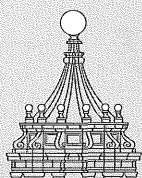


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Flashback

The Capitol is at the intersection of University and Constitution avenues. But a lot of attention this week has been focused just west of here at University and Western.

That's the location of the famous Lola and Rudy billboard — the one that says, "They won't let us in the Capitol so, Hi from here." Following last week's massive bill movement as legislators scurried to meet the April 12 committee deadline, things have been slow.

There has been a stream of Capitol insiders heading out on University to get a glimpse of the giant-sized portrait. When rumor had it that Lola had her teeth blacked out a la boxing's Leon Spinks, people popped in their cars to check it out. (They're still white.)

For those of you in the dark, the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board has ruled that Perpich, the only governor to serve non-consecutive terms, can't have two portraits in the Capitol as he had once requested. Nor can he have his existing portrait replaced with the one of him and Lola — even though former Gov. Al Quie was allowed to appear with three horses.

As the drama continued to unfold this week, several lawmakers joined the fray. Rep. Bill Macklin (IR-Lakeville) introduced a resolution that would allow Perpich to lease space from the Capitol to hang the second portrait at roughly the same cost as the Naegele billboard.

"It occurred to me that rather than spending \$5,000 for the [billboard] space for 90 days, why not rent him space in the Capitol," says Macklin. "We're hard up for money."

DFL Rep. Jerry Janezich of Chisholm, whose district includes Perpich's American home in Hibbing, says he has a better idea. He wants the Lola/Rudy portrait to hang proudly in his office.

"Why not?" he asks, adding that he has made a formal request to the Minnesota Historical Society, the latest home of the portrait. "Look at that wall. It would look good back there."

Although a recent Minnesota Poll found that most Minnesotans agreed Perpich shouldn't get a second portrait, there's no question the former governor always makes things interesting — particularly during slow times at the Capitol.

And Perpich has hinted there may be more to come. Look for a skywriter to appear soon over the Capitol calling for the surrender of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board.

— Grant Moos

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On the cover: Two women add a few stitches to the Minnesota state park centennial quilt that was on display in the Capitol rotunda April 17. Each panel features a distinct image of each of the state's 65 parks.

—Photo by Laura Phillips

Highlights



Children

Child support revisions

A bill proponents say would lead to higher payments and better collections for child support was approved April 12 by the Health and Human Services Committee.

An amendment added to the bill would allow judges to estimate the income of non-custodial parents whom the court determined were voluntarily unemployed or underemployed.

Under the measure (HF1031), the judge could arrive at a payment level from reviewing the non-custodial parent's prior earning power, education, and job skills. Or, in the absence of such information, the judge could estimate earning ability on full-time employment at the federal or Minnesota minimum wage.

Supporters of the bill sponsored by Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls) say the measure is directed at those who try to avoid child support and will cause no imposition on non-custodial parents who are supporting their kids.

But Ron Sieloff of R-Kids, an organization representing non-custodial parents, says the amendment is unfair. Sieloff says that the proposal would not allow non-custodial parents to accept lower paying jobs that give them more job satisfaction, nor does it account for parents who remarry and take on new financial responsibilities.

For the measure to be fair, says Sieloff, such income determinations should apply to both custodial and non-custodial parents.

The measure would also allow county officials, who file child support claims in order for the county to be reimbursed for welfare expenses, to petition the court to get payments increased. Non-custodial parents would have 20 days to respond to the request.

HF1031 was referred to the Appropriations Committee for further review.



Eastbound commuters on University Avenue now get a chance to see a bigger-than-life rendition of the controversial portrait of former Gov. Rudy Perpich and his wife, Lola. The billboard at the intersection of University and Western avenues went up April 16.

Dangerous dog sign

A bill (HF162) calling for a universal symbol warning people of dangerous dogs was approved April 18 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, and Gaming Committee.

Chief author Rep. Lyndon Carlson (DFL-Crystal) told members the 1988 Legislature mandated that warning signs be posted on the properties where such dogs were, "but small children can't read them." The proposed universal sign shows a photo of a jumping dog, and a hand raised in self-defense.

"This is something that I believe would protect small children," says Carlson. He compares the sign to the Poison Control Center's Mr. Yuk stickers, universally recognized as a symbol "warning of some danger."

Under the bill, individual counties would be responsible for providing registered owners of dangerous dogs with the signs, and would be allowed to charge dog owners "a reasonable fee" to cover expenses.

HF162 was sent to the House floor for further consideration.

Safety nests for children

Two children's safety centers, where divorced parents could drop off and pick up their children at a "neutral site" and other parents could visit their children in a supervised setting, would be established in Minnesota under a bill approved by the Judiciary Committee April 12.

Chief author Rep. Bill Macklin (R-Lakeville) says the centers would be designed to provide a healthy environment for parents who are separated or divorced to visit with their children.

In addition, the centers — one proposed for the metro area and the other outstate — could also be used for family visits in those homes where there is a history of domestic violence or abuse.

"It's time to stop putting a bandaid on family violence," says Kim Cardelli, who spent time at a similar crisis center in Duluth. "This type of violence cuts across all cultures and incomes levels . . . it's not a low-income minority problem . . . it's everywhere."

The centers would be required to provide parenting and child development classes to participating parents, and to hold regular classes on how to assist

children who have experienced domestic violence and abuse.

Macklin says his interest in the proposed centers stems from the 1990 case where a Lakeville woman, who had an order for protection against her estranged husband, disappeared after dropping off her daughter with him. She later was found dead.

HF1010 was referred to the Appropriations Committee for further review. A similar measure (SF1016) is pending in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.



Crime

Juvenile gun crimes

A week after approving a measure that calls for a state study on when juvenile offenders should stand trial as adults, the Judiciary Committee April 17 approved a second bill that would likely cause more minors charged with assault with a handgun to be referred to adult court.

In addition, the bill (HF867) would also presume that minors who are charged with handgun possession a second time be tried as adults, and make the crime a felony punishable by a maximum of five years in prison — up from the current gross misdemeanor level.

Chief author Rep. Howard Orenstein (DFL-St. Paul) says the bill is one of several proposals aimed at curbing gang activity in Minnesota initiated earlier at state Attorney General Hubert “Skip” Humphrey’s request.

The Association of County Attorneys supports the measure, according to a lawyer representing the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office.

“The message should be that if you are under 18 and carrying a gun without permission, it’s a felony,” says Louis Smith, an assistant Hennepin County attorney.

Smith added that the Minneapolis Police Department now considers gun-toting 15- to 17-year-olds the most dangerous segment of the urban population.

Nationally, youths aged 15 to 19 die from gunshot wounds more frequently than from natural causes.

Orenstein’s bill would specify there



Kim Cardelli, appearing before the Judiciary Committee April 12, spoke in favor of a bill that would establish two children's safety centers in the state.

would be a *prima facie* case that juveniles charged with an assault with a handgun should be tried in adult court, placing the burden on the minor to show why they shouldn’t.

Other anti-gang provisions that would be adopted through Orenstein’s bill include:

- increasing the penalty for supplying a minor with a gun from a two-year felony to a five-year felony with a maximum fine of \$10,000;
- creating a gross misdemeanor offense for assaulting a school official who is engaged in official duties;
- increasing the penalty for stealing or fencing guns from a five-year felony to a 10-year felony with a maximum fine of \$20,000; and
- asking the state Sentencing Guidelines Commission to study convictions and penalties for those convicted of crack cocaine possession versus convictions for other controlled substance crimes.

Driving permits

Convicted drunken drivers would have to wait three times as long to get limited driving privileges back if a bill approved April 17 by the House becomes law.

Lawmakers unanimously gave final approval to a bill (HF 551) that would extend the waiting period to six months for people convicted of DWI or other alcohol-related offenses to receive so-called “work permits.”

Current law allows DWI offenders to apply for limited driving privileges 60 days after a conviction.

The bill would also extend the waiting period for driving privileges following manslaughter and criminal negligence convictions involving a vehicle and “hit-and-run” violations resulting in death or serious injury.

In addition, the bill would make it a misdemeanor for such offenders to drive without having a valid work permit in their possession.

The measure, authored by Rep. Jeff Hanson (DFL-Woodbury), now moves to the Senate Judiciary Committee for further consideration.



Taxes

Dumping the ‘burbs’

An originator of the tax sharing plan that helped establish Minnesota as a national leader in metropolitan planning told the Taxes Committee April 16 that a proposal to modify that plan would break a 20-year-old promise.

Former Rep. Charlie Weaver Sr. says that capping the dollar amount that business-rich areas such as Hennepin County contribute to the fiscal disparities pool would devastate communities that “bought into” metropolitan planning with the understanding that their tax base would remain solid.

The idea behind fiscal disparities is to help limit urban sprawl by lessening competition between cities for commercial/industrial property, says Weaver, adding that a bill (HF507) before the Legislature would forego that philosophy.

“What we’re saying to those communities is, ‘Okay, you bought in to the Metro Council; you bought in to the idea that you will take the development that does



Terry Parker of Brooklyn Park and about 1,000 other people journeyed to the Capitol April 17 to protest expected property tax increases.

not attract commercial/industrial growth, and we promised you that we would give you a share of the tax base," says Weaver. "However, now that everything is in place . . . we're going to renege."

The proposal, sponsored by Rep. Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope), would sharply reduce the amount of money property rich areas such as Hennepin County contribute to the pool, which is shared by communities in the seven-county metro area.

Currently, no more than 40 percent of a community's commercial-industrial tax revenue can be allocated to the pool. Weaver says HF507 would trim that amount to 18 percent in five years and even less in the future.

But proponents of the bill say it's time for some modifications in the 1971 fiscal disparities equation because lawmakers then couldn't have foreseen the enormous crime problem in Minneapolis, as well as the challenges the city faces in providing social service programs and good schools.

"You want the resources where the

problems are," says Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, a former legislator. "Simply redistributing it . . . is not a sufficient policy goal."

HF507, along with two other bills that would modify the fiscal disparities equation, remains in the Taxes Committee.



Insurance

Insurance solvency addressed

Mounting concern about the stability of insurance companies has led to approval of a bill by the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee April 17 that would impose tighter controls on insurance companies.

The measure (HF12) focuses on two broad areas of insurance company solvency: It would permit the Department of Commerce to work with insurance companies to prevent them from getting into financial trouble, and provide consumer protection in those cases where a company goes bankrupt.

HF12 would set strict limits on insurance company investments — limiting holdings of so-called junk bonds to 15 percent of their assets. Currently, there is no state limit on these investments.

The junk bond limit would give Minnesota the toughest such provisions in the country, says chief author Rep. Wesley Skoglund (DFL-Mpls). The bill is based on the Department of Commerce's 1990 task force on insurance solvency.

The legislation would also give commerce department regulators more tools to detect potentially troubled insurers, and would let the department actively supervise troubled insurers at an early stage. The legislation would also require insurance companies to better monitor their real estate loans.

Attorney General Hubert "Skip" Humphrey testified on behalf of the bill and urged the committee not to decrease the protections that Minnesotans now have under existing guaranty fund laws.

Guaranty funds are paid by insurance companies to cover losses within the industry. Insurance companies are assessed according to the percentage of policies they hold within a state.

The task force found that between

1985 and 1989, 102 property and casualty insurance firms and 60 life and health insurers were declared insolvent nationwide. Losses that were paid by the guaranty funds nationally totaled \$3.04 billion and \$372 million, respectively.

