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Flashback

The Legislature is often considered in one- or two-year bites. An annual session seems like an eternity, and the session before that seems about as fresh as the Paleozoic era.

But when really measuring the progress of legislation, you often have to look back several years to find the origin of a bill to accurately trace its evolution.

Sometimes the backwards journey is as ancient as 10 years. In the fast-paced legislative time frame, that's a serious archaeological dig for old dino bones.

Take the passage of the 1986 seat belt law, for example, or the drawn-out battle that led to the 1989 law recognizing living wills in Minnesota. The predecessor of that living will bill was first introduced in the House in 1984 by former Rep. David Jennings, although it was then called the "right to die" bill. And that's just what it did.

Similar measures were introduced in 1985 and 1986 by Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester) and neither got very far. Bishop's proposal went a little further in 1988, but wasn't approved until 1989 by margins of about 3 to 1 in both the House and Senate.

The seat belt law took about as long. The proposal was first introduced in the House in 1983, although the idea that children and infants should be buckled up dates to 1981. It wasn't until 1986 that the mandatory seat belt law was passed, and it took another two years for a \$10 penalty to be added.

Which brings us to a proposal currently before the House that appears to be somewhere between the creeping and crawling stages in the legislative process. The Agriculture Committee on April 4 approved the no net-loss wetlands bill, which has died in committee in each of the last two annual sessions.

Has its time finally come? With its christening this year as House File 1, a number reserved for the year's most important legislation, it seems a good bet.

Like most bills, the idea for the proposal goes back much further than just a few years. The language in a 1981 House Research Department report seems to illustrate how much has been learned about wetlands between then and now.

"People don't know anything about the values of wetlands," stated the report. "If they did, perhaps they would care about protecting them."

— Grant Moos

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Citizens chanted below the windows of the Governor's Office where the governor and legislative leaders met for the second tax summit April 4.

—Photo by Laura Phillips

Highlights



Government

Property tax relief

Gov. Arne Carlson April 2 suggested using \$150 million of the state's \$550 million "rainy day" fund for property tax relief next year, the first time since taking office that he has called for spending a portion of the budget reserve.

Finance Commissioner John Gunyou says a stabilizing economy, indicated in last week's state revenue forecast, prompted the governor to change his mind. He says about \$400 million would remain in the reserve for cash-flow purposes.

Carlson's change of heart seemed welcome news to House leaders who have maintained that some of the reserve be used to help balance the state's projected \$1.1 billion budget shortfall.

Exactly how the \$150 million from the reserve would be divided among homeowners remains unclear.

State revenue Commissioner Dorothy McClung says all the money could be used for "circuit-breaker" payments, designed to reduce the overall tax bill of low- and moderate-income homeowners. She also held out the possibility other tax relief mechanisms, such as direct home-
stead tax credits, may be used.

Carlson earlier had suggested using about \$189 million for the circuit-breaker fund as a way to soften homeowner property tax bills that are expected to increase, on average, 14 percent next year. That amount would be added to the \$150 million he proposed this week.

"There's a lot of money going to that system to protect low-income people," McClung says, stressing that all of the governor's recommendations would target property owners.

Carlson this week also proposed spending an additional \$63 million for certain state programs in the next budget cycle starting in July. Included are nearly \$23 million for health care programs, and



Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe and House Speaker Robert Vanasek listened as Independent-Republican's made their property tax proposal during the second property tax summit April 4.

\$20 million to continue at current levels the state contribution to its employee pension fund. Carlson had earlier called for reducing the state's contribution.

He also suggested spending \$10 million for high technology research and grants for the University of Minnesota, \$5 million for ethanol fuel subsidies, and about \$2.5 million to support public television.

His recommendations leave about \$12 million unspent from the additional \$77.2 million in state revenue that is expected to be available in the next two-year spending cycle.

The governor's orders

A bill (HF1050) mandating that the governor notify the chairs of both the House and Senate Governmental Operations committees at least 30 days before filing an executive reorganization order was approved April 4 by the House Governmental Operations Committee.

The bill, if approved, would effectively block the governor from reorganizing government agencies without receiving some input from the Legislature.

Bill sponsor Rep. Myron Orfield (DFL-

Mpls) called the measure a "non-partisan attempt allowing for open public debate" on proposed organizational shifts in state government.

But the final roll-call vote saw all DFLers in favor of the measure, and all IR members against it.

The bill, in part, is a response to testimony given by a number of state agency commissioners who said that any streamlining and reorganization of departments would occur after the Legislature adjourns this year.

Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul), chair of the committee's Government Structures Division, called the commissioners' testimony "arrogant," adding that it is "in effect telling us [the Legislature] we have no voice in the matter."

If the governor issues such a reorganization measure, the bill specifies that it wouldn't become effective until 30 days after the beginning of the next regular legislative session.

Orfield says the bill takes no power away from the governor, but allows for public debate in a legislative forum "to perhaps re-think what the order will be doing, before it becomes final."

HF1050 was referred to the House floor.

Research office for auditor?

State Auditor Mark Dayton presented his 1992-93 budget wish list to lawmakers April 3. It included a \$370,000 request to fund the creation of a research office.

Dayton says the proposed four-person office would produce research based on county and city audit data. Currently, with only one full-time employee in that area, the office produces little comparative research, says Dayton.

The Appropriations Committee's State Government Division, which reviews state office budgets, didn't criticize the substance of Dayton's proposal but questioned its timing given the state's budget crisis.

"If we were to decide that something seemed reasonable with this proposed research office budget . . . it seems to me that a more modest start might be more appropriate," says Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), who chairs the division.

The Auditor's Office, which is responsible for monitoring the finances and compliance records of the state's 4,300 local governments, audits more than 300 local units of government every year, says Dayton.

The division took no action on Dayton's request.

Early retirement

A bill proponents say will "aid in resolving the state's current fiscal crisis" by encouraging public employees to retire early was approved April 3 by the Governmental Operations Committee.

HF956, sponsored by Rep. Bob Johnson (DFL-Bemidji), would provide employer-paid health benefits to retiring employees between 55 and 65 that have worked at least 25 years for the state. Eligibility would end when workers turn 65.

The proposal is designed as a temporary measure to "minimize layoffs and let people retire with dignity," Johnson says. "We did this last session when we had budget problems. Well, today we've got a real problem."

A total of 356 employees signed up for a similar measure that was approved last year — more than twice the number

expected — and saved the state nearly \$11.2 million.

People qualifying for the current plan would have a limited time to choose to retire under the program. The offer expires July 21 of this year for some; Oct. 1 for others.

Under the proposal, both local government and school district employees would also be eligible, but at the option of the employer.

The measure (HF956) was referred to the Taxes Committee.

Licensing interior designers

A bill calling for mandatory licensure of certain commercial interior designers may be in jeopardy.

The measure heard April 2 by the Governmental Operations Committee was re-referred to its Government Structures Division, prompting one member to declare the proposal dead this session.

The division is chaired by Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul), a vocal opponent of the bill. He disagrees with proponents who say the bill is necessary for the "health, welfare, and safety of the public."

"I have a real problem with this [bill] because it appears to me this is simply economic, and could be a turf protection device," says O'Connor.

The bill (HF217) sponsored by Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center) would require commercial designers who work in public space — areas occupied by the general public or employees of a firm — to be licensed. In addition, it would require designers to pass a test in order to be licensed.

Gary Wheeler, an interior designer and member of the nine-member task force whose recommendations generated the current bill, disagreed with the "turf war" evaluation.

He told members that the duties of interior designers often overlap with those of architects. He says he hoped the bill would help dispel myths that designers simply "decorate," which accounts for just 5 percent of an interior designer's job.

Instead, he says, designers address issues of "space planning," which includes designing public spaces so they are accessible to the handicapped, and that the exit layouts and lighting are safe.

But Doug Franzen, an architect who opposes the bill, questioned why state fire marshals and building code inspectors weren't lobbying to support the bill if the real issue is public safety.

O'Connor says there is a "litany of licensure bills" on his division's agenda. "We've got to set up some state standards for licensure," he says. "Right now, we don't have any."



A "Child Care Works" quilt gets close inspection from 6-year-old Maya Bemel-Benrud of Minneapolis. The quilt, sewn to celebrate passage of federal child care law, was displayed in the Capitol rotunda April 4.

Licensing building contractors

Some residential building contractors, remodelers, and specialty contractors would have to be licensed under a proposal approved by the Commerce Committee April 4.

Chief author Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids) says the bill (HF218) will protect consumers from dishonest contractors. Failure to comply with the licensing requirements would be a misdemeanor.

Bauerly showed the committee a videotape produced by WCCO-TV's "I-Team Report" showing homeowners who purchased poorly-constructed homes from residential contractors.

The homeowners complained of cracked walls, faulty painting, and showers without drains, among others things.

Bauerly says the bill would also set up a recovery fund to compensate consumers who are victims of dishonest contractors. The money for the fund would be generated from license application fees.

The measure would also require the commissioner of the state Department of Commerce to adopt education requirements for licensing, as well as issue the licenses.

HF218 was referred to the Governmental Operations Committee.

Luring federal research grants

Lawmakers seem to be buying into the old adage, "you have to spend money to make money."

The Economic Development Committee April 2 approved a measure (HF658) authored by Rep. Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples) that urges the state to spend \$1.36 million over the next two years to help Minnesota entrepreneurs tap into federal research and development grants.

In turn, the state can expect "big bucks" to be funneled back into local economies, enhancing job creation and the tax base, says Krueger.

Currently, the Legislature appropriates \$120,000 yearly to encourage grant-writing among Minnesota entrepreneurs. The state ranks 15th nationally in the amount of federal research and development grants awarded. The program — administered through a private nonprofit

organization called Minnesota Project Innovation (MPI) — netted \$7.6 million in federal funds in 1990, says Krueger.

Through an increase in MPI's appropriation, Krueger hopes to boost the state's return on its investment.

"By doing this, we feel we can move into the top 10 and bring in more than \$12 million a year in terms of research grants," he told the Economic Development Committee.

California entrepreneurs currently lead the country in amount of federal research and development grants awarded, pulling in nearly \$100 million annually.

HF658 was referred to the Appropriations Committee, where lawmakers will continue to consider whether spending money to make money is practical in the face of a budget shortfall.



Environment

Cleaning up Eurasian milfoil

The cost to obtain a boat license would be increased to prevent the spread of Eurasian water milfoil and the zebra mussel under a bill approved April 2 by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

The 25 percent surcharge on boat licenses would range from \$1.75 for canoe licenses to \$10 for 40-foot yachts. Boats 17 feet and under would be subject to a \$3 surcharge. The surcharge, as with boat licenses, would be charged once every three years.

The bill would create an interagency committee to look at the issues of "exotics" that have harmed Minnesota lakes.

The measure (HF 446) sponsored by Rep. Tony Kinkel (DFL-Park Rapids) provides for public education to prevent the spread of exotics. Under the plan, the DNR would conduct at least five annual road checks of trailered boats traveling from milfoil infested areas.

Milfoil has now been detected in 31 Minnesota lakes, Minnehaha Creek, and three pools in the Mississippi River. Tom Sak, program coordinator for the DNR's Eurasian water milfoil program says more lakes could be infected because it often takes two to three years to detect milfoil infestation.

In Minnesota, it was first identified in

Lake Minnetonka in 1987 and is thought to have been introduced in the United States in the 1940s.

HF446 now moves to the Governmental Operations Committee.

What's wrong with worms?

Kids shouldn't be kept out of blue ribbon trout streams because they don't have the money for artificial trout lures, according to testimony before the Appropriations Committee's Environment and Natural Resources Division April 2.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations that require artificial lures to be used on more than 11 miles of trout streams in southeastern Minnesota prevent many kids and adults from fishing for trout, says Mel Haugstad, president of the Minnesota Trout Association.

Haugstad, who says he represents 5,000 members from 28 sports clubs, proposed that those who fish for trout be allowed to use worms as bait on those streams.

"The DNR spent \$500,000 to study regulations," he says. "We ask you to stop spending money on research in southeastern Minnesota. Special fishing regulations run in conflict with the department's access program."

The division took no action on the request, which was made during an overview of the DNR's budget.

Incinerator moratorium

A solid waste incinerator that has long been planned in Dakota County couldn't be built for five years if a bill approved April 3 by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee becomes law.

