a few students deserve "A" grades while the majority receive "C's" and the struggling learners get "D's" or "F's" could soon disappear like yesterday's blackboard slates.

Outcome-based education (OBE) — where students are judged by what they accomplish, not how they stack up against others — is a centerpiece of education reform measures proposed by both IR Gov. Arne Carlson and House DFL leaders this session.

But several education specialists and many key lawmakers say students will ultimately be the winners with outcome-based education.

"This is not a fad," says Ceil Critchley, assistant commissioner for school management and support with the Department of Education.

During March 22 testimony before the Education Committee's Education Finance Division, Critchley explained that the department plans to phase in outcome-based education programs on a voluntary basis over the next 10 years.

Coupled with school-based site management, advocates say outcome-based education will provide more local control of schools, give teachers and parents a larger role in shaping education programs, and provide a more accurate assessment of how well students are learning.

Outcome-based schooling is based on the assumption that all students can learn. Learning goals, or outcomes, are established in consultation with parents and students. Students then work on the lesson plans until they reach those goals before moving to the next set of outcomes.

The concept is not without its critics, however. Several division members questioned Critchley and others on whether colleges would accept students who don't have traditional grade-point averages and whether most parents would actually get more actively involved with schools.

Division members also wondered whether OBE proposals would create a new bureaucracy within the department and whether schools that are slow to develop outcome-based education would miss out on sizable chunks of state funding.

"There's an awful lot of money here going into a program which isn't required," says Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park).

But Critchley says OBE programs should be voluntary, allowing individual schools to develop their own teaching methods. She also says department officials are reluctant to call for statewide standards for OBE and other programs.

The division and the full Education Committee have not yet made final recommendations on either Gov. Carlson's proposal (HF462), carried by Rep. Dennis Ozment (IR-Rosemount), or the DFL leadership proposal (HF350), authored by Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake).

School vending machines

Is the debate over vending machine control in schools one of nutrition, money, or both? A bill that would put some control of vending machines in the hands of the school food service produced a second day of vigorous debate in the Education Committee March 25.

Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park), author of HF532, says that public schools should promote good nutrition by giving the school food service control over vending machines — at least during lunch hours.

Supporters of the bill say that most vending machines remain in use over the lunch period competing with the school lunch program. Kids eat junk food, they say, which takes money away from the lunch program and drives up the cost for those kids who do eat nutritionally sound meals.

But others say the real issue is local control, explaining that the vending machines are equipped with timers so they can be shut down over the lunch hour.

If school officials were really concerned about nutrition, say opponents, they could simply shut down vending machines.

Opponents suggest the real reason schools want to control vending machine operations is so they can subsidize school lunch programs. In addition, they say kids would continue to get junk food at surrounding stores, but none of those profits would go to school activities.

They say the bill flies in the face of reforms that aim to increase local control. "If this thing were law right now . . . it may be among the list of mandates that school districts would like to get rid of," says Rep. Steve Dille (IR-Dassel).

The Education Committee voted 16-12 to send the bill to its finance division for further discussion.



Banking

Worthless checks

Minnesotans write an estimated \$1.8 million dollars in bad checks every month, but that could change under a bill proposed by Rep. Wally Sparby (DFL-Thief River Falls).

Sparby wants to allow Minnesota businesses to charge more for bad checks and make it a bit tougher to open a new checking account. Sparby's HF1038 was heard March 25 by the Banking Division of the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Sparby proposed the bill to help Minnesota businesses deal with check writing fraud. According to the Minnesota Retail Merchants Association, 28 percent of all checks returned for insufficient funds in Minnesota are considered fraudulent.

Under Sparby's bill, the maximum fee a business could charge for a bad check would rise from \$15 to \$20. And banks would be required to be more diligent in checking the identification of customers who open new checking accounts.

While many business groups support the measure, two banking groups spoke against it. They're concerned about a



Elise Krueger (wearing Milk T-shirt) was one of several dairy farmers who sat in on an Agriculture Committee discussion March 25 on dairy inspection fees. The Kruegers operate a dairy farm about 50 miles south of Duluth.

provision that would prohibit banks from assessing bad check fees against anyone but the person who wrote the checks. Currently, banks can charge businesses for bad checks they submit for payment.

Testimony on HF1038 is expected to resume next week.



Agriculture

Will milk cost more?

The price of a gallon of milk might jump half a cent if a bill approved by the Agriculture Committee becomes law.

At the same time, fees paid by dairy farmers for Agriculture Department inspections would drop, a move that could come as a relief to those farmers hurt by the lowest milk prices in 15 years.

But the lower fees would mean someone will have to make up the difference, and processors of fluid milk — as opposed to those who make cheese, powdered milk or other products — protest that they're the ones who will have to pick up an unfair chunk.

HF493, sponsored by Agriculture Committee Chair Rep. Stephen Wenzel (DFL-Little Falls), was approved by lawmakers March 25 and referred to the Appropriations Committee.

Saying he fears "the wholesale elimination" of the state's dairy industry, Wenzel

explained that his bill would shift the burden of paying for Minnesota's \$1.5 million annual inspection program away from farmers.

Currently, farmers pay about 65 percent of the program's cost; the remaining 35 percent comes from the state's general fund. Under Wenzel's bill, farmers' share of the inspection cost would drop to about a third. The general fund would pick up another third.

The balance would be paid from a new fee on fluid milk processors, who, beginning July 1, would have to pay a 5-cent per hundredweight fee for inspections. That translates to about a half-cent per gallon increase in how much consumers would pay for milk.

Wenzel's bill has support from the Minnesota Farmers Union and the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation.

But Wy Spano, representing the Dairies Federation of Minnesota, says the new fee on fluid milk processors would be unfair. "Fluid milk processors handle 13 percent of the milk in Minnesota," Spano argued, "... yet we're supposed to pay a third of the non-farm-based fees."

William Coleman, director of the Agriculture Department's dairy and livestock division, told the committee that the processor fee wouldn't apply to cheese and dry milk processors because many of those processors are cooperatives owned by farmers.

'Minnesota pure' milk

Dairy farmers could join the growing market niche of all-natural foods under the controversial "Minnesota pure" bill proposed by Rep. Richard Krueger (DFL-Staples).

But consumers could pay about 10 cents more for every gallon of "pure" milk that would be identified as having come from cows that are free of artificial growth drugs or other chemicals and hormones.

Krueger's HF669 squeaked out of the Dairy and Livestock Subcommittee on March 26 on a 6-5 vote. While some independent farmers favor the voluntary participation program, others spoke against the measure.

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation is among those fearing that sticking a "Minnesota pure" label on a jug of milk could suggest that other Minnesota-produced milk is not good. The Farm Bureau also says the state Department of Agriculture would face increased costs because of the inspections it would have to conduct to determine if milk is of "Minnesota pure" quality.

Under the bill, dairies would pay "Minnesota pure"-certified dairy farmers \$1 more per hundredweight for their milk.

Farmers who support the bill believe the extra payment would help them in the face of depressed milk prices.

The bill now moves to the full Agriculture Committee.

Lost in wetlands

The Department of Agriculture had better get involved in talks about a wetlands bill or risk losing support — including his, says Rep. Henry Kalis (DFL-Walters).

Kalis told state Agriculture Commissioner Elton Redalen that he's frustrated the department hasn't been more involved in negotiations over a wetlands protection package.

Kalis made his comments during an Agriculture Committee hearing March 27 on HF 1, the \$50 million dollar no-net loss wetlands bill proposed by Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth).

Rep. Steve Dille (IR-Dassel) told Redalen that he also wants the depart-

ment to be more involved, but added that the Agriculture Committee has been frustrated and confused in dealing with the complex legislation.

Redalen defended the department's work on the bill, but apologized that he personally has not been able to devote as much time to the legislation as he would like.

Redalen told the committee that he thinks lawmakers can forge a good bill that will be acceptable to both farmers and environmentalists.

The bill, already approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, won't come up for a vote in the Agriculture Committee until after Easter, according to committee chair Rep. Stephen Wenzel (DFL-Little Falls).



Environment

Hunting, fishing changes

Deer hunters could get their deer plus one more if a bill approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee becomes law.

HF887, proposed by Rep. Leo Reding (DFL-Austin), was approved March 28, despite opposition from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Minnesota Deer Hunters' Association.

The bill would allow hunters to take one deer under an archery permit and one under a firearms permit.

Currently, hunters are limited to just one deer per year, although bow hunters can take a second deer under a bonus permit system in areas where the DNR has ruled the deer population is too high.

Reding told the Game and Fish Subcommittee on March 26 that states neighboring Minnesota already allow hunters to take two deer per season.

Frank Schneider of St. Paul objected to the bill.

"This thing's prejudiced," he said. "The only people who benefit from this are bow hunters." The bow hunting season falls before the firearms season.

Tim Bremicker, acting director of the DNR's wildlife section, told the committee that between 10 and 14 percent of bow hunters bag a deer, while 30 to 35 percent of firearms hunters succeed.

In other action during the March 28 meeting of the full committee, lawmakers approved:

- HF877 A. Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park) allowing special seasons for disabled hunters.
- HF896 I. Anderson (DFL-Int'l Falls) allowing a one-deer license for a husband and wife.
- HF935 Pugh (DFL-South St. Paul) requiring firearms safety certification for hunters born after Dec. 31, 1979.
- HF963 I. Anderson (DFL-Int'l Falls) allowing free hunting permits for persons aged 70 and older. The bill was referred to the Appropriations Committee.
- HF982 Wenzel (DFL-Little Falls) allowing free hunting licenses for disabled veterans. The bill was referred to the Appropriations Committee.
- HF995 Gruenes (IR-St. Cloud) allowing disabled hunters to take deer of either sex.
- HF1001 Trimble (DFL-St. Paul) allowing hunters to use one-way radio communications with their hunting dogs.
- HF1121 Stanius (IR-White Bear Lake) allowing residents of institutions to receive free fishing licenses; and allowing hunters who are disabled, even if just temporarily, to get free licenses to hunt from a motor vehicle.

Spiking tree 'spiking'

Paul Bunyan and a host of other real-life loggers will no doubt support a bill that was recently approved by a judiciary division and is now pending in the full Judiciary Committee.

The measure (HF647) would make it a gross misdemeanor for anyone to wedge a "hard" device such as an iron spike in timber which would cause damage to harvesting equipment. Furthermore, if someone is hurt as a result of such timber tampering, the offender could be charged with a felony.

Currently, state law does not cover such an action.

The bill sponsored by Rep. Loren Solberg (DFL-Bovey) is in response to the recent "spiking" of virgin timber in northern Minnesota for the purpose of stopping loggers from harvesting the timber.

Solberg told the committee that the majority of people — whether they are for

or against harvesting virgin timber — are against tree spiking.

"Everyone has a right to protest certain actions . . . but I don't think we have a right in that protest to endanger other people," he says.

Howard Hedstrom, an owner of Hedstrom Lumber, Inc. near Grand Marais, told lawmakers that tree spiking is "forest terrorism." He added that "someone's warped sense of protectionism [for the environment] is not worth the value of human life."

The bill would also provide criminal penalties for intentionally interfering with or obstructing someone's work in an effort to prevent legal harvesting, processing, or transportation of timber.

In addition, the bill requires such violators to pay restitution if equipment is damaged as a result of the spiking.

'Wet bike' regulations

"Wet bike" enthusiasts will need to be at least 16 years old, always wear a life jacket, and ride only between 8 a.m. and sunset under a bill receiving final approval March 27 on a 109-22 vote in the House.

The measure (HF633) is now pending in the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

Children younger than 16 will still be able to operate the personal watercraft — commonly known as wet bikes or jet skis — but only if an adult rides with them. Sixteen- and 17-year-olds will be required to hold watercraft operator's licenses.

