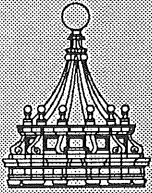


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## Flashback

It was a full day before war broke out in the Persian Gulf, but it was clear the situation in Iraq and Kuwait was on everyone's mind in the Minnesota House.

At the opening day of the Minnesota Horizons '91 conference Jan. 15, Minority Leader Terry Dempsey (IR-New Ulm) welcomed legislators on a somber note.

"This is not the kind of day to be too light-hearted about anything," he said, referring to the United Nations deadline calling for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.

Later in the day, the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee debated a resolution for more than three hours that called on President Bush to further negotiate with Iraq in an effort to avert war (see page 3).

The resolution was recommended to pass, but just 24 hours later, Allied planes began their sorties over Iraq and Kuwait. Much of the damage inflicted there occurred in less time than it took the committee to approve the resolution.

And within minutes of learning of the outbreak of war, Gov. Arne Carlson canceled his scheduled State of the State address Jan. 16 in the House chamber. The speech was to be the focus of the week at the Legislature.

Instead, all attention was directed at a small television monitor outside the House chamber as legislators and staff watched early reports about the conflict.

There was some business-as-usual at the Capitol, however.

Like the swallows of Capistrano, nearly 1,000 students from across Minnesota returned to the Capitol late last week to seize control of the physical meeting place of government (see pages 16-17).

There were also some interesting presentations at the Minnesota Horizons conference, a program that has been held periodically since 1975 (see pages 4-7). Former Sen. John Brandl, for example, told lawmakers that there's no correlation between the quality of state programs and the amount of money spent on them.

But only a few committee meetings were held this week, and that was probably a good thing. The affairs of state government seemed trivial when compared with developments on the international scene.

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On the cover: Jan. 16, 1991. Attention was diverted from the scheduled governor's State of the State address to a small television set in an alcove in front of the House chamber. Rep. Dave Bishop, LaVonne Samstad, a St. Louis Park teacher, House members, and their guests monitored developments in the Persian Gulf.

# Highlights

## Persian Gulf crisis

The United States and its allies went to war Jan. 16 with Iraq, but the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee wished they hadn't.

Following more than three hours of emotional debate Jan. 15, the committee approved a resolution calling on the president to further negotiate with Iraq in an effort to avert war.

But since the outbreak of war, it's expected that the measure, which is authored by Rep. Paul Ogren (DFL-Aitkin), will be amended to support the Allied troops. The next scheduled House Session is Jan. 22.

"The greatest tragedy would be for [Iraqi President] Saddam Hussein to force our hand," Ogren told members of the committee. The measure (HF14) was approved on a voice vote.

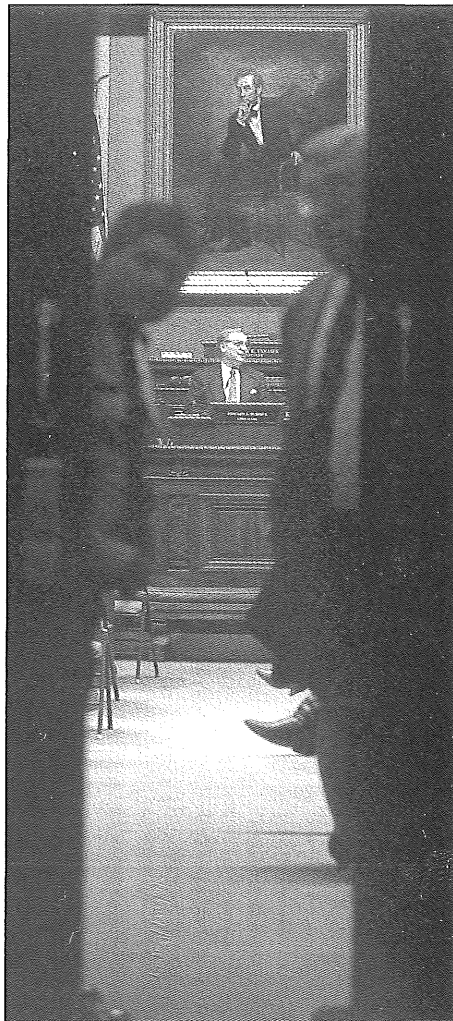
House Minority Leader Terry Dempsey (IR-New Ulm) proposed a different resolution that, in effect, echoed the sentiments of Congress that gave President Bush the option to use military force. But the measure was voted down.

"The Ogren bill sends the wrong message to Congress, to the president, and to the troops in the Gulf," says Dempsey.

Before the final voice vote was taken, nearly all of the 24 committee members offered their perspective on the Persian Gulf crisis.

"This is a sober, somber, serious moment, but we ought not try to supplant the feelings of Congress," says Rep. Sally Olsen (IR-St. Louis Park).

"What we're doing here is urging the president, despite the power he's been granted by Congress, to pursue all possible non-war situations," says Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls.).



Gov. Arne Carlson rehearsed his State of the State address in the afternoon on Jan. 16. Later, he postponed the address because of the military breakout in the Persian Gulf.

## School fund debate

Are a few Minnesotans getting a "sweetheart deal" on state property sales and leases at the expense of Minnesota schools?

That was the focus of a debate in the Education Committee Jan. 14 about the Minnesota Permanent School Fund.

Picking up from a similar debate last session, Education Committee Chair Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple-Lake) alleged that some Minnesota residents are allowed to lease or buy land at a

level that is not subject to the forces of the marketplace.

The Permanent School Fund was established in 1857 when the federal government turned over 8.25 million acres of federal land to the state as part of the enabling act which created Minnesota. The state has sold all but 2.5 million acres of that land, and since 1986 has attempted to sell off all its lakeshore property — much of which had been leased by private citizens.

The proceeds of the leasing and sales have been channeled into the Permanent School Fund.

The state has actually spent more money in preparing the lakeshore property for sale than it has recovered, according to a DNR report on the fund. And that is one of the problems McEachern says he has with the program.

McEachern was critical of a 1990 floor amendment offered by Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia) that allowed people who leased the state land to withdraw the property up to 10 days before the scheduled sale.

According to the DNR report, there were 69 such withdrawals in 1990 which cost the state \$63,000 in appraisal and administrative costs — money that can only be partially recovered if the lands are eventually sold.

After the meeting, Rukavina said he added the floor amendment as a compromise between the interests of the school fund and the people who lease state lakeshore property.

## Horizons '91

Looking at new ways to solve problems was the theme of Minnesota Horizons '91, the latest incarnation of a recurring conference for legislators sponsored by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The scheduled three-day conference at the St. Paul Technical College was cut short by one day because of the start of the Persian Gulf war. But Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 15-16, lawmakers and legislative staff were among those who listened to expert speakers challenge their traditional approaches to dealing with issues in such areas as education, environment, health and infrastructure.

This is the fifth Horizons conference since 1975, says Dan Salomone, director of Senate Counsel and Research and organizer of this year's meeting.

The conference, judging by initial responses, was a success. "There was a lot of interest in (*National Journal* Contributing Editor) Neal Peirce's comments (about) the need to be bold, because a lot of the country is watching Minnesota," Salomone says.

### Money isn't everything

The major problems facing state governments today will not be solved by spending more money, according to former Minnesota state senator John Brandl.

"There is almost no relationship between what the state government spends and what we get for our money," Brandl told former legislative colleagues Jan. 15 on the opening day of the Minnesota Horizons '91 conference.

The Horizons forum, which featured a variety of speakers on state legislative issues, was attended by House and Senate members and staff on Jan. 15 and 16.

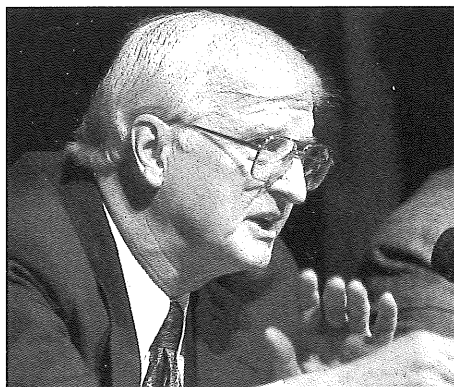
The topic of Brandl's talk was "When There Isn't Enough Money to Go Around." He says a lot of problems with state government can be solved by encouraging it to operate more efficiently.

"State governmental challenges aren't financial, but organizational and

motivational," he says. "Every program that doesn't contain incentives for citizens and government employees to accomplish public purposes or inspire public service should be expected to fail."

Looking at the long-term is what needs to be done, says Brandl. Instead of pursuing the short-term prospects of raising taxes or cutting spending, he advocates designing cost-effective programs that will generate economic growth.

"We need to be designing programs that work — not deciding how much to spend on ones that don't."