The bill would also provide more staff for the commerce department — positions the insurance industry has agreed to fund.

HF12 was sent to the Appropriations Committee for further review.



Education

Regent selection

H. Bryan Neel, a Mayo Clinic surgeon from Rochester, was selected April 17 for a six-year term on the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, winning out over a Mankato attorney earlier supported by DFL lawmakers.

House and Senate members, meeting in joint session, also chose as regents former House Majority Leader Ann Wynia, and re-elected former governor and U.S. Sen. Wendell Anderson and Stanley Sahlstrom to the 12-member governing board.

Neel's selection ended several days of back-room maneuvering by members of both parties in the Legislature. Independent-Republicans largely supported Neel, while DFLers generally were thought to be behind the candidacy of James Manahan of Mankato.

Several DFLers, however, crossed over to support Neel during the final balloting, giving him a 113-80 vote margin. One vote was cast for another candidate.

Neel earlier had won endorsement by members of the 1st Congressional District delegation after DFLers boycotted the vote. That decision April 5 was overturned by a joint panel of the House and Senate education committees, which supported Manahan.

Wynia captured 152 votes from the joint body, outpacing St. Paul banker Arthur "Bill" Sands in the 4th Congressional District race. Sahlstrom and Anderson, both finishing their first terms on the regents' panel, received near-unanimous support.

One regent traditionally is selected to represent each of the state's eight congressional districts, with four others chosen at-large. The Board of Regents

oversees most operations of the University of Minnesota and its coordinate campuses.

New law enforcement school?

A new law enforcement school would be established by the State University System in the metro area if a bill discussed April 16 in the Appropriations Committee's Education Division becomes law.

Under the measure authored by Rep. Howard Orenstein (DFL-St. Paul), the school could offer professional peace officer education, graduate programs, and peace officer continuing education programs.

The bill (HF473) would require the State University System Board and the Community College Board to develop a professional peace officer education program for associate degrees in community colleges. The bill also specifies that the program must be designed so credits from the two-year programs would transfer toward a bachelor's degree at a state university.

In addition, the measure would require boards of the technical colleges and state universities to review education requirements in the peace officer education program. Currently, four-year criminal justice programs are offered at state universities such as Mankato, St. Cloud, and Moorhead; two-year programs are offered through various college systems.

Orenstein says the school's mission would be to advance the profession of law enforcement.

The bill would also require the three college systems, and private colleges that offer peace officer programs, to implement a plan to recruit and retain women and minority police officers.

No action was taken on HF473.

Repairing old schools

Lawmakers continue to wrestle with how to repair aging school buildings across the state without dramatic increases in property taxes.

A bill (HF1271) that would allow local school districts to levy up to 2 percent of a school building's value to make major structural repairs got its first hearing

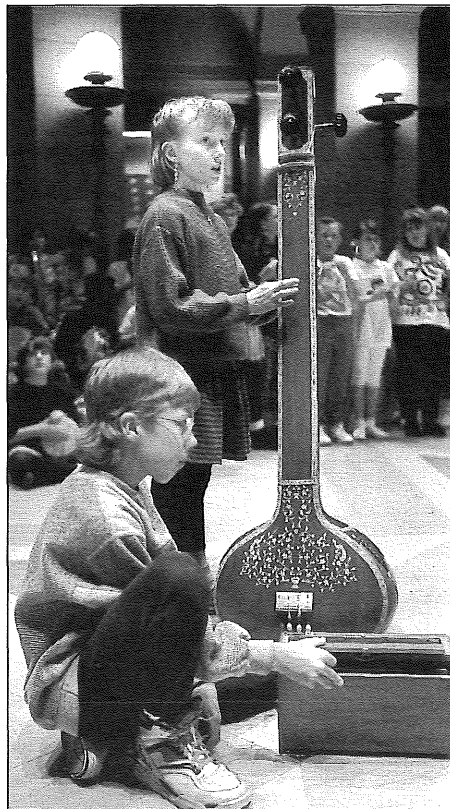
April 15 before the Education Committee's Education Finance Division.

If approved, the measure authored by Rep. Joyce Henry (IR-Bloomington) could raise local property taxes up to \$200 million per year — a possible tax hike that has legislators concerned.

She says the new property tax authority is needed because state funding for school repairs is inadequate. Local districts now receive \$130 per pupil unit for facility repairs, with an additional \$65 per student for equipment and other capital costs, as part of their state funding package.

Henry says the problem is particularly evident in districts such as Bloomington, which kept nearly one dozen unused school buildings in anticipation of future enrollment increases. Now that student numbers are up, she says the district doesn't have enough money to repair the buildings.

But several division members say the bill would give local districts too much



Lawmakers, accustomed to getting an earful, instead heard Danny Stower on the scruti box and Anja Easterly on the tumbura during a concert in the Capitol rotunda April 12. The Horace Mann Elementary School students appeared as part of a program to recognize Minnesota's diverse cultures and the Legislature's support of the arts.

authority to raise property taxes without first getting voter approval.

Division chair Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls) calls the measure an attempt to "bootleg" around the appropriations process, and others hint it may be a late-session attempt by Independent-Republicans to pin a sizable property tax increase on DFLers.

But he added that the problem is particularly vexing for lawmakers because it's a no-win situation. Not repairing the buildings could lead to a tragedy similar to the recent collapse of a school building roof in Ortonville. On the other hand, raising property taxes could earn the wrath of voters.

"It's frustrating," says Nelson. "We become the fall guys."

Nelson says proponents should instead try to court bipartisan support for the measure by having it first incorporated into the governor's education spending package.

Rep. Dennis Ozment (IR-Rosemount), who carried Gov. Arne Carlson's K-12 education funding package earlier this session, suggests the bill be studied over the interim. And he adds that lawmakers can count on "the full cooperation of the governor's office."

'U' Waseca campus

The University of Minnesota campus in Waseca, slated to close in January 1992, may instead find a new owner under a bill approved April 17 by the Education Committee's Higher Education Division.

The division authorized a study to find an alternative use for the Waseca facility before it's shut down next year. The measure (SF1402), earlier approved in the Senate, now moves to the full Education Committee in the House.

The University of Minnesota Board of Regents March 7 voted to close the Waseca campus as part of an institution-wide reallocation program. University administrators cite declining enrollments and climbing per-student teaching costs as primary reasons for the closing.

"This is not an attempt to reverse the university's decision," says Rep. Richard Anderson (IR-Waseca), a former administrator at the Waseca campus and sponsor of similar legislation in the House.

Since the plan was first announced last year, however, Waseca residents have been searching for ways to keep the campus operating. They say shutting down the 750-student facility will have a devastating effect on the local economy and would eliminate a key agricultural and technical instruction resource.

"The need for technical (farming) education is the same as ever," says Anderson.

He says it would be "a logical transition" for the Waseca facility to join another state higher education system — such as the State University System or the technical or community college systems. The bill was amended, however, to allow for non-collegiate use of the campus as well.

Division members also attached a separate provision to find another dental hygiene training program in northeastern Minnesota; the University of Minnesota-Duluth is scheduled to drop its program.



Business

Eastern bloc business corps

Minnesota entrepreneurs may soon be heading for the Soviet Union and other Eastern bloc nations to teach residents the business of business.

House members April 17 unanimously gave final approval to a bill that would create a state volunteer corps to help educate Eastern Europeans on the basics of capitalism. The proposed program would be administered by the state Department of Commerce and would offer classes in business management, free market economics, and English-speaking skills.

Minnesotans participating in the program will have part of their travel costs reimbursed by the state. Chief author Rep. Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth) says the program will likely result in many state business owners establishing markets for their products in the Soviet Union.

Jaros says, however, that he wants the commerce department to establish rules limiting travel reimbursements to retired people or small business owners.

HF121 now moves to the Senate for further consideration.



Consumers

Enhanced 911 systems

Regulated Industries Committee members April 15 gave initial approval to a plan to provide enhanced emergency telephone service throughout the state.

Eleven of Minnesota's 87 counties, and portions of six others, now have the enhanced 911 service, reaching almost 70 percent of state residents. Enhanced 911 systems immediately display the location and telephone number of a caller to speed the dispatch of emergency personnel and to avoid possible routing mistakes.

If approved, the measure (HF1481) would ensure the remaining 30 percent of the state would receive the same protection, says chief author Rep. Phil Heir (IR-Blaine).

The bill would provide funding for all counties in the state to properly upgrade their addressing systems, computers, and other equipment needed to provide the service.

Heir estimates it would cost about \$100,000 per county, or about \$7 million statewide, to establish a statewide enhanced system. He suggests lottery proceeds now earmarked for the Greater Minnesota Corporation as a possible funding source.

Several metropolitan-area legislators, however, question whether it's fair for outstate residents to get enhanced service with little or no cost while metro constituents had to pay for it, either through higher property taxes or higher telephone rates.

But supporters of the bill say safety considerations should outweigh parochialism and cost concerns.

Because HF1481 didn't pass from committee prior to an April 12 deadline, it now must go before the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee to see whether the bill can be considered further this session.

Credit repair services

"Credit repair" services that claim to help people erase bad credit ratings would be under tighter control if a bill approved April 15 by the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee's Banking Division becomes law.

A representative of the state Attorney General's Office told legislators that while fraudulent credit services are just appearing in Minnesota, legislation is needed because the companies will gravitate to states that don't have specific laws governing the industry.

Special Assistant Attorney General David Woodward says that such companies often charge between \$300 and \$600 while falsely claiming they can change credit ratings.

Credit reports, however, can't be changed for seven years provided they are current, accurate, and verifiable by creditors, says Woodward. Bankruptcy information remains on credit records for 10 years.

The bill (HF603), sponsored by Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), would prohibit companies from charging customers before they complete an agreed-upon service. The bill would also require that credit businesses register with the Department of Commerce and post a \$10,000 bond.

The bill would also require credit services to provide customers, in writing, information about how they could repair their credit ratings on their own. In addition, customers would be able to cancel contracts with the credit service organizations within five days.

HF603 was referred to the full Financial and Insurance Committee for further consideration.

Correction

An article on page 4 in the April 12 issue incorrectly stated that psychological practitioners would have to receive a waiver from from the Board of Psychology to be licensed. Psychological practitioners would be licensed by the Board of Psychology; no waiver would be necessary under HF313.



Human Rights

Gay rights measure fails

One day after the Connecticut House of Representatives voted to extend human rights protection to gay and lesbian citizens, a Minnesota House panel defeated a similar measure by only two votes.

Opponents of the bill (HF1091) told Judiciary Committee members April 12 that a state ban on discrimination against homosexuals and lesbians would amount to protected status for a chosen lifestyle.

One woman, who identifies herself as "Debbie," says that such a law would particularly infringe on the rights of Minnesota parents.

"This bill takes away from us as parents all the rights to decide who will be the role models for our children," says Debbie, adding that one of her children was molested by a teacher of the same sex. "We need to know something about them before we allow them the privilege of being involved in our children's lives."

Critics of the bill say that, according to one study, homosexuals are 12 times more likely to molest children than heterosexuals. Schools and other employers should be allowed to fire employees who overtly and inappropriately display homosexuality, they argued.

Supporters of HF1091, however, countered that sexual preference — like race, color, age or disability, all of which are protected by the state Human Rights Act — is involuntary and should be shielded from discrimination by law.

DFL legislator Karen Clark of Minneapolis, chief author of the bill, urged lawmakers to call on their own conscience and act to eliminate discrimination against the largest minority group in Minnesota. Child abuse and discrimination against gays and lesbians are separate issues, says Clark.