Chief author Rep. Tony Kinkel (DFL-Park Rapids) proposed the bill to deal with growing complaints about unsafe use of wet bikes on state rivers and lakes. A total of 6,145 personal watercraft were registered in the state last year, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Preliminary floor debate on the bill March 25 lasted for more than an hour as lawmakers discussed the age at which youths should be allowed to use wet bikes unsupervised, and on how the proposed law would be enforced on lakes that share a border with other states.

Kinkel says he was mildly surprised by the extensive debate the measure generated on the House floor.



Three-year-old Madeline Orenstein kept a watchful eye on the Health and Human Services Committee March 28 as her father, Rep. Howard Orenstein, presented a bill concerning child care.

"Whenever you start talking about something that affects sports or recreation in this state, people get interested," says Kinkel.



Labor

Remembering workers

A bill that would honor workers fatally injured while working on public projects won approval from the Labor-Management Relations Committee March 25.

"We already recognize people with Workers' Memorial Day. One way to honor the memory of some Minnesota workers would be with this bill," says Rep. Steve Trimble (DFL-St. Paul), chief author of HF118.

The proposal would, at the request of the surviving spouse, children, or next of kin, place a plaque in honor of the

deceased worker on or near the completed project.

The idea started with a man who was fatally injured in Trimble's district while working on the I-94 overpass at Mounds Boulevard. The man's surviving spouse has indicated she would like such a plaque constructed in his honor.

"It would be nice for someone's children to be able to visit a building or a bridge to see something their father or mother helped to build," says Trimble.

Trimble says the appropriation for the bill is "minimal." HF118 was referred to the Appropriations Committee for further discussion.



Veterans

Status quo at Veterans Affairs

Old soldiers may just fade away, but their benefits don't. Federal money paid to Minnesota's military veterans is increasing every year, even as the state's veteran population is declining.

Last year, \$600 million was distributed to the state's 500,000-plus veterans, which includes two soldiers who served during the Spanish-American War in 1898.

While the money comes from federal sources, it's the responsibility of the state-funded Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs to administer the benefits.

And with the state budget crunch, the department may have to fulfill its increasing responsibilities with four fewer employees in the next biennium.

Veterans Affairs Commissioner Bernard Helter presented the department's budget March 26 to the Appropriations Committee's State Government Division, which sets budget levels for state agencies.

The proposed 1992-93 budget of \$9.5 million is the same as the budget in the current biennium. But rising administrative costs, the aging legion of WWII vets that dominate the department's workload, and an expected influx of about 10,000 Persian Gulf veterans, will make it difficult for the department to carry out its duties, says Helter.

He says the zero-growth budget will make it even more difficult to identify homeless veterans so they can receive

their federal veterans' benefits. Helter says it's estimated that 40 percent of the homeless nationwide — and in Minnesota — are Vietnam War veterans.

The committee took no action on the budget proposal.

Decorating vets

Several House members want to decorate Minnesota veterans, and honoring certain Persian Gulf vets with commemorative ribbons has been offered as one way to credit the state's military.

HF615, sponsored by Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon), honors both Minnesota national guard members and reserve components called to active duty because of the Persian Gulf conflict. It won approval March 28 from the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee.

Add this to the proposed constitutional amendment asking to grant Gulf vets a bonus (HF224), a two-year tuition exemption at public colleges (HF426), and the bases are loaded for a group of people who have already gone to bat for Minnesota. Rep. Pat Beard (DFL-Cottage Grove) says they "are more than deserving of our state's support."

The estimated cost of the ribbons is about 25 cents apiece, says Sgt. Maj. Ted Schultz of the Department of Military Affairs. A Texas supplier has already designed a Gulf crisis ribbon in conjunction with Missouri state military officials, he says. Designing a unique Minnesota ribbon is also an option, but would mean a one- or two-year delay in their presentation to service personnel.

While National Guard members can place the state-issued ribbons on their uniforms, reserve members cannot. Federal law requires that only United States issued decorations be displayed on a reservist's uniform. But upon retirement, state ribbons or medals may be worn.

Schultz explained each ribbon has a prescribed place on the uniform, and that a "hierarchy" determines which takes precedence.

Although there have been eight state medals authorized for wear on the uniform, Schultz says this would be the first such award for a specific military conflict.

Fergus Falls vets' home?

In his 1992-93 proposed budget, Gov. Arne Carlson asked the Legislature not to authorize any new veterans homes. But that's not stopping Rep. Bob Anderson (IR-Ottertail) from pushing for a 60-bed home in Fergus Falls.

Every year since 1980, Anderson has introduced legislation to secure a home "needed to serve the aging veterans in this region of the state," he says. The measure passed the House in 1980 and in 1989, but failed each time in the Senate.

The Veterans Affairs Division of the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee approved Anderson's bill (HF648) calling for the nursing home and referred it to the full committee.

The measure calls for the conversion of the existing state hospital site in Fergus Falls into a skilled nursing care facility "that wouldn't cost the state anything for about five years," says Anderson.

About 65 percent of the cost would be borne by the federal government, with the remaining 35 percent coming from "non-state sources," says Anderson.

But to secure federal funding, Anderson says the bill needs to be approved so the home can be placed at the bottom of the funding waiting list, which could mean a wait of "at least five years."



Gaming

Racing commission

A bill (HF307) that would pay racing commission members the same as members of other boards and commissions is heading for the House floor after passing the Taxes Committee March 26.

Racing commission members currently receive \$35 per day while members of other boards and commissions receive \$55 per day. If approved, the increase would be effective July 1 of this year.

The bill would also require a redistribution of the "breeders' fund" that is collected through the tax on pari-mutuel betting. Currently, 20 percent of the fund is earmarked for equine research and education.

The measure requires that at least half the fund be spent on equine research and education with the rest to be used for substance abuse programs for racetrack

personnel, promotion of the racing, breeding and horse industries, and additional equine education.

The bill had also called for a reduction in the state's share of pari-mutuel winnings to 8 percent from 10 percent, but the committee eliminated that provision.

Helping compulsive gamblers

A bill calling for \$1.5 million to aid in treating compulsive gamblers was heard March 28 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee, but members delayed making a decision until next week.

HF685, sponsored by Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park), would fund a number of priorities outlined by Steve Dentinger, chair of the state advisory council on compulsive gambling. These include developing the current 1-800-hotline to become a 24-hour service, public education programs, and continuing education instruction for mental health professionals and addiction counselors.

The bill also requires that the hotline number be prominently displayed at every location selling lawful gaming, pari-mutuel, or lottery tickets.

Dentinger says studies show 1.6 percent of Minnesota adults are compulsive gamblers, with an additional 9 percent having "significant gambling problems." For people between the ages of 16 and 18, more than 6 percent were identified as addicts, with an additional 19.9 percent having problems.

"We've made it very easy for people to gamble in this state," says Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park.). "We, in this committee, have created problems we don't like to admit. We are responsible. It's time to put our money where our mouth is. Let's not be hypocrites."

And the problems are growing. The number of Gamblers Anonymous groups statewide has increased from 16 to 40 since last June, says Dentinger.

Mainstream co-opts vestiges of third parties

Newcomers to Minnesota might face a political identity crisis.

"Where are the Democrats? Where are the Republicans?" the newcomers might ask. They may be confused by billboards pushing "DFL" and "IR" candidates.

"What are these radical, third-party groups?" they might wonder. "Where are the two mainstream parties?"

Of course, as seasoned Minnesotans know, the Democratic-Farmer-Labor and the Independent-Republican parties are the two mainstream parties. But their names point to the strong third-party heritage in Minnesota.

"Through most of its history, Minnesota has shown symptoms of political schizophrenia," wrote scholar Donald F. Warner in a 1951 edition of *Minnesota History*. "On the one hand, it was the staid dowager, as reliably Republican as its down-East Yankee sisters; on the other, it had skittish moments during which it produced a brood of third parties or helped raise the radical offspring of its neighbors."

The political spectrum in Minnesota has included shades from the far right to the far left.

But many third parties these days don't have much political strength and usually draw just a handful of votes. The most recent third party candidate to run for the House, Henry Zamarron of the Socialist Workers Party, got only 42 votes in February in his bid for the District 32B seat vacated by Elton Redalen, the new commissioner of agriculture. Preston Mayor and IR candidate Gregory Davids won the election with 3,370 votes.

"A great deal of printers' ink has been spilled to tell the world that a third party movement is impossible of success in America — is something foreign to our soil," wrote former Gov. Floyd B. Olson in 1935. "It is certain that much of this is sheer propaganda designed to discourage formation of a political party which will be representative of the aspirations of the masses."

In many foreign countries, third party movements are vibrant. Even Canada, with its Liberal, Conservative, and New Democratic parties, is able to boast of a strong third party presence.

Except for the rise of the Socialist Party before World War I, America has generally seemed disinterested in third parties.

But unlike most other states, Minnesota's third-party movement has seen major success. Olson knew that firsthand. In 1930, he won election as the state's first Farmer-Labor Party governor. The Legislature also featured many Farmer-Labor lawmakers, but because representatives and senators by law had to run on nonpartisan tickets, they weren't officially identified as such.

After Olson's untimely death in 1936 and the eventual deterioration of the Farmer-Labor movement, the party after World War II merged with the Democrats to form what is today the DFL.

Scholars have pointed to Minnesota's strong ethnic heritage as one reason that radical and liberal third parties, many rooted on the farms or dug into the iron ore mines, have had some success. Finnish miners from northern Minnesota, for example, helped shore up the Socialist and Communist movements.

While third parties might seem like a vestige of World War I and the Depression, every era seems to bring out a call for a new movement.



A political cartoon from a 1922 *Minnesota Union Advocate* portrays the intensity of the third party sentiment that was once widespread in Minnesota.

In 1924, the first time Olson ran for governor (and lost) as a member of the Farmer-Labor Party, he was up against candidates from the Republican, Democratic, Socialist Industrial, and Independent Progressive parties. (Reflecting the Prohibition Era, voters also had a chance to vote for a U.S. Senate candidate from the Beer-Wine-Independent Party.)

In 1977, St. Paul labor leaders, feeling that "labor" had disappeared from the DFL, proposed creation of a new Labor Party. The effort, however, never caught on.

But plenty of third parties are still active today.

The last general election in November featured candidates not only from the mainstream DFL and IR parties, but also the Socialist Workers, Grassroots, EarthRIGHT, Independent, Pro-Choice Independent, and the Independent Moderate parties.

— Andris Straumanis

Newest House member loves his new job

Rep. Greg Davids (IR-Preston) says filling former representative Elton Redalen's old shoes may be a big job, but adds that he's got just the feet to do it.

Size 12 to be exact. People notice when Davids, a former wrestler and football player, enters the room.

But on a more serious note, Davids says he knows the district in southeastern Minnesota as well as anyone. He grew up there, served for four years as the Fillmore County Independent-Republican Party chairman, was a member of the Preston City Council, and served as mayor of the city from 1987 to Feb. 13 of this year.

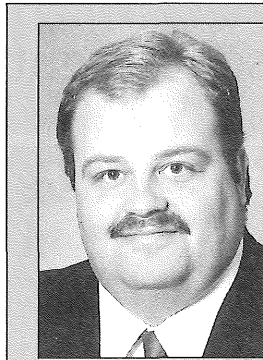
Davids had thoughts about running for office before, but says Redalen and Sen. Duane Benson (IR-Lanesboro) were doing such a good job that the best thing to do was wait.

When Gov. Arne Carlson appointed Redalen as commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Davids was the first of eight people to join the race.

"Before I'd ask for somebody's support, I'd ask if they were running, too," says Davids.

The general election came down to three people, and Davids won with 63.1 percent of the vote.