Gerald Christenson, chancellor of the Minnesota Community College System discusses issues concerning the post-secondary educational community at Minnesota Horizons '91 on Jan. 16.

### Fewer U. S. House seats?

Minnesota may have retained its eight congressional seats in the 1990 census, but by the year 2000 the state will likely be represented by only seven members in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Those were among the predictions made by Tom Gillaspy, the state demographer who spoke Jan. 15 to state lawmakers at the Minnesota Horizons '91 conference.

Although Minnesota will likely gain 250,000 people during the 1990s, growth here will still lag behind the national average — just as it did in the 1980s, says Gillaspy.

The state, however, will continue to grow faster than any other midwestern state in the 1990s, just as it did in the 1980s, he adds.

Like America as a whole, the population in Minnesota will continue the

trend toward "middle aging" as the baby boom generation gets older.

That, says Gillaspy, will have a profound impact on a variety of policy areas.

The aging population will mean employers will have to spend more for employee benefits, vacation time, and sick leave. And Gillaspy predicts the prudent investment of retirement funds will become one of the big "sleeper" issues of the 1990s.

### Health care access

Minnesota could become the second state in the country to guarantee health care access to all its citizens if the recommendations of the Minnesota Health Care Access Commission are adopted.

Commission Chair Lois Quam spoke at the Minnesota Horizon's '91 conference on Jan. 16 and outlined the commission's plan to do just that.

The 1989 Legislature created the commission and authorized it to develop a health care access plan to submit to the 1991 Legislature.

The plan centers around five recommendations, the first of which is ensuring universal and equitable access to care. Among the cost containment practices would be a focus on preventive care and early medical intervention. The other recommendations are to:

- end discrimination in health care financing. (Insurers would return to the system of "community rating," where costs are shared by all members of a community rather than the existing system of "experience rating," where health status and pre-existing conditions lead to coverage denials and exclusions);
- control health care costs by expanding the role of managed-care facilities, improving delivery, creating a special pool to manage high-cost cases, and imposing a statewide limit on spending;
- consolidate the state's health care programs into a new Department of Health Care Access, which would reduce the duplication of services, increase the state's purchasing leverage, and simplify the system; and
- address the special access needs of

rural Minnesota through financial support, technical assistance, and regulatory and reimbursement changes. (Some farm families spend as much as 40 percent of their income on health insurance.)

Currently, there are 370,000 Minnesotans who do not have health insurance. And of these uninsured, 70,000 (19 percent) are children.

Of the remaining 300,000 uninsured adults, 260,000 (87 percent) are in the work force. Another 366,000 Minnesotans have individually purchased policies which have high premiums and often provide inadequate coverage, says Quam.

She says 11,000 Minnesotans were refused health services in 1990. Hawaii is the only state that guarantees access to health care to all its citizens.

### Positive outlook

Although there's been nothing but bad news about the state budget, author Neal Peirce urged state lawmakers to view their tough predicament as a blessing.

Speaking Jan. 15 at the Minnesota Horizons '91 conference, Peirce suggested state officials "use hard times to open up the door to real alternatives" to save money and offer better services.

Germany, for example, embarked on a program of "radical decentralization"

when it was faced with a budget crisis, says Peirce. Many local units of government were encouraged to merge and share services, which resulted in significant savings.

Peirce, who writes a newspaper column on state and local government issues, also urged lawmakers to rethink many mandatory sentencing provisions that have been enacted in the past decade.

It's "sophomoric and stupid" to believe prison is the only method to deal with criminal offenders, says Peirce, suggesting lawmakers make more use of house arrest, mandatory community service, and other alternative sentencing methods.

He reminded lawmakers that Minnesota actually had a surplus of prison space in the early 1980s, which has since been filled because of the recent spate of get-tough-on-crime bills.

On average, it costs between \$20,000 and \$25,000 per year to keep a person in prison, says Peirce. And that has led many people to liken prisons to the Pac-Man computer game, known for its mouthlike symbol that devours everything in its path.

He also questioned whether Minnesota should maintain 57 public post-secondary degree-granting institutions — an unusually high number, he says.

By contrast, Iowa has only 13 such institutions; Wisconsin has 30.

### Sustainable development

Can economic development and the good of the environment go hand-in-hand?

Yes, say experts in the field of sustainable development and social investment. But it's going to take "a major shift in the policy paradigm," says Robert D. Sopuck of the Ministry of Environment in Manitoba, Canada.

Sopuck was among three speakers to discuss environmental innovations Jan. 16 at the Minnesota Horizons '91 conference.

Sopuck says economic development is a precondition for good environmental policy. The idea of "sustainable development," he says, recognizes that people's needs must be met, but within the limits of the environment.

Lawmakers and legislative staff also heard from John E. Schultz, president of the Minnesota-based Social Investment Forum, and Terry Gips, president of the International Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture, which is based at the University of Minnesota.

Gips told the group that sustainable agriculture, which will likely be discussed this session, must be ecologically sound, economically viable, socially just, and humane.

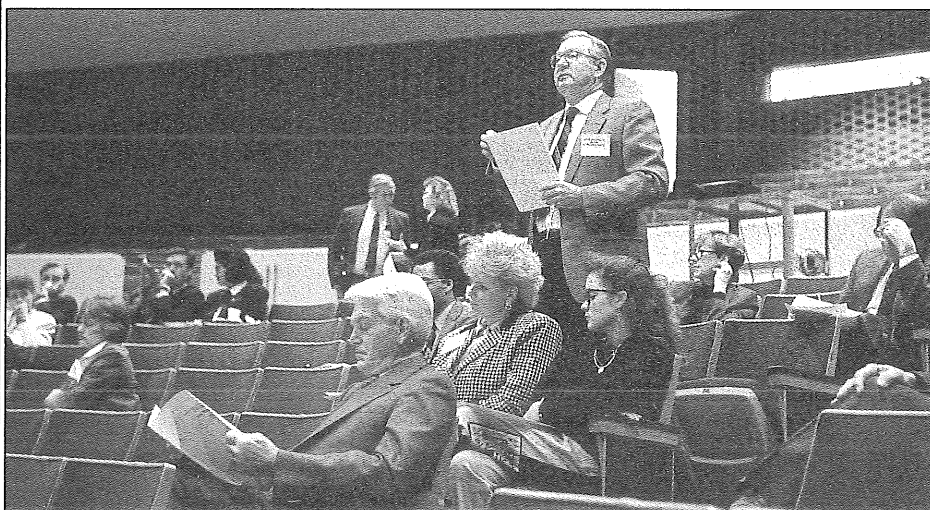
Quoting writers and poets from Wisconsin's Aldo Leopold to Minnesota's own Bob Dylan, Schultz offered a philosophical look at the need for social investment, saying that corporations can no longer look for profits just for shareholders.

### Tax services

Author Neal Peirce says lawmakers could take a page from popular lore when looking this session on where to find extra money to finance state government.

"Bonnie and Clyde robbed banks because that's where the money is," Peirce told lawmakers Jan. 15 at the Minnesota Horizons '91 conference.

While Peirce didn't suggest legislators pick up a sidearm, he did say they might consider extending the state sales tax to more services, which is where a lot of money is now.



Rep. Richard Anderson questioned chancellors from Minnesota's community and technical college systems on whether funds from the closing of the University of Minnesota-Waseca's technical classes should follow the students to the technical college system.

In recent years, several states have extended the sales tax to several services in order to generate more revenue, says Peirce. Among those taxed services were beauty salons, lobbying, and even massage parlors.

Minnesota, however, has extended the tax to several services in recent years, including cable TV — one of the examples Peirce cited.

Although Minnesota is faced with a \$197 million budget shortfall in the present two-year spending cycle and a \$1.2 billion shortfall in the next biennium, the state isn't alone.

Peirce says 31 states face a shortfall this year comprising a total of \$11.6 billion.

California faces a \$1 billion shortfall this year, Connecticut a \$500 million short-term deficit, Florida \$300 million, Rhode Island \$160 million, and Michigan \$979 million.

### Trade war?

If there's anything farmers should fear more than a recession, it's increased protectionism in international trade. That's part of the message members of the Agriculture Committee heard Jan. 14 from three agribusiness experts.

C. Ford Runge, an associate professor at the Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy at the University of Minnesota, told the committee that if the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade fails to trim foreign farming subsidies, the U.S. government might impose restrictions on trade with Japan, South Korea, and the European Community.

"If farmers are looking for something to fear, it's a trade war," Runge says.

Fears of a recession, however, also are high on farmers' lists of concerns, according to Steve Taff, an extension economist at the University of Minnesota. Taff says he doesn't believe that agribusiness could avoid fallout from a recession because many "inefficient" farmers were forced out of business during the farm crisis of the mid-1980s.

