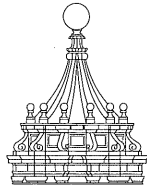


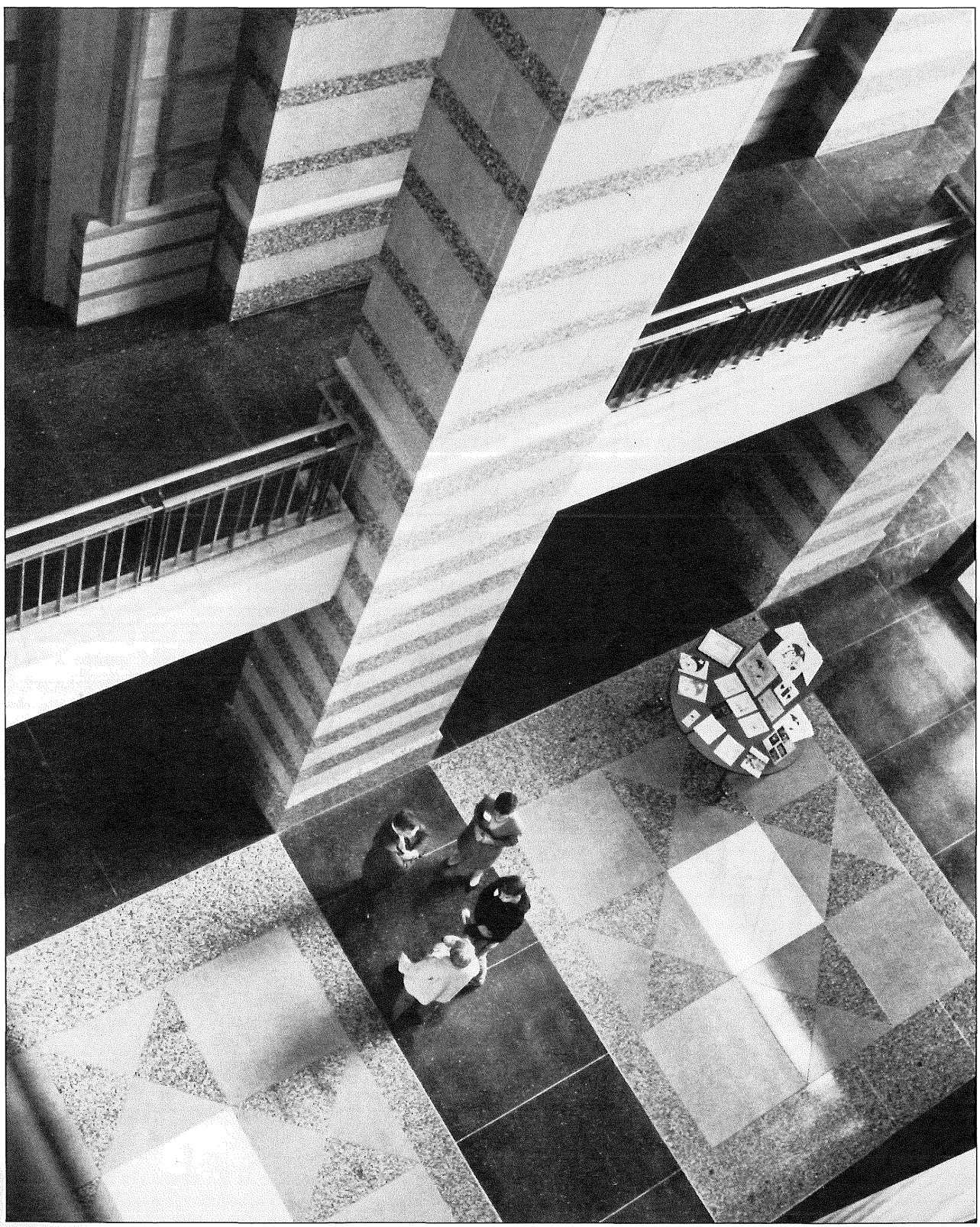
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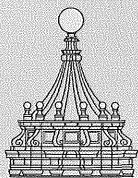
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## Flashback

The nation's last "Indian war" was thought to have been fought at Battle Point on Leech Lake at the turn of the century. But there are signs at the state Capitol that another conflict is brewing. This time, however, the weapons of choice are lobbyists and CPAs.

At issue is Indian gaming and whether non-Indians will be allowed a piece of the lucrative video gaming industry, which accounts for nearly 70 percent of Indian gaming revenues.

Several non-Indians testified before a Senate committee this week and argued that the success of Indian gaming is hurting their businesses. To counter their claims, the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association held a press conference to tell their story.

And quite a story it is. If all 11 of the Minnesota Indian tribes that operate gaming facilities combined their employment, they would be the 16th largest employer in the state — just ahead of Health East Corp., Control Data Corp., and J.C. Penney Co.

Throughout the debate, the buzz word has been "level playing field." Non-Indians say they want one while Indians say they haven't had one for 200 years.

This difference in perception is easily illustrated by the story of Chief Little Six, for whom the popular Little Six Casino in Prior Lake is named. It's a case that also involved the Minnesota Legislature, and it's one a lot of Indians haven't forgotten.

Little Six, also known as Shakopee, was implicated in the Dakota Conflict of 1862. He fled following the war to what is now Canada. But he and a colleague were later tricked into going to a certain John McKenzie's home north of the border for a "glass of toddy," according to William Folwell's *A History of Minnesota*. McKenzie was told by a U.S. lieutenant "that it would be hundreds of dollars in his pocket if he would enter into this business [of capturing Little Six] with a whole soul."

The toddies given Little Six and Medicine Bottle, however, were laced with an opiate. Once passed out, the two men were strapped to a dog sled, spirited across the border, tried and convicted of murder on what many argued was flimsy evidence, and hanged at Fort Snelling in 1865.

"At one time in our history such a violation of her sovereignty would have called forth from Great Britain a sharp demand for apology and reparation," wrote Folwell.

But this time, the 1867 Minnesota Legislature rewarded McKenzie and a colleague with \$1,000 "for moneys expended and services rendered by them in the capture of the Indian chiefs . . ."

— Grant Moos

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On the cover: The striking mosaic on the ground level of the new Minnesota History Center, made of Minnesota granite and limestone, is reminiscent of the "north star" in the center of the Capitol. The new building is scheduled to open to the public in October.

—photo by Andrew VonBank



# Highlights



## Government

### Governor's budget address

Gov. Arne Carlson proposed \$230 million in state spending cuts and no new tax increases or short-term borrowing during his budget address to Minnesota lawmakers March 5.

In suggesting budget changes to close a projected \$569 million shortfall in state finances, Carlson said his recommendations reflect his priorities to education and state programs benefiting younger children.

"This budget guarantees that there will be no cuts in elementary and secondary education," he told state House and Senate members in a joint address. "And this budget reflects the concern of community public safety. There will be no reductions in corrections and criminal justice."

Also emerging intact was residential property tax relief.

The governor's budget achieves its largest cost savings for state coffers by significantly altering the payment schedule for state aid payments to local schools and local governments.

The payment shift to schools could result in one-time savings for the state of about \$178 million between now and June 1993. Changes in the schedule for paying other local aids would allow a \$140 million dollar foray into the \$400 million state budget reserve fund.

Hardest hit in the Carlson budget proposal are human development programs, which are being asked to absorb about \$48 million in reductions, or about 1.5 percent below levels approved last year by lawmakers.

State aids to local governments are targeted for a \$66 million reduction, a 3.5 percent cut, and state funding for higher education is to be cut by about \$50 million. Carlson also called for a \$45 million reduction in spending for state agencies, the Legislature, and constitutional offices.



During his budget address March 5, Gov. Arne Carlson points to a map which shows that 37 other states are also having budget difficulties.

Aides to the governor say they do not anticipate widescale state employee layoffs as result of his budget recommendations.

John Riley, Carlson's chief of staff, estimated that fewer than 300 state workers could lose their jobs — or about the same number put out of work by last year's budget-balancing bill.

The budget recommendations attempt to resolve a portion of a projected \$1.7 billion state deficit in the next biennium. Carlson said lawmakers could trim more than \$1 billion in state spending from the next biennial budget by approving his plan now.

Carlson also laid out a state bonding proposal of about \$223 million, about half targeted for his previously announced recession response program. Another \$52.7 million in long-term state borrowing is suggested for constructing a Basic Sciences building on the University of Minnesota campus.

Most of Carlson's budget proposals will be introduced as bills by members of the Independent-Republican Caucus by March 9.



## Appropriations

### Prairie Expo unveiled

Is that stretch along I-90 between Wall Drug in South Dakota and the Wisconsin Dells a little dull?

Officials from the city of Worthington and the surrounding area in southwestern Minnesota say they have just the attraction weary travelers may need.

Called "Prairie Expo," the proposed facility in Worthington would feature exhibits of both prairie land history and exhibits by Minnesota municipalities, industries, and organizations.

Prairie Expo supporters appeared before the Appropriations Committee's Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Division March 5 to ask for \$4.36 million in state borrowing authority to construct the facility alongside I-90.

"It will be a self-sustaining operation," said Expo architect Bob Lambert, explaining that the expo board is not seeking state funding for operating expenses. "It's a one-shot deal."

His design for the "signature building" in the facility resembles an old-fashioned

grain elevator, but is designed to use solar power for heating in the winter and to vent hot air in the summer.

"People [today] have a much keener interest in the plains," said Rep. Henry Kalis (DFL-Walters), expressing his support for the proposal.

Prairie Expo backers received \$20,000 in state funding for planning in 1987, \$15,000 in 1989, and \$19,000 from the Southwestern Minnesota Initiative Fund in 1991. More than \$100,000 has been raised from local sources.

The attraction will also include exhibits featuring pre-Columbian native Americans farming the land, 18th century nomadic people following the buffalo herds, and "a display of early lawn-mowers and the history of their development that culminates in a display of modern mowers," according to an expo brochure.

Ron Lawrence, chair of the expo board, said the board hopes the project will be included in the 1992 bonding bill. A decision on that isn't expected for several weeks.

### Staving off MHS budget cuts

At first glance, the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) seemed to mount a pre-emptive strike March 5 against rumored budget cuts in a session where money will surely be tight.

Ten hours before Gov. Arne Carlson was scheduled to deliver his budget message to the Legislature, MHS officials appeared before an Appropriations Committee division to ward off budget cuts that they say are contained in the governor's proposed budget.

But the apparent pre-emptive strike was more of a scheduling conflict than anything else. Because the division meeting was scheduled before the governor's budget address, MHS Director Nina Archabal and deputy director John Wood had to defend their program against rumored cuts that had not yet been made public.

Wood said the governor has proposed a \$1.2 million cut in MHS funding, which represents a 5.2 percent reduction in its \$25.4 million 1991-93 appropriation.

Such a cut would result in the elimination of 26 jobs, or roughly 10 percent of the MHS staff, said Wood.

He argued that the society has done a good job of limiting its growth and programs over the past decade, explaining that it has only 214 state-funded employees compared with 199 in 1980.

Similarly, its 31 historic sites around the state have remained constant for years — in contrast with the state of Ohio, whose historical society operates 150.

The historical society received a \$25.4 million appropriation in 1991-93 — appropriation, which represented an 8.8 percent increase over the funding level in the previous biennium.

The Appropriations Committee's Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Division will make its final funding decisions much later in the session.



## Higher Education

### Administrative costs increase

Administrative and student services spending increased 30 percent per student over the past decade in the technical college, community college, and state university systems, according to a report by the Program Evaluation Division of the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

Meanwhile, the percentage of money used for instructional spending actually went down — a trend that is consistent with national data.

Administrative and student services spending increased 27 percent in technical colleges, 31 percent in state universities, and 32 percent in the community colleges between 1981 and 1991 after adjusting for inflation.

Most of those increases took place between 1981 and 1985, Joel Alter from the legislative auditor's office told the Appropriations Committee's Education Division March 5.

With the exception of Southwest State University, Minnesota state universities spend less than the national median on administrative and student services functions, said Tom Walstrom of the legislative auditor's office.

Economies of scale appear in each system, with a decrease in per pupil expenditures with increased enrollment. As enrollment doubles there is a decrease of spending per pupil of 25 percent at the state universities, 15 percent in the

community colleges, and 12 percent in the technical colleges.

However, multi-campus administrative structures have not always resulted in net administrative and student services savings. The report shows that administrative savings from the 1982 consolidation of five colleges into the Arrowhead Community College were used to improve student services.

The technical college system is now putting greater emphasis on actual reductions of administrative and student services costs at newly merged campuses. Riverland Technical College, formed by the merger of three colleges in 1991, expects to save 10 percent in administrative and student services expenditures.

The report estimates that savings of \$3 million to \$4 million are possible in administrative and student services costs by merging the 10 co-located community and technical colleges. But Walstrom cautioned that there are "limited potential cost savings if they report to two different masters." He said that savings are unlikely if the merged institution still has to report to two separate boards that maintain different systems for financial aid, admissions, and other student services.

The report concludes that "administrative cost savings from a merger would likely be small compared to other costs and benefits."

Walstrom said that the magnitude of merger costs depends to a great extent on decisions made by the Legislature. Administrative cost savings could be small in comparison with the additional costs for faculty.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board estimates that costs for equalization of faculty salaries within the technical college system could be as high as \$17 million each year, and costs would be even greater if the if the faculty from all three systems were brought into one bargaining unit.

*(For more on Higher Education, see page 10.)*



## Transportation

### Airport noise reduction

Up to \$10 million yearly could be made available for jet noise abatement in areas surrounding Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport under a bill scheduled for a final committee vote March 10.

The proposal, sponsored by Rep. Edwina Garcia (DFL-Richfield), could require the Metropolitan Airports Commission to spend half of its annual construction budget — up to a limit of \$10 million — for noise reduction efforts, including the insulation of homes, in neighborhoods near the airport.