Davids says coming into session late was like grabbing a train ride with the train moving. And instead of "getting his feet wet," Davids says he jumped in head



Greg Davids

District 32B

Age: 32

Occupation: Insurance company president

District traits: Dairy farming is a major industry in 32B, but tourism is also becoming a booming business in the scenic area. The district voted for Rudy Boschwitz over Paul Wellstone in the 1990 U.S. Senate race by a 59.7 to 40.3-percent margin.

first. Shortly after being sworn in, he introduced his first bill.

"I don't waste any time," he says.

But he'll miss his old job as mayor, he says, and some of the characteristics that went with it. His new job will require persuading more than just two members on the city council to think his way, he says.

Davids' district is primarily agricultural and includes no towns larger than 2,500. He lives in Preston, which has about 1,500 people, and owns an insurance company in Harmony, a town of almost 1,100. Though agriculture is the major issue in his area, he also wants to help small-town businesses.

"I want to do anything I can do to help small business in rural Minnesota because I don't want to see these small towns dry up," says Davids. "There are too many vacant buildings on main

street. And that's a major concern of mine — to get those buildings filled up."

Like many legislators, Davids says he's also concerned about educational issues, workers' compensation reform, and health insurance reform.

But unlike many, Davids' diverse background gives him the advantage of viewing those issues from a variety of perspectives.

In addition to his job as an insurance agent and his service as mayor and city councilman, Davids has taught high school government and coached numerous high school sports for both boys and girls.

Although many representatives truly love being members of the House, Davids seems to especially relish his seat.

"There should be a law against having this much fun," he says.

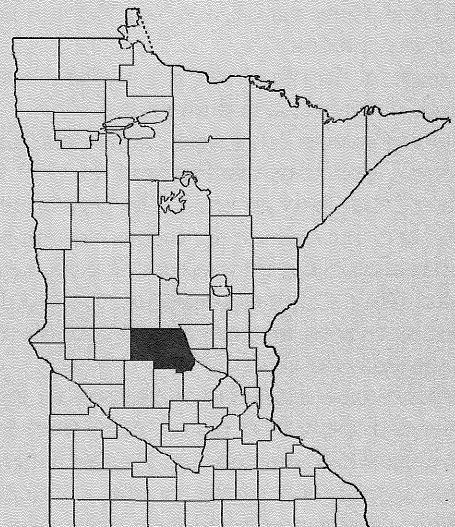
Do you know?

Blame it on those incompetent government clerks.

Stearns County was supposed to have been named after Isaac Ingall Stevens, but a clerk mistook Stearns for Stevens, as in Charles Thomas Stearns. When the error was finally detected, Stearns was deemed worthy of the honor since he had established a respectable political reputation in the county.

Originally from Massachusetts, Stearns settled in St. Cloud in 1855, where he ran a hotel for 14 years. Two years earlier, the land on which the city now rests was purchased by John Wilson for \$250. A great admirer of Napoleon, Wilson insisted the site be named St. Cloud, after the city the French ruler built for Empress Josephine.

Stevens was not to be forgotten, however. The former governor of Washington Territory, congressional delegate, and major-general would later have Stevens County established in his honor.



Committee, Floor & Final Action

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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		AGRICULTURE										
HF0001	Munger	Wetlands protection	1/9 EN	AG	3/27 h							
SF0051	Merriam		1/16 EN									
HF0213	Cooper	Ethanol—promotion appropriation	2/7 AG	AG	3/25 rp	reAP						
SF0281	Frederickson		2/14 AG	AG	3/14 rpa	reRI						
HF0493	Wenzel	Dairy—milk inspection fees limited	2/25 AG	AG	3/25 rp	reAP						
SF0481	Sams		2/28 AG									
HF0552	Peterson	Ethanol—oxygenated gasoline requirements	2/28 AG	AG	3/25 rp							
SF0559	Frederickson		3/4 AG	TR	3/21 rpa	reEP						
		COMMERCE										
HF0104	Milbert	Automatic garage door openers—regulations	1/24 CO	CO	2/14 rpa		2/28	123-0	3/7			3/26
SF0085	Solon		1/24 CO	CO	2/11 rpa		3/18	65-0				
HF0153	Morrison	Real estate appraisers— regulation	1/31 CO	CO	2/11 rp		2/14	124-0	2/14			3/22
SF0299	Hottinger		2/18 CO	CO	3/7 rp		3/14	64-0				
HF0154	Scheid	Uniform commercial code—changes	1/31 CO	CO	3/13 rpa		3/21	132-1				
SF0403	Finn		2/21 JU									
HF0274	Sparby	Motor vehicle contract	2/11 CO	CO	3/27 rpa							
SF0241	Stumpf	transfers—regulation	2/11 CO									

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HF0311	McEachern	Unfair cigarette sales	2/14 CO	CO	3/28 rp							
SF0295	Lessard		2/14 CO	TA	3/18 rp	reTA						
HF0832	Sparby	Heavy, utility equipment—	3/13 CO	CO	3/26 rp							
SF0833	Solon	dealership agreements	3/18 CO									
HF0895	Uphus	Credit agreements—	3/18 CO	CO	3/28 rp							
SF0601	D.E. Johnson	clarification	3/7 CO									
HF1017	Bertram	Grocery store license—	3/21 CO	CO	3/28 rpa							
SF0664	Bertram	clarification	3/7 AG	HH	3/27 rpa	reHH						
		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT										
HF1042	Winter	Dept. of Trade & Economic	3/21 EC	EC	3/26 rp	reGO						
SF0940	Frederickson	Development—restructure	3/21 EH									
HF1088	Segal	GMC—seed capital fund established,	3/25 EC	EC	3/26 h, a							
SF1037	Metzen	money appropriated	3/27 EH									
		EDUCATION										
HF0331	Kinkel	School boards—	2/14 ED	ED	3/18 rpa		3/21	134-0				
SF0396	Finn	interactive television	2/20 ED									
HF0499	O'Connor	Missing children records flagged	2/25 ED	ED	3/21 rp		3/25	127-0				
SF0158	Waldorf		2/4 ED									
HF0532	Scheid	School food funds—increase	2/28 ED	ED	3/25 h	reED/edfin						
SF0519	Reichgott		2/28 ED									
HF0563	Bauerly	Adult education—program expansion	2/28 ED	ED	3/25 h	reED/edfin						
SF0516	Reichgott	funding increase	2/28 ED									
		Education Finance										
		EDUCATION										
HF0462	Ozment	Public school funding	2/25 ED	ED/edfin	3/26 h							
SF0466	Olson		2/25									
HF0532	Scheid	School food funds—increase	2/28 ED	ED/edfin	3/25 h							
SF0519	Reichgott		2/28 ED	ED	3/26 rp	reED/ef						
HF0597	K. Olson	Teacher assessment—reports, recommendation required	3/4 ED	ED/edfin	3/26 h							
HF0730	A. Johnson	Teaching centers—funding	3/7 ED	ED/edfin	3/26 h							
SF0784	Knaak		3/14 ED									
		Higher Education										
		EDUCATION										
HF0447	Pelowski	Scholarships—high school seniors	2/21 ED	ED/high	3/27 rpa							
SF0942	Hottinger		3/21 ED									
HF0473	Orenstein	Law enforcement school created	2/25 JU	ED/high	3/27 rpa	reED						

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		ENERGY										
HF0132	Dawkins	Fluorescent lights—exit signs	1/28 EG	EG	13/18 rpa		3/27	128-3				
SF0137	Marty		2/4 EG	EG	3/18 rpa							
HF0908	Trimble	Energy conservation	3/18 EG	EG	3/27 rpa	reAP						
SF0963	Dicklich		3/25 EG									
HF0909	Trimble	Advisory task force—created	3/18 EG	EG	3/27 rpa	reAP						
		ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES										
HF0021	Bertram	Medical waste incinerators—	1/14 EN	EN	3/26 rpa							
SF0013	Bertram	impact statements required	1/14 EN									
HF0115	Winter	Watersheds—administrative fund limit	1/28 EN	EN	3/26 rp	reTA						
SF0142	Novak		1/31 EN	EN	3/18 rpa	reTT						
HF0128	Reding	Water detention—	1/28 EN	EN	3/18 rpa		3/27	130-0				
SF0667	Morse	development requirements	3/7 EN									
HF0181	Sparby	Petroleum tanks—cleanup	2/4 EN	EN	3/26 rp	reFI						
SF0382	Novak	reimbursement restricted	2/20 EN									
HF0633	Kinkel	Watercraft use,	3/4 EN	EN	3/18 rpa		3/27	109-22				
SF0422	Lessard	operation—regulation	2/25 EN									
HF0858	Trimble	Pollution Control Agency—	3/13 EN	EN	3/26 rpa	reAP						
SF0218	Lessard	rulemaking, junk yard	2/7 EN	EN	2/28 rpa	reFI						
HF0877	A. Johnson	Hunting—seasons for	3/18 EN	EN	3/28 rpa							
SF0497	Merriam	physically handicapped	2/28 EN									
HF0887	Reding	Hunting—two deer license	3/18 EN	EN	3/28 rp							
SF0457	Berg		2/25 EN									
HF0896	I. Anderson	Hunting—husband/wife	3/18 EN	EN	3/28 rpa	reAP						
		deer license										
HF0935	Pugh	Hunting—hunter safety course	3/18 EN	EN	3/28 rpa							
SF0729	Merriam		3/14 EN	EN	3/27 rpa							
HF0963	I. Anderson	Hunting—free senior	3/21 EN	EN	3/28 rp	reAP						
		citizen license										
HF0977	Solberg	Hazardous substances—	3/21 EN	EN	3/28 rpa							
SF0891	Morse	response to spills	3/21 EN									
HF0982	Wenzel	Hunting—free license	3/21 EN	EN	3/28 rp	reAP						
		for disabled veterans										
HF0995	Gruenes	Hunting—disabled	3/21 EN	EN	3/28 rp							
SF0742	J.E. Benson	deer hunters	3/14 EN									
HF1001	Trimble	Hunting dogs—	3/25 EN	EN	3/28 rpa							
SF0264	Price	radio communication	2/14 EN									
HF1013	Peterson	Pipelines—eminent domain authority	3/21 EN	EN	3/26 rp							

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HF1121	Stanis	Fishing, hunting—disabled, institutionalized persons	3/25 EN	EN	3/28 rpa							
		FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE										
HF0004	Skoglund	Health insurance—Minnesotans'	1/9 FI	FI	3/21 h							
SF0023	Stumpf	Health Care Plan	1/14 HH									
HF0208	Simoneau	Insurance—small employer	2/4 FI	FI	3/21 h							
SF0501	Merriam	health benefit act	2/28 CO									
HF0431	Skoglund	Health maintenance organizations—	2/21 FI	FI	3/27 rpa	reGO						
SF0965	Solon	regulated by commerce commissioner	3/25 HH									
HF0697	Reding	Credit unions—supervisory	3/7 FI	FI	3/25 rp		3/27	129-0				
SF0673	Spear	committees, state depository	3/7 CO									
HF0815	Skoglund	Insurance—MCHA provisions	3/13 FI	FI	3/27 rpa							
		Banking Division FINANCIAL INST. & INSURANCE										
HF1038	Sparby	Worthless checks—	3/21 FI	FI/bk	3/25 h							
SF0880	Spear	fees, identification	3/21 CO									
		GENERAL LEGISLATION										
HF0035	Lieder	Agriculture—local	3/21 GL	GL	3/28 rp							
SF0034	R. Moe	society membership	1/14 AG	AG	3/11 rp		3/18	66-0				
HF0179	Kelso	Dogs—live bait prohibited	2/4 GL	GL	3/28 rp							
SF1083	Johnston	in training	3/27 VG									
HF0195	Beard	POW/MIA funding—	2/4 GL	GL	2/25 rp		3/4	130-0	3/11			3/21
SF0172	Bertram	resolution	2/11 VG	VG	2/14 rp		3/14	62-0				
HF0326	Osthoﬀ	Primary elections—employees	2/14 GL	GL	3/18 rp		3/27	129-2				
SF0552	Hughes	excused to vote	3/4 EE	EE	3/18 rpa							
HF0398	Osthoﬀ	Election judges—include	2/21 GL	GL	3/18 rpa		3/27	122-10				
SF0750	Hughes	high school students	3/14 EE									
HF0615	Sviggum	Persian Gulf—veterans	3/4 GL	GL	3/28 rp	reAP						
SF0513	D.E. Johnson	issued ribbons	2/28 VG	VG	3/21 rpa	reFN						
HF0685	Segal	Gambling—compulsive	3/7 GL	GL	3/28 h							
SF0452	Marty	gambling funding	2/25 GR									
HF0748	Osthoﬀ	Safety—assessment rides	3/11 GL	GL	3/28 rpa							
SF0764	Dahl	required insurance	3/14 EM									
		Elections Division GENERAL LEGISLATION										
HF0478	Lasley	Election provisions changed	2/25 GL	GL/elec	3/26 rpa	reGL						
SF0508	Hughes		2/28 EE									