Other concerns for farmers in this legislative session, Taff told the committee, include:

- Wetlands, the topic of HF1, introduced by Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-

Duluth). Measures to protect Minnesota's wetlands will clash with farmers' traditional "right to drain" land for planting.

- Animal welfare, whose advocates might present legislation that addresses the treatment of farm animals. Taff suggests farmers compromise with animal rights' advocates: "Livestock agriculture will do itself a great disservice if it circles the wagons against what it perceives as crazy people chipping away at established ways of doing business."

- Liability for groundwater contamination, a worry for lenders who finance farm operations. That concern could affect efforts such as sustainable agriculture, Taff says.

The Agriculture Committee also heard from Paul Christ, vice president of the dairy division of Land O' Lakes Inc. Christ noted that milk prices have fallen 50 percent from last year. "There will be a recovery," he says, "but the process of recovery is very painful and very slow."

### Drug strategy 1991

Minnesota should decentralize its approach to the pervasive alcohol and drug problem. To that end, the recently created state Office of Drug Policy could be phased out.

Those were among the recommendations of *Minnesota Drug Strategy 1991*, a study compiled by the Office of Drug Policy at the direction of the 1989 Legislature.

The 30-page report, which was reviewed Jan. 14 by the Judiciary Committee, concludes that alcohol-and drug-abuse treatment programs need to be more closely tailored to the specific people in need of the services, and make more use of community-based prevention programs such as those serving minority communities.

"The better integrated and coordinated we are in dealing with this problem, the more hopeful we are of solving it," says Jan Smaby, former director of the Office of Drug Policy.

The report also recommends that more emphasis be placed on "community policing," using foot patrols on regular beats who develop a personal contact with people living in neighbor-

hoods where drugs and alcohol are a problem.

"The criminal justice system should also be utilized as a means of getting chemically involved persons into treatment," states the report.

Prosecuting drug offenders on a case-by-case basis is the most expensive way to deal with drug abuse in Minnesota, according to the report, which also recommends more funding for the Head Start program, the Children's Mental Health Act, and other preschool education and family support programs.

The report outlines recommendations which stress prevention *before* the expensive phase of incarceration for drug abuse. High-risk populations should be targeted, it says, through schools, communities, and social service agencies.

Among the report's other recommendations are calls to:

- amend the state's implied consent law so the detection of any controlled substance in a drivers' bloodstreams would result in a suspension of their drivers' licenses;
- expand the definition of drug-free zones to include private and public colleges, vocational schools, and public housing units. (Only schools and parks are currently included in the definition.); and
- establish a computerized central drug information center that contains information on all known dealers and ongoing investigations.

The report calls for a sunset provision in two years for the Office of Drug Policy so its duties can be evaluated and possibly transferred to other state departments.



Reps. Dean Hartle, left, and Bob Haukoos, right, listen to the panel discussion on educational trends for the '90s at Minnesota Horizons '91 on Jan. 16.

## Appropriations cuts

Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls) told members of the Appropriations Committee's Human Resources Division Jan. 14 to prepare for budget cuts and other "complicated stuff" this session.

Greenfield, chair of the division, says Gov. Arne Carlson will likely ask for \$200 million in budget cuts for this biennium to make up the projected \$197 million shortfall.

"We're all returning members in the division, so in light of what we're going to have to do, it's probably a good thing," says Greenfield.

Although all the members of the division are returning from last year, the division's jurisdiction has expanded, and its name has been changed.

The Human Resources Division will have jurisdiction over the 20 state agencies the Health and Human Services Division had authority over last year. In addition, it will oversee 10 other governmental bodies that have been added this year.

Greenfield says the new division could cause complications at the end of session. Since House divisions do not correspond with those of the Senate, a mixture of conference committee members will be meeting on omnibus spending bills.

## Students speak out

Ask students and they give their high schools passing grades. But just barely.

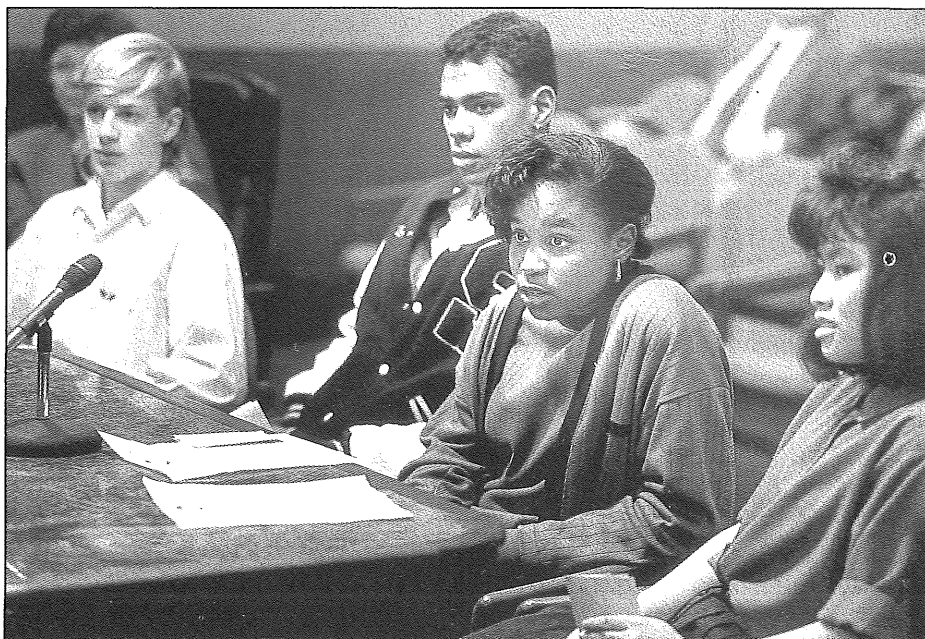
Several high school students from across the state testified before the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee Jan. 14 telling lawmakers what they thought of schools and teachers.

Programs emphasizing individual responsibility and initiative got high marks, but instructors were often chided for not reaching out to students.

And one of their most frequent complaints is a lack of dialogue between teachers and students.

"If you treat a bunch of 17-year-olds like they're in the seventh grade, they're going to act like seventh graders," says Heidi Breer of St. Cloud.

Adds Tom Madden, a sophomore at Southwest High School in Minneapolis, "They can't speak our language." He



Students from Southwest High School in Minneapolis testified before the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee Jan. 14. Left to right: Thomas Madden, Bobby Hankey, Kenya Bryant, and Amelia Chan.

says the tenure system could be contributing to the problem by retaining teachers who can no longer do the job.

High schoolers also say they want a better learning environment, greater variety in class offerings, and more teachers of diverse ethnic backgrounds.

Also, students say the shopworn tradition of classroom lectures followed by tests is a particularly distasteful part of school. Other problems include outdated texts and equipment as well as overcrowding and a lack of discipline in the classroom.

Monica Kenya Bryant, a senior at Southwest High School, thinks schools should place more emphasis on writing and speaking. "If you can't communicate with anyone, you're nowhere," she says.

Although many of their comments were critical, there was also praise for some non-traditional programs, such as the alternative learning program at Southwest and the Area Learning Center (ALC) in St. Cloud.

There are about 30 ALC facilities now operating throughout the state. Students, many of whom are considered at risk of dropping out or who have already left high school, are allowed to juggle their schooling with other life activities such as work or childcare.

Breer says ALCs are successful because students receive one-on-one attention but are also expected to take

responsibility for themselves.

"I go there for one reason only and that's to learn," Breer says. "The responsibility is on my shoulders."

## Redistricting Committee

Drawing new boundaries for the state's 134 House districts is always a divisive issue. So contentious, in fact, that the courts have settled the matter twice in the past.

At the Redistricting Committee's Jan. 15 organizational meeting, Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault) told members he hopes the process will be "an open and fair one, involving the cooperation of both the Senate and the Governor's Office."

Using the 1990 census data, the committee's job is to equalize the population in every district while keeping within natural physical boundaries and local government boundaries whenever possible.

The committee will also reapportion the state's eight congressional districts, and the Metropolitan Council's boundary lines.

In an effort to include all Minnesotans, Rodosovich says he will hold four to eight Redistricting Committee meetings throughout the state beginning next month.

## Budget reduction plan

War in the Persian Gulf has pushed aside affairs of state.

Debate on a \$197 million deficit reduction package, slated to have begun with Gov. Arne Carlson's State of the State address Jan. 16, has been delayed about a week because of the Iraqi conflict.

Carlson's speech, which was to outline his plan to trim \$197 million in state spending for the current budget period ending in June, has been re-scheduled for Jan. 22.

The war with Iraq also has postponed until Jan. 22 debate on a bill introduced by House Independent-Republicans that outlined most of the governor's recommendations.