Residents living in Richfield, south Minneapolis, and other southern metropolitan area communities have long complained that jet aircraft noise has reduced land values and made living there unpleasant.

The bill (**HF2269**) would earmark funds to buy out about 450 Richfield homeowners living very close to the airport. It also would provide money for insulation and other protection measures in homes and public buildings under the impact of jet noise.

A fully-implemented program of noise mitigation in affected areas could cost an estimated \$100 million, although some federal funding for the project also could be available.

"There's been no residential mitigation done to date — none — for the properties adjacent to the airport; not a penny has been spent," said James Prosser, Richfield city manager, during March 5 testimony before the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

Garcia said the dollar-for-dollar provision between bonding for new construction and noise abatement was intended to "get MAC's attention" and could be changed as long as lawmakers adopt some form of noise reduction program this session.

She is scheduled to meet during the weekend to work out a compromise with MAC officials. A Senate committee is expected to vote on a companion bill early next week.

*(For more on Transportation, see page 8.)*



## Recession

### Economy to improve by spring

The Persian Gulf War and the continuing recession have caused people to be a lot more cautious when it comes to buying or selling small businesses, buildings, and farmland. That's the main reason for the state's \$569 million budget shortfall for the rest of the biennium. But there are signs the economy will begin improving this spring.

Those were the latest explanations and prognostications put forward by Department of Finance Commissioner John Gunyou and state economist Tom Stinson, both of whom appeared before the House Ways and Means Committee March 4.

"We just had an enormous drop in capital gains realizations," said Stinson, explaining that a drop in income tax collections accounted for about 80 percent of the state's revenue decline.

Although the Persian Gulf War and recession have been chiefly to blame, he said the downward trend started long before both events.

Between 1988 and 1990, Stinson said capital gains dropped 27 percent on the national level and have remained stagnant ever since.

But while the war and recession have caused capital gains to slow, Stinson said the stock market has remained strong throughout that period.

The economic picture has changed radically since May of 1991 when the Legislature adjourned. At that time, the Department of Finance had projected a \$103 million surplus through the end of the biennium.

The latest revenue forecast represents a \$672 million swing, mostly into the red. Gunyou said the bad news for the state will continue unless the Legislature brings spending in line with revenues.

He said the state will deplete its \$400 million budget reserve by October of this year if nothing is done to correct the imbalance, and that the state will need to begin short-term borrowing for the first time in a decade.

But there was a bit of good news. The February forecast shows that Data Resources (DRI), Minnesota's national economic consultant, expects the economy to grow at a rate of 1.6 percent

in 1992 and 3.5 percent in 1993.

The economy is expected to turn the corner this spring.

"Consumers hold the key," said the Department of Finance's February forecast report. "Forecasters believe highly visible improvements in household cash flow will restore confidence and persuade consumers to increase spending soon. . . . Recent declines in food and energy prices are shoring up household purchasing power. Lower mortgage rates set off a wave of refinancing late in 1991, freeing up cash once dedicated to house payments.



## Environment

### Environmental contractors

Environmental clean up contractors who work on storage tank spills would have to be bonded and insured under a measure approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 5.

A bill (**HF2170**) sponsored by Rep. Jim Farrell (DFL-St. Paul) would affect contractors who clean up spills and leaks on Minnesota's above- and below-ground commercial petroleum storage tanks.

There are approximately 55,000 such tanks in the state. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has identified some 5,000 petroleum releases from these tanks. Petroleum includes gasoline, diesel fuel, and fuel oil.

Releases are cleaned up largely through Minnesota's "Petrofund," which is financed by a one cent per gallon fee on the wholesale price of gasoline. Some \$52 million has been spent on the cleanup of these releases since the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund was established in 1987.

The measure, approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, would require Petrofund contractors to be bonded and insured.

A number of lawmakers expressed concern about the "environment consultants" who do the clean up, including the prices they charge and the lack of standardized fees. **HF2170** does not address those issues.

Although the bill requires such contractors to be bonded and insured, it does not call for them to be licensed. The measure now moves to the Commerce Committee for further review.

## Packaging bill approved

Concern about burgeoning, leaking landfills led the Environment and Natural Resources Committee to approve a packaging reduction bill March 2.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), seeks to slow the pace that waste arrives at landfills and to clean up what does end up there.

Minnesotans discard some four million tons of solid waste annually — nearly a ton for every person living in the state. And that amount is growing by about 1 percent per year.

The bill (HF779) sets a statewide goal of reducing packaging waste by 25 percent by July 1, 1995. If the goal is not reached, manufacturers will pay a one cent per package advance disposal fee on all “non-exempt” packages.

Certain recycled, food, and health-related packages would be exempt from the fee, as would companies that are successful in reducing waste on their own.

The measure also targets toxins used in products which end up in landfills. Manufacturers would pay a fee when they use any of 29 specified toxins to make their products, including arsenic, mercury, lead, acetone, cadmium and benzene.

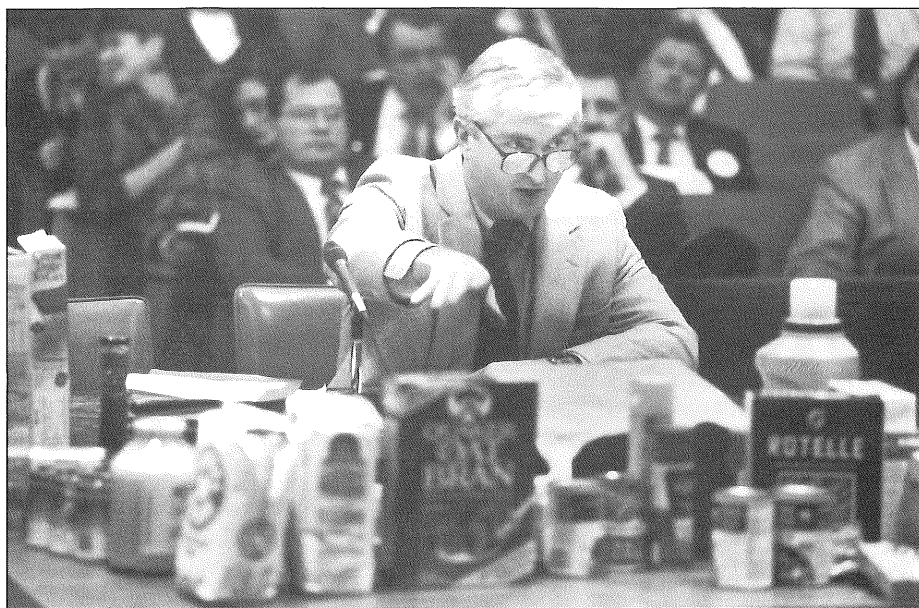
Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls), a co-sponsor of the bill, said the fee will give manufacturers an incentive to keep toxins out of their products.

“In 1970, we all thought landfills were a good idea. We called them ‘sanitary’ landfills,” said Wagenius. “Nobody understood that these landfills were leaking into the water.”

Manufacturers of toxic products and the consumers who use them should be the ones to pay for the clean up — rather than the “general taxpayer,” she said.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency estimates it will cost between \$240 million and \$500 million to contain and monitor the 179 remaining landfills — not including the 1,500 old “dumps” in the state.

On a 15-13 vote, the committee dropped a proposed deposit program for non-refillable beverage containers. Attempts to pass similar container deposit legislation have been defeated in the Legislature since the idea was first proposed in the early 1970s.



Dave Locey of the Minnesota Soft Drink Association spoke March 3 before the Environment and Natural Resources Committee in opposition to the packaging fees proposed in a bill to reduce the amount of packaging in the waste stream and to clean up landfills.

Arguments against a deposit law formerly centered on loss of container manufacturing jobs. Lobbyists for the container industry this year, however, testified that the container deposit would divert aluminum cans from successful community recycling programs. Aluminum cans keep recycling programs and scrap firms in business, they said.

This argument was disputed by Munger, who said the unredeemed deposits would give county recycling programs a stable source of funding.

The legislation now goes to the Governmental Operations Committee for further consideration.

## Landfills and the Superfund

Minnesota landfills would be removed from the state's Superfund enforcement process under a bill approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 2.

It's a move that acknowledges community contributions to landfill pollution — whether from the old practice of putting oil in the garbage or throwing out a partially filled can of paint.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) Superfund program traditionally goes after industrial polluters when contaminated sites are found. But as landfill problems were discovered, Superfund focus extended to municipal solid waste landfill polluters.

Under Superfund, MPCA sues parties found to be responsible for polluting sites in order to recover some of the clean up costs.

But larger companies who were sued by the MPCA, in turn, often sued the “smaller folks” who had given them the waste for dumps and landfills in the first place.

Some municipalities and small businesses who turned such things as oil and solvents over to their trash haulers years ago now face mounting attorney fees when they are sued by the larger companies seeking to recover losses they incurred.

A 1991 MPCA report on landfill clean up found that applying Superfund liability to landfill clean up is inappropriate because “substances were deposited in insignificant quantities by hundreds of small generators or incidentally as part of household waste.”

Clean up also is slowed by the litigation.

“In cases where big businesses and industry can be tagged as responsible parties, it has become common practice for the RPs [responsible parties] to engage in third party lawsuits,” said the report. “The result is that municipalities and small businesses have become involved in legal battles over liability, dragging out the clean up process.”

Garbage and landfills are a “societal problem,” MPCA solid waste manager Art



Dunn told lawmakers. The Superfund process is complex and lengthy, and can result in inaccurate information as people seek to pass the blame to others, he said.

The measure (**HF2229**), sponsored by Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls), would remove municipal solid waste landfills from the Superfund enforcement process. Funding for the clean up would come through a "toxics registration tax" on products sold in Minnesota (a method also proposed in **HF779**, as described in preceding article).

**HF2229** now moves to the Taxes Committee for further discussion.

### Drought planning

When a serious drought hit Minnesota in the late 1980s, a lot of people realized for the first time the impact of water coordination — or lack thereof. While some metropolitan residents continued to water their lawns, people from northern Minnesota worried about the siphoning off of the Mississippi River to quench the metro area.

Many of the 112 municipal water systems, it was discovered, lacked coordinated plans to reduce water use during emergencies.

A measure approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee seeks to address that lack of coordination and encourage more efficient use of water in the seven-county metropolitan area.

A bill (**HF1977**), sponsored by Rep. Steve Trimble (DFL-St. Paul), would set up criteria for declaring water emergencies, and require the Metropolitan Council to plan for metro water use and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to evaluate potential reuses of discharged water.

The legislation also would require an emergency and drought response program for the Mississippi River.

Vern Peterson, director of the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities, voiced opposition to **HF1977**. He said that although water is a top priority for cities, sections of the bill would require additional government review of municipal water plans and would be costly for 140 cities to carry out.

The measure also prohibits the use of groundwater to maintain lake levels. But a DNR staff member told the committee that

this is already in practice in Minnesota.

The committee approved related legislation (**HF2044-Trimble**) which would grant an exemption for the H.B. Fuller Co., which discharges water from a once-through cooling system into a non-profit nature preserve it has restored. Public access to the nature preserve would be a condition of the exemption.

**HF1977** was approved on an 11-7 vote, and referred to the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee.



## Energy

### Tax breaks for wind power

Two bills that would encourage development of alternative energy sources by granting tax exemptions were approved by the Energy Committee March 4.

The sale of wind energy conversion systems would be exempt from the sales tax under **HF1931**, authored by Rep. Mary Murphy (DFL-Hermantown). The sales tax exemption would also extend to any materials used to install, construct, or repair the systems.

A second bill (**HF2089**) authored by Murphy would extend a similar sales tax exemption to solar devices, called photovoltaics, that produce electricity. Property tax exemptions for use of photovoltaics would also be applied.

Bill Weir of the Minnesota Wind Energy Association said that wind energy costs dropped dramatically in the 1980s and are now competitive with other energy sources. Wind conversion systems provide five times as many jobs per dollar, according to Worldwatch Institute, when compared to other energy sources, said Weir.

According to the American Wind Energy Association, wind conversion systems now provide energy to more than one million people in California, saving an estimated 4.4 million barrels of oil per year, and are used for commercial industrial power in California, Hawaii, Denmark, Germany, India, the Netherlands, and Spain.

The chief Minnesota beneficiaries of the proposed tax exemptions would be existing wind energy systems on the Buffalo Ridge in southwestern Minnesota.

Burl Haar, assistant commissioner of

the Department of Public Service, said that photovoltaics are now used efficiently, often in remote areas, but still cost about 25 cents per kilowatt hour while conventional sources run about 10 to 15 cents per hour.

**HF1931** and **HF2089** were referred to the Taxes Committee for further review.



Lars Olsen, president of Wind World in Skagen, Denmark, and a partner in Minnesota Wind Power, testified March 3 before the Energy Committee in favor of a bill to exempt wind energy systems from sales tax.



## Housing

### Life in the park

Manufactured home residents would receive added recourse in resolving disputes with landlords under a proposal being considering by the Housing Committee.

Testifying March 2 before that committee, bill author Rep. Linda Runbeck (IR-Circle Pines) said tenants often have little power to convince the owners of mobile home parks to correct problems in the parks.

She compares many parks to "feudal states" where tenants often must accept arbitrarily high rent increases and subpar maintenance or be forced out of the park.

If approved, the bill would allow manufactured home owners to form tenant unions — similar to those in other

multi-unit living complexes — to meet with owners to work out their problems. The tenant unions, however, would not have the authority to block proposed rent increases.

The measure (**HF2299**) also strengthens existing health and safety laws regulating mobile home parks through added penalties and reporting procedures.

There was little opposition to the bill during the March 3 hearing. Representatives of park owner associations spoke only briefly, saying they believe current laws are sufficient to resolve any owner-tenant disputes.

More extensive testimony from both sides is scheduled before the Housing panel next week.



## Transportation

### Collision over helmet laws

House members, in effect, told their colleagues in the U.S. Congress that they'd rather make their own laws, thank you.