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		Veterans Affairs Division										
		GENERAL LEGISLATION										
HF0556	Frederick	Veterans—service officer	2/28 GL	GL/vet	3/26 rp	reGL						
SF0460	Beckman	appointments	2/25 VG	VG	2/25 rp	reLO						
HF0609	Boo	State boards—veterans	3/4 GL	GL/vet	3/26 rp	reGL						
SF0640	J.B. Johnson	authorized to rent	3/7 VG	VG	3/18 rp	reFN*						
HF0615	Svigum	Military—Gulfvets issued ribbons	3/4 GL	GL/vet	3/26 rpa	reGL						
SF0513	D.E. Johnson		2/28 VG	VG	3/21 rpa	reFN						
HF0722	Waltman	Military—land acquisitions	3/7 GL	GL/vet	3/26 rpa	reGL						
SF0714	Johnston		3/11 VG	VG	3/21 rp							
HF0648	R. Anderson	Veterans homes—Fergus Falls	3/4 GL	GL/vet	3/26 rp	reGL						
		GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS										
HF0058	Jaros	State government—	1/22 GO	GO	3/27 rp	reAP						
SF0428	Solon	decentralization study	2/25 GO									
HF0173	Rukavina	Univ. of Minn.—collective	1/31 GO	GO	3/27 rp							
SF0447	Pogemiller	bargaining units	2/25 GO									
HF0217	Carruthers	Interior designers—	2/7 CO	GO	3/27 h							
SF0394	Flynn	licensure, regulation	2/20 CO									
HF0290	Ogren	State employees—sick	2/11 GO	GO	2/21 rpa		2/28	126-0	3/7			3/26
SF0461	Luther	leave donations	2/25 GO	GO	2/28 rpa		3/18	65-0				
HF0299	Reding	Pensions—police, fire	2/14 GO	GO	3/28 rpa							
SF0377	Waldorf	survivor benefits	2/20 GO									
HF0389	Jefferson	Pensions—highway patrol annuity	2/21 GO	GO	3/27 rpa							
SF0734	Pogemiller	refunds paid	3/14 GO	GO	3/25 rpa							
HF0575	Simoneau	Compensation council changes	2/28 GO	GO	3/11 rp							
SF0468	Luther		2/25 GO	GO	3/11 rp		3/21	63-1	3/27			
HF0611	Farrell	Pensions—Duluth/St. Paul fire	3/4 GO	GO	3/27 rpa							
SF0848	Waldorf	authorized refunds	3/21 GO									
HF0646	Jaros	'U.S. manufactured'—definition	3/4 GO	GO	3/11 rpa		3/21	114-16				
SF0235	Solon		3/25 RA									
HF0667	O'Connor	Highway patrol—donated	3/7 GO	GO	3/27 rpa							
SF0735	Lessard	vacation time	3/14 GO									
HF1035	R. Johnson	Pensions—TRA	3/21 GO	GO	3/28 rpa							
SF1030	Waldorf	administrative changes	3/25 GO									
HF1039	Wejcman	Public employees—re-employment	3/21 GO	GO	3/28 rpa							
SF0798	Morse	provisions changed	3/18 GO									
HF1147	Reding	Public employees—change	3/25 GO	GO	3/28 h							
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HF0542	Hanson	Environment—governmental	2/28 GO	GO/gs	3/25 h							
SF0551	Price	programs studied	3/4 EN									
HF0668	McGuire	State boards—audiology/speech-	3/7 GO	GO/gs	3/25 h							
SF0674	Flynn	language pathology established	3/11 HH									
		HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES										
HF0002	Ogren	Minnesotans' Health Plan—	1/9 HH	HH	3/26 rpa	reAP						
SF0002	Berglin	requirements, benefits	1/9 HH	HH	3/25 rpa	reCO						
HF0006	Lourey	Minnesotans' Health Plan—	1/9 HH	HH	3/26 rpa	reGO						
SF0024	Langseth	rural health initiatives	1/14 HH									
HF0007	Greenfield	Minnesotans' Health Plan—	1/9 HH	HH	3/26 rpa	reAP						
SF0078	Marty	data collection, research	1/24 HH									
HF0009	A. Johnson	Commission on children,	1/9 ED	HH	3/28 rpa							
SF0116	Traub	families—creation	1/28 ED									
HF0085	E. Olson	Nursing homes—	1/24 HH	HH	3/18 rpa		3/25	131-0				
SF0121	Finn	share administrators	1/31 HH									
HF0193	Greenfield	General assistance—negotiated	2/4 HH	HH	2/25 rp	reAP	3/21	134-0				
SF0141	Traub	agreement deadline delayed	1/31 FN	FN	2/7 rp		3/25	65-0			3/25	3/27
HF0333	Segal	Commissioner duties—Department	2/14 HH	HH	3/28 h							
SF0325	Berglin	of Human Services	2/14 HH									
HF0488	Segal	Human services licensing—	2/25 HH	HH	3/28 rpa							
SF0713	Traub	repeal	3/11 HH	HH	3/25 rpa							
HF0671	Lynch	Church handicapped access—	3/7 HH	HH	3/28 rpa							
SF0631	D. Benson	children	3/7 HH									
HF0808	Orenstein	Parent cooperatives—	3/11 HH	HH	3/28 rp							
SF0682	Cohen	staff requirement	3/11 HH									
HF0892	Hausman	Block nurse program grant	3/18 HH	HH	3/28 rpa	reAP						
SF1044	Berglin		3/27 HH									
		HOUSING										
HF0714	Clark	Landlord, tenant—	3/7 HO	HO	3/27 h							
SF0951	Pogemiller	pilot project	3/21 EC									
		JUDICIARY										
HF0055	Orenstein	Peace officers—body	1/22 JU	JU	2/21 rp		2/25	129-0	1/16			3/21
SF0040	Kelly	armor reimbursements	1/16 LG	LG			3/14	63-0				
HF0148	Dawkins	Real estate closing—	1/31 JU	JU	3/7 rpa		3/18	131-0				
SF0246	Hottinger	regulations	2/11 JU	JU	228 rpa		3/7	58-0	3/13			3/27
HF0236	Solberg	Eminent domain proceedings—	2/7 JU	JU	3/13 rpa		3/25	131-0				
SF0186	Kelly	require land survey, inspection	2/7 JU									

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SF0187	Spear		2/7 JU	JU	3/21 rpa							
HF0239	Carruthers	Peace officers—	2/7 JU	JU	3/13 rpa		3/25	129-0				
SF0276		intentional disarming	2/14 JU									
HF0260	Farrell	Civil procedure—	3/7 JU									
SF0443	Mondale	certiorari costs	2/25 JU	JU	3/7 rpa		3/14	62-0	3/21			
HF0287	Morrison	Teachers' private data—provided	2/11 JU	JU	3/25 rpa	reED						
		to Attorney General										
HF0365	Welker	County court charges	2/18 JU	JU	3/18 rpa		3/25	130-0				
SF0283	Frederickson		2/14 JU									
HF0414	Bishop	Law enforcement agencies—	2/21 JU	JU	3/25 rp							
SF0400	Kelly	deadly force policy	2/21 JU									
HF0600	Bishop	Juvenile detention services—	3/4 JU	JU	3/25 rp	reAP						
SF0453	McGowan	appropriation	2/25 HH	HH	3/25 rpa	reFN						
HF0639	Pugh	District court—judgeships increased	3/4 JU	JU	3/25 rp	reAP						
SF0485	Spear		2/28 JU									
HF0716	Seaberg	Crime victims—notification	3/7 JU	JU	3/25 rpa							
SF0605	Kelly		3/7 JU									
HF0726	Swenson	Marriage—real property	3/7 JU	JU	3/25 rp							
		rights provided										
		Criminal Justice Division										
		JUDICIARY										
HF0551	Hanson	Limited driver's licenses—	2/28 JU	JU/crjus	3/22 rpa	reJU						
SF0212	Finn	waiting period extended	2/7 TR									
HF0688	Skoglund	Prisoner's medical aid—	3/7 JU	JU/crjus	3/22 rp	reJU						
SF0804	Luther	county boards	3/18 HH									
HF0695	Rest	Battered women's	3/7 JU	JU/crjus	3/27 rpa	reJU						
SF0835	Spear	advisory council	3/18 HH									
HF0766	McGuire	Intensive community supervision	3/11 JU	JU/crjus	3/22 rpa	reJU						
SF0526	Spear	program—changes	2/28 JU									
HF0922	Ostrom	Shooting incidents—aid to victims	3/18 JU	JU/crjus	3/27 rpa	reJU						
HF0932	S. Olsen	Female offenders programs—	3/18 JU	JU/crjus	3/27 rp	reJU						
SF1010	Piper	juveniles included	3/25 HH									
HF1062	Skoglund	Insurance ccompanies—theft,	3/21 JU	JU/crjus	3/27 rpa	reJU						
		criminal penalties										
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HF0118	Trimble	Fatally injured workers—	1/28 LA	LA	3/25 rpa	reAP						
SF0853	Kelly	honoring	1/28 EM									
HF0202	Rukavina	Public employees—definition change	2/4 LA	LA	3/25 rpa							
SF0173	Chmielewski		2/4 GO									