In its current form, HF47 authored by Rep. Don Frerichs (IR-Rochester), proposes about \$131 million in direct program cuts and requires no use of the state's \$550 million budget reserve fund. Carlson wants to save the reserve for a \$1.2 billion shortfall forecast for the 1992-93 budget period.

Aides to the governor say this round of cuts will appear mild when contrasted with those needed in the next biennium. "This is only one-tenth of what has to be done in the long run," says Finance Commissioner John Gunyou.

Of the \$131 million in reduced appropriations, \$52 million would be taken from state funding for city and county road projects; \$50 million from state aid to local government; \$14 million in funding for higher education, and \$15 million from other programs.

The proposal also calls for shifting about \$60 million back into the general fund from programs for which money has been appropriated, but has not been spent.

This so-called "excess" funding includes about \$9 million dedicated to the Greater Minnesota Corporation and \$16 million for infrastructure projects, both from lottery receipts; \$6.2 in over-funded K-12 educational grant programs; and \$3 million in unused student grants.

The remaining \$6 million in the projected \$197 million deficit savings package would be achieved by delaying

or deferring some state payments.

Initial discussion on the bill, originally planned for Jan. 17, has now been pushed back until Jan. 23; the Ways and Means Committee is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. Jan. 23. Other committees are scheduled to take up more specific aspects of the package later in the week.

## Desegregation report

Curman Gaines, associate superintendent of the St. Paul School District, offered the recommendations of a Minnesota State Board of Education desegregation policy forum report to the Education Committee Jan. 14.

The recommendations call on educators to:

- address educational disadvantages of all racially and culturally isolated students in public schools;
- insure that State Board of Education rules for Indian education be consistent with federal and state statutes;
- acknowledge socioeconomic, as well as racial and ethnic factors, in promoting integration;
- provide technical assistance for parent involvement programs;
- develop a comprehensive policy to significantly increase and retain educators of color, and to provide more race sensitivity training in the teacher licensure certification process; and
- restrict "grouping" to a limited segment of the curriculum.

"Grouping" refers to the resegregation of students within desegregated schools. Committee Chair Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake) questioned whether the proposed experimental black academy in Minneapolis would run counter to the policy forum's recommendation to restrict grouping.

Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls) says that the current system has "desperately failed" some minority groups, adding that more needs to be done to meet the needs of all youth.

## LCMR proposals

Although the state may face a budget shortfall, the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR) is estimated to have more money at its disposal than originally expected.

The cancellation of two state projects and additional revenue collected from the cigarette tax and the state lottery contributed to a \$3.4 million higher estimate for funds overseen by LCMR, which now total an estimated \$35.45 million.

In light of those estimates, the LCMR voted Jan. 11 to recommend \$425,000 in additional spending for three environmental efforts. The LCMR is recommending the money be spent for proposed studies of oak forests, co-composting, and the effect of insecticides on wetlands and upland wildlife.

Although a projected budget shortfall in the 1991-1993 biennium could cut into LCMR's budget, commission members decided to hold off on recommending cuts.

In all, the LCMR is recommending to the Legislature that \$32.4 million be spent for a variety of environmental initiatives in the next biennium.

## Economic development

When businesses employ more workers, Minnesota's income tax base is enhanced and the state's coffers grow.

That's the simple message E. Peter Gillette, commissioner-elect of the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED), delivered to members of the Economic Development Committee Jan. 15.

Committee Chair Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park) invited Gillette to outline his goals for the agency at the committee's organizational meeting.

"The only bottom line is job creation," said Gillette, after describing DTED's four newly reorganized divisions: Business Development and Analysis, Tourism, Trade, and Community Development.

Helping existing Minnesota businesses grow, he adds, should be DTED's first priority for job creation.



# It's a fact!

The pineapple motifs you see throughout the state Capitol represent more than just ordinary fruit.

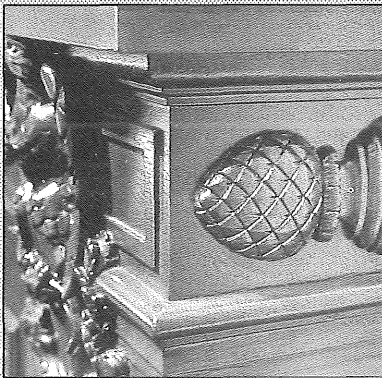
Pineapples are actually an ancient symbol of fertility, although they later came to represent hospitality in 17th century Europe — a meaning that was transported to the New World and Minnesota.

Charles II of England was presented with the first pineapple grown in Great Britain by John Rose, the royal gardener, and thereafter it was cultivated as an exotic fruit.

At the Capitol, you can see pineapples stenciled in the hallways, and at the front of the Senate chambers. But they are most prominent on the hubs of the quadriga, the golden chariot atop the Capitol.

In many older American homes, you'll often find pineapples on banisters, on gate piers or at other points of entrance, and on bedposts — particularly those in guest rooms.

Likewise, pineapples are also sometimes incorporated into silverware designs as a show of hospitality.



Carvings and stencils of pineapples appear throughout the Capitol, including on a corner of the speaker's desk in the House chamber.

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# Anderson eyes future use for Waseca campus

"Man of leisure" was a short-lived phase for Rep. Richard Anderson, the newly elected Independent-Republican from Waseca. Anderson had been retired for less than a year when he jumped into the political contest to represent District 30B in the House.

"I had hoped, in retirement, that there would be some time to pick up my duck hunting," recalls Anderson, who succeeds former Rep. Jeff Conway.

Instead, Anderson and his wife, Jean, are in an apartment near the Capitol, ready for the real work to begin.

Education and agriculture rank among Anderson's top concerns. And that's not surprising given his work the past 20 years: he was superintendent of the University of Minnesota-Waseca's agricultural experiment station.

Anderson says he's baffled by the University of Minnesota's decision to close the Waseca campus — a decision, he adds, that "moved forward without proper discussion."

But if the decision proves to be

irrevocable, Anderson says he hopes the campus can be converted for another educational use — perhaps as a part of the State University System.

This session, he says, enhancing the quality of Minnesota's educational system should be among the top priorities when wrestling with the projected budget shortfall.

He says he's pleased with the committee assignments he has received. In addition to being named to the Education Committee, he's also serving on the Agriculture Committee, both among his top choices.

Farming is important to rural Waseca, and to the whole state — a fact, according to Anderson, that is often forgotten as farmers' numbers continue to shrink.

"Cumulatively, it is still Minnesota's number one industry," he says. "We tend to think of agriculture only in terms of production." And since there are fewer people involved in that, he says "they are regarded as politically insignificant."

Like many of his freshman colleagues, Anderson says he plans to spend a great deal of time observing the process.



## Richard Anderson

District: 30B

Age: 64

Home: Waseca

Occupation: Retired

District traits: Contains portions of Dodge, Steele, Mower, Freeborn, and Waseca counties in southern Minnesota. The district's largest city is Waseca.

# Service important to former Peace Corps worker

Stepping into a new environment and working for the common good is a specialty for Rep. Larry Bodahl (DFL-Waconia).

"I think we should all give back as much as we can in service," says the former Peace Corps volunteer and ex-mayor of Waconia.

Bodahl started his career in public service in Jamaica with his wife, Jane, where they served a two-year stint with the Peace Corps. He also worked as a city planner in Oregon before returning to their native Minnesota.

Bodahl then spent 14 years working in local government starting with a city planning job in Victoria, Minn.

"But a week later the administrator left and I filled in the position," recalls Bodahl. "So I spent the next 12 years as city administrator before I was elected mayor of Waconia in 1987."

When a constituent asked the then-mayor if he had ever considered running for state office, Bodahl says he "seized the moment."

The opportunity to step into state government, says Bodahl, just seemed right.

District 35B voters agreed and turned out seven-term member K.J. McDonald, a colorful Independent-Republican known for his oratory.

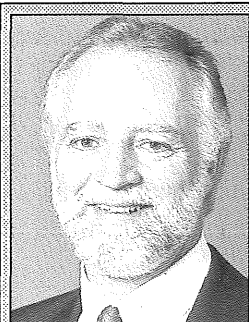
Now, Bodahl is drawing on his experience in local government to help benefit his diverse constituency on the state level.

With a district that runs the gamut from high-income, white-collar professionals to rural family farmers, good representation requires a thoughtful approach, says Bodahl.

"I'm looking to my background to be able to be empathetic to all sides. My agenda is not point-specific, special-interest," he says. "I'm not here to dismantle, I'm here to improve."

Formulating a long-term energy policy for Minnesota is one area where Bodahl hopes to contribute as a member of the Energy Committee.