The bill (HF890), authored by Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia), would place a five-year moratorium on the construction of all such solid waste incinerators, although the Dakota County facility is the only one now being considered. The measure was referred to the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

Many legislators and community activists expressed concern about the safe

disposal of incinerator ash and the effect that mercury, which is contained in incinerator ash, can have on Minnesota lakes.

"The amount of mercury it takes to fill the letter 'o' on a page is what it takes to contaminate a lake," says Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls).

The measure would also place strict recycling goals on communities throughout Minnesota. It would require the seven-county metro area to recycle 50 percent of its solid waste by July 31, 1996, and outstate Minnesota communities of more than 5,000 people to recycle 40 percent of their waste by then, and all smaller communities to recycle 30 percent of their waste.

In addition, it would require mandatory recycling in cities with populations of 5,000 or more by July 1, 1992, and would prohibit toxic material such as lead, cadmium, mercury, and chromium from being used in a variety of materials and products, ranging from dye to paint.

Dakota County commissioners told legislators that the county has spent more than \$5.5 million planning for the incinerator while following state and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency guidelines and should be allowed to build the incinerator.

But Rep. Dennis Ozment (IR-Rosemount) says it would be much wiser to concentrate on recycling, adding that the incinerator would cost more than \$370 million over the next 25 years.

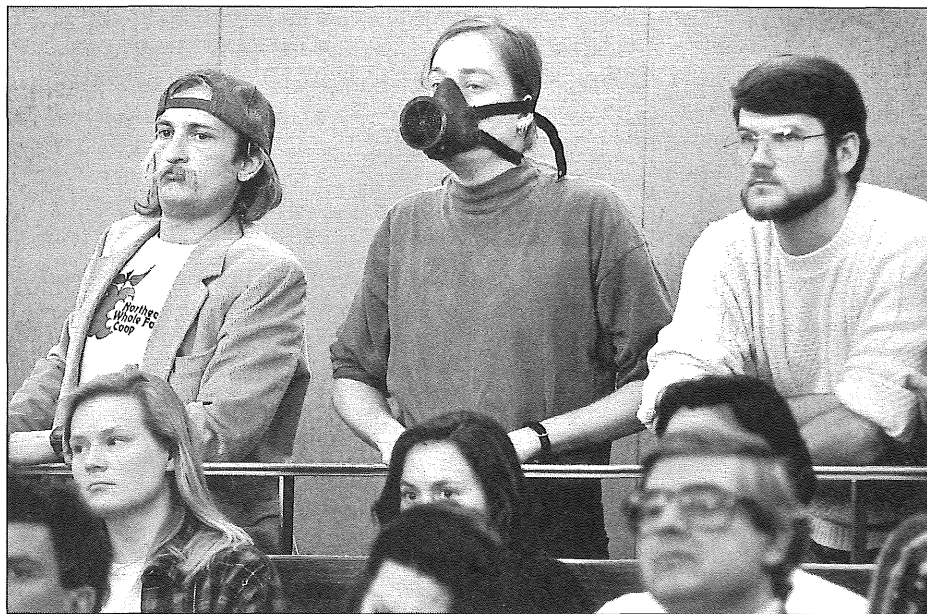
An amendment introduced by Rep. Leo Reding (DFL-Austin) that would have permitted the Dakota County incinerator to be built was defeated.

Throwing away 'white goods'

House members April 4 amended a comprehensive statewide waste management and recycling package, putting more of the burden on individuals to dispose of their old appliances.

On a 15-7 vote, the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee struck language from the bill (HF303) requiring retailers to take in and dispose of old appliances following the sale of new ones.

Several committee members say the measure, authored by Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls), would have placed



Greenpeace Action staffer John Perkins dons a gas mask prior to testifying against municipal garbage incinerators April 3 before the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

undue financial hardships on small retailers by making them remove the so-called "white goods" from the waste stream.

Added to the sheer bulk of appliances, many contain harmful chemicals, causing headaches for those who must get rid of them.

Wagenius, however, argues that many people will shirk their responsibility to dispose of such appliances correctly, and instead illegally dump old washers, freezers, and air conditioners in public landfills or other places.

In addition, she says requiring retailers to haul away old appliances would promote recycling. She says only about one-third of the white goods are now being disposed of properly.

But pushing for an amendment to the bill, Rep. Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) said many retailers, many of whom sell only a few appliances every month, would not have either the physical or financial resources to take away obsolete units.

He says small business owners will have to pass along disposal costs in their prices, putting them at a competitive disadvantage with larger retailers.

Wagenius, however, says her method would "put everyone at the same level" and would make the public realize the true cost of garbage. "That's the point, there is no free lunch. Recycling costs."

The measure was referred to the Appropriations Committee.



Energy

Cold weather law extended

A bill that would prohibit municipal utilities and electric cooperatives from discontinuing service to certain homes during cold weather months was approved by the Energy Committee April 3 and referred to the Regulated Industries Committee.

Currently, only public utilities such as NSP are prohibited in certain cases from discontinuing services to homes between Oct. 15 and April 15. The measure (HF878), sponsored by Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault), would extend the law to electric cooperative associations and municipal utilities.

The measure would apply if the disconnection affects the primary heating source of the home, and if the customer has indicated to the company that he or she can't pay the bill, among other considerations.

It also specifies that customers facing disconnection be notified in person or by mail of the cutoff and that they be informed of certain rights.

If the customer does not respond to the disconnection notice, the utility has to

investigate whether the residence is occupied before terminating service.

Concerning other measures, the committee:

- Approved a bill (HF978) sponsored by Rep. Myron Orfield (DFL-Mpls) that would require the governor to submit a biennial report on energy and the environment.
- Discussed a proposal (HF1069) sponsored by Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul) that would establish an energy-efficiency assistance program to allow people to purchase energy-efficient appliances on a voucher system in exchange for investing time, labor, or "sweat equity" in the program.



Human Services

Child care council

A proposal to create a state council to oversee and coordinate child care services in Minnesota ran into some opposition in the Health and Human Services Committee April 2. But the measure was still approved and referred to the Governmental Operations Committee.

Opponents charge that the proposed early childhood care and education council would be accountable to only the governor and could leave some child care providers out in the cold.

Rep. Tony Onnen (IR-Cokato) says that if the Legislature creates an independent council that would control grant money, it needs to also ensure an appeal process for those who may feel unjustly overlooked.

Other opponents questioned whether the cost — \$375,000 to get the council started — is necessary and wondered whether such a council could remain under the Department of Human Services.

But Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) says that creating a specific appeal mechanism will hinder the council's ability to get things done. Such a process could render a new council inactive, she says.

Chief author Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls) says that the measure (HF458) will finally establish statewide leadership in child care policy at a time when it is greatly needed. Clark adds that the proposal will build on the existing resource and

referral centers that are located around the state.

Under the proposal, the governor would appoint 21 council members who would represent several groups.

Staying off welfare

A measure that proponents say promotes employment for families on welfare was approved by the Health and Human Services Committee April 2 and referred to the Appropriations Committee.

The Minnesota Family Investment Plan (HF719) is an experimental welfare program that consolidates the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), General Assistance (GA) for families, and Food Stamps programs.

The Minnesota plan allows families to continue to receive benefits while earning up to 20 percent more money than is currently allowed under welfare regulations.

The idea behind the measure authored by Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls) is to ease the transition between welfare and full employment so that families can stay off welfare.

The federal government approved the consolidation of its welfare programs for this plan; HF719 authorizes field trials to begin through the Department of Human Services.

Nursing home alternatives

A proposal to create a more efficient long-term elderly health care system would reduce the number of nursing home residents and make independent living facilities more accessible for Minnesota seniors, say Department of Human Services officials.

They told members of the Appropriations Committee's Human Resources Division April 3 and 4 of the department's projection that the number of people aged 85 and older will more than double in the next 20 years.

If population trends continue and the state's current elderly health care system stays the same, it would require an additional 8,500 nursing home beds by the year 2010, a measure deemed extremely costly and inefficient by the department.

The department proposes a plan that focuses on working with local governments to coordinate programs and share responsibilities for elderly health care. The plan would focus on early screening and early intervention programs and would make more use of adult foster care facilities and assisted living programs for seniors.

Currently, the state ranks second in the nation in the number of nursing home beds and third in the percentage of citizens entering nursing homes. Minnesota also ranks third in per capita costs for Medical Assistance to pay for nursing home care.

Handicapped parking permits

Minnesota nursing homes may soon supply handicapped parking permits to visitors who use their own cars to take disabled patients for a day's outing.

The Transportation Committee April 3 heard testimony on HF794, a bill that would allow nursing homes to issue one-day permits to able-bodied drivers who transport disabled residents.

Rep. Eileen Tompkins (IR-Apple Valley), author of the bill, says volunteers and relatives often transport physically disabled nursing home residents, but they don't have access to handicapped parking.

While a disabled person can carry a permit for use on any vehicle in which they are a passenger, many can't or don't want to go through the red tape necessary to acquire permanent certificates, she says.

Under the bill, the state Department of Public Safety would be required to provide the permits to nursing homes "at cost."

Some legislators expressed concern that the permits could get into the hands of unauthorized users. Rep. Marvin Dauner (DFL-Hawley) says current handicapped parking statutes are working and shouldn't be complicated by more laws.

Though the Transportation Committee approved the bill on a voice vote, Chair Henry Kalis (DFL-Walters) urged Tompkins to get a letter of support from the Minnesota Council on Disability before defending the bill on the House floor, where the measure was referred.



Elections

Elections by mail

Minnesota's 1992 presidential primary and other elections could be conducted through the mail if a bill before the Elections Division of the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, and Gaming Committee becomes law.

The measure (HF397), authored by Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul), would allow the Secretary of State's Office to conduct elections by mail on an experimental basis. Discussion of the measure will continue in the division on April 9.

If approved, the bill would apply to presidential primary elections, but counties could also conduct local elections by mail if their county boards opt to do so. So far, only Ramsey County has expressed interest, according to the Secretary of State's Office.

Minnesota General Election Statistics 1950-1990

Year	% Voting*
1950	60.14
1952	80.20
1954	62.28
1956	83.89
1958	59.57
1960	77.60
1962	60.90
1964	74.47
1966	60.26
1968	72.19
1970	61.09
1972	69.68
1974	49.85
1976	75.43
1978	58.77
1980	71.90
1982	61.40
1984	69.49
1986	47.02
1988	67.23
1990	57.17

*Figures refer to number of qualified voters (people over 18), not registered voters.

Source: Minnesota Secretary of State's Office

Secretary of State Joan Growe says elections by mail will increase voter participation, encourage greater participation in political parties, and reduce the cost per voter in an election.

Conducting the 1992 presidential primary by mail would cost the state \$3 million, says Growe, but the savings for local governments would more than likely offset that figure.

But because legislative districts can include parts of many counties, opponents are concerned with maintaining election uniformity and integrity.

Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker (IR-Minnetonka) says that if one county in a legislative district is using mail balloting and another isn't, "you're going to skew the outcome of that election. The county that mails the ballots is going to get a bigger turnout. Now that may be good or bad depending on your politics, but it's the wrong thing to do."

Osthoff, however, disagrees. "We're not skewing anything," he says. "All we're doing is maximizing people's opportunity to vote."

Voting at 16?

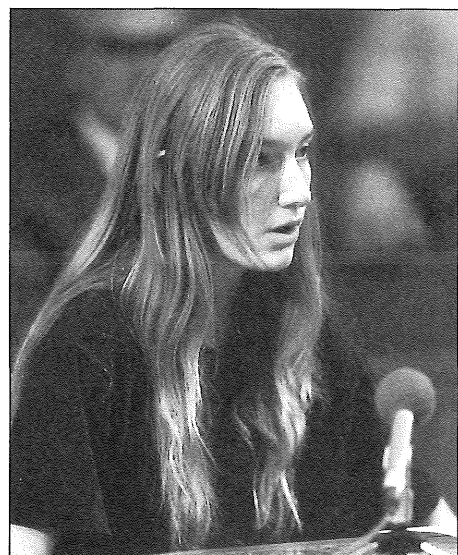
Should the voting age be lowered to 16 from 18?