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File No.	Author	Committee/Division/Bill Title										
HF0472	O'Connor	High pressure piping—	2/25 LA	LA	3/13 rp		3/25	91-39				
SF0407	Waldorf	chlorine included	2/21 EM									
		LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS										
HF0107	Janezich	Townships—supervisors	1/24 LG	LG	3/28							
SF0081	Hottinger		1/24 LG	LG	3/4 rp		3/11	62-0				
HF0157	Lieder	Crookston—special service districts	1/31 LG	LG	3/28 rp	reTA						
SF0119	Moe		1/31 LG	LG	2/25 rpa	reTA						
HF0178	Kelso	Abstractors—insurance liabilities	2/4 LG	LG	3/21 rp		3/27	131-0				
SF0426	Johnson		2/25 CO									
HF0291	Sarna	Minneapolis—employer	2/11 LG	LG	3/11 rpa		3/21	96-37				
SF0344	Kroening	residency requirements	3/25 LO									
HF0444	Sparby	Thief River Falls—student housing	2/21 LG	LG	3/28 rp	reTA						
SF431	Stumpf	2/25 EC	EC	3/18 rp	reTA							
HF0479	Kinkel	Townships—temporary officers	2/25 LG	LG	3/28 rp							
SF0532	Finn		3/4 VG	VG	3/20 h							
HF0584	Hasskamp	Business telecommunications	3/4 LG	LG	3/28 rpa	reRI						
SF0599	Langseth	partnerships	3/4 LG									
HF0623	Hugoson	Martin county—offices combined	3/4 LG	LG	3/28 rp							
HF0661	I. Anderson	Canada—border permit negotiation	3/7 LG	LG	3/21 rpa		3/25	131-0				
SF0761	Lessard		3/14 VG	VG	3/25 rp							
HF0743	Lieder	Red River—watershed	3/11 LG	LG	3/28 rp							
SF0795	Stumpf	management extended	3/18 EN	EN	3/22							
HF0809	E. Olson	County document fees—increase	3/11 LG	LG	3/28 rpa							
SF0717	Hottinger		3/11 LG									
HF0845	Blatz	Bloomington—lodging tax	3/13 LG	LG	3/28 rp	reTA						
SF0746	Belanger		3/14 TA									
HF0894	Uphus	City officials—conflicts of interest	3/18 LG	LG	3/28 rp							
SF0922	D.J. Johnson		3/21 LG									
		REGULATED INDUSTRIES										
HF0116	Pugh	Alcohol—school events	1/28 RI	RI	2/21 rpa		3/21	129-5				
SF0007	Waldorf		1/9 JU	JU	2/7 rpa	reRA	3/25	53-3	3/13			
HF0357	Jacobs	Utility work, town roads—notice	2/18 RI	RI	3/13 rpa		3/25	129-1				
SF0693	Novak	requirement to local government	3/11 TR									
HF0427	Ogren	Telephones—local exchange	2/21 RI	RI	3/25 rpa							
SF0619	Dicklich	services resale	2/7 EP									
HF0683	Jacobs	Retailer, gambling provisions	3/7 RI	RI	3/25 rpa							
SF0683	Solon		3/11 CO									

NOTE: Due to limited space, the following bills will be listed in Issue 13: TAXES (HF307); TRANSPORTATION (HF126, HF723).

Bill Introductions

HF1063 — HF1246

Monday, March 25

HF1063—Stanisus (IR)

Commerce

Lake Superior sportfishing zone established and certain gill nets prohibited.

HF1064—Wenzel (DFL)

Appropriations

Morrison county tax-forfeited land; finance commissioner appropriated money for compensation for land alleged to be tax-forfeited and transferred to the state.

HF1065—Dawkins (DFL)

Energy

Public utilities commission to establish efficient and inefficient categories for applications and end uses of electric power.

HF1066—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Health care review organization definition and operating requirements modified.

HF1067—Hugoson (IR)

Taxes

Internal revenue code references updated.

HF1068—Sparby (DFL)

Education

Independent school district No. 437, Argyle, allowed to transfer money from the debt redemption fund to the capital expenditure fund to comply with fire safety inspection orders and make other improvements.

HF1069—Dawkins (DFL)

Energy

Energy efficiency assistance program established for low-income persons and households, and money appropriated.

HF1070—Steensma (DFL)

Agriculture

Rural finance authority beginning farmer program asset eligibility limit increased and farm management program tuition assistance allowed.

HF1071—Rukavina (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Old growth forest stands added to conservation reserve program.

HF1072—Dawkins (DFL)

Energy

Rental property energy requirements modified and energy conservation credit provided.

HF1073—Lourey (DFL)

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

Lobbyists to report campaign contributions; principals required more specific reporting of lobbying expenses; contributions to candidates for constitutional office limited; and public subsidies to unopposed candidates eliminated.

HF1074—Scheid (DFL)

Taxes

Vacant land classification provided for taxation.

HF1075—Scheid (DFL)

Taxes

Three-year plat restriction eliminated for valuing real property.

HF1076—Schreiber (DFL)

Taxes

Commercial-industrial restriction of one parcel per county to receive preferred treatment eliminated.

HF1077—Orenstein (DFL)

Taxes

Homestead classification not denied for the residence of a disabled person employed in a sheltered workshop.

HF1078—Pugh (DFL)

Judiciary

Legal assistance availability increased for persons disadvantaged in civil matters, and money appropriated.

HF1079—Olson, K. (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Osteopathic doctors' salaries excluded from political subdivision salary limitations.

HF1080—Nelson, K. (DFL)

Education

Higher education coordinating board required to make recommendations to the legislature regarding linking funding of post-secondary education systems.

HF1081—Pauly (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

State park working capital account funds use modified to operate the resource management and interpretive programs.

HF1082—Pauly (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Natural resources department special receipt provisions modified.

HF1083—Winter (DFL)

Taxes

Mortgage registration tax provided for reverse mortgages.

HF1084—Stanisus (IR)

Taxes

Income tax return filing date extended and military pay subtraction allowed.

HF1085—Seaberg (IR)

Transportation

Interstate highway No. 35E (route No. 382) and Ayd Mill road, St. Paul, to be connected at the earliest feasible date.

HF1086—Ogren (DFL)

Taxes

Truth-in-taxation newspaper publication requirement for proposed taxes modified.

HF1087—Brown (DFL)

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

Horseperson defined.

HF1088—Segal (DFL)

Economic Development

Regional seed capital program established.

HF1089—Segal (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Prader-Willi syndrome; new intermediate care facilities authorized to serve persons with Prader-Willi syndrome.

HF1090—Segal (DFL)

Transportation

Persian Gulf war veterans authorized special license plates.

HF1091—Clark (DFL)

Judiciary

Unfair discriminatory practices to include discrimination based on sexual orientation.

HF1092—Dawkins (DFL)

Judiciary

Unfair discriminatory practices to include discrimination based on sexual orientation.

HF1093—Orfield (DFL)

Judiciary

Unfair discriminatory practices to include discrimination based on sexual orientation.

HF1094—Welle (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Nursing homes provided limits for replacement beds and equipment allowance established.

HF1095—Stanisus (IR)
Health & Human Services
Adult and child foster care rules consolidated and coordinated by human services commissioner.

HF1096—Stanisus (IR)
Health & Human Services
WIC; memorializes Congress to increase funding for the women, infants, and children (WIC) program.

HF1097—Stanisus (IR)
Health & Human Services
Negotiated rate facility residents authorized to save earnings up to \$150 per month in escrow.

HF1098—Lourey (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Code of ethical conduct created for local and public officials and employees.

HF1099—Segal (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Child abuse and vulnerable adults reporting acts penalties increased for employer retaliation.

HF1100—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
Debt service equalization program established, referendum levy amounts limited, and training and experience revenue increased and equalized.

HF1101—Carruthers (DFL)
Judiciary
Driver's license revoked for felony-level controlled substance offense conviction.

HF1102—Lynch (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Motor vehicle fluids and other hazardous materials removed prior to vehicle crushing.

HF1103—Carlson (DFL)
Taxes
Deed tax not applied to certain land exchange deeds and conveyances.

HF1104—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
High school graduation incentives program expanded to allow secondary pupils to transfer to private schools providing nonsectarian educational service.

HF1105—McGuire (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Ramsey county provided additional civil service certification of underrepresented protected groups.

HF1106—Blatz (IR)
Taxes
Homestead treatment extended to property co-owned with a relative and homestead treatment

continued for property formerly owned by two or more tenants when joint tenancy ceases.

HF1107—Janezich (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Salary increases required for employees of intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation, home and community-based waived services, developmental achievement centers, and semi-independent living services programs.

HF1108—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing homes and boarding care institutions for mental disease exempted from supplemental aid rate cap.

HF1109—Frerichs (IR)
Economic Development
Advantage Minnesota, Inc., established as a non-profit public corporation to market the economic development potential of the state, with money appropriated.

HF1110—Lasley (DFL)
Education
Referendum levy tax base redefined and existing levies reapproved.

HF1111—Kelso (DFL)
Education
School districts to develop five-year facility plans, joint powers debt sharing authorized, shared facilities promoted, and formation of a county facilities group required.

HF1112—Dawkins (DFL)
Energy
Energy conservation improvement loans allowed to churches and community-based nonprofit organizations.

HF1113—Stanisus (IR)
Governmental Operations
State treasurer authorized to participate in a financial institution credit card program with state fees deposited in the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) fund.

HF1114—Kahn (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Gender balance required in state agencies.

HF1115—Stanisus (IR)
Health & Human Services
Water conditioning equipment personnel licensing requirements and other standards clarified.

HF1116—Hugoson (IR)
Agriculture
Agricultural development bond program authorized, beginning farmer program asset eligibility limit increased, farm safety programs established, and money appropriated.

HF1117—Murphy (DFL)
Health & Human Services
State mandated social services waived by counties due to insufficient funds.

HF1118—Hausman (DFL)
Health & Human Services
RU 486 research and testing appropriated money for use in family planning and treatment of disease.

HF1119—Tunheim (DFL)
Education
Post-secondary institution boards to develop policies for students with disabilities.

HF1120—Stanisus (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Exotic species management interagency committee established.

HF1121—Stanisus (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Fishing license not required for boarding care or drug or alcohol residential treatment center patients, animals tagged before moving, and disabled hunter permits provided.

HF1122—Mariani (DFL)
Transportation
Deputy registrar appointments to exclude corporations, and additional local government deputy registrars allowed.

HF1123—Orenstein (DFL)
Judiciary
Compensation claims; previous or pending claim for compensation is not a defense to a complaint or action brought by a disabled person under the human rights employment provisions.

HF1124—Hanson (DFL)
Taxes
Cottage Grove, Woodbury, St. Paul Park, and Newport allowed a special levy for drug-related programs.

HF1125—Koppendrayner (IR)
Judiciary
Mille Lacs band of Chippewa Indians authorized to exercise law enforcement authority within the Mille Lacs reservation and certain trust lands.

HF1126—Peterson (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Cities, counties, and towns authorized to enlarge their participation in federal loan programs for fire hall construction or repair or rescue departments or equipment.

HF1127—Peterson (DFL)
Regulated Industries
Multiparty line telephone service to more than two subscribers per line prohibited.

HF1128—Waltman (IR)**Taxes**

Law enforcement motor vehicles exempt from excise tax.

HF1129—Kahn (DFL)**Agriculture**

Genetically engineered plants, pesticides, fertilizers, soil amendments, and plant amendments regulated and penalties imposed.

HF1130—Lasley (DFL)**Education**

Transportation aid; student attendance area definition changed for the purpose of authorizing state transportation aid.

HF1131—Koppendrayner (IR)**Taxes**

Penalty and interest payment required for delinquent property taxes on state-owned land.

HF1132—Blatz (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Hunting under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance provided sanction enforcement.

HF1133—Bauerly (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Mediation services bureau commissioner to adopt uniform baseline determination and collective bargaining agreement settlement documents for public employees and employers.

HF1134—Lynch (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Hearing impaired regional service center advisory committee to include parents of hearing impaired children, statewide interpreter referral service requirements provided, and fee authorized.

HF1135—Reding (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Public utilities commission permit required before preliminary site analysis for a new large electric power generating plant.

HF1136—Rodosovich (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Social services for families and children department created and human services department abolished.

HF1137—Olson, E. (DFL)**Education**

Independent school district No. 162, Bagley, allowed to transfer money from the debt redemption fund to the general fund without a general education levy reduction due to excess funds.

HF1138—Jaros (DFL)**Education**

Board of regents, University of Minnesota, requested to decentralize the system's programs by moving the agriculture, forestry, and mineral-related programs to different areas of the state.

HF1139—Skoglund (DFL)**Education**

School boards to inform parents of qualifications of school personnel administering drugs or medicine, and training requirements provided.

HF1140—Runbeck (IR)**Transportation**

Manufactured home defined as a motor vehicle for purposes of the motor vehicle retail installment act.

HF1141—Wejcman (DFL)**Judiciary**

Tenant covenant to include not allowing controlled substances in the premises, pretrial closure of an alleged disorderly house allowed, and unlawful detainer and nuisance action provisions modified.