The House Transportation Committee approved a resolution March 4 calling on Congress to back off — at least when it tries to coerce states into adopting motorcycle helmet laws.

At stake is up to \$11 million in funding earmarked for Minnesota transportation projects. If Minnesota and 24 other states don't change their laws to require all motorcyclists to wear helmets, the federal government won't take away that money. But it will make states spend it for motorcycle education and safety programs.

Minnesota only requires riders under 18 to wear helmets.

Supporters, such as Bob Illingworth of the Minnesota Motorcycle Riders Association, said the resolution is neither a vote for nor against helmet laws.

"It puts Washington on notice that issues affecting the safety and welfare of Minnesota citizens should and must be decided upon by our elected officials," he said.

Rep. Terry Dempsey (R-New Ulm), chief author of the resolution, has several times in the past successfully fought mandatory helmet legislation.

The federal highways bill, which distributes over \$155 billion throughout the country over a five-year period, also

calls for uniform seat belt and child restraint laws.

Minnesota Department of Transportation officials, testifying previously before the committee, have said they believe current seat belt and child-seat laws are sufficient to meet federal requirements.

**HF2029** now moves to the House floor for consideration.

### State Patrol seeks more funding

The Minnesota State Patrol is mobilizing its forces to seek additional funding from the Legislature.

State Patrol Chief Col. Tony Kozojed and several patrol members appeared recently before the Appropriations Committee's Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Division to plead for more money.

Kozojed said 32 of the patrol's 534 authorized positions have not been filled because of lack of funding. In the meantime, demand on the patrol has grown.

"You're at the fire, rather than preventing them, so to speak," said Kozojed.

In 1990, there were 3.52 million vehicles registered in Minnesota, up from about 3 million in 1980, said Kozojed. And those vehicles traveled 38.8 billion miles in 1990 — up from 28.5 billion miles in 1980.

In addition to keeping up with motorists, Kozojed said the scope of the patrol is increasing. Now it is frequently asked to help coordinate special events such as the recent visit by former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev, the victory parade last fall for the world champion Minnesota Twins, and the recent international Special Olympics competition.

Although the staffing level has increased during that time, it has not kept pace with demand, he said.

Capt. Kevin Kittridge, president of the patrol's supervisor's association, and Dennis Olson, president of the trooper's association, both said low staff levels are also affecting morale on the force.

"There's just more work than there are people to spread it around," said Olson, adding that frequently officers must respond to dangerous calls with no backup help.

Added Kittridge, "We're coming to you

today with a plea."

The 1991 Legislature appropriated \$83.2 million to the State Patrol for the 1991-93 spending cycle, a slight decrease from the previous biennium.

Division Chair Rep. Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls) said it will be several weeks before the division makes any spending decisions.

### Bloomington Ferry Bridge update

State and local transportation officials are renewing their push for state money to complete a bridge project south of the Twin Cities that will serve as a main corridor to southern Minnesota.

The first phase of the Bloomington Ferry Bridge project near Shakopee is already under way. But MnDOT officials say \$30.8 million in state bonding authority is needed to secure about \$120 million in federal funding to complete the project.

The bridge would allow travelers heading north from Mankato on U.S. 169 to bypass the bottleneck at Shakopee, and would allow metro residents heading south easier access to Valleyfair and Canterbury Downs.

Officials from MnDOT and Hennepin and Scott counties appeared before the Appropriations Committee's Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Division March 3 to update members on the project.

The 1987 and 1990 legislatures appropriated a total of \$6.5 million in state bonding to begin the project that crosses the Minnesota River on Hennepin County Road 18 at the southern edge of Bloomington.

The existing approachway lies in the floodplain and is under water for about a quarter of the year, said a Scott County engineer.

The new bridge, targeted for completion in November of 1994, is designed to carry 60,000 vehicles a day — nearly four times the current 15,000-to-18,000 per day traffic count.

"We ought not to let that [federal] money slip away," Ed Cohoon, deputy commissioner of MnDOT told division members.

The state's share of the project costs would be 25 percent, with the federal government picking up the rest. A decision on the project will be made later this session.





## Crime

### Felony DWI penalties

Certain repeat DWI offenders would face felony penalties under a bill approved by a Judiciary panel March 4 that its author said represented "the biggest changes in DWI law in 20 years."

The bill, which was approved by the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division, would level the felony charge against five-time DWI offenders who repeat within five years and six-time offenders who repeat within 15 years.

Felony charges could also be brought if:

- An alleged offender has been convicted in the last 10 years of a "hit and run" crime, criminal vehicular homicide/injury, or "fleeing of a peace officer" crime, if the person received a stayed or executed felony sentence for the prior offense or where the defendant pleaded guilty where a felony sentence could have been imposed.
- The offender is driving under the influence while his or her license has been revoked within five years of four prior alcohol-related license revocations, or has five prior revocations within 15 years.

Under current Minnesota law, there is no felony DWI charge — regardless of the number of prior convictions. According to 1991 Department of Public Safety statistics, 1,288 Minnesotans have at least five DWI convictions.

While 60 percent of DWI offenders do not re-offend, bill sponsor Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center) said that percentage "should be higher." For 1991, the remaining 40 percent equate to 13,927 Minnesotans tagged for a DWI at least a second time.

The bill also would:

- Authorize local units of government to confiscate the cars of repeat offenders under certain circumstances. This is a local option, not a mandate, with profits from any car sales reverting to the local law enforcement agency. Currently, 13 other states have some form of vehicle confiscation law.
- Increase for all offenders "hard revocation" time for drivers' licenses — that period where no license (including limited) is available. Penalties for second-time offenders are doubled.



Rep. Teresa Lynch and daughter Tessa intently study a bill during a March 3 Health and Human Services Subcommittee meeting.

- Fund intensive probation programs for repeat offenders. (This \$164,000 appropriation was vetoed by the governor in 1991.)
- Make refusing to submit to a blood-alcohol test a criminal offense. (Currently, only repeat DWI offenders can be charged with a misdemeanor for refusing the test).
- Amend the implied consent law to bring it into conformance with a 1991 Minnesota Supreme Court ruling that said suspected DWI offenders may consult with an attorney before submitting to any alcohol-level test. The bill states this right "cannot unreasonably delay" administration of the test. Testimony by Nancy Bode of the Office of the Attorney General indicated that the definition of "reasonable" as a "rule of thumb" is approximately 20 minutes after a phone has been provided to the suspected offender. She added that in some cases, this may be extended.

HF285 will now be considered by the full Judiciary Committee.



## Education

### No more education cuts

The Legislature shouldn't expect the Department of Education (DOE) to take on new projects, DOE Commissioner Gene Mammenga told the Education Committee's Finance Division March 2.

The Legislature shouldn't be surprised — it cut DOE's budget by 20 percent in 1991. The department now has a staff of 372, down from 447. Moreover, 160 people are dedicated to specific programs, such as federal program monitoring, and can't be used on state programs.

Mammenga reported that the cuts have resulted in the elimination or reduction of a number of programs, including reduced efforts in inclusive education and parental involvement.

Because of seniority rules, the cuts also have decreased the diversity and number of women on the staff.

If the department has to absorb further cuts, Mammenga said he would rather eliminate department functions than spread the cuts around.

Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids) said he thinks that the department shouldn't have to take any more budget reductions until similar cuts are made in other departments.

### High school graduation rule

Lawmakers want the final say on any possible new graduation standards state education officials could adopt.

HF1865, sponsored by Rep. Gene Pelowski (DFL-Winona), would require proposed changes in high school graduation rules to first be authorized by the Legislature.

Current law allows the State Board of Education to make graduation rule changes without legislative approval.

Education officials are in the process of developing a new graduation rule which incorporates outcome-based principles.

House Education Committee Chair Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake) said lawmakers should have jurisdiction over graduation requirements.

"We, as the body that has to pay the bill; we, as the body that has to look at what's going on out there — why can't we look at it before a non-elected body makes a rule?" asked McEachern.

The Education Committee amended HF1865 March 2 by adding a statement supporting a results-oriented graduation rule. But the amendment blocks the board from establishing a single method of assessing student progress prior to graduation or from mandating statewide teaching methods.

Minnesota has no statewide performance standards for high school graduation. Currently, the state requires 20 credits to graduate. Less than one-third of Minnesota's high school districts have minimum reading and mathematical skills standards for graduation.

No date was set for a final vote on the bill.

## Higher Education

### Merger costs, savings questioned

Lawmakers say they are operating in a "vacuum of information" when it comes to determining just what the savings, or costs, of the merger of three of the state's higher education systems.

The preliminary report from the newly created Higher Education Board (HEB), which is to oversee the merger, estimates \$250 million in savings over the next decade by merging the state university, community college, and technical college systems.

But members of House Appropriation Committee's Education Division questioned the validity of the savings estimate at their March 3 meeting.

Rep. Lyndon Carlson (DFL-Crystal) said that other sources predict the merger could cost money, not save it. "Quite frankly, that number is counter to virtually all of the information that we have had put together prior to this," he said.

The estimate was patterned on the savings model used for business mergers.

But legislators questioned the soundness of applying business standards to public higher education, which has to bargain collectively, among other differences.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board has estimated that changing technical college faculty bargaining from individual schools to statewide bargaining could cost from \$3 million to \$17 million annually.

The HEB's report predicts that it will save at least 5 percent of overall costs through coordination and consolidation. But Mary Rieder, the board's acting interim chancellor, said, "We don't really have any way right now of knowing how much it is going to save or how much it is going to cost."

She said that lack of staff has made it difficult for the board to do any in-depth cost calculations.

Rep. Howard Orenstein (DFL-St. Paul) expressed many legislators' sentiments when he said the committee needs better information because "costs [of the merger] are paramount in people's minds."

### Resident fees for migrant workers

Migrant workers and political refugees should have an easier time obtaining resident tuition status at Minnesota colleges if a bill approved March 4 by the Education Committee's Higher Education Division becomes law.

At issue is a change made by the 1991 Legislature that has made it more difficult for migrant workers and political refugees to obtain resident status.

The 1991 Omnibus Higher Education Act placed tighter restrictions on the way colleges count students for the purpose of receiving state funding.

In the past, community colleges and state universities received their two-thirds state reimbursement for every student enrolled (technical colleges receive 73 percent) — whether the students paid resident or non-resident tuition.

This so-called double-dipping, and limited state funds, led the Legislature to appropriate these funds only for state residents and students from reciprocity states.

An unintended consequence of the change is that colleges may charge some migrant workers and political refugees non-resident tuition.

The bill sponsored by Rep. Carlos Mariani (DFL-St. Paul) would require migrant workers and political refugees to be given resident tuition status. The measure would also require the state to appropriate the same level of funds for these students.

(Under the Minnesota funding scheme, resident student tuition is designed to cover about one-third of actual education costs, with the state picking up the rest.)

Mariani said migrant workers should be counted as residents because they are an important part of the state's economy and because they pay state taxes. He said many migrant farm workers spend six months of every year in Minnesota to assist in the harvest of sugar beets and soybeans.

Francisca Lucio, a migrant farm worker in Minnesota for six years, testified in favor of the bill. She said she hopes to get a good job once she finishes her courses in word processing so that her son won't have to work as a migrant worker as she and her parents did.

The measure (HF1776) now moves before the full Education Committee for consideration.



Consumers, advocates, and family members rallied in the Capitol Rotunda March 4 for mental health organizations. The event was organized by the Minnesota Mental Health Legislative Network.



## Health

### Health workers, HIV reporting

Health care workers who discover they carry the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or the hepatitis B virus (HBV) would be required to inform the Minnesota Department of Health within 30 days, or less in some cases, under a measure approved by a Health and Human Services subcommittee March 3.

Health care workers with HIV or HBV would then be monitored by the health department and, if necessary, excluded from performing certain surgical procedures where blood contact could occur. Only if workers did not cooperate with the Department of Health would they be referred to their professional boards for disciplinary action.

Under the measure, professional boards would have increased disciplinary powers if a health care worker knowingly provides false or misleading information directly related to patient care.

HIV is the virus that can lead to AIDS.

The bill would not require mandatory AIDS testing for health care workers, but would require that health care workers comply with beefed up infection control procedures for HIV and HBV, or possibly face fines of \$100 per day.

The bill (HF2050) is authored by Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester), who is quick to point out that health care workers are much more likely to contract HIV from patients than vice versa.

Bishop said the only verified case of HIV transmission from worker to patient in the entire U.S. is the case of a Florida dentist. Conversely, there are between 60 and 100 cases of health care workers contracting HIV from patients, he said.

The bill will protect both patients and workers and is designed "to let the people know we are not waiting for something to happen," said Bishop.

The department is aware of between 10 and 15 doctors, and six dentists, who carry HIV, said Moen.

The Standards and Regulations Subcommittee referred the bill to the full Health and Human Services Committee for further consideration.

### Faith healing, modern medicine

Should faith constitute health care under the law, as it has since 1983?

Lawmakers continue to grapple with the proper role of the state when religious and philosophical beliefs collide with modern medicine.

Judiciary Committee members agreed that the current law needs to be changed, but disagreed on the approach during a March 2 meeting.

Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center) has authored a bill (HF442) to remove the 'spiritual healing' exemption from child neglect and endangerment statutes — an exemption that 40 other states have, said Mike Richardson, assistant Hennepin County attorney.

Carruthers said he doesn't want any more preventable deaths to occur, citing the case of Ian Lundman, an 11-year-old diabetic whose parents opted for spiritual healing instead of insulin in 1989. The case went all the way to the Minnesota Supreme Court, which, in a September 1991 ruling, upheld the dismissal of negligence charges against the parents.

But others want a civil rather than criminal approach, "one that uses more of a carrot and less of a stick," said Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics at the University of Minnesota. He said no one will be scared into compliance, and that such an approach is "too late, too hostile, too threatening, and not practical."

Caplan advocates an "ethically sound" alternative that insists the interest of the child be of primary concern, while "preserving the integrity of the family." He helped Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls) draft an amendment that creates a public-health mediator position within the Department of Health. The mediator would serve as a community liaison to those who do not use traditional medical practices.