Several students enthusiastically endorsed the idea April 3 during a meeting of the Elections Division of the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, and Gaming Committee.

"I am 15," says Amanda Tickner, a student from South High School in Minneapolis. "This does not, as the media would make you think, make me a troubled, peer-pressured, hormone-crazed idiot. This bill is an opportunity to enfranchise an informed segment of the population."

The division delayed taking any action on the proposed constitutional amendment (HF24). If the Legislature approves the bill authored by Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), the question would be placed on the ballot in 1992 to let voters decide the question. If voters approve the idea, the earliest that 16- and 17-year-olds could vote would be in 1994.

Tiana Newbauer-Hampton, 17, says she has a difficult time when adults say that teenagers are too irresponsible to vote. "How many people do you know, adults or youth, who would take the time



A bill to lower the state's voting age to 16 received strong support from Amanda Tickner of Minneapolis. She appeared April 3 before the Elections Division of the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee.

to go and vote if they were not responsible," says Newbauer-Hampton.

Ruthanne Kurth-Schai, who has taught alternative programs for troubled junior high students and is researching how children view the future, says many students feel "excluded from meaningful participation in this society." Schai says that when young people "have no social power," they also feel they "have no social value."

Tickner agreed, saying adults don't take teenagers seriously and added that she wants to have a voice on issues.

"I cannot elect people who are going to give us a clear energy policy, and the lack of one is going to effect me even after the people voting are dead and gone," she adds.

Election withdrawal

A measure clarifying how political candidates can end their campaigns and who can take their place received initial approval in the House April 4.

The bill (HF137) would allow gubernatorial candidates to withdraw only if it's done within 15 days of the primary election, and also specifies that political parties could only endorse another candidate if the original candidate dies.

A final vote on the bill, authored by

Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Center), is expected April 8. Similar legislation, carried by Sen. William Luther, is pending on the Senate floor.

The measure arises from Independent-Republican gubernatorial hopeful Jon Grunseth's decision to withdraw only eight days before last November's general election.

"We cannot have fair elections unless we have an orderly process, one that people can depend on," says Scheid.

After Grunseth withdrew Oct. 29, the IRs' 14-member executive committee two days later selected now-Gov. Arne Carlson to replace Grunseth, citing Carlson's second-place finish in the Sept. 11 primary.

A floor amendment to skuttle most of the measure's provisions failed 71-58. Says Rep. Ron Abrams (IR-Minnetonka): "What this bill is is an attempt to delegitimize the election of Arne Carlson and Joanell Dyrstad. Don't let anybody tell you different . . . this bill will be vetoed."



Veterans

Tuition for vets

A bill that would give Persian Gulf vets some help in obtaining a college education was approved April 4 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, and Gaming Committee.

The measure (HF426) would give Persian Gulf vets a one-time \$1,000 grant that could be used at any public or private Minnesota college; surviving spouses could receive a \$2,000 grant.

The measure authored by Rep. Pat Beard (DFL-Cottage Grove) had originally called for a two-year tuition exemption for all activated service people, but members considered that proposal too expensive.

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimated the original proposal would cost \$80 million — nearly nine times the current proposal's \$9 million price tag. A projected 10,500 veterans would qualify for the grants.

In its present form, only people who actually served in the Gulf region would be eligible for the grants, as would those service people who already have a college degree.

HF426 now moves to the Appropriations Committee.



Law

Locking up the ammo

Cities, towns, and other local units of government could regulate how businesses display firearm ammunition if a bill approved April 3 by the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division becomes law.

The measure (HF540) would allow local units of government to require that businesses keep ammunition in a locked compartment or a place inaccessible to the public.

Currently, local governments can only regulate the *discharge* of firearms.

Chief author Rep. Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls) says the bill was prompted by reports of youths shoplifting ammunition from department store shelves in Minneapolis.

He told committee members that many crimes involving guns in Minneapolis are committed by youths under the age of 14.

Rep. Loren Solberg (DFL-Bovey) tried to amend the bill so the display restrictions would apply only to the metropolitan area, but the proposal was defeated.

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Data privacy changes

The data practices omnibus bill (HF693) was approved April 3 by the Judiciary Committee's Data Privacy Subcommittee.

For the past several weeks, the committee has addressed a variety of data privacy topics, ranging from coroners to child abuse. Its task has been to determine who is allowed access to certain information, and how should that data be collected, created, stored, and distributed.

This year's omnibus bill, authored by Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Park), includes provisions that would:

- Allow the media access to traffic accident data involving juveniles. Current law has conflicting chapters relating to different law enforcement agencies' right to release this information.
- Grant medical examiners and coroners access to health-related records, including psychiatric records, to help in making a determination of cause of death.
- Protect information concerning events held at publicly owned and operated convention facilities. Data concerning rental terms, types of events, and participants in those events would be classified as nonpublic. Proponents say this will protect convention centers from having to release information to competitors in the business.
- Allow, in some cases, the sharing of



Union activists rally in the Capitol rotunda April 2 following a speech by U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, lower left. Wellstone spoke in favor of legislation that would bar employers from hiring permanent replacement workers during a strike.

private data between local human services agencies and family court services agencies in investigations of sexual or physical abuse or neglect. Proponents say this will expedite investigations, and that "time is often crucial" in protecting children in such cases.

The bill now moves to the full Judiciary Committee.



Agriculture

BST ban extended

A House subcommittee April 2 approved a measure that would continue Minnesota's moratorium on the use of an artificial growth hormone used to increase milk production in dairy cattle until the federal government approves the drug.

The legislation (HF929) authored by Rep. Chuck Brown (DFL-Appleton) calling for the continued ban on bovine somatotropin (BST) was approved by the

Agriculture Committee's dairy and livestock subcommittee and referred to the full committee.

Opponents of the measure believe that the ban on BST would cause the state to become an "island," while other states would be able to produce milk more efficiently with the drug.

Myron Czech, a Little Falls dairy farmer, told legislators that he opposes the ban. "We see very often that dairy farms are declining. If we limit the use of technology, we'll be doing ourselves a great disservice," he says.

But Brown says the ban would help dairy farmers by reducing the volume of milk on the market, which will drive prices up.

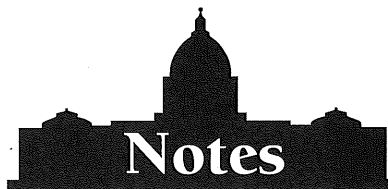
"This is not a health issue, it's an issue of economics," he says. "We do not need more milk."

In addition, he says permitting the drug to be used could tarnish the wholesome image of milk, which could cause milk consumption to decrease in the future.

An amendment calling for the extended ban only until BST is approved by the Food and Drug Administration was approved on a 6-5 vote.



State Rep. Tom Rukavina, who is often teased about his height (5' 5") used a step-ladder during debate on the House floor Thursday April 4 so he could be seen by the rest of the body.



Ever been subpoenaed by the state Legislature? Any House or Senate standing committee has that power. Now House Majority Leader Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) wants that authority extended to joint House-Senate commissions as well. A measure (HF980) authored by Long calling for joint commission subpoena power was approved by the Governmental Operations Committee April 4. Although rarely invoked, the power has been exercised when the former Claims Committee, which is now a subcommittee, held full committee status, says House Chief Clerk Ed Burdick. Failure to appear is a misdemeanor and could land you in jail. Long says a joint commission several years ago had considered issuing a subpoena, but, after checking the law, found it was not clear whether it applied to commissions.

Liability coverage for rental vehicle damage would increase under a bill proposed by Rep. Jim Farrell (DFL-St. Paul). HF875 is needed, Farrell says, because rental moving vans and vehicles often cost more than \$25,000, which is the maximum level such vehicles can be insured under current law. The bill approved April 3 by the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee would raise the cap to \$35,000.

Time marches on and it's costing the state money. According to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, each one-second delay in computer response time caused by aging equipment costs the department about \$70,000 in lost productivity over the course of a year. Acting Commissioner Ann Clayton says without better equipment, department staff will wait longer each time they call up a document. She says the problem will be so bad by the end of the year that the average delay could be as much as 45 seconds per document. Upgrading the computers would increase productivity and save the department about \$350,000 each year, she says. Clayton appeared before the Appropriations Committee's Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Regulation Division April 2.

On April 20, 1891, Minnesota's first state park, Itasca, was established. Jacob Brower, a lawyer, legislator, and environmentalist led the lobby for the park.

To celebrate the centennial, the Department of Natural Resources has planned several activities:

- On April 20, Itasca State Park will host an afternoon of celebration.
- Tree- and prairie-plantings are slated in all state parks through mid-May.
- Visitors to state parks on June 2 will get in for free and get a slice of birthday cake.
- On June 8, 20 covered wagons and more than 100 horseback riders will leave the Capitol on a journey to Itasca State Park. The wagon train will take 16 days and travel 250 miles.

Details about the Minnesota State Park Centennial are available by calling (612) 296-4776 or 1-800-652-9747.

It's a fact!

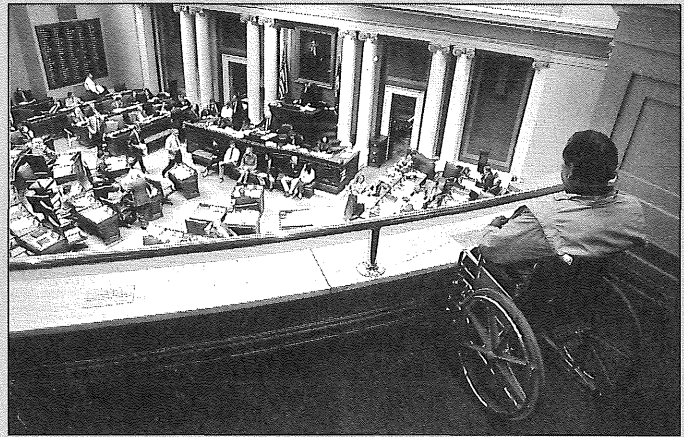
New carpeting and a fresh coat of paint: That's not all restorationists had in mind while revamping the Minnesota House of Representatives' chamber in the summer of 1989.

Making the stately hall more accessible for both disabled visitors and legislators was also included in the restoration project.

For wheelchair users, space was created in the second-floor public gallery by removing two rows of seats.

And for legislators, two special desks were crafted, which are similar in style and material to the original mahogany desks — with a couple of small differences. The pencil drawer is removed and the desks are slightly wider to allow a wheelchair to fit underneath.

The improved accessibility to the House chamber helped restoration planners earn a design award from ACCESS Minnesota, a coalition of organizations that serve disabled citizens.



Recent renovations throughout the Capitol building allow people in wheelchairs, such as Michael Abraham of Minneapolis, a better view on the workings of state government.



Editor's note: Last year, we invited readers to ask questions about the legislative process. Here's one of several questions we received..

Explain the lengths of sessions. Why are some short and some long?

The date for convening a session of the Legislature is explicitly stated in Minnesota statutes.

The law says that the "legislature shall meet at the seat of government on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year."

Therefore, the Legislature convened on Jan. 8 in 1991. If the first Monday in January falls on New Year's Day, the law states that the Legislature would meet on the first Wednesday after the first Monday.

How long will the session continue in the first year, or odd year, of the biennium?

Usually until the first Monday follow-

ing the third Saturday in May. That's the date after which the Minnesota Constitution prohibits the Legislature from meeting in any year.

The Legislature doesn't have to stay in session that long, but usually it does. That would be May 20 this year.

Before adjourning in the odd-numbered year, the Legislature will set a specific time to reconvene in the even-numbered year, or second year of the biennium. They usually set sometime in February.

How long will they stay in session during the second year of the biennium?

Basically, legislators remain in session until their work is done — provided they remain within the limits prescribed by two provisions of the state Constitution.

First, the Constitution states that the Legislature can't meet for more than 120 "legislative days" during a biennium. A "legislative day" is defined as any day in which either the House or Senate is called to order; this does not include the days in which only committees meet.

Second, the Constitution prohibits the Legislature from meeting after the first Monday following the third Saturday in

May in any year.

So in the second, or even, year of the biennium, the Legislature must adjourn before either of those limits is reached, whichever is first.

The second year of the biennium is often referred to as "the short year" because the Legislature doesn't remain in session as long. Historically, this is the year where lawmakers focused on fine-tuning the laws passed in the first year, or debating the bills there wasn't time for in the first year. But more and more, legislators are proposing new initiatives in the second year.