"As a lesbian woman who has been among you, I hope you find some difficulty in seeing the type of description that was portrayed of gay and lesbian people here," she added.

Thirteen committee members voted against the bill while 11 members voted for it.



A disappointed Rep. Karen Clark prepares to leave a Judiciary Committee meeting following defeat of her bill which would have extended human rights protection to gays and lesbians.



Environment

Wetlands bill advances

The wetlands protection bill continued to slog through the House April 16, and its support appears somewhat murky.

The Taxes Committee sent the bill to the Appropriations Committee — without recommendation — after an amendment was narrowly defeated that chief author Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth) says would have crippled it.

Rep. Irv Anderson (DFL-Int'l Falls) unsuccessfully tried to hold up \$50 million in wetlands bonding money until all bonds authorized by the 1990 Legislature have been issued.

Earlier this year, Gov. Arne Carlson halted the issuance of about \$46 million worth of bonds for 24 projects around the state — a move that irritated lawmakers who represented those project areas.

Anderson's amendment was an attempt to pressure Carlson, who supports the wetlands bill, to allow the 1990 bonds to be issued.

"A number of educational institutions are going to be hurt by this hold up that the governor has placed upon them," says Anderson.

The amendment was defeated 18-14 as six DFLers — including House Speaker Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) and Majority Leader Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) — joined with 12 Independent-Republicans to vote against it.

A number of the bonding projects Carlson put on hold because of the budget crisis are in northern Minnesota.

Don't dump those batteries

When you pick up a battery in a Minnesota store, you'll probably find "mercury free" or "99.75 mercury free" on the label.

Although some battery makers were well on their way to developing mercury-free batteries, a 1990 law restricting the use of mercury in batteries sold in Minnesota, applied some consumer pressure.

Next in line is nickel cadmium — the substance found in rechargeable batteries in such household appliances as power tools, portable radios, and miniature vacuum cleaners.

These batteries, the Environmental Protection Agency says, release toxic cadmium in landfills. When burned with other garbage, the resulting ash becomes hazardous waste.

A measure (HF927) approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee April 18 would prohibit people from dumping batteries containing nickel cadmium into the waste stream.

The 1990 law prohibits government agencies, medical facilities, and certain businesses from dumping mercury batteries into the garbage.

Chief author Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls) says the battery industry has been cooperative and has proposed setting up pilot battery collection projects in Minnesota to recover 90 percent of the nickel cadmium batteries by April 15, 1992.

HF927 was referred to the Judiciary Committee for further review.

SCOPE bill delayed

Minnesota residents will be able to testify this summer on a packaging reduction bill that Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth) says will be the "number one environmental issue of the next session."

The hearings will focus on legislation that would require a 25 percent reduction in packaging waste for every person in Minnesota, and make manufacturers pay more for packaging that is considered unnecessary or toxic.

Although Munger introduced the bill (HF779) this year, he says there wasn't enough time to hold public hearings around the state so he delayed action on it until next session.

The measure grew out of recommendations from Minnesota's Select Committee on Packaging and the Environment (SCOPE), which was formed, in part, to coordinate statewide regulations for waste reduction and recycling.

Represented by industry, government, and environment groups, SCOPE recommended legislation that would cut packaging by 25 percent by mid-1994. It also would require a reduction in toxic packaging and products. Funds to pay for the disposal of toxic products would be generated through producer fees, ranging between 30 and 50 cents per pound, for packaging materials that don't meet SCOPE standards.

Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls) said during an April 12 Environmental and Natural Resources Committee meeting that industry is producing chemicals that waste managers don't know how to handle.



Gambling

Betting on change

Several gambling measures were debated April 18 in the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, and Gaming Committee, but the committee took no action.

Committee Chair Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) says the committee intends to create an omnibus gaming bill "after much discussion, and eventual consensus."

These bills were discussed April 18:

- HF229, sponsored by Rep. Sal



Cheryl Jones' pet ferret may appear cute and cuddly, but the Environment and Natural Resources Committee didn't appear charmed by it April 15. The committee referred a bill that would classify ferrets as "domestic pets" to the Health and Human Service Committee without recommendation, where its chances for passage remain questionable. The Department of Health opposes the reclassification because it says ferrets can carry rabies without showing signs of the disease. Jones is a member of the European Ferret Fanciers and Breeders Association.

Frederick (IR-Mankato), would permit \$2 per hand gambling bets on card games where no "bank" is involved. This applies to games where all bets are won by players, with no money going to the "house." But Mary Magnuson of the state Attorney General's Office testified that approving this bill would allow Indian gaming centers to allow such bets "at any level."

- HF336, sponsored by Rep. Doug Swenson (IR-Forest Lake), would repeal a law requiring "major" pull-tab winners to be posted.
- HF721, sponsored by Rep. Ted Winter (DFL-Fulda), would make gambling licenses and premise permits valid for two years instead of the current one-year limit. It would also reduce the tax rate paid on pull-tabs from 2 to 1.8 percent.
- HF1354, sponsored by Rep. Leo Reding (DFL-Austin), would allow Minnesota businesses to advertise or promote

gaming in neighboring states. Reding says this will benefit the radio broadcasters in his area.

- HF1443, sponsored by Rep. Mary Murphy (DFL-Hermantown), would prevent a charitable organization, which leased premises from a person later found guilty of gambling violations, from losing their gambling license when the organization had no knowledge or part in the illegal activity. Such an incident in Murphy's district resulted in the loss of a license to an organization that she says "did absolutely nothing wrong." Current law, she says, discourages reporting of illegal activity because "people know they would then lose their license" by reporting violations.

- HF1275, sponsored by Osthoff, would restrict the manufacturing and sale of certain gambling devices. The bill stems, in part, from what Osthoff called an "open door" for unmonitored importation of gaming machines. A representative of the Department of Public Safety's Gambling Control Division says that more than 2,000 video gaming units have been shipped to 112 locations in Minnesota from the state of Nevada alone. Currently, Indian gaming sites are the only legal places for the units to exist.

The committee is scheduled to meet April 24.



Veterans

Silver Bay vets home delay

The opening of the Silver Bay Veterans Home would be delayed so the money slated for that project could be used to upgrade the veterans home in Minneapolis and to meet increased operating costs at the home in Hastings under a plan given conditional approval April 17 by the Appropriations Committee's Human Resources Division.

Officials say the Minneapolis home, which was built in 1905, needs renovation and has been cited for numerous safety violations. The home is licensed for 122 beds but currently has only 38 residents.

The new Silver Bay home was scheduled to open this fall. The proposal also calls for a study of the state's veterans homes. The division is reviewing the Department of Veterans Affairs' budget.



No spotlight for filmboard

Hollywood filmmakers made six movies in Minnesota last year, offering potential tourists a celluloid glimpse of the state's lakeside lifestyle and pumping \$15 million into the state economy, says Randy Adamsick, executive director of the Minnesota Motion Picture Board.

But the state-funded board faces a 60 percent cut in its budget for the next biennium, and total elimination of state support in 1994.

Adamsick urged the Economic Development Committee April 16 to reject Gov. Arne Carlson's plan to phase out state funding for the board.

He said the state's draw of \$1.4 million from 1990 film production is eight times the board's annual appropriation of \$166,000.

"I think it would be really unfortunate to cut funding for a program that's just really starting to show some results, and can provide significant revenue for the state," says Adamsick.

He compared the film board's projects to other state-sponsored events designed to lure tourist dollars such as the 1992 Superbowl and the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament.

If the state film board is eliminated, Minnesota would be the sole U.S. state without a state-supported agent to lure filmmakers. The average state contribution to film commissions exceeds \$200,000, while neighboring Iowa budgets \$400,000 to attract movie producers.

Currently, the eight-year-old Minnesota Film Board is the only state film commission nationwide required to raise private matching funds to maintain state funding. The other 49 commissions are 100 percent state-funded, says Adamsick.

No action was taken on the request.

Final Four rejection

A half-million-dollar pledge by former Gov. Rudy Perpich, offered as an enticement to bring the NCAA Final Four men's basketball tournament to the Metrodome in 1992, was rejected by lawmakers April 18.

A division of the Appropriations Committee voted down the Minnesota Amateur Athletic Commission (MAAC) request for the funds that were pledged by Perpich during the state's 1986 bid to NCAA officials.

Minnesota got the tournament at least partially as a result of Perpich's commitment, says Paul Erickson, commission director. Although he admits the ex-governor promised the money without legislative approval, Erickson says the commitment is very real in the eyes of the NCAA.

But Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), chair of Appropriations Committee's State Government Division, says upholding the constitutionality of how public funds are allocated is more important than offending the NCAA.

Erickson, however, says he doesn't believe the House committee's vote is the last word on the matter.

"My prediction will be that the Senate will have something in their budget; therefore, the matter will be resolved in conference committee," he said after the hearing.

At stake is the state's good reputation as a host for high-profile college athletic events, adds Erickson.

Final Four sales tax proceeds from out-of-state basketball fans are projected to net over \$3 million — six times the appropriation amount, says Erickson.



Parents might be more likely to teach their kids the tradition of wild rice harvesting under a bill approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee April 16. The bill would allow children under age 16 to harvest rice without a license if accompanied by someone who has one. Chief author Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia) says there's been a dramatic decrease in people harvesting rice in recent years. License fees rose from \$4 in 1981 to the current \$13.50, while the number of licenses sold dropped from nearly 9,000 in 1981 to 1,324 last year.

Let's face it — step-parents often get a bad rap. Whether it was the Grimm Brothers who branded them as hook-nosed ogres or someone else, Rep. Steve Trimble (DFL-St. Paul) says it's time to call a halt to the stereotypes. The House April 17 gave final approval to his bill designating the first Sunday in October as "Step-parents Day." Trimble says he hopes his bill will help others recognize the unique role step-parents have in children's lives and boost public awareness of their needs and concerns.

State education officials say there still may not enough money in the pot for schools to complete planned construction projects under the state's maximum effort loan program. Norm Chaffee of the state Department of Education says the projects could be underfunded by as much as \$20 million. "The problem is that the [building] estimates were made with 1989-90 dollars and they have to be paid with 1991-92 dollars," Chaffee told the Education Committee's Education Finance Division April 17. He adds that the six school districts that received preliminary approval for the bonded loans — Cass Lake, Dover-Eyota, Farmington, New London-Spicer, Roseau, and Sartell — may have to convince local voters to approve additional levy referenda to finish their projects.

Are the British coming to the Capitol? Probably not, but April 18 did mark an historic day, as both Rep. Sal Frederick (IR-Mankato) and Rep. Lyndon Carlson (DFL-Crystal) celebrated their birthday. Both presented bills before the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, and Gaming Committee, amidst a number of balloons and fliers honoring Frederick, who serves on the panel. Carlson reminded members it also marks the day of Paul Revere's famous ride. "And I only know that because it's my birthday," he said.

Through thick and thin, Anderson perseveres

It was nearly 50 years ago that Rep. Irv Anderson (DFL-Int'l Falls) won the Air Medal as a U.S. Navy pilot during WWII.

The war's over, but the naval pilot spirit in Anderson isn't. The 18-year DFL veteran says he "feels 29" and is eagerly awaiting the next election and every other challenge that comes his way.

Anderson, the former House majority leader and chair of the powerful Taxes Committee, returned to the Capitol this year following an eight-year hiatus.

Some say Anderson, who is legendary for his hardball style of politicking, has mellowed since 1982, the year that marked the first of four straight electoral losses he suffered. But that's news to him.