Communication and education are the guiding principles of the amendment, but the mediator would also have the power to bring any child to a medical care facility without court or family approval in a life-threatening situation. It would be the responsibility of parents to notify the mediator of such a situation.

Richardson says to expect that these communities will work with the mediator "is disingenuous," and that the amendment creates "an unnecessary entangle-

ment between the state and religion."

But Jim Van Horn, representing the Christian Science religion, disagrees on both counts. He said members of his faith would cooperate willingly with the mediator, and that he supports the amendment over the criminal alternative because it "takes the value judgment away from the spiritual healing."

While many have focused on the Christian Scientists, Carruthers said the bill "goes way beyond Christian Science." Greenfield noted that other groups, such as the Hmong community with its reliance on herbal medicine, would also fall within the scope of the proposal.

Continued discussion on the amendment and the bill is expected at the committee's March 7 meeting.

### AIDS update

By next year, AIDS will be the number one killer of men between the ages of 25 and 44 in Minneapolis, said Minnesota Department of Health Epidemiologist Mike Osterholm to the Health and Human Services Committee March 5.

The committee received an update on the department's disease surveillance and control activity from Osterholm and Mike Moen of the department's disease prevention and control division.

Osterholm said that contraction of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus), the virus that leads to AIDS, continues to be "an emerging inner city problem" that he doesn't expect to level off until after the mid-1990s.

"The communities of color are hardest hit," said Osterholm. African-Americans make up about 3.5 percent of Minnesota's population, but have accounted for 11 percent of the AIDS cases, he said. And of the 1,931 people currently diagnosed with HIV who have not yet developed AIDS, 20 percent are African-Americans, said Osterholm.

According to Department of Health statistics, all ethnic groups except Asians have a much higher incidence of HIV infection than whites. American Indians are 3.5 times more likely to have HIV than whites, Hispanics are 4.3 times more likely, and African Americans are 11.5 times more likely. Whites are about three times more likely than Asians to carry HIV.

Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester) cited a recent article in the Wall Street

Journal estimating that 250,000 people in the San Francisco Bay Area have HIV and don't know it. "What we know doesn't scare us as much as what we don't know," said Gutknecht.

Osterholm estimated that in addition to the 1,931 HIV-infected people we do know about, there are probably an additional 4,500 to 8,000 people we don't know about in Minnesota.

In the past 14 months, said Osterholm, the nationwide number of HIV and AIDS cases has jumped from 100,000 to 230,000. In 1985, there were only 8,000 reported cases. Estimates now run at 150,000 new cases per year, on average, through the 1990s, he said.

The total number of AIDS and HIV cases reported to the Department of Health in Minnesota through February 1992 is 3,011. Of the 1,080 AIDS cases, 719 deaths have been reported.

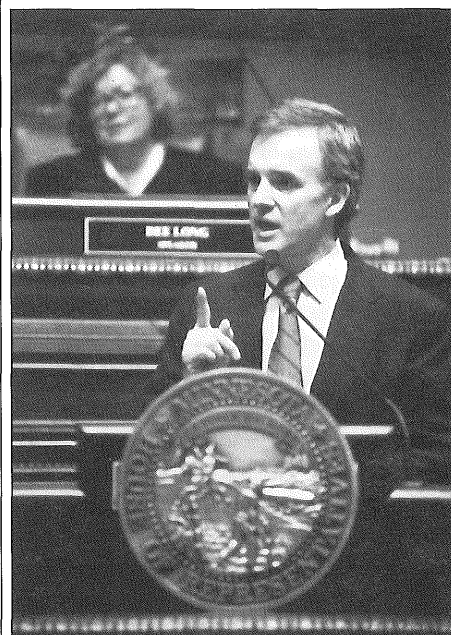
sors Inc. told the Economic Development Committee's International Trade and Technology Division recently that it was like a "ray of light" when Minnesota Project Outreach came to them.

Sander's company was in the process of developing a rice-derived fat substitute. She said that the outreach program helped them with everything from product development, to obtaining FDA approval, to marketing.

Minnesota Project Outreach helps small businesses dramatically increase their knowledge by giving them access to thousands of technical experts and by using an interactive literature searching system, said Candace Campbell, president of the project. It is considered a model program for the rest of the nation.

Minnesota Project Outreach is a non-profit corporation that receives some of its funding from Minnesota Technology Inc. (formerly the Greater Minnesota Corp.), the University of Minnesota, and the state Department of Trade and Economic Development.

The corporation gave an overview of its program to committee members.



Former-Democratic presidential hopeful Bob Kerrey of Nebraska addressed a gathering Feb. 28 in the House chamber. Kerrey withdrew from the race March 5 following disappointing finishes in the March 3 primaries.



## Business

### Information capital

"Information capital" can be worth more to small businesses than giving them actual dollars, according to some business owners who have participated in the Minnesota Project Outreach program.

Pam Sander of Innovative Food Proces-



Frances Densmore, standing third from the right, with the 1884 graduating class of Red Wing High School.

photo courtesy Minnesota Historical Society

## It's a fact!

One of Minnesota's most heralded Native American scholars was a classical pianist from Red Wing.

Author of 20 books and 200 articles and maker of 2,500 sound recordings now at the Smithsonian Institute, Frances Densmore was born May 21, 1867.

"I heard a drum when I was very young," Densmore was quoted as saying in a 1977 article. "Others heard the same drum and the sound was forgotten. As an adult I have followed that drum all over the country."

Densmore worked determinedly to document and preserve Indian cultures she feared would disappear as the influence of white populations increased.

She later lectured throughout the U.S. on Indian music and customs, meticulously taking notes in both Ojibwe and English. Her last trip was a visit to the Seminole in Florida when she was 87 years old. Five years later, she died at her home in Red Wing.



# Committee, Floor & Final Action

## How a bill becomes a law in Minnesota

The bill status tracking sheets on the following pages are designed to give you the latest information on bill action during the week (Thursday to Thursday) preceding each issue. Since it is impossible to provide a cumulative list of all bills due to space limitations, we urge you to save each issue of the *Session Weekly* and mark the bills you want to follow.

The bill status tracking sheet provides you with the bills under current consideration, their chief authors, and titles to indicate content. They are organized first by committee or division; then, numerically by House File number. Most bills have companions in both the House and the Senate.

If certain bills are not listed during a particular week, it means that no further action has taken place.

Abbreviations are used throughout the bill tracking sheets to save space. Though they may seem baffling at first, a glance at the key which appears at the top of each page can quickly remedy the problem. The boldfaced terms in this introduction appear as column headings on the bill tracking sheets.

The major section headings on the bill tracking sheets are divided into three stages that parallel the lawmaking process, namely: **committee** action, **floor** action, and **final** action.

### Committee action

Under committee action, bills are **introduced** in written form and **referred** to an appropriate committee for consideration. A bill on farming, for example, would most likely be sent to the Agriculture Committee. Each committee chair decides which bills will be taken up during the session.

The committee or division holds hearings and discussions on the bill, and then sends a **committee report** citing the committee's recommendation for action to the floor of the House (or Senate).

Typical actions include "recommended to pass (rp)," "recommended to pass as amended (rpa)," "not recommended to pass (nrp)," and "**re-referred** (re) to another committee or division."

### Floor action

When the committee report reaches the floor, the full body debates the bill and considers amendments. All legislators then **vote** on the bill in its final form. **Final passage** requires at least 68 "yes" votes in the House; 34 in the Senate.

Since companion bills are processed through both bodies concurrently, there comes a point where the House and Senate must agree on the bill. Therefore, the first body to pass a bill sends it to the other body for a **first reading** where the bill is **substituted** for its companion and replaces it in the process.

If the bills the House and Senate pass differ, either the first body agrees to accept the second body's version, or a **conference committee** is appointed to work out the differences. Typically, either three or five members of each body are named to such committees.

Once the conference committee reaches a compromise, the bill is sent back to the full House and the full Senate for approval. Sometimes the bill differs from the ones members in each body approved. But if both bodies **concur** and **repass** the bill, it is given a chapter number and sent on to the **governor** for action — approval or disapproval.

### Final action

If the governor disapproves or vetoes (**v**) the bill, it cannot become law unless two-thirds of the members in both the House and the Senate vote to override the veto. If the governor approves or **signs** the bill, it becomes law.

Copies of bills are available through the Chief Clerk's Office, 211 State Capitol, St. Paul, MN 55155. (612) 296-2314.

## Key to Committee/Division Abbreviations

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

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		AGRICULTURE										
HF1827	Dille	Cattle testing—	1/10 AG	AG	3/2 rpa							
SF1681	Decramer	brucellosis, anaplasmosis	1/13 AGR	AGR	3/4 rpa							
		APPROPRIATIONS										
HF1740	Carlson	University of Minnesota—	1/6 AP	AP	1/8 rp		1/14	130-1				
SF1621	Stumpf	system specials restored	1/6 FN	FN	1/8 rp		1/9	66-0	1/10			1/17 (360)
		COMMERCE										
HF1817	Farrell	Trademark infringement—	1/9 CO	CO	3/3 rpa	reJU						
SF1698	Mondale	penalties provided	1/13 CO	CO								
HF1573	Rest	Accountants—CPA	4/10 CO	CO	2/27 nrp, a							
SF1534	Hottinger	licensure modified	4/26 CO	CO								
HF2096	Farrell	Motor vehicles—franchise	2/24 CO	CO	3/3 rp							
SF1801	Hottinger	termination payments regulated	2/18 CO	CO	3/4 rpa							
HF917	Pelowski	Leased cars—license needed	3/18/91 CO	CO	3/3 rp							
SF1109	Morse	for non-metro resale	4/2/91 CO	CO	3/4 rp							
HF2108	O'Connor	State-produced foods—sales	2/24 CO	CO	3/5 rpa							
SF2100	Bertram	at Taste of Minnesota Festival	2/27 AG									
		ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT										
HF1862	Jefferson	Mpls. small business loans—	1/14 EC	EC	2/18 rp		3/5	125-0				
SF1721	Kroening	cap removed	1/15 LO	EH	3/2 rpa							
HF2189	Simoneau	Proposed legislation — effect on	2/27 EC	EC/itt	3/5 rpa							
SF2380	Neuvillie	state technology policy	3/5 RU									
		EDUCATION										
HF1788	Ozment	Schools—equity funding provided	1/9 ED	ED	nrp							
HF370	Segal	School—community health	2/18/91 ED	ED	2/19 h							
SF356	Traub	grant program established	2/18/91 ED	ED								
HF607	Wejcman	Health clinics-	3/5/91	ED	2/19 h							
SF450	Flynn	established in schools	2/25/91 ED									
HF1811	Tunheim	School loan bonds-	1/8 ED	ED	2/26 rp	reAP						
SF1641	Finn	restrictions removed	1/7 ED									
HF1865	Pelowski	Graduation rule	1/14 ED	ED	3/2 h							
SF1733	Price	authorized by law	1/15 ED	ED								
		Higher Education Division										
		EDUCATION										
HF1597	Jaros	Student financial aid	4/11/91 ED	ED/high	2/19 h							
SF1240	Waldorf	tuition doubled	4/4/91 ED	ED								

\*HF2017-ED 2/26 rpa, reGO

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HF2002	Orenstein	Volunteer services—	2/20 ED	LA	3/2 rp							
SF1908	Marty	federal grant proposal	2/24 GO	GO	3/2 rpa							
HF2017	Brown	Licensing—duties transferred	2/20 ED	GO	3/5 rp	reAP*						
SF2219	Hottinger	to HECB	3/2 ED									
HF2283	Johnson, A.	Children—Commission on Children	3/2 ED	GO	3/5 h							
SF2272	Traub	youth, families duties clarified	3/2 HH									
HF2236	Hausman	Desegregation capital grant	2/27 ED	ED/edfin	3/4 h							
SF2226	Pogemiller	bond authorized	3/2 ED									
HF2009	Ostrom	State bonds for education	2/20 ED	Ed/edfin	3/4 h							
SF1937	Fredrickson, D.R.	facility in St. Peter authorized	2/24 ED									
HF1235	Lasley	Capital loan application—	3/27/91 ED	ED/edfin	3/4 h							
SF1070	Johnson, J.B.	authorized for St. Francis	3/27/91 ED									
HF1776	Mariani	Migrant farmworkers—	1/7 ED	ED/high	3/4 rpa							
SF1706	Benson, J.E.	resident tuition status provided	1/15 ED									
HF2359	Hausman	St. Paul Literacy Center—	3/2 ED	ED/edfin	3/4 h							
		bond issuance authorized										
HF490	Tunheim	Maximum effort school loan—	2/25/91 ED	ED/edfin	3/4 h							
SF633	Stumpf	approved for Red Lake	3/7/91 ED									
HF1826	Jennings	Maximum effort school loan—	1/10 ED	ED/edfin	3/4 h							
SF1684	Johnson, J.B.	approved for Rush City	1/13 ED									
		ENERGY										
HF1931	Murphy	Wind energy systems—	2/18 EG	EG	3/4 rpa	reTA						
SF1774	Johnson, J.B.	sales tax exemption	2/18 EP	EP	3/2 rpa	reTT						
HF2296	Janezich	Conservation improvement program	3/2 EG	EG	3/4 rpa	reRI						
SF2264	Dicklich	—certain customer expenditures	3/2	EP								
HF2089	Murphy	Solar energy devices—	2/24 EG	EG	3/4 rpa	reTA						
		tax exemptions										
		ENVIRONMENT										
HF779	Munger	Packaging, toxics—	3/11/91 EN	TA	3/5*	reGO						
SF731	Lessard	fees, recycling goal	3/14/91 EN									
HF2229	Wagenius	Landfill cleanup—	2/27 EN	EN	3/2 rpa	reTA						
		program established										
HF2174	Trimble	Water—grants for conversions	2/27 EN	EN	3/3 rp	reAP						
SF2146	Morse		2/27 EN									
HF2044	Trimble	Water—once-through coding permit	2/24 EN	EN	3/3 rpa							
SF1830	Novak	exemption for non-profit	2/20 EN	EN	3/2 rpa							
HF1977	Trimble	Water—emergency plans,	2/20 EN	EN	3/3 rp	reLG						
SF1958	Price	lake level prohibitions	2/24 EN	EN	3/5 rpa	re FN						
HF2170	Farrell	Petrofund cleanup—	2/27 EN	EN	3/5 rpa	reCO						
SF2158	Solon	bonding required	3/2 EN									