The session in the first year of the biennium is when legislators try to pass the most important tax and appropriations bills.

If you have a question about the Legislature, address it to Session Weekly, House Public Information Office, 175 State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155-1298

'Rip Van' Welker returns 10 years later

It seems like déjà vu all over again for Rep. Ray Welker (IR-Montevideo). Had Welker fallen into a deep sleep much like Rip Van Winkle did, he would have awakened to much the same scenario he left behind 10 years ago.

The fourth-term legislator who served in the House from 1979 to 1985 says the current legislative script reads the same way as when he was first elected.

But despite facing the same complex issues he confronted when former IR Gov. Al Quie and the DFL-controlled Legislature wrestled with a budget shortfall, Welker says he's glad to be back.

"I enjoy the energy of this place [the Capitol]" he says.

And like many legislators, Welker says he hopes to iron out some of the wrinkles surrounding the issues of education, health care, taxes, and workers' compensation reform. He adds that "working with his constituents . . . teaching them the dynamics of the government process" is also a priority.

Welker represents about 26,000 people from three counties in southwestern Minnesota — Chippewa, Redwood, and Yellow Medicine — a district he describes as "very rural" and "very conservative and independent."

With farming being the most important industry in the area, Welker says his district "runs on the amount of rain we get. If we have good rain we have good



Ray Welker

District 20B

Age: 51

Occupation: Businessman

District traits: The rural district is dominated by mid-sized farms and has lost population while the proportion of elderly residents has increased. The district voted for Rudy Boschwitz over Paul Wellstone in the 1990 U.S. Senate election by a 55.2 to 44.8-percent margin.

crops . . . and if we have good crops, everything seems to work well."

Welker says he first became involved in politics because of "a concern that government was too large, spending too much money, and involved too much in people's private lives."

With those sentiments in mind, he says one of his top priorities is to reduce the size of government.

After serving three terms in the House, Welker resigned to rescue a failing lumber business, which he rebuilt and sold in 1989. He also is the owner for 23 years of an office supply business in Montevideo.

He says he decided to rejoin the political arena after former Rep. Howard Miller resigned in 1990. "Howard and I are in the same party and are friends," he says. "I helped him campaign [in 1984] to win my seat."

Although the issues surrounding the

projected shortfall are nearly identical to 10 years ago, Welker says there are noticeable differences at the Legislature.

"There is a doubling of the pressure from lobbyists and an increase in the amount of constituent mail," he says, adding that "the mail is welcome because that shows more people are getting involved [in government]."

Welker says he's setting no deadlines for retiring from politics, but adds, "I'll stay for as long as its enjoyable and as long as I feel like I'm doing a good job."

He says that although the job is exciting and re-establishing old friendships is great, the job does have its downfalls. There were seven special sessions during the turbulent Quie years when Welker last served.

He hopes things go a lot smoother this time around.

Do you know?

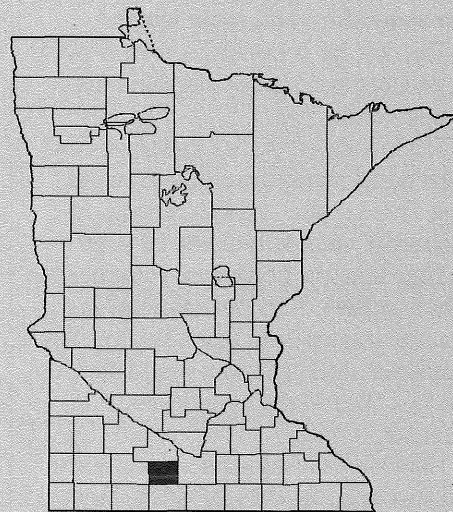
"Fish bait," or "where fish bait abounds," probably isn't the type of slogan you'd find in a tourism brochure from Watonwan County. But it is the Dakota Indian derivation of the county's name.

Established Feb. 25, 1860, Watonwan County takes its name from the Watonwan River, which flows through the county. According to the Dakota, however, the more accurate phonetic spelling is "watanwan."

The county was settled slowly until the railroads came through in 1870. Following this technological breakthrough, waves of Germans, Swedes, and Norwegians poured into the northern Watonwan region to take advantage of the rich soil.

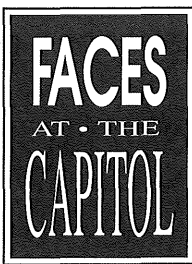
The county courthouse was built in St. James in 1895. Former Gov. Henry Sibley was asked to name the town that would later become St. James. He selected a long Dakota name that even he couldn't pronounce.

The president of the St. Paul and Sioux City Railroad angrily responded to Sibley's stumbling by insisting the name be one that all could pronounce. He chose St. James, and the title remains today.



Pat Jensen urges . . .

Follow the water conservation road



Ten thousand lakes. Hundreds of rivers. Countless streams and ponds. Perhaps it takes someone from the semi-arid Kansas prairie to help Minnesotans

appreciate the importance of water.

Turning on the garden hose or heading off on a weekend trip "to the lake" once was the extent of many Minnesotans' concern for water resources. But that's something Pat Jensen, executive director of the Legislative Commission on Water, finally sees changing.

"We are extremely fortunate in Minnesota we have good water, that we have a plentiful supply," she says. "But as we've seen what's been happening out in California, we can never take it for granted."

Jensen certainly doesn't. Working from her cramped office tucked away on the bottom floor of the State Office Building, Jensen is working on a variety of water-related projects. The commission is completing studies on the state's water needs in the next century, as well as researching the effects of nitrogen-based fertilizers on ground water.

It's also examining fish-farming in northern Minnesota mine pits, acid rain, water-sensitive farming techniques, and municipal water use plans. Protecting water resources is no longer the sole domain of environmentalists, but is of critical concern to farmers, the tourism industry, and the general public, she says.

Jensen was the first and only full-time staffer hired for the commission after its formation as part of the 1989 Minnesota Ground Water Act. She says it was a little difficult moving into a new job after once serving as the number two person in the state Department of Agriculture.

"When I was in the ag department, I was managing about 400 people; you get used to having those kinds of resources to help you out." Still, she says building a new office from the ground up is "an



Pat Jensen, executive director of the Legislative Commission on Water, views the Mississippi River at Harriet Island in St. Paul.

experience that everybody should have — I just don't know how many times."

Jensen is quick to credit the chairs of the other legislative commissions and the state legislators serving with the water commission in helping her get established. She says she also drew on her experience of sharing a small law practice with her husband for several years in Sleepy Eye.

"I feel like I've got some experience in running a small shop," she says.

A lot of her time at the commission, the first of its kind in the country, is spent fielding questions from the public and various government agencies.

"The biggest concern we hear from the public is 'How do we know what to do to protect our water?'" Jensen says. "They want to know where they can go to get information."

So how does a country lawyer who once worked as a legal and government relations specialist for the Pillsbury Corp., and who later was second in line in the agriculture department in one of the largest agricultural states in the country, end up in a basement office not much bigger than a broom closet?

"Like a lot of us, I'm only one generation separated from the farm," she says, recalling the times she spent working on her grandparents' farm in Scranton, Kan. And it was there, Jensen says, where she learned of the value water plays in agriculture.

"This is such a beautiful state," she says of her new home of 20 years. "It's hard to imagine anyone living here who doesn't care very deeply about water and the environment. We just didn't have this much water in Kansas."

—Dave Price

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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HF0275	Farrell	Motor vehicle contracts—	2/11 CO	CO	2/28 rp		3/7	127-0	3/14			3/27
SF0242	Hottinger	transfers	3/11 RU				3/21	64-0				
HF0739	Simoneau	Insurance company—	3/7 CO	CO	4/2 rp							
SF0482	Reichgott	takeovers	2/28 JU	JU	3/27 rpa							
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SF0402	Dahl	established										
HF0464	Sparby	Invention Board—created,	2/25 EC	EC	4/2 rp	reGO						
SF0307	Solon	money appropriated	2/14 EC	EC	3/7 rp	reGO						
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SF1037	Metzen	established, money appropriated	3/27 EC									
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SF0982	Bernhagen	Development Corporation	3/25 EH									
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SF0048	Beckman	rights restored	1/16 ED									
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SF0896	Marty	commission established	3/21 ED									
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SF1111	Dicklich	cost reimbursement	4/2 ED									
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HF0025	Sviggum	General education revenue equity	1/14 ED	ED/edfin	4/4 h							
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HF0119	Schafer	Gibbon—school funds transfer	1/28 ED	ED/edfin	4/4 h,a							
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HF163	Solberg	High schools—sparsity	1/31 ED	ED/edfin	4/4 h							
SF0568	Lessard	revenue increase	3/4 ED									
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SF0569	Lessard	AFDC formula change	3/4 ED									
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HF0451	Davids	Rushford-Peterson—	2/21 ED	ED/edfin	4/3 h							
SF0340	Benson	special debt levy	2/18 ED									
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SF0944	Sams	extra funds	3/25 ED									
HF1130	Lasley	Public schools—transit	3/25 ED	ED/edfin	4/3 h							
SF1093	J.B. Johnson	aid formula amended	4/2 ED									
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HF1069	Dawkins	Energy assistance program—	3/25 EG	EG	4/3 h							
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HF1072	Dawkins	Rental property—energy	3/25 EG	EG	4/3 rpa	reTA						
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HF1112	Dawkins	Energy improvement loans—	3/25 EG	EG	4/3 rpa							
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HF0248	Lasley	Anoka County tax-forfeited		EN	4/4 rpa							
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HF0354	Murphy	Minerals task force		EN	4/4 rp							
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SF0796	Solon	sanitary district	3/18 EN									
HF0890	Rukavina	Incinerator moratorium—	3/18 EN	EN	4/3 rpa	reLG						
SF0778	Marty	recycling expansion	3/14 EN									
HF0914	Lasley	Otter Tail— return of donated land		EN	4/4 rpa							
HF0999	Jennings	Water & soil board—	3/21 EN	EN	4/2 rp	reGO						
SF1064	Davis	appeal procedures	3/27 EN									
HF1006	Lourey	Moose Lake— land transfer		EN	4/4 rp							
HF1020	Orfield	State parks—special permits for handicapped persons	3/21 EN	EN	4/2 rp							
HF1081	Pauly	State park capital fund	3/25 EN	EN	4/3 rp	reAP						
SF1042	Price	use modified	3/27 EN									
HF1082	Pauly	Natural resources— special receipt provisions	3/25 EN	EN	4/3 rp	reAP						
HF1132	Blatz	Hunting—alcohol sanctions	3/25 EN	EN	4/2 rpa	reJU						
HF1176	Hanson	Incinerator ash—special waste extension		EN	4/4 rpa							
HF1182	V. Johnson	Water & soil board—gifts	3/27 EN	EN	4/2 rp							
SF1025	Hottinger		3/25 EN									
HF1301	Kahn	Releaf program—DNR		EN	4/4 rp	reAP						
		FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE										
HF0032	Skoglund	Medicare supplement	1/14 RI	FI	4/3 rpa							
SF0328	Solon	insurance—travel	2/18 CO									
HF0289	Skoglund	Noncomprehensive health	2/11 FI	FI	4/3 rpa							
SF1117	Luther	coverage—minimum loss ratios	4/2 CO									
HF0875	Farrell	Auto insurance—rental	3/13 FI	FI	4/3 rp							
SF0865	Mondale	vehicle coverage increase	3/21 CO									
		Banking Division FINANCIAL INST. & INSURANCE										
HF1038	Sparby	Worthless checks—	3/21 FI	FI/bk	4/2 rpa	reFI						
SF0880	Spear	fees, identification	3/21 CO	FI/bk	3/27 rpa	reJU						
HF1178	Jacobs	Interstate banking—	3/27 FI	FI/bk	4/2 rp	reFI						
SF0785	Cohen	Ohio, Michigan	3/14 CO									