"No, I don't think there's been a heck of a lot of change to me," says Anderson. "The old zest to be a legislator is still there. Some say I've become more mellow, but I don't see it."

Anderson dismissed his reputation as a take-no-prisoners negotiator as so much "press rhetoric" and has slipped into his role as chair of the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee with little ado.

His biggest public splash has been the authorship of a controversial bill that would prevent businesses from hiring permanent replacement workers during a strike.

But other than that, Anderson has burrowed deep into the legislative task before him, and says he's content to do a good job for northern Minnesota and to get re-elected in 1992.

His committee will play a large role in several key decisions for the state in areas such as airport planning, light rail transit, and the many state mandates imposed on local units of government.

That's hardly the stuff of political intrigue, but the rumors still persist about Anderson, who has always generated a strong response both pro and con.

Anderson was the center of a front page political battle in 1980 when several DFLers broke with their party and joined Independent-Republicans in electing former Rep. Fred Norton over Anderson as House speaker. But Anderson says that divisive fight is long since over and neither he nor his adversaries give it much thought.



Irv Anderson

District 3A

Age: 67

Occupation: Legislator

District traits: 3A is geographically one of the largest districts in the state and, with the 1990 census figures, it's destined to become larger. The district voted for Paul Wellstone over Rudy Boschwitz in the 1990 U.S. Senate race by a 54.3 to 45.7-percent margin.

"There are a few of them here, but I find them to be very friendly — not antagonistic. I don't think they even think of that 1980 battle. I don't think of it; I don't see it there at all."

Anderson says it's great to be back but adds that the 1991 Legislature is far different from the one he left in 1982. "There are a great many more special interest groups here than when I was here previously," he says, adding that bills are now "more intensely scrutinized" and there is "more of a professional approach to being a legislator."

With 18 years of seniority, some believed Anderson would insist on chairing a major committee such as Taxes upon his return. But he says he's content where he is.

Anderson thinks the local government committee is a good one to chair. "There are a lot of exciting issues," he says. "It's a good chairmanship for my district and good for me."

One of his top priorities is to make sure legislators are named to sit on a variety of metropolitan area boards such as the Metropolitan Council and the Metropolitan Transit Commission to give them "that extra counsel," a "different perspective," he says.

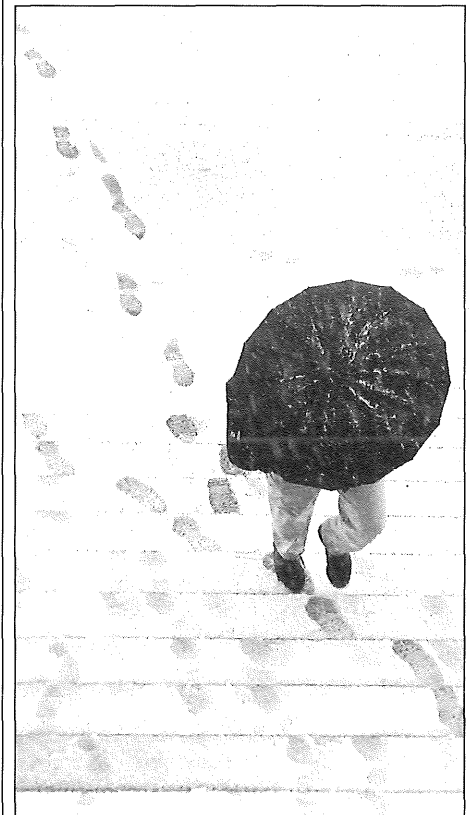
Despite numerous electoral setbacks, including three losses to former Rep. Bob Neuenschwander and a failed attempt to become a member of the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners, Anderson says he never lost his will to serve people.

"I love the legislative process," he says. "I find it exciting, satisfying, and I have a strong will within me to serve people. Being in the state Legislature, you are able to do more of those things in a

positive manner than any other profession that I'm aware of, except, I suppose, medicine."

When many people his age are well into retirement, Anderson says he has no such plans and intends to argue as forcefully as ever for what he believes in.

"It's never occurred to me when you suffer defeat on a given issue, or in politics, that I have ever desired to say, 'Let's quit.'"



Visitors make tracks to the State Office Building April 12 following a mid-April snowstorm.

Committee, Floor & Final Action

Key to Committee/Division Abbreviations

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

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		AGRICULTURE										
HF0467	K. Olson	Meat processing—	2/25 AG	AG	4/17 rp	reAP						
SF0330	Vickerman	inspection program	2/18 AGR									
HF0772	McPherson	Extension committee membership	3/11 AG	AG	4/11 rpa		4/15	112-20				
HF1227	Girard	Food licensing fees—	3/27 AG	AG	4/18 rpa	reAP						
SF0864	Renneke	changed	3/21 AGR									
HF1241	Waltman	Farmstead cheese—	3/27 AG	AG	4/18 rpa							
SF1050	Mehrkens	pasteurization not required	3/27 AGR	AGR	4/11 rpa							
HF1305	E. Olson	Livestock market agency,	4/2 AG	AG	4/18 rpa							
SF1284	Renneke	dealer licensing act—modified	4/8 AGR									
HF1299	Tunheim	Wild rice producers—	4/2 AG	AG	4/11 rpa		4/15	132-0	4/17			
SF1110	Moe	checkoff fee refund abolished	4/2 AGR	AGR	4/15 rpa	reFN						
HF1352	Peterson	Waseca former college campus used for agriculture department	4/4 AG	AG	4/18 rpa	reAP						
HF1391	Girard	Livestock—consumption of food	4/4 AG	AG	4/17 rp							
SF1300	Beckman	processing non-meat by-products	4/8 AGR									
HF1450	Wenzel	Ag chemical response compensation	4/8 AG	AG	4/18 rpa	reAP						
SF0666	Morse	board—deadline change	3/7 AGR									

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HF1452	Wenzel	Compensation for crop, livestock	4/8 AG	AG	4/17 rp	reAP						
SF1413	Sams	damage by wild animals	4/10 AGR									
HF1545	Steensma	Farmer-lender mediation act	4/10 AG	AG	4/18 rpa	reAP						
SF1428	Davis		4/11 FN									
HF1549	Wenzel	Milk price resolution	4/10 AG	AG	4/18 rpa							
SF1414	Sams		4/10 AGR									
		Education Division										
		APPROPRIATIONS										
HF0447	Pelowski	Scholarships—	2/21 ED	AP/ed	4/18 h							
SF0942	Hottinger	high school seniors	3/21 ED									
HF0473	Orenstein	Law enforcement school created	2/25 JU	AP/ed	4/18 h							
SF0404	Kelly		2/21 JU	JU	4/10 rpa	reED						
HF0848	Bertram	St. Cloud State University—	3/13 AP	AP/ed	4/18 h							
SF0836	J.E. Benson	construction funds	3/18 ED	ED	4/17 rpa	reFN						
HF1221	Orenstein	Child care—	3/27 ED	AP/ed	4/18 h							
		post-secondary students										
HF1511	Goodno	Moorhead Technical College—	4/10 AP	AP/ed	4/17 h							
SF1320	Langseth	construction	4/18 ED									
HF1529	Gruenes	St. Cloud State University—	4/10 ED	AP/ed	4/18 h							
SF1442	J.E. Benson	land exchange	4/11 EN									
		COMMERCE										
HF0274	Sparby	Motor vehicle contract	2/11 CO	CO	3/27 rpa		4/15	132-0	4/18			
SF0241	Stumpf	transfers—regulation	2/11 CO	CO	4/4 rpa							
HF0587	Hasskamp	Security guards—	3/4 CO	CO	4/18 rpa	reJU						
SF0514	Marty	registration required	2/28 JU	JU	4/17 rpa	reFN						
HF0674	Brown	Funeral trust—	3/7 CO	CO	3/25 rp		4/17	131-0	4/18			
SF0645	Solon	Medical Assistance requirements	3/7 CO									
HF0807	Rice	Real estate brokers,	3/11 CO	CO	4/11 rpa		4/15	131-0	4/18			
SF0689	Kroening	salespersons—instruction	3/11 CO	CO	4/11 rpa							
HF0947	Farrell	Unclaimed property—payments	3/21 CO	CO	4/18 rp				4/18			
SF0425	Laidig		2/25 CO									
HF1613	Carruthers	Bond requirements—repeals	4/15 CO	CO	4/18 rp							
SF0861	Luther		3/21 GO	GO	4/15 rp							
		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT										
HF0710	Winter	Rural development	3/7 EC	EC	4/8 rp	reTA						
SF0446	Beckman	zones—established	2/25 EH	EH	3/18 rp	reTT						
HF0840	Jefferson	Neighborhood revitalization—	3/13 EC	EC	4/4 h							
SF0286	Pogemiller	policy boards powers	2/14 EH	EH	3/18 rpa		3/25	62-0	3/27			
HF0860	Lieder	Red River trade corridor—	3/13 EC	EC	4/8 rpa	reAP						
SF0823	R.D. Moe	money appropriated	3/18 FN									

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HF0958	Sparby	Agriculture development act	3/21 EC	EC	4/8 rpa	reEN						
SF0945	Berg		3/21 AGR	AGR	4/11 rpa	reTT						
HF0968	Winter	Economic Development Policy	3/21 EC	EC	4/4 h							
SF0887	Beckman	Commission—established	3/21 EH	GO	4/15 rpa							
HF1004	Koppendraye	Economic development— land limits increase	3/21 EC	EC	4/8 rp	reAP						
HF1109	Frerichs	Advantage Minnesota—	3/25 EC	EC	4/17 rpa	reAP						
SF1080	Gustafson	established, money appropriated	3/27 EH	EH	4/15 rpa	reFN						
HF1249	Hausman	St. Paul—	4/2 EC	EC	4/8 rp							
SF1172	Kelly	economic development	4/2 EH									
HF1353	Segal	International trade	4/4 EC	EC	4/8 rp	reAP						
SF1370	Mondale	partnerships program	4/10 EH									
HF1457	Janezich	East range	4/8 EC	EC	4/16 rp	reLG						
SF1164	D.J. Johnson	economic development	4/2 EH	EH	4/15 rpa	reTT						
HF1514	D. Johnson	Minnesota marketplace—	4/10 EC	EC	4/16 rp	reAP						
SF1384	Finn	established, money appropriated	4/10 EH	EH	4/15 rpa	reFN						
		EDUCATION										
HF0121	Jaros	Volunteer corps—USSR,	1/28 ED	CO	4/15 rpa		4/17	133-0				
SF0553	Hottinger	Easter Europe business instruction	3/4 EH	EH	4/17 rpa							
HF0455	Thompson	Community colleges—merger	2/25 ED	ED	4/15 rp	reAP						
SF1055	Sams	with state university system	3/27 ED									
HF0617	Bauerly	Education in	3/4 AG	ED	4/12 h	reED/edfin						
SF0518	Beckman	agriculture council	2/28 ED									
HF0640	Pugh	Pre-paid tuition	3/4 ED	ED	4/15 rpa	reAP						
SF0540	Metzen	plan—established	3/4 ED									
HF0696	Steensma	Vocational technical boards—	3/7 ED	ED	4/10 rp		4/15	132-0				
SF0826	Frederickson	additional members	3/18 ED									
HF0736	Greenfield	Alcohol, drug abuse	3/7 HH	ED	4/15 rpa	reAP						
SF0414	Berglin	prevention—pilot project	2/21 HH	ED	4/15 rpa	reFN						
HF0741	Scheid	Head Start funds for early	3/7 ED	ED	4/15 rp	reAP						
SF0681	Reichgott	childhood education programs	3/11 ED									
HF0864	Steensma	Open enrollment—	3/13 ED	ED	4/12 h	reED/edfin						
SF0748	DeCramer	include border states	3/14 ED	ED	4/17 rpa	reFN						
HF0925	Bauerly	Regional libraries—	3/18 ED	ED	4/5 rpa	reTA						
SF1339	Bertram	property tax levy	4/10 TT									
HF0937	Abrams	Wayzata school district—	3/18 ED	ED	4/15 rp	reTA						
SF0712	Traub	early referendum	3/11 ED									
HF1018	Leppik	Foreign exchange students—	3/21 ED	ED	4/12 h	reED/edfin						
SF0824	Knaak	post-secondary options limited	3/18 ED	ED	4/15 rpa							
HF1027	Welle	Equal employment opportunities—	3/21 HH	ED	4/15 rp	reAP						
SF0672	Dicklich	disabled persons	3/7 HH									