\*HF779 EN 3/2 rpa, reTA; TA recalled

\*HF1731-2/20 veto override attempt fails 77-49 \*SF1598-EE 1/8 rpa, reEN; 2/18 veto overridden 56-9

\*SF1855-CO 2/27 rpa

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HF2381	McPherson	Washington County—	3/2 EN	EN	3/5 rpa							
SF2205	Laidig	state land sale authorized										
HF1948	Carruthers	Insurance-charity donations	2/18 FI	FI	2/18 rpa		2/27	128-0	3/4			
SF1855	Metzen		2/20 CO	RA*								
HF1901	Winter	Insurance agents—	1/15 FI	FI	2/19 rpa							
SF1689	Metzen	terminations regulated	1/30 CO	CO	2/27 rpa							
HF1681	Skoglund	Insurance—omnibus bill	5/3/91 FI	FI	2/26 rpa							
SF2212	Solon		3/2 CO									
HF1680	Skoglund	Banks, credit unions, lenders—	5/3/91 FI	FI/bk	3/2 rpa	reFI						
SF2213	Solon	regulated, practices modified	3/2 CO									
HF1884	Sparby	Trustee investments—	1/15 FI	FI/bk	2/19 rpa	reFI						
SF1729	Hottinger	certain mutual funds allowed	1/15 CO									
		GENERAL LEGISLATION										
HF1731	Lasley	Elections—presidential primary	1/6 GL	GL	1/13 rpa		1/15	103-28*				
SF1598	Marty	delayed	1/6 EE	FN	1/10 rpa		1/13	57-10			1/15 45-10	1/16 (v)*
		GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS										
HF1873	Reding	Retirement—retired public employees	1/14 GO	GO	3/3 rp							
SF1731	Solon	cont'd health coverage provided	1/15 GO									
HF2335	Peterson	State departments—Administration bill	3/2 GO	GO	3/3 rpa							
HF2259	Reding	Pensions—MnDOT employee	3/2 GO	GO	3/3 rp							
SF2239	Piper	granted early accrual	3/2 GO									
HF1979	Jefferson	Pensions—prior service credit purchase authorized	2/20 GO	GO	3/3 rpa							
HF1895	Cooper	Pensions—EMS personnel	1/15 GO	GO	3/3 rpa	reAP						
SF1718	Frederickson, D.J.	plan amended	1/15 GO	GO								
HF2084	Olson, E.	State Departments—action required for permits, licenses	2/24 GO	GO	2/27 rpa							
HF1763	Rodosovich	Public Lands—Faribault County:	1/7 GO	GO	2/27 rp							
SF1772	Neuville	certain lands released	2/18 EN									
HF1350	Jaros	Pensions—backpay granted	4/4/91 GO	GO	3/5 rpa							
SF1139	Solon	for wrongful discharge	4/2/91 GO									
		HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES										
HF295	Cooper	Professional counseling—	2/14/91 HH	HH	2/27 rpa	reGO						
SF199	Vickerman	licensing board established	2/7/91 HH									
HF443	Murphy	Chemical dependency counselors—	2/21 HH	HH	2/27 rpa	reGO						
SF422	Solon	licensing, regulation	2/25 HH	HH	3/4 rpa	reGO						
		HOUSING										

\*HF442-JU/crjus 2/19 h, reJU

\*SF1739-TR 2/24 rp, reJU



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HF123	Jefferson	Pets—allowed in	1/28/91 HO	HO	3/2rp							
SF43	Samuelson	senior housing units	1/16 EH									
HF1954	O'Connor	Landlord's—tenant credit	2/18 HO	HO	2/27rpa							
SF2091	Dicklich	reports permitted	2/27 EH									
HF2005	Dawkins	Federal HOME program—	2/20 HO	HO	2/27rpa	reAP						
SF2059	Kelly	matching funds provided	2/27 EH									
HF2004	Dawkins	Neighborhood housing	2/20 HO	HO	2/27 rpa	reAP						
SF1944	Kelly	trust established	2/24 EH	EH	3/2 rp	reFN						
HF1934	Clark	Lead cleanup program started	2/18 HO	GO	3/5 h*							
SF1790	Berglin		2/18 HH	HH	2/26 rpa	reEN						
		JUDICIARY										
HF442	Carruthers	Child abuse—faith healing	2/21/91 JU	JU	3/2 h, a*							
SF273	Ranum	exemption repealed	2/14/91 JU									
HF1910	Rest	Legal—limited liability	2/18 JU	JU	3/2 rpa	reTA						
SF1740	Reichgott	company act created	1/15 JU	JU	3/2 rpa	reTT						
HF1840	Solberg	Drugs—crack, cocaine	1/10 JU	JU	1/14 rp		1/14	127-4				
SF11	Spear	penalties equalized	1/9/91 JU	JU	1/10 rpa		1/13	66-0	1/13			1/17(359)
HF1829	Solberg	Commissions—sentencing guidelines	1/10 JU	JU/crjus	2/28 rp	reJU						
SF1791	Marty	appts. to have gender balance	2/18 GO									
HF1975	Vellenga	Crime—sex offender treatment:	2/20 JU	JU/crjus	2/28 rp	reJU						
SF1846	Kelly	programs, fund established	2/20 JU									
HF2073	Welker	Crime—safe communities	2/24 JU	JU/crjus	2/28 h							
SF1983	McGowan	act adopted	2/24 JU									
HF1849	Vellenga	Crime—sex offenses given	1/13 JU	JU/crjus	2/26 rp	reJU						
SF1687	Spear	longer prison terms										
HF1968	Blatz	Crime—sex offender	2/20 JU	JU/crjus	2/26 rpa	reJU						
SF2167	McGowan	registration expanded	3/2 JU									
HF1886	Cooper	Liquor—Open Bottle Law:	1/15 JU	JU/crjus	2/26 rp	reJU						
SF1739	Metzen	charter bus carriers exempted	1/15 TR	JU	3/2 h*							
HF1842	Morrison	Legal—child witnesses given more	1/10 JU	JU/crjus	2/26 rpa	reJU						
SF1788	Pariseau	out-of-court testimony										
HF1720	Vellenga	Crime—victim-offender mediation	5/20/91 JU	JU/crjus	2/25 rp	reJU						
SF1591	Spear	programs authorized	5/20/91									
HF1803	Bishop	Crime—pistol permits denied	1/8 JU	JU/crjus	2/24 rpa	reJU						
SF1619	Marty	in certain cases	1/6 JU	JU	1/10 rpa		2/18	61-0	2/24			
HF1896	Hasskamp	Crime—life without parole	1/15 JU	JU/crjus	2/19 h,a							
SF1757	Riveness	for certain convicted murderers	2/18 JU									
HF1742	Wenzel	Crime—	1/6 JU	JU/crjus	2/19 h,a							
		criminal penalties increased										
HF2090	Carruthers	Insurance—	2/24 JU	JU/crjus	3/4 rp							
SF2012	Bertram	requirements for autos amended	2/27 JU									

\*HF1976-LG 3/2 rp, reEN

\*HF1934-HO 2/24 rpa; reHH; HH 2/27 rpa, reEN; EN, reGO

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HF285	Carruthers	Crime—	2/11/91 JU	JU/crjus	3/4 rpa							
SF897	Marty	Omnibus DWI bill	3/21/91 JU									
		LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS										
HF2066	Trimble	Video display terminals—	2/24 LA	LA	3/2 rpa	reAP						
SF1608	Mondale	health risks studied	1/6 EM	EM	2/27 rpa							
HF756	Rukavina	Labor unions—	3/11/91 LA	LA	2/24 rpa							
SF975	Dicklich	employer meeting obligations	3/25/91 EM									
HF2142	Johnson, A.	Family leave law modified—	2/27 LA	LA	3/2 rpa							
		child care centers included										
HF1889	Rukavina	Personnel records—	1/15 LA	LA	2/24 rpa		3/5	130-0				
SF1747	Merriam	employee access expanded	1/15 EM	EM	2/20 rp	reJU						
		LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METRO AFFAIRS										
HF1756	Jefferson	Mpls—park, recreation board	1/6 LG	LG	1/14 rp		1/15	132-0				
SF1622	Pogemiller	districts reapportioned	1/6 RE	RE	1/7 rpa		1/13	65-0	1/13			2/18 (362)
HF1976	Bishop	Olmsted County—	2/20 LG	EN	3/5 rp*							
SF2208	Brataas	courthouse sale authorized	3/2 LG									
HF1911	Kinkel	Hubbard County—	2/18 LG	LG	2/27 rp							
SF1766	Finn	tax forfeited land exchanged	2/18 EN									
HF1825	Bodahl	Local gov't contracts—	1/10 LG	LG	2/27 rpa*							
SF1666	Chmielewski	conflict provisions modified	1/13 LG	LG	1/15 rpa		2/24	55-5	2/27			
HF1989	Brown	Traverse County	2/20 LG	LG	2/27 rp							
SF1953	Berg	legal fees exempted	2/24 FN									
HF1848	Wagenius	Minneapolis—bonding permitted	1/13 LG	LG	2/20 rp	reTA						
SF1705	Flynn	for federal plaza	1/15 LG	LG	3/3 rp	reEH						
HF1853	Bishop	Olmsted County—	1/13 LG	LG	2/20 rpa							
SF1716	Brataas	recorder office reorganized	1/15 LG	LG	2/24 rpa							
HF1479	Murphy	Cities—	4/8/91 LG	LG	2/20 h							
		zoning conflict resolution										
HF1957	Battaglia	Cook County—	2/18 LG	LG	2/20 rpa		3/2	132-0				
SF1966	Johnson, D.J.	hospital board terms	2/24 LG									
HF1852	Welker	Chippewa County—	2/27 LG	LG	2/27 rpa		3/2	119-12				
SF1717	Fedrickson, D.J.	offices combined	1/15 LG									
HF1778	Orfield	Sewers-Metropolitan Council	1/7 LG	LG	3/5 h,a							
SF1656	Mondale	bonding authority limited	1/9 MA									
HF2269	Garcia	Twin Cities Airport — capital	3/2 LG	LG	3/5 h,a							
SF2271	Riveness	budget, noise mitigation funds	3/2 MA	MA	3/3 h							
HF2115	Begich	Fencing—costs apportioned	2/27 LG	LG	3/5 rpa							
		on basis of need										
		REDISTRICTING										

\*HF1693-RU 5/17/91 rp \*SF1562-vote 51-0

\*HF1825-Recalled from committee, referred for comparison 3/2

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HF1728	Rodosovich	Reapportionment—congressional	1/6 RE	RE	1/8 rp		1/9	77-55				
SF1597	Pogemiller	boundaries	1/6 RE	RE	1/7 rpa		1/7	45-21	1/9			1/10 (v)*
HF1726	Rodosovich	Redistricting—technical changes	1/6 RE	RE	1/8 rp		1/9	75-57				
SF1596	Pogemiller		1/6 RE	RE	1/7 rpa		1/7	42-22	1/7			1/10 (v)*
		REGULATED INDUSTRIES										
HF1777	Schreiber	Brooklyn Park—	1/7 RI	RI	2/25 rpa							
SF1623	Luther	liquor licensing	1/6 CO	CO	1/9 rpa		1/9	62-0	1/10			
HF1488	Dawkins	Electric cooperatives—	4/8/91 RI	RI	2/25 rpa							
SF1298	Dicklich	reapportionment	4/8/91 JU									
HF1489	Dawkins	Open meetings—	4/8/91 RI	RI	3/2 rpa							
SF1297	Dicklich	electric cooperative members	4/8/91 EP									
HF1943	O'Connor	Telephone company—	2/18 RI	RI	3/2 a							
SF2017	Novak	data disclosure restricted	2/27 EP									
		RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION										
HF1693	Bishop	Revisor's Bill—	5/14/91 RU	RU	1/14 rpa*		1/15	129-3				
SF1562	Spear	technical corrections made	5/10/91 RA	RA	5/20 rpa		5/20	66-0	1/6		1/15*	1/17 (363)
		TAXES										
HF2031	Olson, E.	Vacant property—	2/20 TA	TA	2/25 rpa		3/2	131-0				
SF1949	Reichgott	assessments delayed	2/24 TA									
		TRANSPORTATION										
HF1833	Wejcman	Volunteer parking	1/10 TR	TR	2/26 rp							
SF1674	Pogemiller	patrols authorized	1/13 TR									
HF1701	Steensma	Railways—right-of-way	5/15/91 TR	TR	2/26 rpa							
SF1575	DeCramer	aquisitions clarified	5/15/91 TR									
HF1736	Lieder	Bridges—bonding provided	1/6 TR	TR	2/26 rp	reAP						
SF1712	Langseth		1/15 TR	TR	2/24 h							
HF1709	Kalis	Cities—user fees permitted	5/18/91 TR	TR	2/19 h	subcom.						
SF1588	DeCramer	for street projects	5/18/91 TR									
HF2023	Lasley	Building movers—	2/20 TR	TR	3/4 rpa	reGO						
		vehicle inspections required										
HF804	Morrison	Hazardous waste—over-the-road	3/11/91 TR	TR	3/4 h, a							
SF695	DeCramer	shipping regulated	3/11/91 TR	TR*								
HF2030	Rice	Passenger drivers—	2/20 TR	TR	3/4 rp							
SF2057	Chmielewski	working hours limited	2/27 TR									
HF2029	Dempsey	Motor cycle helmets—	2/20 TR	TR	3/4 rp							
SF1778	Laidig	exempt from federal regulation	2/18 TR									
HF2355	Johnson, A.	Courier services regulated	3/2 TR	TR	3/4 rpa							

\*SF695-5/20/91 sections incorporated into SF208(33-36), SF598(Art. 4,Sec. 10)

\*SF1596-2/20 veto overridden 45-21

\*SF1597-2/20 veto overridden 45-21

The People's Subcommittee —

## Panel sifts through state's Wapner-like cases

**T**ucked away in the 1990 *Laws of Minnesota* is a \$14 appropriation to compensate Mark H. Deshazer for a "Led Zeppelin" shirt that was lost in the prison laundry at St. Cloud.