"That's a sign of the times," he says. "In the '70s we had very strong energy policies that we let slide in the '80s. It's being revisited."



## Larry Bodahl

District 35B

Age: 43

Home: Waconia

Occupation: Strategic planning consultant

District traits: Contains parts of Scott and Carver counties to the south and west of Minneapolis. The district is both agricultural and suburban, taking in the town of Norwood and the southwestern tip of Lake Minnetonka.

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Sparby, Wally (DFL-Thief River Falls) 1B  
Financial Institutions & Insurance—Banking  
Div., Chair  
Ways & Means, Vice Chair  
Appropriations—Environment & Natural  
Resources Div.  
Agriculture  
Economic Development—International Trade &  
Technology Div.

Stanius, Brad (IR-White Bear Lake) 53B  
Appropriations—Human Resources Div.  
Financial Institutions & Insurance—Banking Div.  
Regulated Industries  
Ways & Means

Steensma, Andy (DFL-Luverne) 27B  
Agriculture, Vice Chair  
Appropriations—Economic Development,  
Infrastructure & Regulation Div.  
Health & Human Services  
Transportation

Sviggum, Steve (IR-Kenyon) 26A  
Taxes  
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming  
—Veterans Affairs Div.  
Health & Human Services  
Labor-Management Relations

Swenson, Doug (IR-Forest Lake) 55A  
Appropriations  
—Environment & Natural Resources Div.  
Health & Human Services  
Judiciary—Criminal Justice Div.

Thompson, Loren (DFL-Waubun) 10A  
Education—Higher Education Div., Vice Chair  
Commerce  
Economic Development—International Trade &  
Technology Div.  
Housing

Tompkins, Eileen (IR-Apple Valley) 37A  
Appropriations—State Government Div.  
Health & Human Services  
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Trimble, Steve (DFL-St. Paul) 67B  
Appropriations—State Government Div.  
Economic Development  
Energy  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Rules & Legislative Administration

Tunheim, Jim (DFL-Kennedy) 1A  
Ethics, Chair  
Education—Education Finance Div.  
Ethics  
Regulated Industries  
Transportation

Uphus, Sylvester (IR-Sauk Centre) 15A  
Governmental Operations  
—Government Structures Div.  
Agriculture  
Economic Development—International Trade &  
Technology Div.  
Transportation

Valento, Don (IR-Little Canada) 54A  
Taxes  
Housing  
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs  
Rules & Legislative Administration  
Transportation

Vanasek, Robert (DFL-New Prague) 25A  
Ways & Means, Chair  
Taxes  
Rules & Legislative Administration

Vellenga, Kathleen (DFL-St. Paul) 64A  
Judiciary, Chair  
Taxes  
Health & Human Services  
Judiciary—Criminal Justice Div.  
Rules & Legislative Administration

Wagenius, Jean (DFL-Mpls) 62B  
Judiciary, Vice Chair  
Taxes  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Judiciary—Criminal Justice Div.  
Transportation

Waltman, Bob (IR-Elgin) 26B  
Education—Higher Education Div.  
Environment & Natural Resources  
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs &  
Gaming—Veterans Affairs Div.  
Transportation

Weaver, Charlie (IR-Champlin) 49A  
Education—Education Finance Div.  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Wejcman, Linda (DFL-Mpls) 60B  
Governmental Operations  
Energy  
Health & Human Services  
Judiciary  
Housing

Welker, Ray (IR-Montevideo) 20B  
Appropriations—State Government Div.  
Labor-Management Relations  
Judiciary—Criminal Justice Div.

Welle, Alan (DFL-Willmar) 15B  
Health & Human Services, Chair  
Taxes  
Redistricting  
Transportation

Wenzel, Stephen (DFL-Little Falls) 13B  
Agriculture, Chair  
Appropriations  
—Environment & Natural Resources Div.  
Financial Institutions & Insurance  
Labor-Management Relations

Winter, Ted (DFL-Fulda) 28A  
Financial Institutions & Insurance, Vice Chair  
Taxes  
Agriculture  
Economic Development—International Trade &  
Technology Div.  
Environment & Natural Resources

## 1991 House Leadership Series . . .

# Vanasek hopes to tone down partisanship

He'll be spending the next several months running the show in the House of Representatives, but Rep. Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) will remain a member of his community's volunteer fire department.

The department is good training: As speaker of the House, Vanasek will have plenty of political fires to put out.

If Vanasek has a goal for the session, it's "that we finish on time, with a balanced budget, with a correct set of priorities." The top three priorities, as reflected by HF1, 2, and 3, are wetlands, health care access, and school funding.

And "on time" for Vanasek means May 20; he doesn't see a need for a special session.

But before the Legislature decides what it wants to do with those issues, it has a big blaze to douse — a \$197 million budget shortfall for the remainder of this biennium.

Vanasek says he believes Gov. Arne Carlson's proposals — cutting aid to local government, slashing transportation projects, and freezing state employees' pay — need serious discussion. But, Vanasek adds, "I would not close the door on using some of the budget reserve."

Once the problem of the current biennium's budget is resolved, Vanasek and the rest of the Legislature will have to wrestle with the next biennium, for which a \$1.2 billion revenue shortfall is predicted. "We're not planning on any tax increase, so we're going to have to look at existing budgets," he says.

Of Vanasek's top three priorities, he says all are controversial yet have some chance of passing this session:

- **Wetlands:** Rep. Willard Munger's (DFL-Duluth) HF1 is expected to have challenges, but Vanasek foresees that, with some modification, it will succeed.
- **Health care access:** Rep. Paul A. Ogren (DFL-Aitkin) has introduced HF2, a wide-ranging health care access bill that would appropriate money for a state health insurance program. But the governor says he'd like to hold off on the bill until 1993. That, Vanasek says, will make it hard to pass Ogren's

complete package. "I think [the Legislature] is unlikely to fully fund the proposal as proposed by the Health Care Access Commission," Vanasek says.

- **School funding:** Some of the inequities in school district debt service and referendum levies were corrected in 1989, says Vanasek, but more work is needed.

During his first three years as speaker, Vanasek says he tried to reduce the level of partisanship. It's a course he expects to follow this session as well, but this will be the first year since being elected speaker that he will work with an Independent-Republican governor.

"There are times when partisan debate is appropriate," Vanasek concedes, but he adds that many issues facing the state are not defined by party orientation. He expects new House Minority Leader Terry Dempsey (IR-New Ulm) to help moderate the level of partisanship.

Although this session has started with gloomy reports of a national recession and the war in the Persian Gulf, Vanasek points to the state's diversified economy and strong budget reserve as reasons for optimism.

"Minnesota is as prepared as any state in the country to weather a recession," he says.

—Andris Straumanis

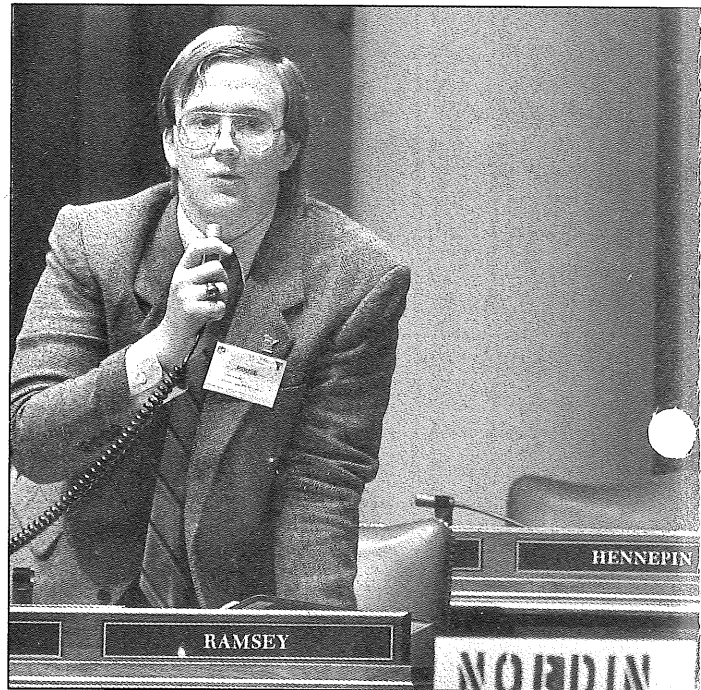


House Speaker Robert Vanasek

Right: Heather Dunbar, a senior at Hopkins High School, calls the House to order as the Youth in Government speaker of the House.



Below: Ryan Sammon, a junior at Bethlehem Academy in Faribault, takes time out to read the newspaper while listening to a floor debate.



Jeff Fecke, left, a junior at Burnsville High School, spoke in favor of an animal rights bill authored by Jenny Olmsted, right, a senior at Bloomington Jefferson High School.