HF1142—Carruthers (DFL)**Judiciary**

Alternative civil dispute resolution program established by supreme court.

HF1143—Ozment (IR)**Education**

Professional employees of school districts; educational policies included in terms and conditions of employment.

HF1144—Lourey (DFL)**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Library tax districts established by local governments.

HF1145—Scheid (DFL)**Judiciary**

Seat belts; failure to use seat belts admissible in litigation involving personal injuries or property damage.

HF1146—Lourey (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Day training and habilitation service payment rate variances expanded for county funded programs.

HF1147—Reding (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Public employment; certain state employees transferred to the classified service, arbitrator evaluating system established, and salary plans provided.

HF1148—Rodosovich (DFL)**Appropriations**

Public safety commissioner appropriated money to buy an infrared search device and train state patrol personnel in its use.

HF1149—Winter (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Rulemaking notices from state agencies provided to legislators.

HF1150—Bertram (DFL)**Judiciary**

Correctional officers; assault on a correctional institution employee penalty increased to a felony.

HF1151—Osthoff (DFL)**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

St. Paul port authority exempted from certain competitive bidding requirements.

HF1152—Winter (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Public safety officer to include certain commercial vehicle inspectors for survivor benefit program eligibility.

HF1153—Garcia (DFL)**Taxes**

Fuel permit fee options provided for vehicles using compressed natural gas or propane.

HF1154—Hugoson (IR)**Agriculture**

Plant and animal pest control act definitions and fees modified.

HF1155—Hausman (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Medical waste management task force established and disposal requirements provided.

HF1156—Sparby (DFL)**Agriculture**

Aquaculture waters protected, permits required, and materials regulated.

HF1157—Mariani (DFL)**Housing**

Targeted neighborhood eligibility criteria redefined and money appropriated.

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HF1158—Anderson, R. (IR)**Education**

School districts allowed to levy for costs of leased sites.

HF1159—Carruthers (DFL)**Judiciary**

Uniform information practices code adopted.

HF1160—Welle (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

State mandated fiscal notes required, income maintenance administrative costs reimbursed, and money appropriated.

HF1161—Dempsey (IR)**Transportation**

Driver's license or permit and motor vehicle registration or title revoked if paid for with a bad check.

HF1162—Dempsey (IR)**Judiciary**

Child support, maintenance, and property settlements regulated and mediation provided.

HF1163—Dempsey (IR)**Judiciary**

Child custody to include shared care.

HF1164—Murphy (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Wages to include certain employer provided meals and lodging.

HF1165—Frerichs (IR)**Economic Development**

Agricultural utilization research institute board actions subject to approval by the Greater Minnesota Corporation board of directors.

HF1166—Kahn (DFL)**Appropriations**

State treasurer allowed to make direct payments for bank service charges, and money appropriated for addition of one accounting complement.

HF1167—Kahn (DFL)**Appropriations**

State treasurer appropriated money for a new information system.

HF1168—Svigum**Commerce**

Plumbers; hospital and nursing home maintenance plumbers provided limited license.

HF1169—Hausman (DFL)**Education**

Financial incentives established to provide a program of coordinated services to children whose emotional/behavioral problems interfere with learning, and money appropriated.

HF1170—Hausman (DFL)**Judiciary**

Human rights act; statute of limitations extended for violations.

HF1171—Hausman (DFL)**Commerce**

Tanning facilities licensed, health regulations imposed, and penalties provided.

HF1172—Hausman (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Recreational vehicle damage to the environment studied and money appropriated.

HF1173—Hausman (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Mineral exploration and exploratory boring data classification and access regulated.

HF1174—Hausman (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Oil and gas well rules adopted relating to spacing, pooling, and unitization.

HF1175—Cooper (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Acupuncture board established and practitioners licensed.

HF1176—Hanson (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Incinerator ash; period extended for ash to be considered as a special waste.

HF1177—Cooper (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation or related conditions exempted from certain additional human services rules.

HF1178—Jacobs (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Insurance**

Interstate banking allowed with Michigan and Ohio.

HF1179—Orfield (DFL)**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Metropolitan planning and development advisory task force established and development patterns and needs studied in the council-defined fully developed area.

HF1180—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Education**

Children with learning and developmental disabilities provided special programs, and money appropriated.

HF1181—Rest (DFL)**Taxes**

Delinquent personal property tax lien created, manufactured home tax permit required, and certain manufactured home park operators and dealers to file reports.

HF1182—Johnson, V. (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Water and soil resources board allowed to accept gifts.

HF1183—Rukavina (DFL)**Judiciary**

Mineral exploration and exploratory boring data classification and access regulated.

HF1184—Pelowski (DFL)**Commerce**

Electricians; hospital or nursing home maintenance electricians provided limited license.

HF1185—Tunheim (DFL)**Energy**

Renewable energy source use incentives provided to public utilities.

HF1186—Krueger (DFL)**Education**

Independent school district No. 791, Grey Eagle, authorized a levy for an interactive television studio and program.

HF1187—Schreiber (IR)**Taxes**

Property tax reform provided.

HF1188—Winter (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Physicians and outpatient health clinics to publish fees, provide cost estimates and other information, and money appropriated.

HF1189—Winter (DFL)**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Broadcast facility expenditures allowed by counties.

HF1190—Jacobs (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Cooperative electric association and municipal electric utility assessment costs limited.

HF1191—Onnen (IR)**Labor-Management Relations**

Employer incentives studied for returning injured employees to work as quickly as possible.

HF1192—Onnen (IR)**Judiciary**

Marriage dissolution decrees reopened to divide certain military pension benefits.

HF1193—Jennings (DFL)**Agriculture**

Farm corporation definition modified.

HF1194—Sarna (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Minneapolis police relief association board of trustees to include a surviving spouse.

HF1195—Thompson (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Rule of 85 option provided to public employing units.

HF1196—Clark (DFL)**Judiciary**

Butane sales to minors prohibited.

HF1197—Bauerly (DFL)**Commerce**

Franchise assignments, transfers, and sales regulated.

HF1198—Dauner (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Residency period of 60 days required for general assistance and work readiness eligibility.

HF1199—Kalis (DFL)**Transportation**

Motor vehicle dealers, distributors, and lessors, allowed prorated registrations on groups of ten or more passenger vehicles when presented in St. Paul to the registrar of motor vehicles.

<p>HF1200—Sparby (DFL) Education Independent school district No. 561, Goodridge, provided grant to support cooperative technology programs.</p> <p>HF1201—Bishop (IR) Governmental Operations Police and fire civil service commissions allowed to expand certified lists to correct affirmative action goal disparities.</p> <p>HF1202—Wenzel (DFL) Taxes Income tax subtraction allowed for armed forces or united nations service compensation.</p> <p>HF1203—Schreiber (IR) Taxes Metropolitan revenue distribution system modified and equity account provisions repealed.</p> <p>HF1204—Pugh (DFL) Judiciary Littering; each day of violation considered a separate offense.</p> <p>HF1205—Bishop (IR) Transportation Motorcycle license required to register a motorcycle and insurance required to obtain a permit.</p> <p>HF1206—Uphus (IR) Agriculture Wildflowers; certain endangered, threatened, or vascular plants provided protection.</p> <p>HF1207—Valento (IR) Ways & Means State spending not to increase faster than increases in the consumer price index and constitutional amendment adopted.</p> <p>HF1208—Battaglia (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Fish and dark house removal dates extended.</p> <p>HF1209—Kahn (DFL) Rules & Legislative Administration USSR; memorializes the President and Congress to condemn the use of Soviet military force in the Baltic Republics and to support their self-determination.</p> <p>HF1210—Weaver (IR) Taxes Metropolitan counties allowed option of a general purpose levy in lieu of a regional rail authority levy.</p> <p>HF1211—Waltman (IR) Judiciary Drug abuse resistance education (DARE) levies authorized for counties and peace officer teaching certification required.</p>	<p>HF1212—Gutknecht (IR) Ways & Means Balanced budget; application to Congress to adopt a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget or to call a constitutional convention.</p> <p>HF1213—Bishop (IR) Transportation Motorcycle license required to register a motorcycle, insurance required to obtain a permit, and helmet use required.</p> <p>HF1214—Greenfield (DFL) Transportation Anatomical gift application modified, education program established, and money appropriated.</p> <p>HF1215—Bertram (DFL) Judiciary Agricultural law violations provided penalties.</p> <p>HF1216—Dawkins (DFL) Governmental Operations Interchange program eligibility period extended.</p> <p>HF1217—Valento (IR) Taxes Property tax notice publication allowed up to seven days before a hearing.</p> <p>HF1218—Abrams (IR) Taxes Disabled homestead classification extended to a person receiving a pension from a local union that is guaranteed by the federal government.</p> <p>HF1219—Garcia (DFL) Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming Gambling profits exempted from the unrelated business income tax, pull-tab and tipboard tax rate changed, and the combined receipts tax abolished.</p> <p>HF1220—Johnson, R. (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Adopt-a-park program feasibility studied.</p> <p>HF1221—Orenstein (DFL) Education Post-secondary student child care innovation grant program established.</p> <p>HF1222—Farrell (DFL) Labor-Management Relations Boiler inspection requirement exemption provided to certain boilers.</p> <p>HF1223—Waltman (IR) Transportation Motor vehicle excise tax revenue allocated to the highway user tax distribution fund and public transit assistance purposes and constitutional amendment adopted.</p>	<p>HF1224—Welker (IR) Taxes Tax increment financing; qualifying captured tax capacity not to include an exempt district.</p> <p>HF1225—Welle (DFL) Education Technical college system established.</p> <p>HF1226—Dorn (DFL) Local Government & Metro. Affairs Mankato authorized to annex uncontiguous territory.</p> <p>HF1227—Girard (IR) Agriculture Food licensing fees changed.</p> <p>HF1228—Stanislaus (IR) Taxes Open space property tax benefits extended to equestrian property owned by nonprofit organizations.</p> <p>HF1229—Pugh (DFL) Judiciary Legal services program eligibility to receive state funds expanded to include programs in all counties to improve the access of low-income clients to legal representation in family matters.</p> <p>HF1230—Brown (DFL) Agriculture Milk and milk products; certification program established to identify milk and milk products from of biosynthetic bovine somatotropin (BST).</p> <p>HF1231—O'Connor (DFL) Judiciary Gang-related activity penalties provided, repeat controlled substance offense and dangerous weapon offense penalties enhanced, and witness protection services expanded.</p> <p>HF1232—Janezich (DFL) Education Teacher employment rights provided in cases of district dissolution or withdrawal from certain cooperatives.</p> <p>HF1233—Janezich (DFL) Governmental Operations Hibbing police and fire fighters relief association benefits increased for surviving spouses.</p> <p>HF1234—Weaver (IR) Environment & Natural Resources Game and fish emergency rule adoption provided and alternative methods allowed for rule publishing.</p> <p>HF1235—Lasley (DFL) Education Independent school district No. 15, St. Francis, authorized a special capital loan with money appropriated.</p>
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HF1236—Gutknecht (IR)**Labor-Management Relations**

Supplementary benefits regulated for workers' compensation.

HF1237—McGuire (DFL)**Judiciary**

Work release law changes provided.

HF1238—Limmer (IR)**Judiciary**

Restitution; financial disclosure form required from offenders ordered to pay restitution.

HF1239—Limmer (IR)**Judiciary**

Counties reimbursed for convicted felons sentenced to local jails and workhouses under mitigated dispositional departures from sentencing.

HF1240—Gruenes (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Home care services and pre-admission screening requirements provided, alternative care requirements clarified, and a senior agenda for independent living established.

HF1241—Waltman (IR)**Agriculture**

Cheese; pasteurization not required for processing farmstead cheese.