In the following year, three families from the Little Falls area were each paid \$5,000 (a fourth got \$7,000) to help pay for their connection to the city water system because a nearby MnDOT salt pile was threatening their wells.

And Harrison T. Alink of Austin got \$60 from the state that year as part of his state veterans bonus for serving in the Merchant Marine during WWII.

All three filed claims with the joint legislative claims subcommittee, a little-noticed panel whose existence — save for a few prison inmates — is virtually unknown outside the Capitol complex.

The panel, composed of three members from the House and three from the Senate, serves as a sort of collective Peoples Court, dispensing justice after sifting through claims that are often quite odd.

"You feel a little like Judge Wapner," said Rep. Andy Steensma (DFL-Luverne), the House chair of the subcommittee. "We just ask all kinds of questions."

The committee usually meets just two or three times a year, sometimes when the Legislature is not in session. And all things considered, most subcommittee members would probably rather be elsewhere.

"To tell you the truth, it's one of the most thankless committees in the House," said Steensma. "Nobody wants to do it. . . . If I could be chair of another committee, I'd take any committee there is."

Its hearings are informal, with fewer rules than would apply in a court of law. In the overwhelming majority of cases, the subcommittee says no to claims.

But sometimes it will pay a claim when the argument is "very compelling on a moral basis, even though the legal argument isn't very good," said Harry Walsh, acting Revisor of Statutes who has served as co-counsel for the subcommittee.

For example, he doubted whether the

four families from Little Falls would have won in court had they chosen to sue.

And Rep. Steve Wenzel (DFL-Little Falls), who appeared before the claims subcommittee with his constituents, said it was better to resolve the dispute this way than to hire expensive lawyers and fight it out in court.

"It's [the subcommittee] one of the best kept secrets in state government," said

counsel. For example, several thousand dollars of the \$133,186 claims bills of 1991 went to reimburse 24 different people for "fines assessed due to erroneous weight limits posted on the Champlin bridge."

And \$3,500 was appropriated to reimburse a Minnesota State Patrol officer "for legal defense costs relating to possible criminal negligence charges

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*"It's [serving on the subcommittee] kind of enjoyable, but you sure don't make any friends."*

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—Rep. Andy Steensma

Wenzel. That may be true, but claims against the state have been around for years.

The 1891 appropriations bill contained the following provision: "To reimburse George Jenkins for feed and lodgings furnished refugees during the Indian outbreak in 1862, at Crow Wing, Minnesota, \$500."

Although some of the claims are fairly straightforward — such as the ones that compensate prisoners for on-the-job injuries — the overwhelming majority have a distinctly odd flavor.

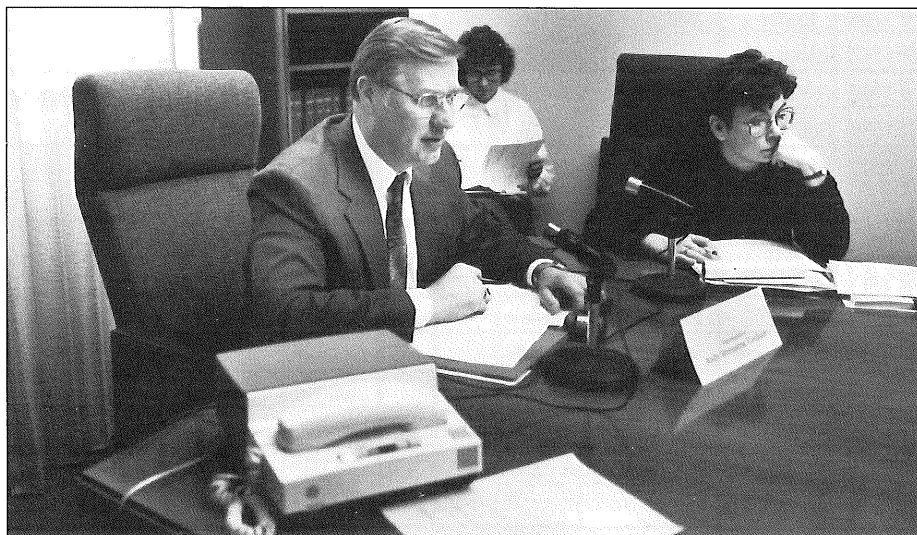
The subcommittee handles cases that "sort of slip through the cracks," said Carla Riehle, the subcommittee's co-

resulting from a motor vehicle accident while performing duties for the state patrol."

"You don't have to look very far to find interesting claims," said the subcommittee's clerk, who processes the claims.

**I**n one case an escaped prisoner ditched a pillow case full of his worldly goods, then, after he was apprehended, lodged a claim against the state for the lost items. Another time an inmate brought a claim because he didn't like the perm he received at the prison barbershop. Neither claim was allowed.

The case of prison inmate Mark



A Stillwater inmate makes his claim via teleconference before Rep. Andy Steensma, chair of the Joint Claims Subcommittee, at a March 4 hearing.



### Joint claims at a glance

Total cost of the 1991 claims bill .....	\$133,186
Number of claims filed with subcommittee in 1990-91 .....	180
Number of those claims filed by prisoners .....	155
Number of claims approved by subcommittee in 1990-91 .....	22

Deshazer's shirt is also a bit unusual.

Although prison rules explicitly state that the Department of Corrections is not responsible for inmates' personal laundry, the subcommittee made an exception in Deshazer's case.

Why? Apparently because the shirt was lost while he was sent to the intensive care unit. Since he didn't place the shirt in the laundry himself, he couldn't be blamed for its loss. Similarly, a prisoner was once paid \$50 for damage to her television set after it fell from a cart that was being pushed by a guard.

"We do have a duty to be at least partially careful," said Jean Whitney, assistant to the commissioner of the Department of Corrections who oversees prison claims. "If you're in our institutions, we do have a duty to provide for your well-being. We can't cut their fingers off — that's not part of the deal. And we can't break their stuff."

Even though it's been about 50 years since Harrison Alink, now 72, served in

the Merchant Marine during WWII, the approval of his \$60 bonus was fairly routine.

In 1989, the U.S. Congress changed the legal definition of "veteran" to include those who served in the Merchant Marine — reflecting the danger under which enlistees served.

When Alink, a machine gunner on an ammunition ship, heard about becoming eligible for a bonus, he went to see his local veterans service officer, who processed the claim. (WWII vets could receive up to \$400; the bonuses of Merchant Marine vets are prorated based on the time spent outside the 12-mile U.S. territorial limit.)

Oftentimes, however, the claim process begins at the urging of a legislator, which can make the job of saying no that much tougher, said Steensma.

"It's [serving on the subcommittee] kind of enjoyable, but you sure don't make any friends," said Steensma.

— Grant Moos

## Serving on claims panel was not always un popular

Although serving on the Joint Claims Subcommittee is probably one of the least desirable assignments at the Capitol, it wasn't always that way.

In 1955, a full-fledged commission was created to hear the claims to reduce the workload on the full House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees, which had heard the claims prior to that time. Capitol insiders say the commission was once on a par in status with the powerful Legislative Building Commission, which recommended to the Legislature what state building projects should be funded.

But the commission disbanded in 1973 for both political and pragmatic reasons. DFLers in the 1972 elections had made an issue of the numerous Republican commissions, and eliminated many of them when they took control of the House and Senate, said Peter Wattson of Senate Counsel and Research, who advised the subcommittee for several years.

The other reason was a landmark 1962 Minnesota Supreme Court decision that eliminated the age-old doctrine of government immunity, which paved the way for lawsuits against the state. Prior to that time, it was legally impossible to successfully sue the government.

"Now all the good ones [claims] are heard in court and the poor Legislature is left with all the others," said Wattson. In the early 1970s, the Legislature also gave state departments the authority to settle claims of up to \$2,500

— eliminating much of the commission's work.

## Do you know?

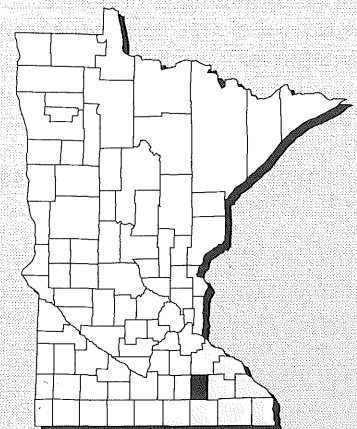
Dodge County, established Feb. 20, 1855, is named in honor of a Wisconsin governor who was instrumental in opening the eventual site of St. Paul to pioneer settlement.

In July of 1837, Henry Dodge, acting as commissioner of Indian Affairs, negotiated a treaty of cession with the Ojibwe bands of the Mississippi. They met at Fort Snelling, then a part of Wisconsin territory, which stretched as far west as the Missouri River.

In Washington two months later, a similar treaty was signed by the Dakota. In exchange for the land, the Ojibwe were to receive "annuities" of food, money, medical assistance, and other benefits for 20 years. The agreement was to be "perpetual" for the Dakota.

The Ojibwe also retained the right to hunt, fish, and gather wild rice on the land ceded. The Dakota did not.

Together, these two treaties opened the large delta between the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers to pioneer settlement, land that would eventually become the most populated area in the new state of Minnesota.



# Bill Introductions

HF2255 — HF2605

## Monday, March 2

### HF2255—Bertram (DFL)

#### Economic Development

Higher education coordinating board provided bonding authority allocation for student loan bonds.

### HF2256—Winter (DFL)

#### Environment and Natural Resources

Packing materials made of renewable resources required by state agencies and contractors, and loose foam polystyrene packing material use and disposal prohibited.

### HF2257—Jefferson (DFL)

#### Governmental Operations

Independent school district No. 197, West St. Paul, employee authorized prior service purchase from teachers retirement association.

### HF2258—McEachern (DFL)

#### Education

School district and regional management information center reporting and membership requirements provided.

### HF2259—Reding (DFL)

#### Governmental Operations

Transportation department retiree provided earlier accrual date.

### HF2260—Bodahl (DFL)

#### Governmental Operations

Abstractors board allowed to place a licensee in inactive status, restrictions provided, and bond or insurance not required.

### HF2261—Winter (DFL)

#### Financial Institutions & Insurance

Executive council depository and collateral requirements for state funds regulated.

### HF2262—Olson, E. (DFL)

#### Taxes

Assessment rolls not to include certain tax-forfeited property.

### HF2263—Janezich (DFL)

#### Health & Human Services

Emergency general assistance, negotiated rate facility, and emergency assistance county growth payment increases assumed by the state.

### HF2264—Rukavina (DFL)

#### Education

School district levy referenda restricted to the year before the levy increase commences, and election held only once in a calendar year.

### HF2265—Cooper (DFL)

#### Health & Human Services

Funeral expense payments by counties modified, and disposal provided for unclaimed cremated remains.

### HF2266—Reding (DFL)

#### Governmental Operations

Technical college teachers provided eligibility for individual retirement account plan, and optional participation and prior allowable service provided.

### HF2267—Steensma (DFL)

#### Environment & Natural Resources

Petroleum tank release cleanup account reimbursement provided to cities and towns.

### HF2268—Pelowski (DFL)

#### Education

School year authorized to begin before Labor Day in 1992, and school year calendar adopted.

### HF2269—Garcia (DFL)

#### Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Metropolitan airports commission capital improvement budget at Minneapolis-St. Paul international airport to include noise mitigation program.

### HF2270—Omann (IR)

#### Taxes

Vacant platted property provided valuation and assessment.

### HF2271—Kahn (DFL)

#### Appropriations

Metropolitan area regional recreation open space system appropriated money.

### HF2272—Kahn (DFL)

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

Campaign contribution and public subsidy provisions suspended pending compliance by major political parties.

### HF2273—Cooper (DFL)

#### Health & Human Services

Marriage and family therapists included as mental health professionals.

### HF2274—Dorn (DFL)

#### Judiciary

Telephone assistance plan data shared between revenue and human services departments for determining eligibility.

### HF2275—Clark (DFL)

#### Health & Human Services

Health assurance plan and health care access department created, and money appropriated.

### HF2276—Smith (IR)

#### Health & Human Services

Health insurance benefits suspended for legislators and the governor until enactment of a health insurance reform bill.

### HF2277—Nelson, K. (DFL)

#### Education

Social worker and counselor model sites authorized at elementary schools for collaborative programs between school districts and local social service agencies.

### HF2278—Bettermann (IR)

#### Health & Human Services

Children Helped in Long-term Development (CHILD) program established for child abuse prevention and money appropriated.

### HF2279—Lynch (IR)

#### Health & Human Services

Children Helped in Long-term Development (CHILD) program established for child abuse prevention and money appropriated.

### HF2280—Rukavina (DFL)

#### Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Biwabik authorized purchase and conveyance of state lands.

### HF2281—Rukavina (DFL)

#### Labor-Management Relations

Unemployment compensation eligibility provided to certain educational institution employees between academic years and terms.

### HF2282—Rukavina (DFL)

#### Environment & Natural Resources

Snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle trail grant-in-aid program participation option provided to counties.

### HF2283—Johnson, A. (DFL)

#### Education

Children, youth, and their families legislative commission duties clarified, staff authorized, and money appropriated.