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HF0379	Wenzel	State lands—authorization	2/18 GL	GL			3/21	133-0				
SF0393	Samuelson	to veterans organization	2/20 VL	VG	3/7 rpa		3/11	62-0				3/28
HF0426	Beard	Gulf War veterans—	2/21 GL	GL	4/4 rpa	reAP						
SF0444	Price	tuition exemption	2/25 VG	VG	4/4 rpa	reFN						
HF0478	Lasley	Election provisions changed	2/25 GL	GL	4/4 rpa							
SF0508	Hughes		2/28 EE									
HF0556	Frederick	Veterans—service	2/28 GL	GL	4/4 rp							
SF0460	Beckman	officer appointments	2/25 VG	VG	3/14 rp	reLO						
HF0609	Boo	State boards—veterans	3/4 GL	GL	4/4 rp							
SF0640	J.B. Johnson	authorized to rent	3/7 VG	RA								
HF0648	R. Anderson	Veterans homes—	3/4 GL	GL	4/4 rp	reAP						
		Fergus Falls										
HF0722	Waltman	Military—	3/7 GL	GL	4/4 rp							
SF0714	Johnston	land acquisitionss	3/11 VG	VG	3/21 rp							
		Elections Division										
		GENERAL LEGISLATION										
HF0024	Kahn	Elections—reduce voting	1/14 GL	GL/elec	4/3 h							
SF0808	Pappas	age to 16	3/18 EE									
HF0397	Osthoff	Elections—balloting	2/21 GL	GL/elec	4/2 a							
SF0263	Luther	by mail	2/11 EE									
		Veterans Affairs & Gaming Division										
		GENERAL LEGISLATION										
HF0179	Kelso	Dogs—live bait	2/4 GL	GL/vet	3/28 rpa		4/4	132-0				
SF1083	Johnson	prohibited in training	3/27 VG	VG	4/3 rpa							
HF0616	Frederick	Rulemaking authority	3/4 GL	GL	3/18 rp		4/4					
SF0611	Bertram	clarified	3/7 VG	VG	3/18 rp		3/27	61-0	4/4			
		GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS										
HF0100	Cooper	Health coverage—ambulance	1/24 HH	GO	4/4 rpa	reTA						
SF0112	Frederickson	personnel plan established	1/28 CO	CO								
HF0217	Carruthers	Interior designers—	2/7 CO	GO	4/2 h	reGO/gs						
SF0394	Flynn	licensure, regulation	2/20 CO									
HF0542	Hanson	Environment—governmental	2/28 GO	GO	4/2 rpa	reAP						
SF0551	Price	programs studied	3/4 EN									
HF0575	Simoneau	Compensation council—	2/28 GO	GO	3/11 rp		4/2	131-0	3/27			
SF0468	Luther	changes	2/25 GO	GO	3/11 rp		3/21	63-1				
HF0614	Dawkins	State boards—	3/4 GO	GO	4/3 rp							
SF0548	Cohen	investment authority	3/4 GO	GO	3/18 rpa							
HF0870	Murphy	Duluth—police pensions for	3/13 GO	GO	4/4 rpa							
SF0646	Solon	surviving spouses	3/7 GO									

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HF0956	R. Johnson	Public employees—	3/21 GO	GO	4/3 rp	reTA						
SF1060	Kroening	retirement incentives	3/27 GO	GO								
HF0957	I. Anderson	Administration department—	3/21 GO	GO	4/2 rp							
SF1028	Waldorf	leasing authority	3/25 GO									
HF0980	Long	Legislature—joint commissions	3/21 RU	GO	4/4 rp							
		subpoena authority										
HF1044	Beard	Pensions—TRA military	3/21 GO	GO	4/4 rpa							
SF0906	Price	service credits	3/21 GO									
HF1050	Orfield	Executive orders—	3/21 GO	GO	4/4 rp							
SF1008	Marty	legislative notification	3/25 GO									
HF1147	Reding	Public employees—change	3/25 GO	GO	4/4 h							
		to classified status										
HF1149	Winter	Rulemaking—	3/25 GO	GO	4/3 h							
		legislature notified										
		HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES										
HF0458	Clark	Early childhood council created	2/25 HH	HH	4/2 rpa	reGO						
SF0475	Piper		2/28 HH									
HF0527	Welle	Nursing home beds—	2/28 HH	HH	4/4 rpa							
SF0885	Berglin	licensure	3/21 HH	HH	4/4 rpa							
HF0543	Gutknecht	Olmsted County—	2/28 HH	HH	4/3 rpa	reAP						
SF0819	Brataas	community pilot program	3/18 HH									
HF0671	Lynch	Church child care—	3/7 HH	HH	4/2 rpa		4/4	131-0				
SF0631	D.D. Benson	handicapped accessibility	3/7 HH									
HF0719	Greenfield	Minnesota family investment	3/7 HH	HH	4/2 rpa	reAP						
SF0622	Berglin	plan established	3/7 HH									
HF0735	Greenfield	Child health service expanded	3/7 HH	HH	4/2 rp							
SF0254	J.B. Johnson		2/11 HH	HH	3/25 rpa							
HF0826	Lynch	Mental health—	3/13 HH	HH	4/4 rpa							
SF0469	Day	requirements consolidated	2/28 HH									
HF1055	Greenfield	Adjustment-to-blindness	3/21 HH	HH	4/3 rpa							
SF0782	Vickerman	training services	3/14 HH									
		JUDICIARY										
HF0055	Orenstein	Peace officers—body	1/22 JU	JU	2/21 rp		2/25	129-0				3/21
SF0040	Kelly	armor reimbursements	2/28 LG	LG	3/11 rp		3/14	63-0				
		Criminal Justice Division										
		JUDICIARY										
HF0540	Jefferson	Firearm ammunition—	2/28 JU	JU/crjus	4/3 rpa	reJU						
		local regulation										

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		LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS										
HF0068	Lieder	Airport plan extended—	1/22 LG	LG	3/21 rp		4/2	133-0	4/2			
SF0075	Langseth	Minneapolis-St. Paul	1/22 MA	MA	3/11 rp		3/21	64-0				
HF0303	Wagenius	Waste management—changes,	2/14 EN	LG	4/4 rpa	reAP						
SF0256	Merriam	additions to law	2/11 EN									
HF0479	Kinkel	Townships—temporary offices	2/25 LG	LG	4/2 rp		4/4	131-0				
SF0532	Finn		3/4 VG	VG	3/29 h							
HF0578	Milbert	Dakota County—city assesment	2/28 LG	LG	4/4 rpa							
SF0653	Metzen	costs transferred	3/7 LG									
HF0623	Hugoson	Martin County—	3/4 LG	LG	4/2 rp		4/4	128-0				
SF1049	Beckman	offices combined	3/27 LG									
HF0743	Lynch	Red River—watershed	3/11 LG	LG	4/2 rp		4/4	131-0				
SF0795	Stumpf	management extended	3/18 EN	EN	3/22 h							
HF0795	Jacobs	County morgue	3/11 LG	LG	4/2 rp		4/4	130-1				
SF0779	Merriam	restrictions removed	3/14 LG	LG	4/4 rp							
HF0809	E. Olson	County document fees—	3/11 LG	LG	4/2 rpa		4/4	130-0				
SF0717	Hottinger	increase	3/11 LG	LG	3/25 rpa							
HF0894	Uphus	City officials—	3/18 LG	LG	4/2 rpa		4/4	127-0				
SF0922	D.E. Johnson	conflicts of interest	3/21 LG									
		REGULATED INDUSTRIES										
HF0116	Pugh	Alcohol—school events	2/18 RI	RI	2/21 rpa		3/21	129-5				
SF0007	Waldorf		1/9 JU	JU	2/7 rpa	reRU	3/7	53-3	3/13			3/28
HF0382	Hanson	Bars—DWI warning signs posted	2/18 RI	RI	4/2 rpa	reAP						
SF0269	Price		2/14 CO									
HF0383	Hanson	Bars—warning signs posted	2/18 RI	RI	4/2 *							
SF0270	Price		2/14 CO									
HF0564	Jacobs	Telephone companies—exclusion	2/28 RI	RI	4/2 rpa							
SF0709	Novak	of certain business	3/11 EG									
HF0859	Jacobs	Public utilities—	3/13 RI	RI	4/2 rpa							
		government costs										
HF0924	Kelso	Public utilities—	3/18 RI	RI	4/2 rpa							
SF1101	Beckman	cost reimbursement										
		TAXES										
HF0307	Osthoff	Racing commission members—	2/14 GL	TA	3/26 rpa							
SF0255	Price	pay increase	2/11 GR	GR	2/26 rp	reTT						
		TRANSPORTATION										
HF0029	Skoglund	Licenses—state I D cards for	1/14 TR	TR	4/3 h*							
SF0886	Flynn	limited drivers license holders	3/21 TR									

*HF0383 incorporated into HF0382

*HF0029 - re to subcommittee

*HF0787 - re to subcommittee

*HF0835 - re to subcommittee

Bill Introductions

HF1247 — HF1422

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HF1247—Nelson, K. (DFL)

Education

Education and employment transitions task force established by vocational technical education council, with money appropriated.

HF1248—Dawkins (DFL)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Light rail transit construction authorized, property tax levy power repealed for metropolitan regional rail authorities, sales tax imposed in metropolitan counties, and demonstration project established.

HF1249—Hausman (DFL)

Economic Development

St. Paul and the city housing and redevelopment authority allowed to implement a citywide economic development program.

HF1250—Murphy (DFL)

Transportation

North Shore Scenic Drive designated on county state-aid highway 61 from Duluth to Two Harbors.

HF1251—Rest (DFL)

Education

Independent school district No. 281, Robbinsdale, authorized a special levy for reimbursement of peace officer liaison costs.

HF1252—Erhardt (IR)

Taxes

Open space qualification; property acquired by the state or a political subdivision not assessed additional taxes.

HF1253—Krueger (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Community residential programs integration grants authorized to counties.

HF1254—Gruenes (IR)

Governmental Operations

Combined service retirement annuities regulated.

HF1255—Welle (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Land acquisition authorized in certain state parks and money appropriated.

HF1256—Kinkel (DFL)

Agriculture

Apiaries and bees; bear damaged apiaries authorized compensation, and money appropriated.

HF1257—Dawkins (DFL)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Light rail transit; transportation commissioner authorized to construct light rail transit; metropolitan rail authorities levying authority abolished; and metropolitan counties imposed a one percent sales tax.

HF1258—Segal (DFL)

Taxes

Levy limit repeal effective date by cities, towns and counties modified.

HF1259—Segal (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Research grants authorized for development of new approaches to services for persons who are both mentally ill and chemically dependent and money appropriated.

HF1260—Segal (DFL)

Housing

Permanent housing trust fund established as an amendment to the constitution.

HF1261—Segal (DFL)

Taxes

Property taxes; maximum fiscal disparities areawide tax capacity provided for the metropolitan area.

HF1262—Segal (DFL)

Economic Development

Business development and preservation program delivered by certain nonprofit organizations established and money appropriated.

HF1263—Onnen (IR)

Health & Human Services

Medical assistance and general assistance medical care; payment rates for hospitals, services covered, and eligibility requirements clarified.

HF1264—Farrell (DFL)

Commerce

Weight and measure standards adopted.

HF1265—Gruenes (IR)

Health & Human Services

Long-term care; cost limits established, rates for long-term care and community residential treatment centers established, and cost-effective alternatives for metro transportation grants allowed.

HF1266—Gruenes (IR)

Judiciary

Offenders committed to local correctional agencies imposed fees by court.

HF1267—Reding (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Coordinated member annuity contributions and computation formula increased.

HF1268—Seaberg (IR)

Judiciary

Probation and pre-trial release restricted for certain violent crimes and electronic monitoring not used in deciding level of bail or appearance bond.

HF1269—Clark (DFL)

Economic Development

Minneapolis small business loan limit increased.

HF1270—Trimble (DFL)

Commerce

Refrigeration worker licensure required in metropolitan area and municipal regulation provided.

HF1271—Henry (IR)

Education

Facility replacement and restoration levies authorized for school districts.

HF1272—Macklin (IR)

Health & Human Services

Aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) or food stamp program fraud provided penalties.

HF1273—Carruthers (DFL)

Judiciary

Child protection system data practices study provisions modified.

HF1274—Jennings (DFL)

Education

Independent school district No. 141, Chisago Lakes, authorized to transfer money from the transportation fund to the capital expenditure fund for the purchase of a bus garage.