HF1242—Uphus (IR)**Rules & Legislative Administration**

Legislators not to receive per diem during a special session.

HF1243—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Chemical dependency treatment programs licensed to allow children to reside with the parent receiving treatment and appeal provided for transfer and discharge from a nursing home and proceedings under the vulnerable adults acts.

HF1244—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Adolescent pregnancy program established, pregnancy prevention grants authorized, and money appropriated.

HF1245—Ogren (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Independent school district No. 100 Wrenshall, authorized to enter into a contract with its superintendent.

HF1246—Jacobs (DFL)**Energy**

Energy conservation improvement programs expanded, protection extended against disconnection of residential utility service during cold weather, utility use of nonrenewable energy regulated, and money appropriated.

It's a fact!

There have been 66 female legislators since 1922, when women were first allowed to run for office. Of that number, well over half have been elected since 1977.

But one of the first female legislators, Mabeth Hurd Paige, still holds the title for the longest tenure as a female legislator. Rebuffed by the Republican Party in 1922, she ran as an independent and went on to serve Hennepin County for 10 terms in the Minnesota House.

She chaired the Welfare Committee and helped pass a law that outlawed street selling by minors.

But Paige may soon have to share her title. When Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) completes this legislative term, she will tie Paige's record.



(1943 photo)

Rep. Mabeth Hurd Paige (left) and the only "page girl," Gladys Joe Brown. Said Rep. Paige: "I had hoped, when I entered the legislature in 1923, that by 1943 no less than ten per cent of the legislators would be women — yet I still am the only one." — *St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press*

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Committee deadlines

If you're tracking important legislation and it has yet to have had a hearing, you might have to wait until next year before the measure is considered.

The first committee deadline is April 12, which is less than two weeks away. If a bill hasn't been approved by then in one House or Senate policy committee, chances are it won't be considered this session.

Here's how the deadline system works:

The first deadline (April 12) bars bills from being heard unless they have been approved in one policy committee in either the House or Senate.

The second deadline, which this year is

April 24, prevents bills from being heard in one body unless it has been approved by a policy committee in the other.

Because there are literally thousands of bills introduced each year, the deadlines help the Legislature focus on just a few of the proposals before them.

There are always exceptions to the rules, however. The authors of bills that have missed a deadline can plead their case with the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee to get a reprieve.

These deadlines generally don't apply to tax and appropriations bills, which aren't fashioned until late in the session.

Coming Up Next Week . . . April 1-5, 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, April 1

No committee meetings.

TUESDAY, April 2

8 a.m.

**Economic Development, Infrastructure,
and Regulation Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: Budget overview of Labor & Industry.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Off-campus programs, revenues and expenditures, all systems.

**Environment & Natural Resources Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: Public testimony on the governor's budget relative to environment and natural resources. (If interested in testifying, please call Joan at 296-7881 to be scheduled.)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: HF0957 (Anderson, I.) Rental agreements for state land extended to 20 years for political subdivisions and state agencies.
HF0217 (Carruthers) Interior designers licensed and regulated and money appropriated.
HF0542 (Hanson) State government functions studied relating to natural resources and environmental protection.
HF1147 (Reding) Public employment; certain state employees transferred to the classified service, arbitrator evaluating system established, and salary plans provided.

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: Department of Finance revenue forecast.

8:15 a.m.

**State Government Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Budget hearing: Legislative commissions and legislature.

8:30 a.m.

**Human Resources Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Budget presentation: Ombudsman for mental health. Continuation of Department of Human Services budget: Economic support and transition services for families and individuals; administration; and legal and intergovernmental.

10 a.m.

COMMERCE
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: HF0739 (Simoneau) Insurance company takeover provisions changed, fair price provisions limited when applied to domestic corporations, and share acquisition and business combination provisions modified.
HF0998 (Winter) Insurer to notify secured party if debtor chooses not to repair an automobile with insurance proceeds.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF1132 (Blatz) Hunting under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance provided sanction enforcement.
HF0999 (Jennings) Water and soil resources board exempted from certain administrative procedure act requirements and appeals directed to court of appeals.
HF1182 (Johnson, V.) Water and soil resources board allowed to accept gifts.
HF1020 (Orfield) Handicapped permits for display to be attached to handicapped vehicle identifying certificates carried by handicapped passengers.
HF0843 (Munger) Western Lake Superior sanitary district; solid waste definition modified and budget adoption date extended.
HF0446 (Kinkel) Eurasian water milfoil watercraft surcharge expanded, expenditures modified, and pilot project established.
HF0767 (McGuire) Reports to the legislature distribution restrictions and paper purchasing and printing suggestions provided.

**Banking Division/
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wally Sparby
Agenda: HF1038 (Sparby) Bank identification verification standards increased, check cashing regulated, and information fees authorized.
HF1178 (Jacobs) Interstate banking allowed with Michigan and Ohio.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle
Agenda: HF0458 (Clark) Early childhood care and education council created, child care sliding fee modified, and money appropriated.
HF0005 (Welle) Health care plan for uninsured and underinsured established.
HF0735 (Greenfield) Maternal and child health service eligibility clarified and prenatal exposure to controlled substances provided on birth or death certificates.
HF1055 (Greenfield) Jobs and Training commissioner required to contract for the provision of comprehensive adjustment-to-blindness training services.
HF0826 (Lynch) Mental health and community social services program requirements consolidated and amended for counties
HF0719 (Greenfield) Family investment plan implementing requirements clarified and established.

12:30 p.m.

**Subcommittee on Dairy & Livestock/
AGRICULTURE**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jerry Bauerly
Agenda: HF0929 (Brown) Bovine growth hormone (BST) ban extended until 1992.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal
Agenda: HF1088 (Segal) Regional seed capital program established.
HF0658 (Krueger) Small business innovation research (SBIR) marketing and technical assistance program established and money appropriated.
HF0222 (Krueger) International trade service centers established and money appropriated.
HF0464 (Sparby) Invention board created and money appropriated.
HF0997 (Orenstein) Economic development bonds authorized by port authorities for extraterritorial programs, and additional funding allowed by local governments.

HF1151 (Osthoff) St. Paul Port Authority exempted from certain competitive bidding requirements. International Partnership Program. Randy Adamsick, Minnesota Film Board Presentation.

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

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid

Agenda: HF0397 (Osthoff) Balloting by mail authorized on an experimental basis and money appropriated.

Subcommittee on Government

Structures & Policy/

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN
AFFAIRS**

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jerry Janeczich

Agenda: HF0270 (Janeczich) Financial statement availability and content requirements modified for counties.

HF0578 (Milbert) Dakota county cities and towns allowed to transfer assessment review duties to the county.

HF0745 (Janeczich) St. Louis county allowed to establish subordinate service districts and purchasing law repealed; and economic development revolving funds allowed by counties.

HF0303 (Wagenius) Waste management practices changed and emphasis placed on waste reduction and recycling.

2 p.m.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

400N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Dee Long

Agenda: House concurrent resolutions 1 and 2. Re: Redistricting.

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

After session

AGRICULTURE

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: Public testimony regarding wetland issue.

**Environment & Natural Resources Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Budget overview: Department of Natural Resources.

**Subcommittee on Surface Transportation/
TRANSPORTATION**

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Harold Lasley

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

4 p.m. (or after session)

**Subcommittee on Civil Law/
JUDICIARY**

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

Agenda: HF0074 (Welle) Municipal tort liability for injuries caused by beach and swimming pool equipment specified.

HF1078 (Pugh) Legal assistance availability increased for persons disadvantaged in civil matters, and money appropriated.

HF0916 (Solberg) Timber roads; state, political subdivisions, and owners provided tort liability for claims arising out of the public use of timber roads.

Subcommittee on Workers'

**Compensation & Unemployment Insurance/
LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Rukavina

Agenda: Continuation of testimony by the Department of Labor & Industry. Bills to be announced. Testimony by insurers.

6 p.m.

Fourth Congressional District Caucus

5 State Office Building

Sen. Jerome Hughes, convener

Agenda: University of Minnesota Regent selection.

6:30 p.m.

Education Finance Division/

EDUCATION

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Revised governor's biennial budget recommendations. Public testimony on governor's budget recommendations.

7 p.m.

Legislative Commission on

Pensions & Retirement

118 Capitol

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: 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.

HF0023 (Blatz)/SF0297 (Belanger) Teachers allowed to purchase prior service credit after unrequested leave of absence.

HF0150 (Omann)/SF0293 (Bertram) Merchant marine and coast guard veterans authorized to purchase prior service credit in the teachers retirement association related to employment in the Red Wing and Winnebago school districts.

HF1044 (Beard)/SF0906 (Price) Independent school district No. 833, South Washington county, teacher allowed to purchase service credit for a

period of military service.

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 firefighter 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.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: HF0859 (Jacobs) Rate increases allowed by public utilities for government imposed costs.

HF0924 (Kelso) Public utilities allowed to recover economic and community development expenses.

HF0564 (Jacobs) Telephone company not to include certain businesses.

HF0382 (Hanson) Liquor establishments required to post a driving under the influence of alcohol penalty warning sign.

HF0383 (Hanson) Liquor establishments required to post a sign stating it is illegal to serve alcohol to a person who is obviously intoxicated.

WEDNESDAY, April 3

8 a.m.

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

APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Budget overviews: GMC; World Trade Center; and Uniform Laws.

Education Division/

APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Response to MSPAN 2000, by the higher education systems.

Human Resources Division/

APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Budget presentation. Telecommunications access for communication impaired persons. Combination of Department of Human Services: Economic and support services for elderly people; and services to special needs adults.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HF0956 (Johnson, R.) Employer-paid health insurance provided as incentive for early retirement of public employees.

HF1050 (Orfield) Executive reorganization orders submitted to legislature.

HF1149 (Winter) Rulemaking notices from state agencies provided to legislators.

HF1042 (Winter) Economic development department reorganized to include a community development division, business development and analysis division, and a trade division with an office of tourism.

(Bills recommended for passage by the Legislative Commission on Pensions & Retirement may be added.)

8:15 a.m.

**State Government Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Budget hearing: State auditor's office.

10 a.m.

AGRICULTURE

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: HF0001 (Munger) Wetland enhancement, preservation, and protection act of 1991.

**Higher Education Division/
EDUCATION**

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros

Agenda: HF1119 (Tunheim) Post-secondary institution boards to develop policies for students with disabilities.

HF1080 (Nelson, K.) Higher Education Coordinating Board required to make recommendations to the legislature regarding linking funding of post-secondary education systems.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: HF0875 (Farrell) Rental vehicle required property damage liability coverage increased.

HF0032 (Skoglund) Medicare supplement to cover hospital and medical expenses and supplies during travel outside the United States.

HF0525 (Kalis) Insurance claim denial restricted if chemical dependency claim reviewer is selected by the insurer.

HF0289 (Skoglund) Loss ratio minimums established for accident and health insurers.

**Criminal Justice Division/
JUDICIARY**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Loren Solberg

Agenda: To be announced.

12 noon

**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.

12:30 p.m.

ENERGY

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

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

HF1072 (Dawkins) Rental property energy requirements modified and energy conservation credit provided.

HF1069 (Dawkins) Energy efficiency assistance program established for low-income persons and households, and money appropriated.

HF1112 (Dawkins) Energy conservation improvement loans allowed to churches and community-based nonprofit organizations.

HF0978 (Orfield) Governor required to submit a biennial report on energy and the environment.

HF0878 (Rodosovich) Public utility definition modified.

This meeting will be continued at 6:30 p.m. in 10 State Office Building.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: HF0267 (Kalis) Pickups provided exception for vehicle inspection purposes and hazardous materials endorsement for certain loads.

HF0734 (Lieder) Limousine drivers and vehicles regulated and money appropriated.