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HF1435	Orenstein	Community, technical colleges—	4/8 ED	ED	4/17 rpa	reAP						
SF1071	Moe	merger with state university system	3/27 ED	GO	4/8 rpa	reFN						
HF1464	Carlson	Post-secondary	4/8 ED	ED	4/15 rp	reAP						
SF1366	Price	missions— clarified	4/10 ED									
HF1475	Mariani	Colleges—cultural diversity	4/8 ED	ED	4/15 rp							
SF1425	Ranum	reporting required	4/11 ED									
HF1485	Carlson	Social service,	4/8 ED	ED	4/12 h	reED/edfin						
SF1239	Pogemiller	education coordination	4/4 ED									
HF1529	Gruenes	St. Cloud—city, university	4/10 ED	ED	4/12 rp	reAP						
SF1442	J.E. Benson	land exchange	4/11 EN									
HF1541	Lynch	Hearing impaired—language	4/10 ED	ED	4/15 rp							
		proficiency teacher requirements										
HF1563	Wenzel	Schools—transportation	4/10 ED	ED	4/12 h	reED/edfin						
		requirements changed										
		Education Finance Division										
		EDUCATION										
HF0582	K. Nelson	Omnibus education bill—	2/28 ED	ED/edfin	4/15 rpa	reED						
SF0417	Dicklich	technical corrections	2/25 ED	ED	4/10 rpa							
HF0700	K. Nelson	Omnibus education bill	3/7 ED	ED/edfin	4/17 rpa							
SF0467	Dicklich		2/25 ED									
HF1015	Kinkel	Cass Lake—lost	3/21 ED	ED/edfin	4/15 h							
SF0933	Finn	school levies restored	3/25 ED									
HF1186	Krueger	Grey Eagle school—	3/27 ED	ED/edfin	4/15 h							
SF1043	Sams	interactive TV studio funded	3/27 ED									
HF1251	Rest	Robbinsdale schools—police	4/2 ED	ED/edfin	4/15 h							
SF1285	Reichgott	liaison program funded	4/8 ED									
HF1271	Henry	Facility replacment	4/2 ED	ED/edfin	4/15 h							
SF0348	Riveness	levies authorized	2/18 ED	ED	4/5 rpa	reED/ef						
HF1356	Schafer	Hutchinson—special	4/4 ED	ED/edfin	4/15 h							
SF1159	Bernhagen	education facility levy	4/2 ED									
HF1386	Bauerly	Disabled students—pilot	4/4ED	ED/edfin	4/15 h							
		chemical dependency program										
		ENVIRONMENT &										
		NATURAL RESOURCES										
HF0021	Bertram	Medical waste incinerators—	1/14 EN	EN	3/27 rpa		4/15	133-0				
SF0013	Bertram	impact statements required	1/14 EN									
HF0117	Trimble	Ferrets—	1/28 EN	EN	4/16 h	reHH						
SF0976	Frederickson	domestic classification	3/25 VG	VG	4/10 rpa							
HF0340	Janezich	Recycling centers—	2/14 EN	EN	4/18 rpa							
SF0302	Hottinger	hazard signs	2/14 EN	EN	3/27 rpa							
HF0378	Ogren	Aitkin County—	2/18 EN	EN	4/18 rp							
SF0306	Chmielewski	land exchange	2/14 EN	EN	4/15 rpa							

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HF0425	Begich	St. Louis County	2/21 EN	EN	4/17 rp							
SF0490	D.J. Johnson	land sold	2/28 EN									
HF0514	Rukavina	Wild rice—age	2/28 EN	EN	4/16 rpa							
SF0561	Lessard	waiver for license	3/4 EN	EN	3/21 rpa		4/2	61-0	4/2			
HF0524	Peterson	Water, sewer	2/28 EN	EN	4/16 rp							
SF0531	DeCramer	commissions bonds	3/4 EN	EN	3/21 rpa		4/11	64-0	4/15			
HF0817	Begich	Mineral lease modification	3/13 EN	EN	4/18 rpa							
SF0962	Dicklich		3/25 EN	EN	4/8 rpa							
HF0822	Greenfield	Head Start, Community	3/13 EN	EN	4/17 h	reAP						
SF0781	Dicklich	Action	3/14 EP	EP	4/11 rpa	reFN						
HF0920	Trimble	Chloroflourocarbons—	3/18 EN	EN	4/18 rpa							
SF0687	Dahl	recycling standards	3/11 EN	EN	4/4 rp							
HF0927	Wagenius	Mercury levels	3/18 EN	EN	4/18 rpa	reJU						
SF0793	Dahl	in batteries	3/14 EN	EN	4/4 rpa							
HF0941	Lasley	Otter Tail—return	3/18 EN	EN	4/8 rpa		4/17	131-0	4/18			
SF0844	J.B. Johnson	of donated land	3/18 EN	EN	4/15 rpa							
HF0958	Sparby	Aquaculture development act	3/21 EN	EN	4/17 rpa							
SF0945	Berg		3/21 AGR	AGR	4/11 rpa	reTT						
HF1173	Hausman	Mineral exploration—	3/27 EN	EN	4/18 rpa	reJU						
SF0837	J.B. Johnson	access regulations	3/18 EN	JU	4/17 rpa							
HF1208	Battaglia	Fish, dark houses—	3/27 EN	EN	4/18 rpa							
SF0970	Lessard	removal dates	3/25 EN	EN	4/15 rpa							
HF1280	Pugh	Hazardous waste—protections	4/2 EN	EN	4/18 rpa	reJU						
SF0822	Merriam	for eminent domain protection	3/18 EN	JU	4/17 rp							
HF1288	Valento	Water treatment facilities—	4/2 EN	EN	4/18 rpa							
SF1129	Lessard	powers expanded	4/2 LG	LG	4/10 rpa							
HF1518	Hausman	Mining financial assurances	4/10 EN	EN	4/12*							
HF1593	Bertram	Lake Maria park lease	4/11 EN	EN	4/17 rpa							
HF1635	Orfield	County problem	4/17 EN	EN	4/18 rpa *	reLG						
SF0931	Mondale	materials management	3/21 EN	EN	4/17 rpa							
		FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE										
HF0012	Skoglund	Insurance company solvency	1/9 FI	FI	4/18 rpa	reAP						
SF0037	Luther		1/14 CO	CO	4/17 rpa	reFN						
HF0140	Osthoff	Medicare supplement insurance—	1/28 FI	FI	4/17 rp							
SF0006	Waldorf	requirement provisions	1/9 CO	CO	2/11 rp		2/14	63-0	2/18			
HF1418	Greenfield	Minnesota comprehensive health	4/4 FI	FI	4/18 rp							
SF1211	Samuelson	association—member expenses	4/4 CO	CO	4/8 rp							

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		Banking Division										
		FINANCIAL INST. & INSURANCE										
HF0603	Carruthers	Credit repair services—	3/4 FI	FI/bk	4/15 rpa	reFI						
SF0204	Marty	consumer protection	2/7 CO	CO	4/17 rpa							
		GENERAL LEGISLATION										
HF0035	Lieder	Agriculture—local	3/21 GL	GL	4/2 rp		4/17	132-0				
SF0034	Moe	society membership	1/14 AGR	AGR	3/11 rp		3/18	66-0	3/21			
HF0049	Trimble	Holidays—stepparents	1/22 GL	GL	4/15 rp		4/17	131-0				
SF1154	Kelly	day established	4/2 VG									
HF0162	Carlson	Animals—dangerous	1/31 GL	GL	4/18 rpa							
SF0274	Reichgott	dog symbol	2/14 VG	VG	4/11 rpa							
HF0229	Frederick	Gambling—bets in certain	2/7 GL	GL	4/18 h							
SF0427	Renneke	card games made lawful	2/25 GR									
HF0336	Swenson	Gambling—pull-tab	2/14 GL	GL	4/18 h							
SF0318	Laidig	posting requirement repealed	2/14 GR*	GR	4/11 rpa	reTT						
HF0397	Osthoff	Elections—balloting	2/21 GL	GL	4/15 rp	reAP						
SF0263	Luther	by mail	2/11 EE									
HF0408	Bauerly	Animals—carcass disposal	2/21 GL	GL	4/11 rp		4/17	132-0				
SF0371	Bertram	options provided	2/20 AGR	AGR	3/25 rp		4/18	63-0	4/15			
HF0436	Sviggum	Animals—cruelty	3/21 GL	GL	4/18 rpa	reJU						
SF0118	Knaak	penalties expanded	1/31 VG	VG	4/10 rpa							
HF0471	Ogren	Special Olympics—	2/25 GL	GL	3/21 rpa		4/15	133-0	4/18			
SF0436	Luther	supporting resolution	2/25 VG	VG	3/25 rpa							
HF0616	Frederick	Rulemaking authority—	3/4 GL	GI	3/18 rp		4/8	132-0				
SF0611	Bertram	clarified	3/7 VG	VG	3/18 rp		3/27	61-0	4/4			4/17
HF0685	Segal	Gambling—compulsive	3/7 GL	GL	4/11 rpa	reAP						
SF0452	Marty	gambling funding	2/25 GR									
HF0718	Tompkins	Gambling—lottery funds	3/7 GL	GL	4/11 rpa	reAP						
		dedicated to housing trust fund										
HF0721	Winter	Gambling—pull-tab	3/7 GL	GL	4/18 h							
SF0662	Vickerman	tax reduced	3/7 GR*									
HF1260	Segal	Housing trust fund—	4/2 HO	GL	4/11 h							
SF1262	Metzen	constitutional amendment	4/8 EH									
HF1275	Osthoff	Gambling—gambling	4/2 GL	GL	4/18 h							
		device use prohibited										
HF1354	Reding	Gambling—advertisement	4/4 GL	GL	4/18 h							
SF1006	Solon	provisions changed										
HF1509	Wenzel	Mississippi River headlands—	4/10 GL	GI	4/15 rpa		4/17	133-0				
SF1265	Samuelson	veterans cemetery allowed	4/8 VG	VG	4/11 rpa							