### HF2284—Bauerly (DFL)

#### Education

Children, youth, and their families legislative commission duties clarified, staff authorized, and money appropriated.

**HF2285—Tunheim (DFL)****Labor-Management Relations**

Unemployment compensation overpayments waived if overpayment is due to administrative failure to identify that wage credits were not earned in covered employment.

**HF2286—Boo (IR)****Health & Human Services**

Ophthalmologists and optometrists to report legally blind persons to state services for the blind and visually handicapped.

**HF2287—Jefferson (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Amortization state aid eligibility eliminated for local police and salaried firefighter relief associations and consolidation accounts with no unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

**HF2288—Johnson, R. (DFL)****Appropriations**

Northwest juvenile training center provided bond issuance for construction of a new facility for juvenile correction placement needs in the ninth judicial district.

**HF2289—Olson, E. (DFL)****Taxes**

Homestead credit permanent trust fund established for providing property tax relief with funding provided by dedicating part of the sales tax, and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF2290—Sparby (DFL)****Taxes**

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**HF2292—Bodahl (DFL)****Taxes**

Homestead credit permanent trust fund established for providing property tax relief with funding provided by dedicating part of the sales tax, and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF2293—Greenfield (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Nursing home project granted a moratorium exception provided construction deadline extension.

**HF2294—Farrell (DFL)****Labor-Management Relations**

Plumbing board established, local licensing

pre-empted in certain cases, penalties provided, and money appropriated.

**HF2295—Sparby (DFL)****Labor-Management Relations**

Workers' compensation act adopted, and money appropriated.

**HF2296—Janezich (DFL)****Energy**

Energy conservation improvement expenditures by certain large utility customers counted as a required energy expenditure for a public utility.

**HF2297—Pugh (DFL)****Judiciary**

Title and CPT duplicate certificates abolished for lessees and mortgagees of registered land, registration fees increased, county recorder equipment fund deposits provided, and money appropriated.

**HF2298—O'Connor (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Occupational regulation legislative commission created, occupational regulation modified, and money appropriated.

**HF2299—Runbeck (IR)****Housing**

Manufactured home owner's bill of rights enacted and penalties provided.

**HF2300—Runbeck (IR)****Commerce**

Motor vehicle manufacturer warranty adjustment programs regulated, manufacturer notice and dealer disclosure requirements provided, reimbursement required in certain cases, and penalties and remedies provided.

**HF2301—Stanis (IR)****Transportation**

Municipal state-aid street fund eligibility extended to certain towns.

**HF2302—Rice (DFL)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Neighborhood revitalization program fund distribution required in proportion to the population, geographic area, and needs of each commonly identified city neighborhood.

**HF2303—Stanis (IR)****Transportation**

Regional rail authorities within the metropolitan area required to use certain revenue for acquisition of real property.

**HF2304—Mariani (DFL)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Metropolitan council authorized to issue bonds for development of light rail transit.

**HF2305—Blatz (IR)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Bloomington provided port authority membership.

**HF2306—Bauerly (DFL)****Education**

Way to grow programs provided increased appropriation to maintain ongoing programs.

**HF2307—Vellenga (DFL)****Judiciary**

Domestic abuse case prosecutorial plans adopted by city and county attorneys, and sexual assault and domestic abuse victim service programs appropriated money.

**HF2308—Stanis (IR)****Appropriations**

Aquatic nuisance exotic species management programs appropriated money.

**HF2309—Stanis (IR)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Aquatic management areas established.

**HF2310—Jefferson (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Minneapolis truck driver employee authorized purchase of prior service credit.

**HF2311—Jaros (DFL)****Financial Institutions & Insurance**

Duluth authorized to establish three detached banking facilities.

**HF2312—Jaros (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Purchase preference definition of "Manufactured in the United States" to include cement manufactured in Canada.

**HF2313—Jaros (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Duluth teachers retirement fund association allowed lump sum post-retirement adjustment payments.

**HF2314—Jaros (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Independent school district No. 225, Otter Tail county, and No. 23, Tyler, teachers authorized purchase of previously exempt service credit due to pre-age 25 years limited exemption.

**HF2315—Jaros (DFL)****Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Lottery retailer contract qualifications modified.

**HF2316—Jaros (DFL)****Judiciary**

Health care declaration (living will) suggested form to include birthdate.

**HF2317—Hasskamp (DFL)****Taxes**

Developers and property owners provided delayed property tax assessments for improvements or rehabilitation to certain property.

**HF2318—Lynch (IR)****Education**

Planning, evaluation, and review (PER) policy to include parental review of instructional materials.

**HF2319—Orenstein (DFL)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Ramsey county to include on employment eligibles list qualified county employees displaced or laid off because of the Lake Owasso residence closing.

**HF2320—Peterson (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Watershed district public notice required prior to appointment of district manager; metropolitan county appointment requirements modified; local governments required to pay permit fees; and audits and decision appeals provided.

**HF2321—Rukavina (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Metropolitan disposal facility development act adopted, and mixed municipal solid waste and incinerator ash disposal facility planning, siting, and expansion process amended.

**HF2322—Davids (IR)****Education**

Independent school district No. 233, Preston-Fountain, general education revenue not reduced due to fund balance.

**HF2323—Janezich (DFL)****Judiciary**

Library patron application records considered private data.

**HF2324—Davids (IR)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Fillmore county authorized sale of certain tax-forfeited lands bordering public water.

**HF2325—Davids (IR)****Transportation**

Farm trailers exempted from registration and taxation requirements, certain farm trucks temporarily exempted from size and weight restrictions, and task force established.

**HF2326—Davids (IR)****Education**

Independent school district No. 233, Preston-Fountain, special levy authorized for a gifted and talented program.

**HF2327—Koppendrayner (IR)****Judiciary**

Drivers' license suspension provided for persons charged with a petty misdemeanor for which a guilty plea was entered for failure to appear in court.

**HF2328—Olsen, S. (IR)****Education**

Violence prevention curriculum in primary and secondary schools required.

**HF2329—McGuire (DFL)****Judiciary**

Uniform transfer of litigation act adopted.

**HF2330—Newinski (IR)****Judiciary**

Safe communities act of 1992 adopted.

**HF2331—Smith (IR)****Judiciary**

Safe communities act of 1992 adopted.

**HF2332—Goodno (IR)****Judiciary**

Safe communities act of 1992 adopted.

**HF2333—Frederick (IR)****Judiciary**

Safe communities act of 1992 adopted.

**HF2334—Rukavina (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Whitefish and cisco net licensing certain minors exempted.

**HF2335—Peterson (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Administration department bill; data classification changed, construction project encumbrance process changed, building maintenance and leasing authority modified, agency purchasing requirements changed, STARS administration amended.

**HF2336—Simoneau (DFL)****Financial Institutions & Insurance**

Workers' compensation assigned risk plan regulated.

**HF2337—Welker (IR)****Redistricting**

Revisor of statutes to submit legislative and congressional redistricting plans, and legislative action procedure provided.

**HF2338—Dempsey (IR)****Health & Human Services**

Pilot community work experience program for absent parents established, and money appropriated.

**HF2339—Steensma (DFL)****Education**

Extension service fringe benefits and salary increases provided, and money appropriated.

**HF2340—Mariani (DFL)****Education**

Higher education coordinating board to study feasibility of accelerated baccalaureate degree programs.

**HF2341—Mariani (DFL)****Transportation**

Public transit service non-operating assistance authorized.

**HF2342—Jefferson (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

American Indian child welfare advisory council created, child abuse prevention advisory council enlarged.

**HF2343—Rest (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Governmental units standards and requirements of accountability provided.

**HF2344—Steensma (DFL)****Taxes**

Leasehold cooperative creation requirements for municipalities provided.

**HF2345—Carruthers (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Open meeting law clarified, court award in open meeting law actions provided.

**HF2346—Bishop (IR)****Financial Institutions & Insurance**

Automobile insurance policy coverage on repair or replacement of motor vehicle glass provided.

**HF2347—Tunheim (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Season for taking deer by muzzle-loading firearm provided.

**HF2348—Tunheim (DFL)****Education**

Review and comment process for school board proposals modified, appeal process allowed, local advisory council established.

**HF2349—Dauner (DFL)****Transportation**

License plate and sticker cost to be recovered by registrar and fees credited to highway user tax distribution fund.

**HF2350—Hasskamp (DFL)****Labor-Management Relations**

Seasonal employment time limit definition changed to 107 consecutive days or less per year.

**HF2351—Kelso (DFL)****Education**

Federal vocational funds disbursement responsibility transferred from technical college board to education board.

**HF2352—Jefferson (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

State agency heads may not delegate affirmative action duties.

**HF2353—Orenstein (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Ventilator-dependant medical assistance recipients to continue receiving the services of a nurse or personal care assistant while living in a nursing home.

**HF2354—Cooper (DFL)****Agriculture**

Honey bee regulation eliminated.

**HF2355—Johnson, A. (DFL)****Transportation**

Courier services and local cartage carriers regulated.

**HF2356—Winter (DFL)****Appropriations**

Middle Des Moines watershed district flood and erosion control project bond issuance authorized.

**HF2357—Hausman (DFL)****Education**

Special cooperation levy authorized for certain school districts.

**HF2358—Hausman (DFL)****Education**

Capital expenditure levy for certain installment contracts and lease purchases authorized.

**HF2359—Hausman (DFL)****Education**

Independent school district No. 625, St. Paul, bond issuance authorized for establishment of a lifelong literacy center.

**HF2360—Tunheim (DFL)****Labor-Management Relations**

American Indian tribes considered employers for unemployment compensation purposes.

**HF2361—Solberg (DFL)****Judiciary**

Sex offender registration expanded.

**HF2362—Runbeck (IR)****Education**

Teen youth development community based after school program pilot project grants authorized, and money appropriated.

**HF2363—Welle (DFL)****Appropriations**

Willmar to Hawick multipurpose trail bond issuance authorized.

**HF2364—Welle (DFL)****Transportation**

Travel information center on highway No. 71 near Willmar construction bond issuance authorized.

**HF2365—Rodosovich (DFL)****Education**

Independent school district No. 656, Faribault, conveyance of land provided, and money appropriated.

**HF2366—Rodosovich (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Faribault fire consolidation account full post-retirement adjustment authorized in a certain case.

**HF2367—Pugh (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Commitment defined, neuroleptic medication use expanded, informed consent provided, commitment to commissioner specified, commissioner designation of facility provided, care cost transfer modified, county financial responsibility stated.

**HF2368—Lasley (DFL)****Transportation**

Regular and irregular route carrier permit expiration and conversion provided, operating authority specified and transfer restricted, certificate and permit leasing prohibited, zones redefined, fees increased, and money appropriated.

**HF2369—Sparby (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Thief River Falls police retirement benefit increase provided.

**HF2370—Hanson (DFL)****Judiciary**

Fees and costs awarded to prevailing party in actions under the environmental rights act.

**HF2371—Bettermann (IR)****Judiciary**

Anti-violence education and prevention programs provided.

**HF2372—Nelson, K. (DFL)****Transportation**

Flashing warning signal and stop arm use on school buses certain restrictions repealed.

**HF2373—McEachern (DFL)****Education**

Education commissioner removed from state high school league board, and annual report required.

**HF2374—Wejcman (DFL)****Judiciary**

Statutory maximum sentences increased for certain offenses, limit on consecutive sentences for felonies removed, protection order violation penalty clarified, bias crime reporting requirements expanded.

**HF2375—Mariani (DFL)****Transportation**

Transportation accessibility advisory committee named.

**HF2376—Kelso (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Taking of wild animals from a motor vehicle prohibition clarified.

**HF2377—Uphus (IR)****Education**

School consolidation law changed.

**HF2378—Osthoff (DFL)****Appropriations**

Acquisition and betterment of regional recreational open space land bond issuance authorized, and money appropriated.

**HF2379—Vellenga (DFL)****Judiciary**

Probation services payment by offenders required, tax imposed on certain firearms, pistol permit fee required.

**HF2380—Thompson (DFL)****Judiciary**

Guardian appointment provided for certain children and unborn children.

**HF2381—McPherson (IR)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Washington county: authorizing private sale of certain land, environmental cleanup, and alteration of certain marginal lands.

**HF2382—Jaros (DFL)****Education**

Equalized aid and levy authorized for districts with low fund balances, and money appropriated.

**HF2383—Bertram (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Chiropractors allowed as commissioned officers in the military.

**HF2384—Bertram (DFL)****Judiciary**

Registration of sex offenders under 18 years of age established, registration law extended to sex offenses involving adult victims.

**HF2385—Bertram (DFL)****Financial Institutions & Insurance**

Mortgage foreclosure validation dates changed.



**HF2386—Goodno (IR)****Education**

Post-secondary financial assistance definitions of full-time and half-time students restored.

**HF2387—Bertram (DFL)****Taxes**

Sales tax exemption for isolated sales of all assets of certain corporations provided.

**HF2388—Bodahl (DFL)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Public officers allowed to apply for loans or grants administered by housing and redevelopment authority.

**HF2389—Johnson, R. (DFL)****Appropriations**

State university board to assist in cleanup of the Kummer landfill in Bemidji, and money appropriated.

**HF2390—Reding (DFL)****Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Breeder's fund distribution for additional breeds authorized, fair racing day limitations removed.

**HF2391—Kinkel (DFL)****Taxes**

Sales tax exemption for occasional sales of tangible personal property primarily used in a trade or business.

**HF2392—Lasley (DFL)****Education**

First aid and CPR training required for school bus drivers.

**HF2393—Johnson, R. (DFL)****Education**

State university board permitted to demolish and replace Anishinabe center at Bemidji State University.

**HF2394—Johnson, R. (DFL)****Education**

Bemidji State University foundation allowed to advance money for a new campus bookstore.

**HF2395—Marsh (IR)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Deer hunters allowed two deer under certain conditions.

**HF2396—Pellow (IR)****Judiciary**

Percentage of proceeds from sale of certain forfeited property forwarded to Crime Stoppers Inc.