HF1275—Osthoff (DFL)

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

Gambling device use prohibited, manufacturer and distributor licensure required, and video game of chance defined as a gambling device.

HF1276—Reding (DFL)

Education

State university and community college individual retirement account plan; additional employer contributions directed and administrative expense deduction authorized.

HF1277—Wagenius (DFL)

Judiciary

Eminent domain power provided over property owned by railroads.

<p>HF1278—Pelowski (DFL) Governmental Operations State planning agency abolished.</p> <p>HF1279—Wejcman (DFL) Local Government & Metro. Affairs Minneapolis special service districts allowed to provide parking facilities.</p> <p>HF1280—Pugh (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Hazardous waste; responsible person not to include a government unit using eminent domain, or a person involuntarily acquiring property.</p> <p>HF1281—Jennings (DFL) Education Pilot outcome-based schools authorized.</p> <p>HF1282—Jennings (DFL) Local Government & Metro. Affairs Storm sewer improvement procedures provided.</p> <p>HF1283—Macklin (IR) Judiciary Ignition interlock device; pilot program development authorized for the requirement of an ignition interlock device as a condition of a limited license for a driver whose license has been canceled and denied.</p> <p>HF1284—Sparby (DFL) Taxes Red Lake watershed district authorized payment of certain homestead and agricultural credit aid and money appropriated.</p> <p>HF1285—Dorn (DFL) Governmental Operations Building code review fee basis clarified.</p> <p>HF1286—Farrell (DFL) Governmental Operations Secretary of State filing and information provisions modified.</p> <p>HF1287—Dauner (DFL) Taxes Buffalo-Red River watershed district; reduced homestead and agricultural credit aid restored with money appropriated.</p> <p>HF1288—Valento (IR) Environment & Natural Resources Water and wastewater treatment facility contracting powers expanded for municipalities.</p> <p>HF1289—Weaver (IR) Education School district funding not conditioned on affiliation with an ECSU (educational cooperative service units) and public access required to ECSU meetings and information.</p>	<p>HF1290—Frederick (IR) Health & Human Services Nurses; certified registered nurse anesthetists provided separate billing for hospitals, with money appropriated.</p> <p>HF1291—Garcia (DFL) Education Blind persons' literacy rights and education act adopted.</p> <p>HF1292—Valento (IR) Taxes Property tax reform provided.</p> <p>HF1293—Johnson, V. (IR) Environment & Natural Resources Agricultural land owners allowed to take one deer without a license.</p> <p>HF1294—Omann (IR) Agriculture Commercial cannery assessment limit increased.</p> <p>HF1295—Dawkins (DFL) Judiciary Specialized legal assistants board created and supreme court to adopt rules.</p> <p>HF1296—Smith (IR) Financial Institutions & Insurance Insurers to pay annual assessment based on total subrogation and indemnification claims.</p> <p>HF1297—Vellenga (DFL) Judiciary Children; access rights to children violations provided penalties.</p> <p>HF1298—Olson, K. (DFL) Education Referendum levy limited and equalized, training and experience formula and aid modified, equity preservation aid authorized, and money appropriated.</p> <p>HF1299—Tunheim (DFL) Agriculture Paddy wild rice producer checkoff fee refund abolished.</p> <p>HF1300—Rest (DFL) Appropriations Public safety commissioner appropriated money to buy an infrared search device and train state patrol in its use.</p> <p>HF1301—Kahn (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Releaf program established in the natural resources department, advisory task force created, and money appropriated.</p> <p>HF1302—Simoneau (DFL) Labor-Management Relations Coverage exclusion for workers' compensation provided for certain disabled employees.</p>	<p>HF1303—Simoneau (DFL) Taxes Printed material; certain printed material exempt from sales tax.</p> <p>HF1304—Lieder (DFL) Transportation Natural preservation route in the county state-aid highway system established.</p> <p>HF1305—Olson, E. (DFL) Agriculture Livestock market agency and dealer licensing act modified.</p> <p>HF1306—Gutknecht (IR) Health & Human Services Intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation or related conditions to establish a demonstration project involving alternative reimbursement, appeals, and inspection systems.</p> <p>HF1307—Wagenius (DFL) Taxes Metropolitan revenue distribution program modified; crime and social services disparities fund created.</p> <p>HF1308—Dawkins (DFL) Judiciary Ramsey county police district established.</p> <p>HF1309—Simoneau (DFL) Taxes Capital equipment; certain capital equipment used in the printing industry exempt from sales and use tax.</p> <p>HF1310—Nelson, K. (DFL) Judiciary Assaulting an employee who is engaged in mandated duties considered gross misdemeanor.</p> <p>HF1311—Hasskamp (DFL) Governmental Operations Survivor benefits increased for certain members of the Brainerd police relief association.</p> <p>HF1312—Gruenes (IR) Health & Human Services Small employer health benefit act of 1991 adopted.</p> <p>HF1313—Olson, K. (DFL) Transportation Recreational vehicle combinations operation authorized with certain restrictions.</p> <p>HF1314—Segal (DFL) Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming Lottery advertising regulated and incentive payments to marketing employees of the lottery division prohibited.</p> <p>HF1315—Segal (DFL) Health & Human Services Mental health residential programs authorized loans for physical accessibility improvements.</p>
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HF1316—Segal (DFL)**Judiciary**

Housing discrimination against disabled persons because of their familial status prohibited.

HF1317—Osthoff (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Alcoholic beverage; temporary on-sale licenses limited.

HF1318—Jefferson (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Intoxicating liquor; Minneapolis authorized to issue on-sale or combination on-sale and off-sale liquor licenses to sports arena.

HF1319—Newinski (IR)**Judiciary**

Child endangerment; child's person considered endangered when a parent uses, sells, or manufactures a controlled substance in the presence of a child; penalties provided.

HF1320—Osthoff (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Committee authorized to enter into tribal-state compacts regulating certain gaming on Indian lands.

HF1321—Clark (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Detoxification transportation fund allocation among counties provided.

HF1322—Clark (DFL)**Economic Development**

Small business incubator program created and money appropriated.

HF1323—Tunheim (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Land conveyance authorized to the town of Lake in Roseau county.

HF1324—Gruenes (IR)**Judiciary**

Repeat DWI offender community corrections units established and money appropriated.

HF1325—Weaver (IR)**Judiciary**

Law library administration procedures provided.

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HF1326—Clark (DFL)**Economic Development**

Recreational betterment grants-in-aid priority provided to high density areas with limited access to public transportation.

HF1327—Clark (DFL)**Taxes**

Paint tax imposed and lead abatement fund established.

HF1328—Clark (DFL)**Education**

Student health needs studied, school nurse requirements modified, and money appropriated.

HF1329—Simoneau (DFL)**Taxes**

Alternate fuel permit fee schedule provided for motor vehicles using propane or natural gas, and natural gas exempted from sales tax and franchise fees.

HF1330—Bauerly (DFL)**Agriculture**

Produce wholesalers to pay growers for certain crops not harvested.

HF1331—Pugh (DFL)**Appropriations**

Displaced homemaker programs appropriated additional money.

HF1332—Nelson, S. (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Emergency mental health services allowed by emergency fire and public safety service providers if certain conditions related to training and education are met, and emergency service call data is recorded.

HF1333—Bertram (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Emergency assistance fund established for families of military personnel called to active service, with money appropriated.

HF1334—Reding (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Volunteer fire fighters qualifying service defined and computation and proration modified for service pensions.

HF1335—McGuire (DFL)**Education**

Independent school district No. 282, St. Anthony, authorized to transfer money from the debt redemption fund to the capital expenditure fund for facility repairs.

HF1336—McGuire (DFL)**Judiciary**

Domestic abuse data system established, trial court information system expanded, and money appropriated.

HF1337—Steensma (DFL)**Education**

Public and school libraries operated jointly by schools and local governments.

HF1338—Carruthers (DFL)**Judiciary**

Driver's license revoked for felony-level controlled substance offense conviction, minimum fines provided, and money appropriated.

HF1339—Sviggum (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Benefit cost division modified between counties and state, assistance payments to counties increased, and child care service requirements modified.

HF1340—Bertram (DFL)**Agriculture**

Egg law modified and penalties imposed.

HF1341—Pugh (DFL)**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Dakota county allowed to combine the offices of treasurer and auditor and appoint a recorder.

HF1342—Cooper (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Health insurance negotiation expanded for retired public employees and investment options increased for deferred compensation plans.

HF1343—Brown (DFL)**Transportation**

Mail vehicles; rural mail delivery vehicles allowed studded tire permits.

HF1344—Hausman (DFL)**Education**

Independent school district No. 625, St. Paul, authorized to issue bonds and levy for debt service.

HF1345—Brown (DFL)**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Swift county and Benson allowed to operate a hospital district.

HF1346—Carruthers (DFL)**Judiciary**

Arbitration award interest provided and arbitrator or court allowed to modify an award based on an error of law.

HF1347—Skoglund (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Minneapolis park and recreation board allowed to lease certain land adjacent to Minnehaha State Park.

HF1348—Murphy (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

St. Louis county; Superior Vista hiking and biking trail established in St. Louis County.

HF1349—Murphy (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Moose Lake state recreation area appropriated money to establish a visitor center.

HF1350—Jaros (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Wrongful discharge; service and salary credit awarded to public employees in the event of wrongful discharge.

HF1351—Jaros (DFL)**Judiciary**

Wrongful dismissal; in the event of wrongful dismissal of a public employee, administrator of public employee pension plan required to provide court and parties to the suit with information regarding accrued pension benefits.

HF1352—Peterson (DFL)**Agriculture**

Agriculture department to be located on the former campus of the University of Minnesota in Waseca.

HF1353—Segal (DFL)**Economic Development**

International partnership program established in the trade office and money appropriated.

HF1354—Reding (DFL)**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Advertising of games of chance legally operated in other jurisdictions allowed; conduct and advertising of games of chance by certain businesses, charitable, social, religious, or commercial organizations permitted.

HF1355—Runbeck (IR)**Taxes**

Commercial-industrial property provided tax refund.

HF1356—Schafer (IR)**Education**

Independent school district No. 423, Hutchinson, authorized to levy for a facility for special education students.

HF1357—Leppik (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Acupuncture licensing system established and penalties provided.

HF1358—Olsen, S. (IR)**Governmental Operations**

St. Louis Park police officer awarded additional service credit by the public employees retirement association.

HF1359—Thompson (DFL)**Housing**

Mortgage lender required to provide counseling for reverse mortgage loans and penalties provided.

HF1360—Steensma (DFL)**Transportation**

Transportation commissioner allowed additional powers to acquire and maintain abandoned rail lines by eminent domain.

HF1361—Dawkins (DFL)**Energy**

Metering required by electric utilities for residential energy demand and bills to reflect both total energy consumption and times of consumption.

HF1362—Dawkins (DFL)**Judiciary**

Free speech; civil action alleging to arise from an act involving the exercise of free speech provided special procedures.

HF1363—Smith (IR)**Taxes**

Child care credit eligibility expanded.

HF1364—Smith (IR)**Judiciary**

Drivers license revoked for felony-level controlled substance conviction.

HF1365—Smith (IR)**Taxes**

Child care credit eligibility expanded.

HF1366—Smith (IR)**Judiciary**

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

HF1367—Smith (IR)**Taxes**

Law enforcement motor vehicles exempt from excise tax.

HF1368—Smith (IR)**Transportation**

Persian Gulf war veterans authorized special license plates.

HF1369—Valento (IR)**Taxes**

Ramsey county library levy limit removed.

HF1370—Long (DFL)**Taxes**

Minneapolis special assessments and taxes for the Nicollet Mall pedestrian mall are declared valid and effective; courts authorized assessment review for improvements.

HF1371—Brown (DFL)**Agriculture**

Farmland; right of first refusal on foreclosed farm land extended to ten years.

HF1372—Lieder (DFL)**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Governmental units in metropolitan area studied by metropolitan council.

HF1373—Orfield (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Minneapolis construction equipment operator allowed to purchase prior service credit.

HF1374—Anderson, I. (DFL)**Taxes**

Transmission and distribution lines taxed before disparity reduction aid is applied.

HF1375—Reding (DFL)**Regulated Industries**

Electric utilities allowed to extend electric lines to serve their own property and facilities.