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		Elections Division										
		GENERAL LEGISLATION										
HF0635	Rodosovich	Reapportionment—	3/4 RE	GL/elec	4/16 a							
SF0643	Pogemiller	deadlines, goals provided	3/7 RE	RE	3/21 rpa	reFN						
		GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS										
HF0044	Begich	Pensions—Eveleth police,	1/9 GO	GO	3/18 rpa		4/8	133-0				
SF0005	D.J. Johnson	fire trust fund	1/14 GO	GO	3/21 ra		3/25	63-0	4/2			4/17
HF0161	Solberg	Pensions—Nashwauk police	1/31 GO	GO	3/21 rp		4/8	133-0				
SF0162	Lessard	relief association	2/4 GO	GO	3/18 rp		3/27	60-0	4/4			4/17
HF0299	Reding	Pension—police, fire	2/14 GO	GO	3/28 rpa		4/15	132-0				
SF0377	Waldorf	survivor benefits	2/20 GO									
HF0389	Jefferson	Pensions—highway patrol	2/21 GO	GO	3/27 rpa		4/15	132-0				
SF0734	Pogemiller	annuity refunds paid	3/14 GO	GO	3/25 rpa		4/8	66-0	4/1			
HF0401	Reding	Pensions—legislator	2/21 GO	GO	4/17 rpa							
SF0338	Waldorf	surviving spouse benefits	2/18 GO									
HF0522	I. Anderson	Pensions—appointed public	2/28 GO	GO	3/21 rpa		4/8	133-0				
SF0567	Lessard	officer buy-backs	3/4 GO	GO	3/18 rpa		4/2	61-0	4/4			4/17
HF0579	Garcia	Richfield—police	2/28 GO	GO	4/10 rpa		4/17	133-0	4/18			
SF0708	Riveness	relief pension fund	3/11 GO	GO	4/17 rpa							
HF0611	Farrell	Pensions—Duluth/St. Paul	3/4 GO	GO	3/27 rpa		4/15	131-0				
SF0848	Waldorf	fire authorized refunds	3/21 GO									
HF0664	Brown	Handicapped accessibility—	3/7 GO	GO	4/15 rpa		4/17	129-2				
SF0723	Solon	specialists required	3/11 CO	CO	4/16 rpa	reGO						
HF0765	McGuire	Health insurance—	3/11 GO	GO	4/17 rpa							
SF0726	Marty	retirement eligibility	3/1 GO	GO	4/8 rpa	reFN						
HF0954	Jaros	St. Louis County—county	3/21 GO	GO	4/15 rp		4/17	133-0				
SF0679	Solon	worker allowed service credit	3/11 GO	GO	4/15 rp							
HF1405	Jefferson	Charitable organization	4/4 GO	GO	4/15 rpa		4/17	133-0				
SF1245	Spear	requirements modified	4/4 GO	GO	4/18							
HF1536	Bauerly	St. Cloud—state	4/10 GO	GO	4/15 rp		4/17	133-0				
SF1439	J.E. Benson	surplus land purchase	4/11 EN									
HF1551	Erhardt	Edina—firefighter	4/10 GO	GO	4/15 rp		4/17	129-0				
SF1308	Storm	survivors benefits modified	4/8 GO	GO	4/11 rp	reGO						
HF1584	Lourey	Minneapolis schools—	4/11 GO	GO	4/15 rpa		4/17	129-0				
SF1458	Waldorf	teacher retirement funds	4/15 GO									
		HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES										
HF0080	Dauner	Salary increases—	1/22 HH	HH	4/18 rpa	reAP						
SF0091	Berglin	intermediate care facilities	1/24 HH	HH	4/4 rpa	reFN						
HF0185	Greenfield	Mental retardation—case	2/4 HH	HH	3/14 rp		4/8	133-0				
SF0148	Sams	management alternatives	2/4 HH	HH	2/7 rpa		3/7	56-0	3/18			4/17

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HF0258	Pugh	Mental health—Dakota	2/7 HH	HH	4/16 rp	reAP						
SF0311	Metzen	County pilot project	2/14 HH	HH	3/7 rp	reFN						
HF0293	Rodosovich	Traumatic brain, spinal cord	2/14 HH	HH	4/16 rpa	reAP						
SF0310	Berglin	injury—registry created	2/14 HH	JU	4/10 rpa	reFN						
HF0309	Greenfield	Child support—counties to	2/14 HH	HH	4/16 rp	reAP						
SF0155	Samuelson	receive one-half non-federal funds	2/4 HH	HH	4/4 rp	reFN						
HF0638	Kinkel	Nursing homes—	3/4 HH	HH	4/16 rpa	reAP						
SF0473	Finn	moratorium exception	2/28 HH	HH	4/4 rpa		4/11	63-0	4/16			
HF0735	Greenfield	Child health	3/7 HH	HH	4/4 rp		4/17	133-0				
SF0254	J.B. Johnson	service— expanded	2/11 HH	Hh	3/25 rpa		4/8	66-0	4/11			
HF0781	Dille	Infections waste control—	3/11 HH	HH	4/17 rpa	reEN						
SF0783	Dahl	veterinarians	3/14 HH	HH	4/4 rpa	reRN						
HF1031	Wagenius	Child support—	3/21 JU	HH	4/12 rpa	reAP						
SF0917	Berglin	enforcement law changed	3/21 HH	HH	3/27 rpa	reJU						
HF1108	Greenfield	Nursing homes—exemption from	3/25 HH	HH	4/18 rp	reAP						
SF0376	Berglin	supplemental aid rate cap	2/20 HH	HH	4/15 rpa	reFN						
HF1134	Lynch	Hearing impaired—	3/25 HH	HH	4/17 rpa	reAP						
SF0932	Marty	regional advisory committee	3/21 HH	HH	3/27 rpa	reFN						
HF1177	Cooper	Intermediate care facilities	3/27 HH	HH	4/12 rpa	reAP						
SF1127	Vickerman	for mentally retarded	4/2 HH									
HF1243	Greenfield	Chemical dependency—	3/27 HH	HH	4/17 rpa							
SF0774	Berglin	treatment licensing	3/14 HH	HH	3/25 rpa		4/8	64-0	4/10			
HF1332	S. Nelson	Emergency mental health	4/4 HH	HH	4/18 rpa							
SF1231	Sams	services—waiver requirement	4/4 HH	HH	4/15 rpa							
HF1339	Sviggum	Human services—cost division	4/4 Hh	HH	4/18 a							
SF1242	Benson	between counties, state	4/4 Hh	HH	4/15 rpa	reFN						
HF1438	Greenfield	Mental health—	4/8 HH	HH	4/12 rpa	reAP						
SF1045	Berglin	unlicensed practitioners	3/27 HH	HH	3/27 rpa	reGO						
HF1462	Greenfield	Health—community water	4/8 HH	HH	4/18 rpa	reJU						
SF0910	Berglin	supply system defined	3/21 HH	HH	3/27 rpa							
HF1592	Greenfield	Home Care Bill of Rights—	4/11 HH	HH	4/12 rp							
SF1419	Berglin	consolidation	4/10 HH									
		HOUSING										
HF0407	Ostrom	Multi-county housing—	2/21 HO	HO	4/10 rp		4/15	132-0				
SF0252	Renneke	redevelopment authority	2/11 EH	EH	3/21 rp		4/2	61-0	4/11			
HF0580	Rodosovich	Public-owned	2/28 HO	HO	4/15 rp							
SF0652	Solon	facilities—fees	3/7 EH	EH	3/21 rp		3/27	61-0				
HF1002	Clark	Rent subsidy program	3/21 HO	HO	4/15 rpa	reTA						
SF0720	Metzen		3/11 EH	EH	3/21 rpa	reTA						

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HF0078	Solberg	Courts—filing	1/22 JU	JU	4/17 rp							
SF0109	Chmielewski	fees changed	1/28 JU	JU	2/11 rp	reFN						
HF0172	A. Johnson	Manufactured home parks	1/31 HO	JU	2/14 rpa		4/8	133-0				
SF0154	Merriam	purchase rights	2/4 ED	JU	3/21 rpa		4/2	60-0	4/4			4/17
HF0200	Peterson	Judges—retained in counties	2/25 JU	JU	4/10 rpa		4/17	129-3	4/18			
Sf0193	Finn	with one chambered position	2/7 JU									
HF0233	Greenfield	Mental illness—	2/7 HH	JU	3/27 rpa		4/15	113-13*				
SF0187	Spear	patient rights	2/7 JU	JU	3/21 rpa		4/2	63-0	4/4			
HF0345	Vellenga	Sexual abuse—	2/25 JU	JU	3/21 rpa		4/17	131-0	4/18			
SF0433	Reichgott	statute of limitations	3/13 JU									
HF0375	Ogren	Marriage solemnization—	2/18 JU	JU	4/17 rp							
SF0379	Chmielewski	former court commissioners	2/20 JU	JU	4/10 rp							
HF0456	R. Anderson	Adoption—consent	2/25 JU	JU	4/10 rp		4/15	131-0				
		requirements clarified										
HF0540	Peterson	Firearm ammunition—	2/28 JU	JU	4/17 rpa							
SF1227	Kroening	local regulation	4/4 JU									
HF0551	Hanson	Limited driver's license—	2/28 JU	JU	4/10 rpa		4/17	132-0	4/18			
SF0212	Finn	waiting period extended	2/7 TR	TR	3/18 rpa	reJU						
HF0594	Orfield	Uniform foreign money act	3/4 JU	JU	4/11 rp		4/15	133-0				
SF1026	Finn		3/25 JU									
HF0660	Peterson	Hazardous materials	3/7 GO	JU	4/17 rp	reAP						
SF0738	Merriam	incidence response act	3/14 VG	VG	4/18 rpa	reTR						
HF0713	Solberg	Public defender law—	3/7 JU	JU	4/15 rpa	reTA	4/17	130-0				
SF0755	Cohen	technical corrections	3/14 JU	JU/crjus	3/26 rpa							
HF0714	Clark	Mortgage, rental assistance—	3/7 JU	JU	4/17 rpa	reTA						
SF0951	Pogemiller	pilot project	3/21 EH	JU	4/17 rpa	reTT						
HF0726	McPherson	Marriage—real property	3/7 JU	JU	3/27 rp		4/15	128-0				
SF1155	Laidig	rights provided	4/2 JU									
HF0867	Orenstein	Juveniles—penalties for	3/13 JU	JU	4/17 rpa							
SF0809	Cohen	firearm possession	3/18 JU	JU	4/18 rpa							
HF0916	Solerg	Tort liability—	3/18 JU	JU	4/17 rpa							
SF0899	Lessard	timber roads	3/21 JU	JU	4/17 rpa							
HF1010	Macklin	Children's safety centers—	3/21 HH	JU	4/17 rpa	reAP						
SF1016	Reichgott	established	3/25 HH									
HF1038	Sparby	Worthless checks—	3/21 FI	JU	4/18 rpa							
SF0880	Spear	fees, identification	3/21 CO	CO	3/27 rpa	reJU						
HF1052	Milbert	Omnibus revisor's bill	3/21 JU	JU	4/17 rpa							
SF1053	Finn		3/27	JU	4/17 rpa							
HF1091	Clark	Human rights—	3/25 JU	JU	4/12 nrp							
SF1000	Spear	gays, lesbians	3/25 JU									