HF0782 (Pauly) Motor vehicle title registration and certificates regulated and applications for title not issued to certain nonresidents.

HF0787 (Jennings) Motor carrier inspections transferred to the public safety commissioner.

HF0794 (Tompkins) Handicapped parking certificates authorized for vehicles transporting nursing home residents.

HF0796 (Davids) Interstate fuel tax agreements authorized and decal fee imposed on interstate motor carriers.

HF0835 (Runbeck) Speed zones for city streets established by cities.

HF0934 (Johnson, A.) Salvage certificate of title not valid for motor vehicle registration.

HF0029 (Skoglund) Limited driver's license holders allowed to get or keep a state identification card.

2 p.m.

**Subcommittee on Data Privacy/
JUDICIARY**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers

Agenda: Continued from prior meeting:

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.

HF0863 (Wejcman) Law enforcement dispatching agency not required to release 911 caller information.

HFXXXX (Carruthers)

2:30 p.m.

**Subcommittee on Agriculture Finance/
AGRICULTURE**

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wally Sparby

Agenda: HF0961 (Nelson, S.) Farmer-lender mediation act to include extension service mediation fees.

HF0702 (Sparby) Agricultural development act adopted, beginning farmer and beginning farmer loan programs developed, and bond program provided.

HF1070 (Steensma) Rural finance authority beginning farmer program asset eligibility limit increased and farm management program tuition assistance allowed.

HF1156 (Sparby) Aquaculture waters protected, permits required, and materials regulated.

**Education Finance Division/
EDUCATION**

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: HF0559 (Olson, K.) Planning, evaluation, and reporting aid increased for school districts.

HF0576 (Ostrom) Capital expenditure facility revenue use allowed by school districts for debt service revenue.

HF0849 (Kelso) Education district No. 6979, Mid-State, allowed additional education revenue.

HF0451 (Davids) Independent school district No. 239, Rushford-Peterson, authorized a special operating debt levy within the boundaries of former independent school district No. 234, Rushford, to retire preconsolidation debt.

HF0818 (Lourey) Tuition paid by resident district of a nonhandicapped pupil temporarily placed in a residential program.

HF1130 (Lasley) Student attendance area definition changed for the purpose of authorizing state transportation aid.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF0744 (Sparby) Petrofund reimbursement to include interest costs.

HF0660 (Peterson) Hazardous materials incident response act created and money appropriated.

HF0890 (Rukavina) Recycling programs expanded for counties and required for certain cities; packaging materials restricted; and five-year moratorium placed on new solid waste incinerators.

Others to be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: HF1240 (Gruenes) Home care services

and preadmission screening requirements provided, alternative care requirements clarified, and a senior agenda for independent living established. HFXXXX (Macklin) Establishing penalty provisions for wrongfully obtained assistance. HF0543 (Gutknecht) Olmsted county provided Rule 12 grant for community support services provided to persons with mental illness through the dispersed apartment pilot program.

4 p.m.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joe Begich
Agenda: HF0406 (Johnson, A.) Employee wage protection act adopted and money appropriated. HF0871 (Farrell) Electricity board definitions clarified, complaint committee established, and board powers and duties expanded. HF0756 (Rukavina) Unfair labor practice to include failing to allow labor unions access to employees.

St. Paul Delegation

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein
Agenda: HF0997 (Orenstein) Economic development bonds authorized by port authorities for extraterritorial programs, and additional funding allowed by local governments. HF1151 (Osthoff) St. Paul Port Authority exempted from certain competitive bidding requirements. HF0886 (O'Connor) St. Paul police and firefighters relief associations made eligible for certain investment related postretirement adjustments via reduced population requirements. Discussion of light rail transit.

4:30 p.m.

Elections Division/ GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid
Agenda: HF0024 (Kahn) Voting age reduced to 16 years of age.

THURSDAY, April 4

8 a.m.

**Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Regulation Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: Budget overview of the Department of Transportation.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Bonding overview on higher education

projects by the Department of Finance.

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Budget presentation. Continuation of Department of Human Services: Special needs children.

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: HF0163 (Solberg) Sparsity revenue; secondary sparsity revenue increased. HF0164 (Solberg) Aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) pupil unit computation changed. HF0539 (Pelowski) Aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) pupil unit formula rounded up to the nearest whole percent. HF0280 (Olson, K.) Fund balance pupil unit definition modified. HF0411 (Hasskamp) Sparsity revenue eligibility expanded. HF0618 (Kalis) Aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) pupil payments paid to district of residence and pupil counting modified for fund balance reductions. HF0025 (Sviggum) General education revenue equity provided.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

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

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: HF0279 (Olsen, S.) Hopkins authorized to issue bonds for environmental response costs at landfill, and money appropriated.

8:15 a.m.

State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: To be announced.

10 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: HF0218 (Bauerly) Contractors, remodelers, and specialty contractors licensed and regulated and money appropriated. HF0931 (O'Connor) Restraint of trade; evidentiary presumption provided in resale price maintenance cases.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF1009 (Jennings) State parks provided

additions, deletions, and nonpark uses, with sales authorized of certain deleted lands. Others to be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle
Agenda: HF0527 (Welle) Nursing home bed license moratorium provided exception. HF1094 (Welle) Nursing homes provided limits for replacement beds and equipment allowance established. HF0403 (Jefferson) Foster care start-up grants provided and money appropriated. HFXXXX (Gruenes) Relating to human services; long-term care.

12:30 p.m.

International Trade & Technology Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger
Agenda: HF0686 (Krueger) Greater Minnesota Corporation (GMC) abolished and legislative economic development commission established. HF0687 (Krueger) Greater Minnesota Corporation (GMC) powers and duties transferred to four successor corporations. HF0727 (Krueger) Greater Minnesota Corporation transferred to the University of Minnesota. HF0907 (Krueger) Greater Minnesota Corporation provided change in name and primary focus. HF0930 (Krueger) Science and technology division established within the office of the governor with money appropriated. HF0989 (Bishop) Greater Minnesota Corporation name changed and duties added.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: Bills from divisions; bills left over from March 28 meeting. Senate files.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson
Agenda: HF0303 (Wagenius) Waste management practices changed and emphasis placed on waste reduction and recycling. All bills coming out of Tuesday, April 2 subcommittees.

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

After session

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal
Agenda: HF0710 (Winter) Rural development zones established for tax increment financing. HF0968 (Winter) Economic development policy commission established and money appropriated. HF0860 (Lieder) Red River trade corridor appropriated money.

HFXXXX (Hausman) Expands HRA powers of St. Paul.
 HF0840 (Jefferson) Neighborhood revitalization boards provided powers and organization for cities of the first class.
 HF1004 (Koppendrayer) Economic development bonds limit increased.
 HF1109 (Frerichs) Advantage Minnesota, Inc. established as a nonprofit public corporation to market the economic development potential of the state with money appropriated.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

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

Agenda: HF0821 (Lourey) Health care providers and insurers prohibited from entering into certain contracts.

HF1038 (Sparby) Bank identification verification standards increased, check cashing regulated, and information fees authorized.

HF0012 (Skoglund) Life and health guaranty association created and insurance companies practices regulated.

HOUSING

300N State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

Agenda: Continuation of HF0714 (Clark) Mortgage and rental assistance pilot project established, landlord and tenant provisions modified, and money appropriated.

Subcommittee on Family Law/ JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Jean Wagenius

Agenda: HF1031 (Wagenius) Child support enforcement law changed and clarified.

HF0967 (Blatz) Child support guidelines extended to all court orders and child support guidelines deviation standards established.

6 p.m.

ENERGY

10 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

Agenda: HF1246 (Jacobs) Energy conservation improvement programs expanded, protection extended against disconnection of residential utility service during cold weather, utility use of nonrenewable energy regulated and money appropriated.

7 p.m.

Legislative Commission on Pensions & Retirement

5 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HF0323 (Johnson, R.)/SF0418 (Waldorf) Deferred compensation plan investments restricted.
 HF0419 (Johnson, R.)/SF0410 (Pogemiller) Tax sheltered annuity and deferred compensation payments allowed by government units.
 HF0886 (O'Connor) St. Paul police and firefighters relief associations made eligible for certain invest-

ment related postretirement adjustments via reduced population requirements.

HF0579 (Garcia)/SF0708 (Riveness) Richfield police relief association provided pension fund deduction formula and regular monthly salary to include college incentive pay.

HF0399 (Reding)/SF0789 (Kroening) Employers to make additional retirement contributions.

TRANSPORTATION

Cambridge Middle School, Cambridge
 Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: Federal Highway Reauthorization Act, Congressman Jim Oberstar. (Bus leaves from the front of the State Office Building at 5:45 p.m.)

FRIDAY, April 5

8 a.m.

Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Regulation Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Budget overview of the Department of Transportation.

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Public testimony on the governor's budget recommendations on the preceding budget proposals.

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

300N State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: HF0819 (Lourey) District combination regulated for districts with outstanding capital loans.

HF0973 (Kelso) Teachers severance pay conditions provided.

HF0541 (Runbeck) Northeast Metropolitan Intermediate School District No. 916, Anoka, Ramsey, and Washington counties, authorized additional members.

HF0553 (Macklin) Intermediate school district No. 917, Dakota county, provided levy limit formula.

HF0763 (Macklin) Intermediate school district Nos. 287, Hennepin and Wright counties, 916, Anoka, Ramsey, and Washington counties, and 917, Dakota county, allowed a special education levy.

HF0689 (Ozment) Intermediate school district levy limits changed.

HF0562 (McPherson) Special education teacher salary aid increased.

HF0358 (Dawkins) Male responsibility for sexual behavior pilot programs appropriated money.

*****JOINT MEETING*****

House & Senate EDUCATION; House Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS; Senate Education Division/ FINANCE

10 State Office Building

Agenda: University of Minnesota Regents selection.

8:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Community Revitalization/ HOUSING

500S State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Carlos Mariani

Agenda: To be announced.

10 a.m.

AGRICULTURE

5 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: To be announced.

Subcommittee on Child Care/ Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein

Agenda: Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board rule updates.

12:30 p.m.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: HF0694 (Long) Environmental enforcement act of 1991 adopted.

HF1062 (Skoglund) Theft resulting in or contributing to the impairment or insolvency of an insurance company considered a criminal act.

HF0459 (Greenfield) Forfeiture notice not charged a fee and language interpreters provided in forfeiture proceedings.

HF0074 (Welle) Municipal tort liability for injuries caused by beach and swimming pool equipment specified.

HF0551 (Hanson) Limited driver's license waiting period extended after conviction of vehicular manslaughter or criminal negligence.

HF0526 (Pugh) Shareholder rights clarified, share combination and division provisions modified, and meeting notice requirements provided.

HF0592 (Brown) Torts; economic loss recovery modified related to the sale of goods.

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MINNESOTA INDEX

Rural Minnesota

Greater Minnesota population, 1988	2,124,369
Percent of state's population in Greater Minnesota	49
Number of cities in Greater Minnesota	722
Percent of Greater Minnesota cities that grew, 1970-1988	53
Percent of Greater Minnesota's population decline attributed to northeast Minnesota, 1980-1988	43
Number of people per 1,000 acres in northwest Minnesota, the state's most rural region	17
Percent of Greater Minnesota's manufacturing jobs located in southeast Minnesota, 1988	45
Rate of unemployment in Red Lake County, the highest in Greater Minnesota, 1989	14.8
Rate of unemployment in Blue Earth, Nicollet and Olmsted counties, the lowest in Greater Minnesota, 1989	3.0
Birth rate per 1,000 people in Beltrami County, the highest in Greater Minnesota, 1988	18.4
Percent of land in public ownership in Cook County, the highest in Greater Minnesota, 1983	91.7
Percent of land in farming in Martin County, the highest in Greater Minnesota, 1987	95.9

Source: Rural Investment Guide, 1991

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