Brian Nelson, a senior at Burnsville High School, enjoys a light moment on the House floor.

Youth in Government . . .

***Leading the way***



With speed likely envied by their older counterparts, nearly 1,000 Minnesota Youth in Government participants tackled a year's worth of state government issues during four days of hearings and arm-twisting at the Capitol Jan. 10-13.

Junior and senior high school students from across Minnesota had been preparing for their days at the seat of state government since last fall.

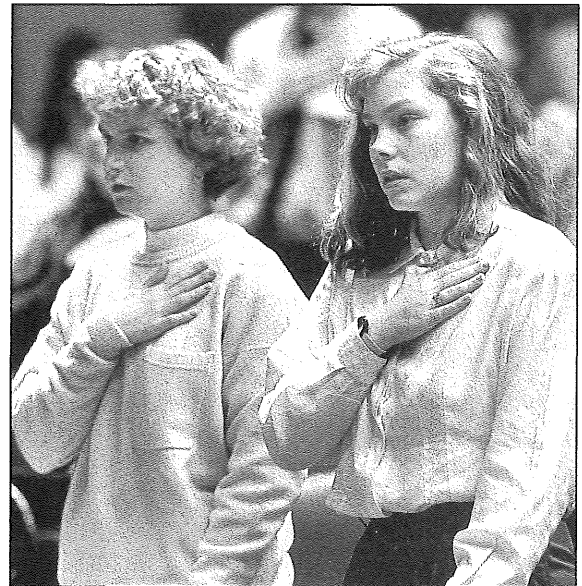
They began and ended their takeover of the Capitol with a flourish. They introduced bills to: establish recycling programs, increase penalties for drunken drivers, and make high school graduation requirements more stringent. They even

proposed legislation to outlaw misguided fashion statements.

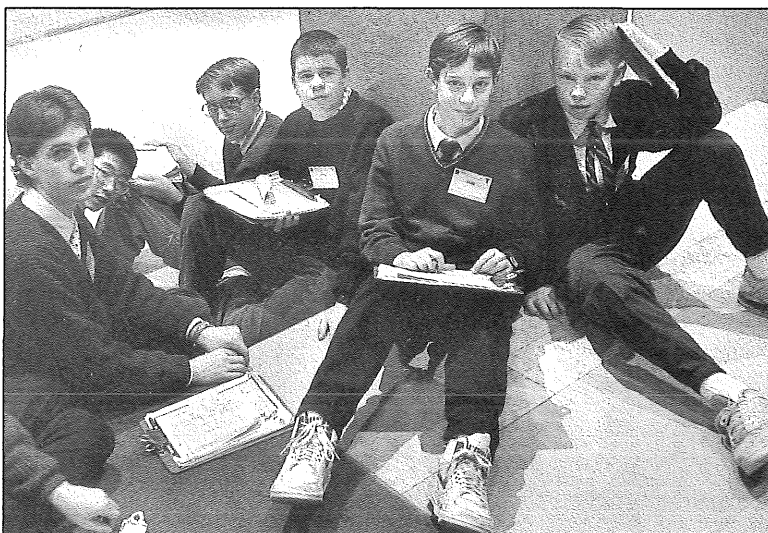
In all, the students debated about 550 separate bills during the session; 60 were approved and sent to Youth Gov. Samantha Alley for her signature. Other participants also took on the duties of constitutional officers, state judges, lobbyists, and reporters.

"Everything that we would consider here is considered by them," says Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault), director of the program, who was a participant in the 1970s.

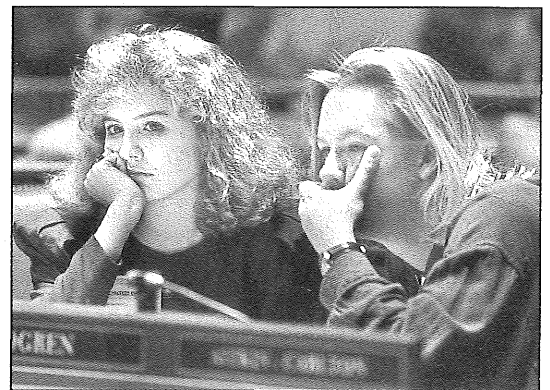
The YMCA sponsors the Youth in Government program annually.



Beth Uittenbogaard *left*, a senior at Faribault High School, and Molly Johnson, a senior at Bethlehem Academy in Faribault, say the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of the first day of the Youth in Government program Jan. 10.



A group of Youth in Government participants regroup outside the House chamber.



Dawn Harrison, *left*, a senior at Shakopee High School, and Paul Kulbitski, a senior at Burnsville High School, listen as a bill is debated on the House floor.

Looking back . . .

## Minnesota Blacks twice denied right to vote

*Editor's note: The Legislature will not be in session on Martin Luther King Day Jan. 21. We offer this feature in his memory.*

Minnesota has often been considered a progressive state. But few Minnesotans know that on two occasions Minnesota voters denied Black men and Indian men the right to vote.

The first time was in 1865 when an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution was proposed that would have granted voting rights to all men.

But the proposed amendment, which was put on the ballot that year by the Republican Legislature, was voted down by the people by a 54.7-45.3 percent margin. The vote total was 14,651 people voting against the amendment; 12,135 for it.

It was the first of two defeats for Black men and Indian men in Minnesota on the enfranchisement question, but it was one issue where the Republican-dominated Legislature was out in front of the people.

Undaunted by the setback, Republicans in the Legislature — who were urged on by Republican Gov. William Marshall — once again worked to get a bill passed that would put the question of Black enfranchisement on the ballot.

They succeeded in 1867, but the measure failed once again, although by a much smaller margin. This time the vote was 28,794 against the proposal and 27,479 for it, a margin of 51.2 percent to 48.8 percent.

But the Republicans — aided by the people — were successful the following year. In 1868, Minnesota voters approved the equal suffrage amendment by a 56.7 percent to 43.3 percent margin. The final vote was 39,493 people in favor of the amendment and 30,121 against it.

Marshall urged passage of the amendment by quoting Byron, "For freedom's battle once begun . . . Though baffled oft, is ever won."

The state Constitution was subsequently amended by granting the

franchise to Black men, Indian men, and mixed-blooded males over the age of 21.

This ended a stormy chapter on the question of equal suffrage that began even before Minnesota became a state in 1858.

It began in the summer of 1857 when the constitution conventions of Minnesota met in St. Paul to draw up a state constitution.

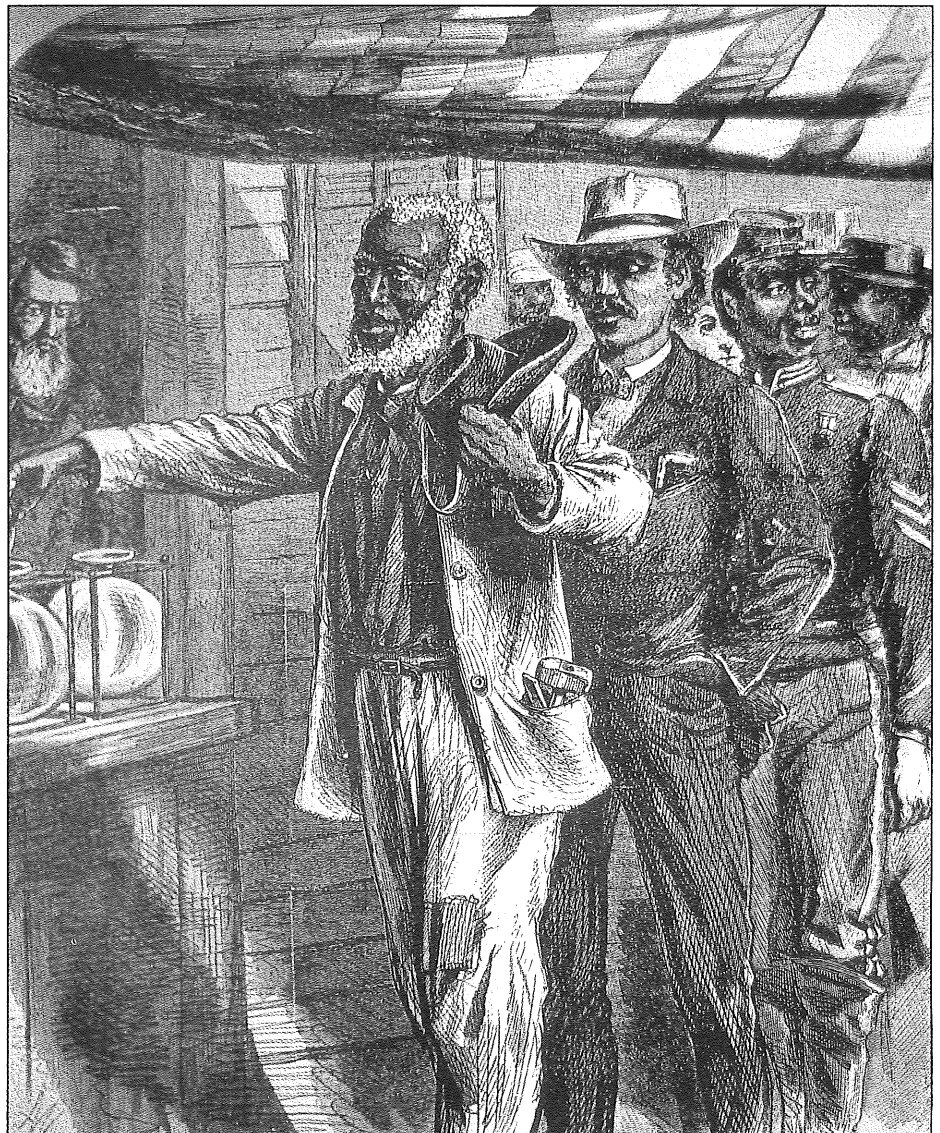
One of several hotly debated questions of the conventions was whether the right to vote should be extended to

all men or only "free White men?"