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HF1125	Koppendrayner	Mille Lacs Chippewa bond—	3/25 JU	JU	4/17 rpa							
SF0893	Davis	law enforcement authority	3/21 JU									
HF1141	Wejcman	Crack houses—	3/25 JU	JU	4/17 rpa							
SF0950	Berglin	closing	3/21 JU	JU	4/11 rpa							
HF1150	Bertram	Correctional officers—	3/25 JU	JU	4/18 rp							
SF1032	Price	penalties for assaulting	3/27 JU	JU	4/10 rp							
HF1277	Wagenius	Railroads—eminent	4/2 JU	JU	4/18 rpa							
SF0834	Merriam	domain established	3/18 JU									
HF1310	K. Nelson	Public employees—penalties	4/2 JU	JU	4/16 rpa							
SF1206	Ranum	for assaulting	4/4 JU	JU	4/17 rp							
		LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS										
HF0422	McGuire	Public notice rules exempted	2/21 LG	LG	4/18 rpa							
SF0344	Marty	in some cities	2/18 LG	LG	3/14 rpa							
HF0470	Skoglund	Mosquito control district—	2/25 LG	LG	4/15 rpa		4/17	125-6				
SF0470	Dahl	property ownership allowed	2/28 MA									
HF0661	I. Anderson	Canada border permit	3/7 LG	LG	3/21 rpa		3/25	131-0	3/27			4/17
SF0761	Lessard	negotiation—resolution	3/14 VG				4/8	62-0				
HF0983	McQuire	Ramsey County—laws ammended to	3/25 LG	LG	4/16 rp							
SF0943	Kelly	conform with home rule charter	3/21 LG	LG	4/4 rp							
HF1105	McQuire	Ramsey County—civil service	3/25 LG	LG	4/16 rp							
SF0973	Kelly	classifications clarified	3/25 LG	LG	4/4 rp							
HF1126	Peterson	Fire, rescue equipment—	3/25 LG	LG	4/16 rp							
SF0636	Bernhagen	local loan authority extended	3/7 LG	LG	3/25 rpa		4/2	62-0	4/2			
HF1179	Orfield	Met Council—study ordered on	3/27 LG	LG	4/15 rpa		4/17	130-0				
SF1124	Mondale	inner city problems	4/2 MA	MA	4/8 rpa							
HF1189	Winter	County government—	3/27 LG	LG	4/16 rpa							
SF1116	Vickerman	broadcast expenditures allowed	4/2 LG	LG	4/15 rpa	reFN						
HF1282	Jennings	Storm sewers—	4/2 LG	LG	4/16 rpa							
SF1126	J.B. Johnson	improvement proceedures	4/2 LG	LG	4/10 rp							
HF1377	Garcia	Richfield—frontage	4/4 LG	LG	4/18 rpa	reTR						
SF1238	Riveness	road funded	4/4 TR	TR	4/5 rpa	reFN						
HF1396	Lourey	Pine County—hospital funding	4/4 LG	LG	4/16 rp							
SF1040	Chmielewski	transferred from welfare fund	3/27 LG	LG	4/15 rpa							
HF1455	Jefferson	Minneapolis—park board	4/8 LG	LG	4/15 rpa		4/17	130-1				
SF1330	Pogemiller	re-apportionment members added	4/8 RE	RE	4/15 rpa							
HF1457	Janezich	Biwabik—economic development	4/8 EC	LG	4/18 rp							
SF1164	D.J. Johnson	bonding allowed	4/2 EH	EH	4/15 rpa	reTT						
HF1515	Orenstein	Ramsey County—government	4/10 LG	LG	4/18 rpa							
SF1295	Cohen	consolidation study authorized	4/8 LG	LG	4/15 rpa							

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		REGULATED INDUSTRIES										
HF1185	Tunheim	Renewable energy	3/27 EG	RI	4/11 rpa	reTA						
SF1112	J.B. Johnson	source incentives	4/2 EG									
HF1481	Heir	Statewide enhanced 911	4/8 RI	RI	4/11 rp	reRU						
		service—funded										
		RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION										
HF1209	Kahn	Baltic	3/27 RU	RU	4/10 rp		4/10	131-0	4/11			4/12
SF1068	Riveness	Republics—support resolution	3/27 VG	VG	4/10 rp		4/12	63-0				
		TAXES										
HF0001	Munger	Wetlands protection	1/9 EN	TA	4/17 nrpa	reAP						
SF0051	Merriam		1/16 EN									
HF0390	Trimble	Sales tax exemption—	2/21 TA	TA	4/8 rpa		4/17	131-1				
SF0339	Luther	special olympics	2/18 TA	TA	4/4 rpa		4/11	64-0	4/17			
HF0507	Rest	Property taxes—fiscal	2/28 TA	TA	4/16 h							
SF0529	Berglin	disparities capacity provided	3/4 TT	RA	3/25	reMA*						
HF0956	R. Johnson	Public employees—	3/21 GO	TA	4/17 rp	reAP						
SF1060	Kroening	retirement incentives	3/27 GO									
HF1203	Schreiber	Property taxes—fiscal	3/27 TA	TA	4/16 h							
		disparities system modified										
HF1307	Wagenius	Property taxes—crime,	4/2 TA	TA	4/16 h							
SF0507	Berglin	social services fund	2/28 TT	RA	3/25	reMA*						
		TRANSPORTATION										
HF0723	Kalis	Omnibus transportation	3/7 TR	TR	4/18 rpa	reJU						
SF0598	Langseth	study board requirements	3/4 TR	JU	4/17 rpa	reTT						

*SF0529, SF0507-MA 4/4 laid over

It's a fact!

State lawmakers with gubernatorial aspirations may want to steer away from becoming speaker of the House. Only two men — both in the 19th Century — have moved up to the top job in state government after wielding the speaker's gavel. The first was William Merriam, who was elected governor in 1888 after Republican leaders dumped incumbent Gov. A.R. McGill, largely because of his prohibitionist views. Many voters were irritated when McGill signed a bill that raised tavern licensing fees to \$1,000, which caused half the bars in St. Paul to go bankrupt. The second speaker to become governor was Samuel VanSant, a Republican who edged future Gov. John Lind by 2,300 votes in 1900.



Gov. William Merriam



Gov. Samuel VanSant

Bill Introductions

HF1600 — HF1648

Monday, April 15

HF1600—Rodosovich(DFL)

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

Euchre for money authorized at private clubs.

HF1601—Trimble (DFL)

Housing

Low-income housing displacement reports and replacement housing requirements provided for Duluth and Minneapolis.

HF1602—Milbert (DFL)

Appropriations

Transportation commissioner appropriated money for payment of a claim against the state.

HF1603—Dempsey (IR)

Transportation

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

HF1604—Stanisus (IR)

Education

Northeast Metro Technical College authorized to construct a media center and make electrical and mechanical renovations.

HF1605—Ozment (IR)

Judiciary

HIV tests provided upon conviction of criminal sexual conduct.

HF1606—Johnson, A. (DFL)

Rules & Legislative Administration

USSR; memorializes the President and Congress to condemn the use of Soviet military force in the Baltic Republics and to support their self-determination.

HF1607—Hasskamp (DFL)

Taxes

Accelerated payment of June sales tax liability modified.

HF1608—Garcia (DFL)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport aircraft noise emissions limited with certain aircraft prohibited.

HF1609—Pellow (IR)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

New Brighton allowed to acquire granular activated carbon without a bond for treatment of contaminated water for potable consumption.

HF1610—Pugh (DFL)

Judiciary

Garnishment of wages by creditors' and executions provided clarifications and technical amendments.

HF1611—Nelson, S. (DFL)

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

Deer license requirement to include absentee ballot applications and voter registration card repealed.

HF1612—Schafer (IR)

Taxes

McLeod county authorized a special levy and provided a levy limit base adjustment.

HF1613—Carruthers (DFL)

Commerce

Bond requirements repealed for certain elected and appointed officials and public employees.

HF1614—Vellenga (DFL)

Judiciary

Child abuse and neglect prevention grants authorized and family-based service incentive grants established for counties.

HF1615—Kalis (DFL)

Education

Independent school district No. 72, Mapleton, authorized certain fund transfers.

HF1616—Wagenius (DFL)

Judiciary

Concealed children; felony prosecution modified for deprivation of custodial or parental rights.

HF1617—Simoneau (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Retired public employee health insurance modifications provided and options increased for public employee deferred compensation plans.

HF1618—Runbeck (IR)

Housing

Used manufactured home transfer disclosure act adopted.

HF1619—Ogren (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Aitkin county authorized to sell certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water.

HF1620—Steensma (DFL)

Transportation

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

HF1621—Vellenga (DFL)

Judiciary

Drug free school zone to include post-secondary and technical colleges and public housing property, local correctional guidelines developed, reporting and chemical use assessments required for felony conviction, and money appropriated.

HF1622—Dille (IR)

Transportation

Emergency vehicles; studded tire use authorized.

Wednesday, April 17

HF1623—Rest (DFL)

Taxes

Low-income housing property tax classification requirements provided and disclosure of data on individuals and individual incomes restricted.

HF1624—Cooper (DFL)

Taxes

Sales and excise tax imposed on certain property and services and sales tax increased for certain personal property.

HF1625—Cooper (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Nurses and physician assistants allowed to dispense legend drugs.

HF1626—Swenson (IR)

Education

Debt service equalization program established, referendum levy amount limited, and training and experience revenue increased and equalized.

HF1627—Valento (IR)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Legislative service limited to 12 consecutive years with constitutional amendment provided.

HF1628—Girard (IR)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Leave of absence without pay extended to public officials when on the business of the office.

HF1629—Lynch (IR)**Education**

Parent empowerment and academic excellence act provided regulating academic instruction and granting parental education rights.

HF1630—Dorn (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Unitary Residence and Financial Responsibility Act expanded to include community-based services and administrative modifications provided.

HF1631—Trimble (DFL)**Appropriations**

Super Bowl XXVI and other commemorative medallions authorized with money appropriated.

HF1632—Olson, K. (DFL)**Transportation**

B. E. Grottum memorial highway designated in Jackson county.

HF1633—Girard (IR)**Taxes**

Property owner liability provided for unpaid property taxes on common areas of commercial property used primarily for retail sales, and county auditors to charge a fee for certain collection activities.

HF1634—Johnson, V. (IR)**Taxes**

Special levy authority extended to political subdivisions for comprehensive local water implementation activities.

HF1635—Orfield (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Solid waste, household hazardous waste, and other problem materials management plans adopted by counties.

HF1636—Nelson, K. (DFL)**Taxes**

Homesteads and commercial-industrial property; three percent property tax rate repealed on homes valued over \$100,000 and commercial-industrial property tax class rates lowered.

HF1637—Osthoff (DFL)**Governmental Operations**

Interest and salary increase assumptions changed related to consolidation actuarial work for local police and firefighters relief associations.

Thursday, April 18

HF1638—Jefferson (DFL)**Economic Development**

Wage subsidy program created for persons in a high unemployment category with money appropriated.

HF1639—Orenstein (DFL)**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Ramsey county to appropriate additional money to St. Paul for road, street, and bridge expenses.

HF1640—Dawkins (DFL)**Taxes**

St. Paul property excluded from levies for county roads and bridges.

HF1641—Steensma (DFL)**Transportation**

Drainage structure construction authorized with local bridge grant funds.

HF1642—Krinkie (IR)**Governmental Operations**

Occupational and professional licensing study legislative task force established.

HF1643—Schafer (IR)**Taxes**

Gasohol; bulk purchase requirement for tax credit eligibility removed for governmental entities.

HF1644—Smith (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Metropolitan mosquito control district duties and operations changed, public pest management techniques provided, and pesticide and environmental chemical exposure on health assessed.

HF1645—Tunheim (DFL)**Taxes**

Interest penalty increased for certain delinquent property taxes and redemption period reduced for certain tax-forfeited land.

HF1646—Pauly (IR)**Taxes**

Cities allowed to impose a sales tax for civic improvement or other public purpose.