HF1376—Garcia (DFL)**Transportation**

Frontage road eligibility for state funding expanded to include those not immediately adjacent to a trunk highway within a municipality.

HF1377—Garcia (DFL)**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Richfield allowed to advance money for frontage road construction and to issue bonds.

HF1378—Sarna (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Public employees retirement fund board to include a police and fire fund member.

HF1379—Weaver (IR)**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

City councils allowed to limit terms with constitutional amendment adopted.

HF1380—Lourey (DFL)**Education**

School district combination and cooperation allowed for noncontiguous districts.

HF1381—Frerichs (IR)**Judiciary**

Dodge, Fillmore, and Olmsted counties allowed to develop and operate a day reporting center pilot project for persons charged with or sentenced for a crime with money appropriated.

HF1382—Begich (DFL)**Judiciary**

Occupational safety and health violation penalties increased.

HF1383—Bertram (DFL)**Judiciary**

Emergency 911 dispatchers provided skills and training standards, advisory council created, and money appropriated.

HF1384—Bertram (DFL)**Judiciary**

Agriculture department inspectors; assault on an agriculture department inspector provided gross misdemeanor penalty.

HF1385—Dawkins (DFL)**Appropriations**

Governor to submit a state debt capacity forecast to the Legislature, capital facilities notes required, and state building requests reviewed.

HF1386—Bauerly (DFL)**Education**

Alcohol and drug prevention and special education student transition programming pilot programs established, and money appropriated.

HF1387—Runbeck (IR)
Governmental Operations
Hearing-impaired devices installed in legislative chambers and hearing rooms.

HF1388—Solberg (DFL)
Judiciary
Adults criminally liable for having a juvenile commit an offense and racketeering law expanded to include crimes by juveniles.

HF1389—Dille (IR)
Agriculture
Cattle anaplasmosis mandatory testing requirement repealed.

HF1390—Tunheim (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Environmental enforcement act of 1991 adopted.

HF1391—Girard (IR)
Agriculture
Animals allowed to eat nonmeat by-products of commercial food processing.

HF1392—Osthoff (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Racing commission allowed to adopt rules for affirmative action and economic opportunity contract goals.

HF1393—Mariani (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Residential facility program establishment for health, corrections, or human services restricted near existing programs.

HF1394—Schreiber (IR)
Education
Head Start appropriations provided to establish new early childhood education programs.

HF1395—Reding (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Minnesota-bred or foaled horses to have at least one exclusive race per racing day.

HF1396—Lourey (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Pine county allowed to transfer money from the county welfare fund to the general fund to support a hospital.

HF1397—Segal (DFL)
Education
Levy for limited English proficiency program (LEP) books and supplies authorized for school districts.

HF1398—Farrell (DFL)
Education
Professional employees of school districts; educational policies included in terms and conditions of employment.

HF1399—Farrell (DFL)
Regulated Industries
Cooperative electric associations and municipal electric utilities to be studied by the public service department to determine extent of state regulation.

HF1400—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
Regional library basic support grants modified and money appropriated.

HF1401—Johnson, V. (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Adopt-a-park program created.

HF1402—Dorn (DFL)
Education
Minnesota student advisory council established.

HF1403—Runbeck (IR)
Taxes
Armed services; certain income earned in the armed services exempt from taxation.

HF1404—Gruenes (IR)
Agriculture
Dairy upgrade loan program to be established by the rural finance authority.

HF1405—Jefferson (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Charitable organization distribution requirements modified.

HF1406—O'Connor (DFL)
Commerce
Abstract holder to provide annual notice to mortgagor.

HF1407—Hausman (DFL)
Education
Teacher license exemption provisions modified.

HF1408—Hausman (DFL)
Education
Pre-kindergarten regular education programs exempted from human service licensure requirements.

HF1409—Runbeck (IR)
Education
Head coach not required to have a license or a bachelor's degree for employment with a school district.

HF1410—Krueger (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Water use processing fee provided for water use permits used for irrigation.

HF1411—Welker (IR)
Education
Independent school district No. 631, Belview, allowed to permanently transfer money from the capital expenditure fund to the general fund.

HF1412—Jaros (DFL)
Taxes
Internal Revenue Code references updated, income tax computation modified, income, cigarettes, wine, and liquor taxes increased, and sales tax imposed on services.

HF1413—Kelso (DFL)
Education
Early childhood family education program aid extended to tribal contract schools, school board actions and long-range plan adoption required, Indian teacher preparation program expanded, and money appropriated.

HF1414—Rukavina (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Adoption agency liable for costs of undisclosed child health conditions.

HF1415—Scheid (DFL)
Commerce
Securities broker-dealer or agent exempted from real estate broker licensing requirements.

HF1416—Scheid (DFL)
Commerce
Interest rate advertising related to investments restricted.

HF1417—Blatz (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Natural Resources Department employee purchase of state lands restricted.

HF1418—Greenfield (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Minnesota comprehensive health association contributing members' share of expenses clarified and medical assistance and general assistance medical care payments excluded.

HF1419—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Community-based program depreciation accounts established, program eligibility and reimbursement amounts modified, and admission review teams required.

HF1420—Rest (DFL)
Taxes
Public debt assumption regulated and port authority financial obligations restricted.

HF1421—Solberg (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Snowmobile registration fee increased and trials studied.

HF1422—Rukavina (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation benefits and insurance regulated, permanent commission established, penalties provided, and money appropriated.

Coming Up Next Week . . . April 8-12, 1991

Committee Schedule

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MONDAY, April 8

8 a.m.

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

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Continuation of bonding overview on higher education projects.

EDUCATION
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HF0124 (Scheid) Teachers; termination, discharge, or demotion hearing before an arbitrator allowed.
HF0287 (Morrison) Teacher private data provided to attorney general and licensing regulations changed.
HF0473 (Orenstein) Peace officer degree program required and school of law enforcement created.
HF0696 (Steensma) Vocational technical boards; membership requirements revised, and appointment of additional members authorized.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Bills recommended to pass by LCPR on 4/4/91.
HF0431 (Skoglund) Health maintenance organizations regulated by commerce commissioner.
HF1286 (Farrell) Secretary of state filing and information provisions modified.

9 a.m.

**State Government Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Governor's bonding proposals related to state government division.

10 a.m.

AGRICULTURE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel
Agenda: To be announced.

JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF0244 (Murphy) School bus traffic regulations provided.
HF0583 (Solberg) Child in need of protection or services (CHIPS) definition expanded, penalties increased for assault on a school official and weapon offenses in school or park zones, education and employment grant program created, and money appropriated.
HF0695 (Rest) Battered women's advisory council; role expanded and clarified, and statutory provisions corrected and updated.
HF0165 (Bishop) State board of public defense created.
HF0577 (Bertram) State patrol members and criminal apprehension bureau agents reimbursed for certain legal expenses.
HF1078 (Pugh) Legal assistance availability increased for persons disadvantaged in civil matters, and money appropriated.
HF0456 (Anderson, R.) Consents; requirements clarified for consents to an adoption.
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.
HF0647 (Solberg) Timber harvest or processing interference provided penalty.
HF0713 (Solberg) Public defender law provided technical corrections, defense witness paid travel fees, justice system provisions modified, and money appropriated.
Continue morning agenda Monday evening 6:30 p.m., Basement Hearing Room State Office Building.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: HF0584 (Hasskamp) Municipalities authorized to enter into joint ventures with telecommunications organizations.
HF1190 (Jacobs) Cooperative electric association and municipal electric utility assessment costs limited.
HF1065 (Dawkins) Public utilities commission to establish efficient and inefficient categories for applications and end uses of electric power.
HF1135 (Reding) Public utilities commission permit required before preliminary site analysis

for a new large electric power generating plant.
HF1318 (Jefferson) Intoxicating liquor; Minneapolis authorized to issue on-sale or combination on-sale and off-sale liquor licenses to sports arena.
HF0546 (Ozment) Red Wing and Hastings local telephone exchange boundaries adjusted by public utilities commission.
HF1127 (Peterson) Multiparty line telephone service to more than two subscribers per line prohibited.
HF0899 (Hufnagle) Nonessential telephone (pay per call) service charges incurred by minors not collectable without subscriber authorization.

12:30 p.m.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: HF0034 (Tunheim) Maximum effort loans and maximum effort loan bond issue approved.
HF0149 (Omann) Maximum effort school loan bonds authorized for capital improvements and money appropriated.
HF0374 (Ogren) Independent school district No. 95, Cromwell, approved a capital loan.
HF0489 (Waltman) Independent school district No. 255, Pine Island, approved a capital loan.
HF0490 (Tunheim) Independent school district No. 38, Red Lake, approved a capital loan.
HF1158 (Anderson, R.) School districts allowed to levy for costs of leased sites.
HF0865 (Hausman) Extended day programs extended, local standards required, and money appropriated.
HF1104 (Bauerly) Secondary pupils allowed to transfer to certain private schools under the high school graduation incentives program.
HF0925 (Bauerly) Regional library services special levy changed.
HF1111 (Kelso) School districts to develop five-year facility plans, joint powers debt sharing authorized, shared facilities promoted, and formation required of a county facilities group.
HF1247 (Nelson, K.) Education and employment transitions task force established by vocational technical education council, with money appropriated.
If necessary, bills not heard during this meeting will be carried forward to Wednesday, April 10.

HOUSING
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Karen Clark
Agenda: Final hearing on omnibus bill.
HFXXXX (Thompson) Reverse mortgage.
HF0123 (Jefferson) Elderly tenants allowed to keep certain pets.

HF0642 (Runbeck) Manufactured home park rules prohibiting persons 55 years of age or older from keeping pets considered unreasonable.

The above bills will be heard only if not completed 4/4/91.

HF1157 (Mariani) Targeted neighborhood eligibility criteria redefined and money appropriated.

HF1260 (Segal) Permanent housing trust fund established as an amendment to the constitution. HF0718 (Tompkins)

HF0407 (Ostrom) Multi-county housing and redevelopment authority allowed to appoint additional commissioners.

HFXXXX (O'Connor)

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joe Begich

Agenda: HFXXXX (Rukavina) Workers' compensation.

HF1016 (Murphy)/SF0550 Employee drug testing lab requirements clarified.

HF1222 (Farrell) Boiler inspection requirement exemption provided to certain boilers.

HF0474 (Rice) Construction bid to include cost for workers' compensation coverage and unemployment compensation contributions.

HF0139 (Begich) Minimum wage increased.

HF1046 (Begich) Employers required to purchase workers' compensation insurance from the state insurance fund.

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

7 p.m.

HOUSING

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

Agenda: Continuation of 12:30 meeting.

TUESDAY, April 9

8 a.m.

Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Regulation Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Department of Transportation budget overview.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: To be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HF0005 (Welle) Health care plan for uninsured and underinsured established.

HF0006 (Lourey) Health care plan for uninsured and underinsured established.

HF0600 (Bishop) Juvenile detention services subsidy program established and money appropriated.

HF1201 (Bishop) Police and fire civil service commissions allowed to expand certified lists to correct affirmative action goal disparities.

TAXES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Paul' Anders Ogren

Agenda: To be announced.

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: HF0121 (Jaros) Volunteer corps for USSR and East Central Europe program established and money appropriated.

HF0506 (Janezich) Crane operators examining board established and licensing required.

HF0807 (Rice) Real estate brokers and salespersons to receive instruction in fair housing laws.

HF1029 (Janezich) Motor fuel franchise hour requirement prohibited and petroleum product prices regulated.

HF1168 (Sviggum) Plumbers; hospital and nursing home maintenance plumbers provided limited license.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF0528 (Johnson, R.) Timber permit limit increased for sales on state lands.

HF0747 (Johnson, R.) Timber cutting contract bond and deposit requirements modified.

HF0228 (Hasskamp) Public waters along wooded areas protected by filter strips.

HF1071 (Rukavina) Old growth forest stands added to conservation reserve program.

HF0994 (Rukavina) St. Louis county authorized sale and easement of tax-forfeited lands.

HF1009 (Jennings) State parks provided additions, deletions, and non-park uses, with sales authorized of certain deleted lands.

Other bills may be added.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: HFXXXX (Greenfield) Minnesota comprehensive health association; clarifying calculation of contributing members.

HF0438 (Ostrom) Contested case and maltreatment appeal provisions clarified for human service personnel.