The Democrats framed the debate as a struggle between "White supremacy" and "Negro equality," and accused Republicans of playing politics on behalf of "Negroes" to swell Republican voting ranks.

Marshall, on the other hand, said the right to vote should be extended to Black men because it was "just and right."

In fact, Marshall was elected on a platform favoring the extension of suffrage, whereas the Democrats



"The First Vote" drawn by A.U. Waud appeared in *Harper's Weekly* magazine in 1867. In the South, Blacks voted in large numbers after the Civil War. In Minnesota, Black men were first granted the right to vote in 1868 after two prior attempts to grant suffrage to all men failed.

opposed it arguing that the immediate enfranchisement of "this enervated and ignorant race" might introduce "in our system an element of disaffection, danger and corruption."

Following passage of the suffrage amendment, Blacks in Minnesota jubilantly held a state convention of their own on Jan. 1, 1869 — the sixth anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation — and listened to an address by Marshall.

"In the name of the state of Minnesota, which has relieved itself of the reproach of unjust discrimination against a class of its people, I welcome you to your political enfranchisement," Marshall told the gathering.

Although present-day Minnesotans may find it surprising that voters twice turned down the chance to extend voting rights to Black men, Minnesota was one of the few states to enfranchise Blacks and Indians voluntarily.

The battle for "Negro suffrage" was won two years before the Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was adopted, with its provision that the right to vote "shall not be denied or abridged in the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

So viewed in historical context, Minnesota could still be considered a progressive state.

—Beverly Smith

## Minority membership increases

A little-noticed piece of history may have occurred when the 77th Session of the Minnesota Legislature convened Jan. 8.

There are now three House members with minority backgrounds, which is apparently more than at any time in the state's history.

Two are newly elected members Edwina Garcia (DFL-Richfield) and Carlos Mariani (DFL-St. Paul), who are Hispanic. The third is incumbent Rep. Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls) who is Black.

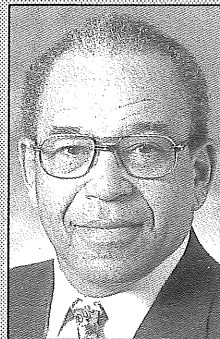
Prior to this session, there were only two minority members serving in the House at any one time. This occurred in 1973 and 1979.

Ray Pleasant, who was elected in 1973 and served until 1981, was the second Black person to be elected to the House.

And the late Frank DeGroat of Detroit Lakes, who was elected in 1962 and served until 1974, was the first and only known American Indian to serve in the House.

Frank Rodriguez, who is Hispanic, was elected in a 1979 special election and served until 1981.

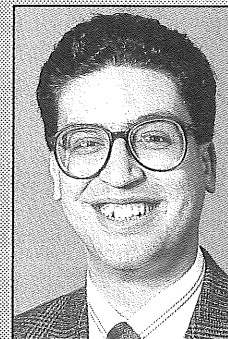
The first Black House member was John Francis Wheaton, who was elected in 1899.



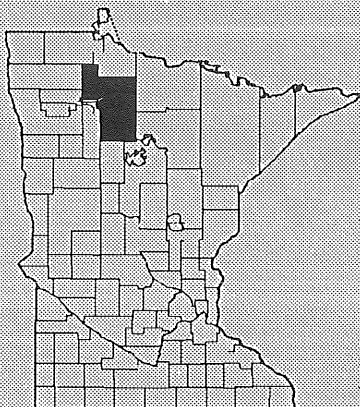
Rep. Richard Jefferson



Rep. Edwina Garcia



Rep. Carlos Mariani



## Do you know?

Giacomo Beltrami's quixotic search for the source of the "King of Rivers" ended in disrepute, but his gift for self-promotion was so strong that settlers in northern Minnesota later named a county in his honor.

Banished from his native Italy in 1821, Beltrami set off for the New World and eventually found himself abandoned near the Red Lake River in the farthest reaches of the Louisiana Territory.

Convinced he was joined by the spirits of Marco Polo, Columbus, and other famed Italian explorers, Beltrami made his way to the heart-shaped lake which he christened Lake Julia after a woman friend, and proclaimed it the source of both the Red Lake and Mississippi rivers.

His book triumphing his travels met mixed reviews: it was praised for its stirring narrative but criticized for its many inaccuracies. By 1825, Beltrami went to the public in his own defense and sharply denounced his critics.

# Bill Introductions

HF0013-HF0066

Monday, Jan. 14

HF0013—Rest (DFL)

Taxes

National guard and reserve members called to active duty allowed extension to file income tax returns and property tax refund claims.

HF0014—Ogren (DFL)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Persian Gulf; President and Congress to seek a peaceful solution.

HF0015—Ostrom (DFL)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Persian Gulf; President and Congress to seek a peaceful solution.

HF0016—Vellenga (DFL)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Persian Gulf; President and Congress to seek a peaceful solution.

HF0017—Clark (DFL)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Persian Gulf; President and Congress to seek a peaceful solution.

HF0018—Anderson, R. (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Glendalough state park in Otter Tail county established.

HF0019—Lasley (DFL)

Education

Cambridge community college granted full campus status and money appropriated.

HF0020—Winter (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Insurance

Insurers required to permit insureds to inspect medical records obtained in connection with a claim.

HF0021—Bertram (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Medical waste incineration facilities required to have an environmental impact statement and air emission permit.

HF0022—Kalis (DFL)

Agriculture

University of Minnesota Board of Regents memorialized to refrain from closing its Waseca campus.

HF0023—Blatz (IR)

Governmental Operations

Teachers allowed to purchase prior service credit after unrequested leave of absence.

HF0024—Kahn (DFL)

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

Voting age reduced to 16 years of age.

HF0025—Sviggum (IR)

Education

General education revenue equity provided.

HF0026—Jaros (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Health care plan for uninsured and underinsured established.

HF0027—Dawkins (DFL)

Housing

Community land trusts for low- and moderate-income persons and families established and money appropriated.

HF0028—Johnson, R. (DFL)

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

Lottery advertisement exploiting religious holidays prohibited.

HF0029—Skoglund (DFL)

Transportation

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

HF0030—Frederick (IR)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

North Mankato real property exempted from certain requirements relating to covenants.

HF0031—Simoneau (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Fire protection system advisory council created and personnel licensed and certified, criminal activity defined and money appropriated.

HF0032—Skoglund (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Insurance

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

HF0033—Sviggum (IR)

Health & Human Services

Hospital payment rates and payment rate determinations appeals excluded from retroactive effect.

HF0034—Tunheim (DFL)

Education

Maximum effort loans and maximum effort loan bond issue approved.

HF0035—Lieder (DFL)

Agriculture

Red River Valley winter shows included as a state agricultural society member.

HF0036—Welle (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Physician licensing requirements changed for reciprocal licensing of physicians from other states and foreign medical school graduates; and cancellation or nonrenewal of license provided.

HF0037—Welle (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations

Volunteer rescue squad workers organized under authority of a political subdivision defined as employees for purposes of workers' compensation.

HF0038—Welle (DFL)

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

Governor; constitutional amendment provided to limit election to office not more than twice.

HF0039—Trimble (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Health care plan for uninsured and underinsured established and money appropriated.

HF0040—Bauerly (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Wetland establishment, restoration, and enhancement act of 1991 adopted.

HF0041—Rukavina (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Virginia firefighters relief association to continue widow benefits after remarriage.

HF0042—Sviggum (IR)

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

Lawful purpose expenditure to include costs of a required audit.