HF1647—Blatz (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Motor vehicle emission test equipment to provide printouts and service stations and garages allowed to inspect vehicles.

HF1648—Pauly (IR)**Governmental Operations**

Victim services and rights office established in attorney general's office, sexual violence and general crime victims advisory councils established, family violence task force established, and grants-in-aid authorized.

Do you know?

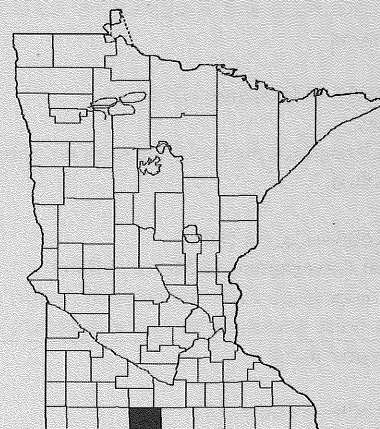
Martin vs. Martin: The bout over the moniker of Martin County pits Henry Martin, Eastern businessman, against Morgan Lewis Martin, Wisconsin territorial delegate to Congress.

Established May 23, 1857, one theory holds that Martin County is named for Henry Martin, a Connecticut Yankee, who lived in Minnesota for just one year and bought large tracts of land in what was then part of Brown and Faribault counties. The area was later designated Martin County by the Territorial Legislature of Minnesota.

The other theory suggests the county was named for Morgan Lewis Martin, a Green Bay lawyer, judge, and one-time member of U.S. Congress who introduced the bill that led to the organization of the Territory of Minnesota.

The Martin v. Martin controversy erupted in the Martin County Sentinel in 1904, when a writer championed Wisconsin's Martin in rebuttal to the newspaper's touting of Connecticut's Martin.

It's now believed that both Martins played a role in the adoption of the Martin County name.



Coming Up Next Week . . . April 22-26, 1991

Committee Schedule

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MONDAY, April 22

8 a.m.

Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Regulation Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Overviews: Leech Lake Cultural
Center; Great Cloquet/Moose Lake Fire
Museum; Meighen Store; Kee Theatre Group;
and cosmetology.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Riders. Preliminary allocations.

Environment & Natural Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

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

Agenda: Allocations.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

Agenda: HF1580 (Anderson, R. H.) Waseca
campus alternative uses study and governance
authorized, campus property transfer allowed,
and money appropriated.

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

HF0700 (Nelson, K.) Education Finance
Omnibus.

This meeting will last until 11 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Allocations: Department of Human
Services. Various bills to be announced.

State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Final allocations.

10 a.m.

JUDICIARY

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

Agenda: HF1170 (Hausman)/SF0268 Human
rights act; statute of limitations extended for
violations.

HF1196 (Clark)/SF0979 Butane sales to minors
prohibited.

HF1003 (Knickerbocker)/SF0953 Hennepin
county law library allowed to collect a fee from
convicted criminals in district court.

HF1473 (Pugh)/SF0691 Courts authorized to
set aside financial acts made two years prior to
establishment of guardianship or
conservatorship.

HF1297 (Vellenga)/SF1024 Children; access
rights to children violations provided penalties.
HF0197 (Dawkins) Birth records; eliminates
restrictions on disclosing birth records of
children born to unmarried women.

HF1621 (Vellenga) Drug free school zone to
include post-secondary and technical colleges
and public housing property, local correctional
guidelines developed, reporting and chemical
use assessments required for felony conviction,
and money appropriated.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: HF0996 (Pelowski) Telephone
assistance; applicant eligibility certified before
benefits are received.

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

12:30 p.m.

Banking Division/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wally Sparby

Agenda: HF1359 (Thompson) Mortgage lender
required to provided counseling for reverse
mortgage loans and penalties provided.

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

After session

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle

Agenda: Continuation from previous hearing.

6:30 p.m. (or 1 hour after session, whichever
is later)

State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Final allocations.

TUESDAY, April 23

8 a.m.

Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Regulation Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: To be announced.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Riders. Bonding. Preliminary
allocations.

Environment & Natural Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

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

Agenda: Allocations.

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Allocations: Department of Human
Services. Various bills to be announced.

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: HF0700 (Nelson, K.) Education
Finance Omnibus.

HF0713 (Solberg) Public defender law
provided technical corrections, defense witness
paid travel fees, justice system provisions
modified, and money appropriated.
HF1088 (Segal) Regional seed capital program
established.

HF1086 (Ogren) Truth-in-taxation newspaper publication requirement for proposed taxes modified. (Omnibus tax bill.)
This meeting is scheduled to last until session.

8:15 a.m.

**State Government Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Final allocations.

8:30 a.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: HF1114 (Kahn) State agencies required to have gender balance.
Informational consideration of Article 4, HF1571 (Carruthers) Finance department provisions modified for collections, disclosures, and electronic fund transfers, penalties provided, and money appropriated.

10 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: HF1406 (O'Connor)/SF0875 Abstract holder to provide annual notice to mortgagor.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF1323 (Tunheim)/SF1216 Land conveyance authorized to the town of Lake in Roseau county.
HF0064 (Dauner)/SF0083 Hitterdal in Clay county authorized to sell certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water.
HF0065 (Dauner)/SF0084 Barnesville in Clay county authorized to sell certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water.
HF0781 (Dille)/SF0783 Infectious waste control act clarified to cover veterinarians.
Exotic species report.
GEIS on timber harvesting in Minnesota.
Testimony and discussion.
Meeting is scheduled to last until 12:20 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle
Agenda: SF0990/(HF0654 Jefferson) Child care providers to receive initial and ongoing training in cultural diversity.
HF1591 (Greenfield) Residential care home health and safety standards established and licensure required.
HF1263 (Onnen) Medical assistance and general assistance medical care; payment rates for hospitals, services covered, and eligibility requirements clarified.
Any leftover bills from previous hearing.

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal
Agenda: HF0968 (Winter)/SF0887 Economic development policy commission established and money appropriated.

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

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid
Agenda: SF0643/HF0635 (Rodosovich) Redistricting provided goals and deadlines and voters provided certain rights.
Initial discussion: SF0225/HF1053 (Scheid) Contributions to constitutional officers reduced, preprimary expenditures limited, and reducing the public subsidy to unopposed candidates.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT &
METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson
Agenda: Continuation of the April 18, 1991 agenda.
HF1635 (Orfield) Solid waste, household hazardous waste, and other problem materials management plans adopted by counties.

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

After session

**Government Structures Division/
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor
Agenda: HF0165 (Bishop) State board of public defense created.

*****Time to be announced*****

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF1449 (Seaberg)/SF0271 State planning commissioner to coordinate preparation of a criminal justice system impact statement for certain bills creating new crimes and increasing sentences for existing crimes.
HF1145 (Scheid)/SF0766 Seat belts; failure to use seat belts admissible in litigation involving personal injuries or property damage.
HF1280 (Pugh) Hazardous waste; responsible person not to include a government unit using eminent domain, or a person involuntarily acquiring property.
HF1462 (Greenfield) Water supply system provisions modified and epidemiologic information collected for occupational health and safety study.
HF1173 (Hausman) Mineral exploration and exploratory boring data classification and access regulated.

HF0675 (Brown) Liability; liquor establishments provided immunity for Breathalyzer tests.
HF1215 (Bertram) Agricultural law violations provided penalties.

6:30 p.m. (or 1 hour after session, whichever is later)

**State Government Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Final allocations.

WEDNESDAY, April 24

8 a.m.

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

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: Allocations.
**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Language items. Final allocations.
HF1080 (Nelson, K.) Higher Education Coordinating Board required to make recommendations to the legislature regarding linking funding of post-secondary education systems.

**Environment & Natural Resources Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: Allocations.

**Human Resources Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Allocations: Department of Human Services. Various bills to be announced.

8:15 a.m.

**State Government Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Final allocations.

10 a.m.

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS &
INSURANCE**

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: HF0603 (Carruthers) Consumer reporting agency not to prohibit release of consumer information.

HF1359 (Thompson) Mortgage lender required to provided counseling for reverse mortgage loans and penalties provided.

HF1517 (Skoglund) Personal property replacement insurance to cover actual replacement costs and residential renter's insurance policy requirements provided.

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: Public testimony: HF1086 (Ogren) Truth-in-taxation newspaper publication requirement for proposed taxes modified. (Omnibus tax bill.)

This meeting will last until session.

12:30 p.m.

ENERGY

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

Agenda: HF0884 (Hausman) Nuclear power plants; certificate of need issuance for construction of new plants prohibited until the public utilities commission is satisfied that there is a safe disposal method available.

Rate making by the PUC. How does energy conservation fit into rate making?

JUDICIARY

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

Agenda: To be announced.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: HF0655 (Lasley) Semitrailers provided maximum rear bumper heights and other equipment provisions.

HF1376 (Garcia) Frontage road eligibility for state funding expanded to include those not immediately adjacent to a trunk highway within a municipality.

HF0099 (Pelowski) Disabled American veterans highway and rest area designated.

HF0159 (Steensma) Towns authorized to receive assistance for bridge projects.

HF0628 (Brown) Seat belt violation provided increased fine.

HF0823 (Lynch) Handicapped parking permit eligibility extended to motorcycles, metered parking regulated, and space designation clarified.

HF0709 (Johnson, V.)/SF0368 City officials appointed as deputy registrars.

HF0612 (Smith) Landowners provided use of railroad right-of-way.

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

6:30 p.m. (or 1 hour after session, whichever is later)

State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Final allocations.

7 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: HF0601 (Reding) Teleracing facilities licensed and parimutuel wagering authorized. HF0348 (Osthoff) Gaming department and commissioner abolished.

HF0504 (Solberg) Gambling organization record keeping required, lawful purpose expenditure expanded, and accounting manual prepared.

THURSDAY, April 25

8 a.m.

Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Regulation Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Allocations.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Walk through bill draft.

Environment & Natural Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

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

Agenda: Allocations.

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Allocations: Department of Human Services. Various bills to be announced.

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: HF1086 (Ogren) Truth-in-taxation newspaper publication requirement for proposed taxes modified. (Omnibus tax bill.) This meeting is scheduled to last until session.

8:15 a.m.

State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Final allocations.

12:30 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: To be announced.

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

6:30 p.m. (or 1 hour after session, whichever is later)

State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Final allocations.

FRIDAY, April 26

8 a.m.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Vote final bill.

Environment & Natural Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

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

Agenda: Allocations.

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Allocations: Department of Human Services. Various bills to be announced.

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: HF1086 (Ogren) Truth-in-taxation newspaper publication requirement for proposed taxes modified. (Omnibus tax bill.) This meeting is scheduled to last all day.

8:15 a.m.

State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Final allocations.

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MINNESOTA INDEX

Minnesota Taxes

Packages of cigarettes sold, per Minnesotan, 1989	92.3
In 1981	120.8
State cigarette tax per package, in cents, 1989	38
In 1969	8
North Carolina state tax, per package, in cents, 1990	2
Sales tax per gallon of gasoline, in cents, 1990	20
Number of states with a lower gas tax	36
State tax on marijuana, per gram	\$3.50
State and local property taxes collected, per capita, 1989	\$658.85
National rank	17
State individual income tax collections, per capita, 1989	\$573.58
National rank	6
Amount of state sales tax collected, per capita, 1989	\$677.62
National rank	9
Dollars spent on motor vehicle licensing fees, per capita, 1989	\$67.88
National rank	4

Source: *The Green Book*, 1991: *Fiscal Facts For Minnesotans*, published by the Minnesota Tax Foundation.

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