HF0736 (Greenfield) Alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs and family resource center pilot project established, drug free zones expanded, and money appropriated.

HF1066 (Greenfield) Health care review organization definition and operating requirements modified.

HF0558 (Welle) Nursing assistants to take competency evaluation.

HF1027 (Welle) Equal access to employment opportunities for persons with severe disabilities act adopted.

Bills not heard at today's meeting will be continued at tonight's hearing at 4:30 p.m. in 5 State Office Building.

12:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Dairy & Livestock/ AGRICULTURE

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jerry Bauerly

Agenda: HF1256 (Kinkel) Apiaries and bees; bear damaged apiaries authorized compensation, and money appropriated.

HF1305 (Olson, E.) Livestock market agency and dealer licensing act modified.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal

Agenda: HF0833 (Rest) Housing finance agency; use of tax-exempt revenue bonds regulated.

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.

HF1033 (Winter) Small business development center program established.

HFXXXX (Segal) Business development-preservation program.

Continuation of bills on Thursday, April 11, if necessary.

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.

HF0943 (Weaver) Public elementary and secondary school events prohibited on general and special election days.

HF0944 (Dorn) Public elementary and secondary school events prohibited on regularly scheduled election days.

Veterans Affairs Division/GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Pat Beard
Agenda: To be announced.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson
Agenda: HF0470 (Skoglund) Mosquito control district contract limit increased and real and personal property powers provided.
HF0939 (Schreiber) Maple Grove, Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and Coon Rapids allowed special levy increase.
HF0951 (Dorn) Mankato and North Mankato allowed to incur debt and impose a sales tax for Riverfront 2000 expenses.
HF1144 (Lourey) Library tax districts established by local governments.
HF1179 (Orfield) Metropolitan planning and development advisory task force established and development patterns and needs studied in the council-defined fully developed area.

2:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Game & Fish/ ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: To be announced.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF0593 (Orfield) Driving while intoxicated; chemical dependency assessment charge increased for repeat offenders, county repeat offender program established, and money appropriated.
HF0594 (Orfield) Uniform foreign-money claims act adopted.
HF0825 (Carruthers) Driving while intoxicated, implied consent law; notification requirements and refusal penalties provided.
HF0317 (Wagenius) Child custody and support provisions clarified.
HF0321 (Vellenga) Marriage dissolution summons to contain certain information and other provisions changed and money appropriated.
HF1031 (Wagenius) Child support enforcement law changed and clarified.

4:30 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle
Agenda: Continuation from Tuesday morning meeting.

HFXXXX (Greenfield) DHS developmental disabilities.

5 p.m.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joe Begich
Agenda: Continuation of Monday's agenda.

7 p.m.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: HF0004 (Skoglund) Health care plan for uninsured and underinsured established.
SF0231/HF0315 (Farrell) Students considered full-time if unable to carry a full-time course load because of illness, injury, or physical or mental disability.
HF0385 (Winter) Automobile insurance premium reduction for seniors effective upon receipt of accident prevention course certificate, instructor certification program established, and money appropriated.
SF0205/HF0485 (Pugh) Premium finance agreement delinquency and related charges modified.

Legislative Commission on Pensions & Retirement

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: HFXXXX Various funds; administrative bill.
HF0571 (Jefferson)/SF0656 (Pogemiller) Minneapolis employees retirement fund changes provided for benefits, administration, and investment practices.
HF0897 (Jefferson)/SF0862 (Pogemiller) Minneapolis municipal employee retirement and post-retirement provisions modified relating to liabilities, adjustments, optional annuities, and survivor benefits.
HF1025 (Reding)/SF0900 (Morse) Employer contribution to the teachers retirement association eliminated.
HF1022 (Reding)/SF0903 (Finn) Coverage transfer from the individual retirement account plan to the teachers retirement association permitted for certain persons.
HF0409 (Reding)/SF0430 (Morse) Police state aid program contributions provided.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: Continuation of Monday's agenda.

WEDNESDAY, April 10

8 a.m.

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

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: To be announced.

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HF0761 (Mariani) Training institute established for developmental disability service providers and money appropriated.
HF0773 (Kelso) Outcome-based schools authorized.
HF0388 (Milbert) School board membership qualifications provided.
HF1080 (Nelson, K.) Higher Education Coordinating Board required to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding linking funding of post-secondary education systems.
HF1119 (Tunheim) Post-secondary institution boards to develop policies for students with disabilities.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: HF1147 (Reding) Public employment; certain state employees transferred to the classified service, arbitrator evaluating system established, and salary plans provided. Others may be added.

8:15 a.m.

State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

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

10 a.m.

Higher Education Division/EDUCATION

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros
Agenda: HF0640 (Pugh) Post-secondary prepaid education expense board, program, and fund established with money appropriated.
HF0777 (Haukoos) Higher education coordinating board executive director appointed by governor.

HFXXXX (Dorn) Relating to education; revising the student's role in the educational process; broadening the student's advisory role; specifying conditions.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

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

Agenda: Bills to be announced plus...

HF0020 (Winter) Insurers required to permit insureds to inspect medical records obtained in connection with a claim.

HF0404 (Winter) Health care benefit assignment regulated.

HF0181 (Sparby) Petroleum tank release cleanup account reimbursement restricted.

12:30 p.m.

ENERGY

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

Agenda: HF1185 (Tunheim) Renewable energy source use incentives provided to public utilities.

HF0822 (Greenfield) Head start and community action programs act of 1991 adopted, energy conservation activities funded by the future resources fund, and money appropriated. Others to be announced.

JUDICIARY

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

Agenda: HF0766 (McGuire) Intensive community supervision program modified.
HF0067 (Carruthers) Peace officers guaranteed certain rights when under investigation and in disciplinary proceedings.
HF0678 (Vellenga) Juvenile certification study group created to study juvenile certification process.

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

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

HF0932 (Olsen, S.) Female offender programs to include juveniles and grant-in-aid expanded for program development by counties and agencies.

HF0492 (Solberg) Public defender eligibility modified and good conduct reduction extended.

HF0774 (Vellenga) Child protection and placement provided for children and families of color and an office of ombudsperson created. Continue agenda Wednesday evening, 6 p.m. in Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: HF0657 (Orenstein) Classic, pioneer, collector, and street rod vehicles provided personalized license plates.

HF0463 (Lasley) Dealers provided seven-year, in transit license plates.

HF0405 (Steensma) Hazardous material transportation variances authorized and rules established.

HF0676 (Brown) Triple-trailer vehicle combinations studied and money appropriated.

HF1199 (Kalis) 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.

HF1021 (Kelso) Opt-out transit service programs to receive financial and administrative assistance.

HF1223 (Waltman) Motor vehicle excise tax revenue allocated to the highway user tax distribution fund and public transit assistance purposes and constitutional amendment adopted.

HF0728 (O'Connor) Fine and fee collection provisions provided.

HF0288 (Olson, E.) Regular and irregular route common carrier definitions changed.

2:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Agriculture Finance/ AGRICULTURE

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wally Sparby

Agenda: HF1227 (Girard) Food licensing fees changed.

HF1294 (Omann) Commercial cannery assessment limit increased.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Continuation of Monday's agenda, if necessary.

HF0700 (Nelson, K.) Supplemental and minimum allowance revenue provided.

HF0582 (Nelson, K.) Omnibus education technical corrections provided.

HF0885 (Nelson, K.) Extended day and adult basic education provisions modified, teacher licensing and mentoring program funding provided, and printing options extended.

HF0010 (Kalis) Continuing contract rights restored to school district superintendents. Other language amendments.

COMMERCE

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: HF0663 (Milbert) Athletic trainers act; advisory committee created, athletic trainers licensed and regulated; registration provided, and fees established.

HF1184 (Pelowski) Electricians; hospital or nursing home maintenance electricians provided limited license.

HF1197 (Bauerly) Franchise assignments, transfers, and sales regulated.

HF1264 (Farrell) Weight and measure standards adopted.

4 p.m.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joe Begich

Agenda: HFXXXX (Begich) Increase civil penalties for OSHA violations. Remainder of bills from Monday's agenda.

5 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: Continuation from previous hearings.

6:30 p.m.

Higher Education Division/EDUCATION

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros

Agenda: HF0455 (Thompson) Community colleges merged into the state university system. Other bills may be added.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: Continuation of March 28 meeting.

THURSDAY, April 11

8 a.m.

Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Regulation Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Southwest Expo overview. Minnesota International Center overview. Humanities Commission overview.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: To be announced.

Environment & Natural Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

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

Agenda: To be announced.

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: To be announced.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: To be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: Bills recommended to pass by LCPR on 4/9/91.

TAXES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: To be announced.

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: To be announced.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HFXXXX (McGuire) Air emission permit fees.

Game & Fish Subcommittee reports. Others to be added.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

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

(Continuation from previous hearing.)

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

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal

Agenda: HF0958 (Sparby) Aquaculture development act adopted.

HF1269 (Clark) Minneapolis small business loan limit increased.

HF1322 (Clark) Small business incubator program created and money appropriated.

HF1165 (Frerichs) Agricultural utilization research institute board actions subject to approval by the Greater Minnesota Corporation (GMC) board of directors.

Continuation of bills from Tuesday's hearing, if any.

**GENERAL LEGISLATION,
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: Bills from divisions; bills left over from April 4 meeting; and senate files.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT &
METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson

Agenda: To be announced.

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

4 p.m. (or after session)

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joe Begich

Agenda: Any unfinished bills from previous meetings.

6:45 p.m.

**Subcommittee on Actuarial Services/
Legislative Commission on Pensions &
Retirement**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Sen. Gene Waldorf

Agenda: Consideration of the Actuarial Services Subcommittee report.

7 p.m.

**Legislative Commission on Pensions &
Retirement**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: Report of the Actuarial Services Subcommittee.

HF0874 (Johnson, R.)/SF0992 (Finn) Annuities reduced for certain teachers drawing early retirement benefits.

HF0684 (O'Connor)/SF0449 (Solon) Duluth and St. Paul teacher retirement fund associations allowed lump sum post-retirement adjustment payments.

Additions to agenda to be announced.

FRIDAY, April 12

8 a.m.

**Human Resources Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

Agenda: HF0741 (Scheid) Early childhood

education programs funded with portion of Head Start appropriations.

HF1018 (Leppik) Foreign exchange student status after graduation from high school clarified and post-secondary enrollment options for foreign exchange students limited. Others to be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: To be announced. This meeting is scheduled to last until noon.

TAXES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: To be announced.

10 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF0779 (Munger) Packaging and toxic materials in packaging and products regulated, packaging advisory council established, and money appropriated.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: HF0962 (Segal) Specialized children's mental health resources commission established and residential treatment required.

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

Continuation of bills from previous hearings, if any.

12:30 p.m.

JUDICIARY

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: HF1010 (Macklin) Children's safety centers established to reduce children's vulnerability to violence and trauma, grant program provided, and money appropriated. HF1052 (Milbert) Revisors bill correcting erroneous, ambiguous, omitted text, and obsolete references.

HF1238 (Limmer) Restitution; financial disclosure form required from offenders ordered to pay restitution.

HF1091 (Clark) Unfair discriminatory practices to include discrimination based on sexual orientation.

HF0540 (Jefferson) Firearm ammunition display required in secured compartment.

HF0882 (Blatz) Littering fines increased.

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

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MINNESOTA INDEX

Hunger in Minnesota

Est. number of Minnesotans using food shelves, 1990	240,000
Est. percentage of Minnesotans using food shelves, 1990	5.6
Number of visits to Minnesota food shelves, 1990	1,234,361
Number of visits to Minnesota food shelves, 1985	889,697
Number of households using food shelves, 1990	415,983
Est. number of Minnesota children using food shelves, 1990	110,000
Percentage of suburban households using food shelves where employment is main income, 1985	35
Percentage of suburban households using food shelves where employment is main income, 1990	44
Percentage of outstate households using food shelves where employment is main income, 1985	27
Percentage of outstate households using food shelves where employment is main income, 1990	33
Average monthly income of households using food shelves	\$578
Percentage of families using food shelves who have lived in Minnesota at least five years	79

Source: *Hunger Hurts*, a report of the Urban Coalition and the Minnesota Food Bank Network

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