HF0043—Uphus (IR)

Taxes

Pope county special levy approved.

HF0044—Begich (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Eveleth police officers and firefighters trust fund; benefit increase to certain police officers, firefighters, and surviving spouses authorized.

HF0045—Jaros (DFL)  
Taxes  
Seafarers permitted to pay estimated taxes in one installment.

HF0046—Jaros (DFL)  
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming  
Voters required to vote in every election.

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Wednesday Jan. 16

HF0047—Frerichs (IR)  
Ways & Means  
Appropriations reduced and transferred for the biennium ending June 30, 1991, and money appropriated.

HF0048—Solberg (DFL)  
Commerce  
Used car dealers required to disclose applicable express warranties and service contracts before selling or offering for sale a motor vehicle service contract or express warranty.

HF0049—Trimble (DFL)  
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming  
Stepparents day designated.

HF0050—Marsh (IR)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Counties required to have wetland protection and enhancement program.

HF0051—Beard (DFL)  
Taxes  
Military service performed in the Persian Gulf since August 2, 1990 defined as combat zone service for income tax purposes.

HF0052—Beard (DFL)  
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming  
Congress to enact H.R. 3603 relating to disclosure of information concerning POW/MIA's.

HF0053—Brown (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Public fire safety educator sunset provision repealed.

HF0054—Solberg (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Juries; persons 75 years or older and impaired excused from jury service upon request.

HF0055—Orenstein (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Soft body armor costs not to be deducted from peace officer clothing, maintenance, or similar allowance.

HF0056—Johnson, A. (DFL)  
Education  
Elementary school staff preparation time rule required.

HF0057—Ogren (DFL)  
Taxes  
Property taxes; technical corrections made.

HF0058—Jaros (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
State government decentralization studied and money appropriated.

HF0059—Garcia (DFL)  
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming  
State employees called to active duty as part of operation desert shield to receive difference between active duty military pay and state employee pay and money appropriated.

HF0060—Olson, K. (DFL)  
Education  
Independent school district No. 325, Lakefield, allowed to conduct levy referendum.

HF0061—Johnson, R. (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Wetland establishment, restoration, and enhancement act of 1991 adopted.

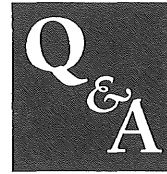
HF0062—Rest (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Health care plan for uninsured and underinsured established.

HF0063—Carlson (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Health care plan for uninsured and underinsured established.

HF0064—Dauner (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
City of Hitterdal in Clay county authorized to sale certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water.

HF0065—Dauner (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
City of Barnesville in Clay county authorized to sale certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water.

HF0066—Sviggum (IR)  
Agriculture  
Soil and water conservation districts may obligate cost-sharing funds prior to authorization from the state board.



Editor's note: Last year we invited readers to ask questions about the legislative process so they could be answered in this space. Here's the first several questions that will be answered by Session Weekly in our Q & A column.

All committee appointments in the House, including the naming of powerful committee chairs, are made by the speaker of the House. Members of the speaker's caucus request assignment to certain committees, and the minority leader submits to the speaker a list of desired committee appointments for the minority caucus. The speaker — balancing the various requests — then makes the appointments.

In deciding on a committee chair, the speaker usually chooses a senior member with some expertise in the committee's work. But oftentimes members with less seniority are chosen over their more experienced colleagues.

The method of selecting committee chairs in the House differs from the Senate method where the decisions are made by the Rules and Administration Committee. The Senate majority leader does exercise a great deal of influence on the final decisions, however.

Ideally, committee memberships reflect the balance of DFLers and IRs in the House. Each committee, therefore, would be a representative sample of the whole body.

Coming Up Next Week . . . Jan .21-25, 1991

# Committee Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.  
For information updates, call House Calls  
at (612) 296-9283 All meetings are open  
to the public.

## MONDAY, Jan. 21

Martin Luther King Day. No meetings  
are scheduled. The House will not meet  
in session.

## TUESDAY, Jan. 22

8 a.m.

### Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Campus visit  
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson  
Agenda: State University System  
overview at Metro State, Minneapolis  
campus.

### GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding  
Agenda: Restructuring needs for state  
government: Tom Triplett, executive  
director of Minnesota Business Partner-  
ship and Curtis Johnson, executive  
director of Citizens League.

### TAXES

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren  
Agenda: HFXXX Technical clean-up  
bill.

8:30 a.m.

Environment & Natural Resources  
Division/APPROPRIATIONS  
Basement Hearing Room State Office  
Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia  
Agenda: Review of the governor's 1991  
budget recommendations.

### Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield  
Agenda: Review of the governor's 1991  
budget recommendations. Public  
testimony.

8:30 a.m.

### State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn  
Agenda: Governor's budget reduction  
proposal.

### Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

500S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson  
Agenda: Overview of the governor's  
1991 budget recommendations.

10 a.m.

### ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger  
Agenda: Overview and report of the  
Legislative Commission on Minnesota  
Resources (LCMR). Official Legislative  
Audit Commission release of Pollution  
Control Agency report.

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle  
Agenda: Overview of the Health Care  
Access Commission report.

12:30 p.m.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal  
Agenda: Lee Munnich, assistant  
commissioner, Department of Trade  
and Economic Development. Overview  
of 1991 Economic Report to the  
Governor.

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

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Linda Scheid  
Agenda: Election update and overview  
by the Secretary of State's Office.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson  
Agenda: Overview of metropolitan  
agencies: Metropolitan Council,  
Regional Transit Board, Metropolitan  
Waste Control and Metropolitan Transit  
Commission.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

## WEDNESDAY, Jan. 23

8 a.m.

### Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Campus visit  
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson  
Agenda: Community College System  
overview at Minneapolis Community  
College.

### Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield  
Agenda: Continuation of the governor's  
budget recommendations.

### State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn  
Agenda: Governor's budget reduction  
proposal.

### GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding  
Agenda: Citizens access to health care:  
Lois Quam, chair of Health Care Access  
Commission and Jim Koppel, executive  
director of Health Care Access Commis-  
sion.

8:30 a.m.

**Environment & Natural Resources Division/APPROPRIATIONS**  
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia  
Agenda: Review of the governor's 1991 budget recommendations.

10 a.m.

**Higher Education Division/ EDUCATION**

500N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros  
Agenda: Report on training and continuing education for administrators and faculty to improve administrative, teaching and counseling skills. These reports mandated by the 1990 Legislature. Reporting: University of Minnesota, State University System, Community College System, and the Technical College System.

**Criminal Justice Division/ JUDICIARY**

500S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Loren Solberg  
Agenda: Hennepin County District Court decision regarding crack/powder cocaine.

12:30 p.m.

**ENERGY**

500N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy  
Agenda: Report from Emergency Preparedness Council, Commissioner Sanda. Report to the Legislature on Minnesota energy programs by Public Service Commissioner Kris Sanda and Marice Rosenberg. Public Utilities Commission Energy Office, Rick Lancaster.

**TRANSPORTATION**

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis  
Agenda: Effects of the governor's budget proposals on transportation.

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THURSDAY, Jan. 24

8 a.m.

**Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS**

Campus visit

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson  
Agenda: Technical College System overview at NE Metro Technical College.

**Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS**

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield  
Agenda: Continuation of the governor's budget recommendations.

**State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS**

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

8 a.m.

**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding  
Agenda: Update on the Minnesota Public Employees Insurance Plan (PEIP).  
HF0031 (Simoneau) Fire protection system advisory council created and personnel licensed and certified, criminal activity defined and money appropriated.  
HFXXX (Cooper) EMS pension.  
O.J. Doyle.

**Legislative Commission on Public Education**

112 Capitol  
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern  
Agenda: Task Force on Education organization report/strategic plan.

**TAXES**

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren  
Agenda: House Research overview of Minnesota tax system.

8:30 a.m.

**Environment & Natural Resources Division/APPROPRIATIONS**

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia  
Agenda: Review of the governor's 1991 budget recommendations.

10 a.m.

**COMMERCE**

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. John Sarna  
Agenda: Organizational meeting.

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES**

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger  
Agenda: Overviews: Pollution Control Agency, Environmental Quality Board (EQB), and the Environmental Compact of the States (ECOS).

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle  
Agenda: Overview on the effects of health care mandates.

12:30 p.m.

**International Trade & Technology Division/**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

400N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger  
Agenda: Computerization of the House of Representatives.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

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FRIDAY, Jan 25

8 a.m.

**State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS**

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

**TAXES**

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren  
Agenda: Briefing for new committee members.

12:30 p.m.

**JUDICIARY**

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga  
Agenda: Background information: House Research.

Speaker of the House: Robert Vanasek  
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## Economics

## National rank

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