**HF2397—Jacobs (DFL)****Regulated Industries**

Liquified natural gas facilities regulated.

**HF2398—Waltman (IR)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Catalytic converter replacement conditions clarified.

**HF2399—Sviggum (IR)****Appropriations**

Goodhue county appropriated money for historical site purchase.

**HF2400—Henry (IR)****Rules & Legislative Administration**

Legislature to meet in regular session in odd-numbered years, and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF2401—Bodahl (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

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

**HF2402—Pugh (DFL)****Commerce**

Non-profit corporation act provided miscellaneous changes for organization and operation of non-profit corporations.

**HF2403—Pugh (DFL)****Taxes**

Deed tax exemption provided to certain sheriff's foreclosure sale or redemption certificate or assignment.

**HF2404—Pugh (DFL)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

State investment procedures restricted; local government municipal liquor store financial reporting requirements modified: elected local officials not paid for unused vacation or sick leave accruals; Pine Point school audits modified.

**HF2405—Solberg (DFL)****Taxes**

Homestead credit permanent trust fund established for providing property tax relief with funding provided by dedication of part of sales tax, and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF2406—Leppik (IR)****Health & Human Services**

Children Helped in Long-term Development (CHILD) program established for child abuse prevention and money appropriated.

**HF2407—Runbeck (IR)****Governmental Operations**

Legislator per diem payments restricted to actual expenses incurred, and committee chairs provided increased compensation.

**HF2408—Winter (DFL)****Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Audit requirement exemption provided to certain gambling organizations.

**HF2409—Winter (DFL)****Taxes**

Llama raising and sales exempted from taxation.

**HF2410—Pugh (DFL)****Judiciary**

Constitutional rights; immunity and dismissal of actions provided to individuals exercising certain constitutional rights during a governmental proceeding.

**HF2411—Trimble (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Radiation incident reporting required and penalties provided.

**HF2412—Pugh (DFL)****Judiciary**

Juvenile court retention of delinquency records provided beyond an offender's 23rd birthday, juvenile offense reporting system established, and money appropriated.

**HF2413—Lourey (DFL)****Education**

Adopt-a-school program established allowing students and the community to voluntarily maintain a public school.

**HF2414—Kelso (DFL)****Agriculture**

Mosquito abatement spraying notices and warning signs required and rulemaking provided.

**HF2415—Kelso (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Residential property restrictions prohibited limiting use for licensed family and group family day care services.

**HF2416—Lourey (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Medical assistance to cover actual cost of one-to-one staffing persons with severe behavioral needs, and money appropriated.

**HF2417—Lourey (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Statewide telecommunications and routing system (STARS) services authorized to private educational, health, social service, and nonprofit institutions and organizations.

**HF2418—Bauerly (DFL)****Education**

Fire marshal required for certain school district fire and life safety correction plans.

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### HF2419—Jacobs (DFL)

#### Regulated Industries

Municipality allowed to recover costs of acquiring facilities after an acquisition of an area served by a public utility.

### HF2420—Simoneau (DFL)

#### Health & Human Services

Social service community program delivery through intergovernmental contracts between the state and counties pilot projects established, and money appropriated.

### HF2421—Munger (DFL)

#### Environment & Natural Resources

Wetland conservation act of 1991 provided technical and other minor changes, and money appropriated.

### HF2422—Sparby (DFL)

#### Health & Human Services

Hospital payment rates recalculated using 1991 as the base year.

### HF2423—Johnson, R. (DFL)

#### Governmental Operations

Pension investment board created, powers and duties prescribed, authority transferred from investment board, and money appropriated.

### HF2424—Solberg (DFL)

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

Breeder's fund distribution authorized for additional horse breeds.

### HF2425—Pugh (DFL)

#### Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Dakota county appropriated money for planning activities for the potential relocation of the international airport.

### HF2426—Pugh (DFL)

#### Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Dakota county regional railroad authority authorized to transfer money to the county for planning costs of international airport expansion or relocation or other transportation planning needs.

### HF2427—Krueger (DFL)

#### Education

School bus drivers required biennial safety training certification.

### HF2428—Peterson (DFL)

#### Economic Development

Regional development commissions to establish business permit and license information centers.

### HF2429—Trimble (DFL)

#### Taxes

Unemployment compensation payments

provided income tax exemption.

### HF2430—Jaros (DFL)

#### Education

American Indian law and social justice center establishment requested on the University of Minnesota Duluth campus.

### HF2431—Jacobs (DFL)

#### Regulated Industries

Agricultural and economic development account credited with money returned from economic recovery grants, tourism loans, and the Minnesota fund program.

### HF2432—Krueger (DFL)

#### Economic Development

Agriculture and economic development credited with certain money.

### HF2433—O'Connor (DFL)

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

Lawful purpose expenditures to include activities for senior citizens age 62 or older.

### HF2434—Rest (DFL)

#### Taxes

Trade or business occasional sales tax exemption expanded.

### HF2435—Wejcman (DFL)

#### Governmental Operations

Public employees insurance plan labor-management committee expiration date deleted, retirement program options modified, and bidding requirement exemption expanded.

### HF2436—McGuire (DFL)

#### Judiciary

Domestic abuse judicial training requirements provided; custody proceedings to consider domestic child abuse; mutual restraining orders restricted; presentence investigations and domestic abuse arrests required; and money appropriated.

### HF2437—McGuire (DFL)

#### Environment & Natural Resources

Clean air act federal amendment conformity provided; small business air quality compliance assistance program, ombudsman, and advisory council established; chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) redefined; and emission fees and calculating provided.

### HF2438—Reding (DFL)

#### Governmental Operations

Higher education and technical college employees provided eligibility for the individual retirement account plan.

### HF2439—Nelson, S. (DFL)

#### Taxes

Property tax hearing and notice publication requirements provided for counties, cities,

and school districts.

### HF2440—Ogren (DFL)

#### Environment & Natural Resources

Recycling facilities producing market pulp from recycled office waste provided reduced property taxes, and facility construction materials provided sales and use tax exemption.

### HF2441—Garcia (DFL)

#### Education

Metropolitan regional library depository facility established at the University of Minnesota, bond issuance authorized, and money appropriated.

### HF2442—Olson, E. (DFL)

#### Environment & Natural Resources

Deer killed by motor vehicles removal provided.

### HF2443—Garcia (DFL)

#### Education

Higher education board membership to include additional student representatives.

### HF2444—Battaglia (DFL)

#### Appropriations

Lake Superior center authority facility construction bond issuance authorized, and money appropriated.

### HF2445—Sarna (DFL)

#### Labor-Management Relations

Unfair labor practice to include employer discrimination against an employee for lawful activities off the premises of the employer during nonworking hours.

### HF2446—Simoneau (DFL)

#### Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Fridley, Mounds View, New Brighton, and Spring Lake Park authorized to participate in establishing and operating senior citizen centers and related facilities, and bond issuance and levy authorized.

### HF2447—Morrison (IR)

#### Health & Human Services

Children Helped In Long-term Development (CHILD) program established for child abuse prevention and money appropriated.

### HF2448—Weaver (IR)

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

Lottery board authority abolished to authorize additional compensation for the lottery director.

### HF2449—Ozment (IR)

#### Education

Independent school district No. 195, Randolph, authorized to transfer operating and nonoperating fund money to the general fund.

**F2450—Pugh (DFL)****Commerce**

Firearms dealer to maintain pistols in a locked safe after business hours, and other minimum security requirements provided.

**HF2451—Bodahl (DFL)****Ways & Means**

Performance budgets and state government functional analysis prepared.

**HF2452—Olson, E. (DFL)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Wild Rice watershed district provided administrative fund and levy size.

**HF2453—Segal (DFL)****Labor-Management Relations**

Employee invention agreements regulated.

**HF2454—Kinkel (DFL)****Financial Institutions & Insurance**

Liquor liability insurance rates determined on volume of intoxicating liquor sold by the licensee.

**HF2455—Segal (DFL)****Economic Development**

Work readiness, wage subsidy, and business participation eligibility requirements and benefits modified.

**HF2456—Jaros (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Employee interchange program provided income and franchise tax credit incentives.

**HF2457—Kahn (DFL)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Bond issuance restrictions provided for governmental units.

**HF2458—Weaver (IR)****Health & Human Services**

Patient consent requirements modified for release of health records.

**HF2459—Schafer (IR)****Judiciary**

Parent or guardian required to accompany a person under the age of 21 years when leaving the household if the person consumed alcoholic beverages.

**HF2460—Nelson, K. (DFL)****Education**

School year allowed to begin before Labor Day.

**HF2461—Ostrom (DFL)****Labor-Management Relations**

Workers' compensation benefits, insurance, and providers regulated; dispute resolution, small claims court, and employee health and safety fund established; appointments and

penalties provided; and money appropriated.

**HF2462—Simoneau (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Health care premium assistance program and small employer health benefit plan established, rural health initiatives provided, income tax deduction created for certain health insurance costs, penalties provided, and money appropriated.

**HF2463—Trimble (DFL)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Ramsey county provided court revenue city distribution formula.

**HF2464—Carlson (DFL)****Appropriations**

Atlantic salmon stocking program in selected inland lakes appropriated money.

**HF2465—Frederick (IR)****Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Veterans home resident room or property search procedures clarified.

**HF2466—Trimble (DFL)****Economic Development**

Public facility authorities authorized to charge fees for personnel and administrative services.

**HF2467—Welker (IR)****Rules & Legislative Administration**

Unicameral legislature provided with 135 members, and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF2468—Hasskamp (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Crow Wing county state land bordering public water private conveyance required.

**HF2469—Solberg (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Land of substantially equal value defined for state land exchanges.

**HF2470—Runbeck (IR)****Rules & Legislative Administration**

Legislative and executive service limited and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF2471—Pellow (IR)****Housing**

Manufactured home owners bill of rights enacted and penalties provided.

**HF2472—Wejcman (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Vendors provided notice before recipient payments are reduced or terminated, and liability exemption provided when recipient fails to pay for rent, goods, or services.

**HF2473—Wejcman (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Medical care providers participating in state medical programs to provide treatment and procedure success rate information.

**HF2474—O'Connor (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

St. Paul teachers retirement fund association provided various administrative changes.

**HF2475—Jennings (DFL)****Housing**

Rental deposit interest rate lowered for landlords.

**HF2476—Reding (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Deferred compensation program eligibility provided for extracurricular teaching activity compensation and program recodified.

**HF2477—Uphus (IR)****Governmental Operations**

Sexual harassment case indemnification by the state prohibited for officers of a public corporation.

**HF2478—Olsen, S. (IR)****Ways & Means**

Legislative budget preparation to conform to executive department budgets, statewide accounting system use required, and budgets to cancel at the end of the fiscal biennium.

**HF2479—Jacobs (DFL)****Taxes**

Motor vehicle rental sales and use tax repealed.

**HF2480—Koppendrayner (IR)****Agriculture**

Dairy expansion and stabilization loan guarantee program established by the rural finance authority.

**HF2481—Olson, K. (DFL)****Education**

Health needs study required of students who are medically fragile or technology dependent, and money appropriated.

**HF2482—Olson, K. (DFL)****Economic Development**

Job creation and construction tax incentives provided to businesses in designated cities; and regional development commissions to establish a permit information center relating to natural resource and environmental protection compliance.

**HF2483—Anderson, I. (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Timber permit extensions provided under certain conditions.

**HF2484—Dille (IR)****Appropriations**

Farm safety program appropriations use allowed for training youth farm safety program instructors and other farm safety projects.

**HF2485—Farrell (DFL)****Judiciary**

Harrasment penalties enhanced for repeat offenses, and increased penalties allowed when assault victim is a stranger.

**HF2486—Winter (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Farmers rented or leased upland portions of certain acquired wetland areas.

**HF2487—Winter (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Residency requirement provided for state employees.

**HF2488—Wenzel (DFL)****Judiciary**

Health care provider disciplinary actions provided for aiding a suicide or attempted suicide.

**HF2489—Dille (IR)****Agriculture**

Dairy farm "grade A" production recertification authorized, and water well placement rule waiver provided.

**HF2490—Mariani (DFL)****Labor-Management Relations**

Employee invention agreements regulated.

**HF2491—Schafer (IR)****Education**

Graduation rule not adopted by education board until authorized by law.

**HF2492—Olson, K. (DFL)****Education**

Martin county combined school district allowed to have three election districts.

**HF2493—Hausman (DFL)****Education**

Transportation excess levy to include transportation costs for pupils residing less than one mile from school who are transported due to extraordinary traffic, drug, or crime hazards, and levy adjustment provided.

**HF2494—Winter (DFL)****Judiciary**

Protective agent or security guard assault provided felony penalty.

**HF2495—Clark (DFL)****Judiciary**

Electronic monitoring device use restricted for

domestic abuse and violent crime offenders, standards established, and money appropriated.

**HF2496—Peterson (DFL)****Appropriations**

Extension service budget cut restoration provided.

**HF2497—Wejzman (DFL)****Housing**

Housing finance agency debt ceiling increase provided.

**HF2498—Brown (DFL)****Judiciary**

Statute of limitations application of extension amendments clarified.

**HF2499—Greenfield (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Personal care services provided outside the home when authorized, and service continuation while an appeal is pending provided.

**HF2500—Welker (IR)****Health & Human Services**

Uniform provider payment rates rules adopted for certain services.

**HF2501—Bodahl (DFL)****Housing**

Loan program, bond proceed use, publicly-owned transitional housing program, and neighborhood land trust provisions modified.

**HF2502—Hasskamp (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Cuyuna country state recreation area established, and money appropriated.

**HF2503—Stanisus (IR)****Health & Human Services**

Domestic violence victim mental health service funding pilot project established.

**HF2504—Stanisus (IR)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Fluorescent lamps in state buildings recycling required.

**HF2505—Stanisus (IR)****Regulated Industries**

Caller identification service offered to telephone company subscribers allowed.

**HF2506—Blatz (IR)****Health & Human Services**

Human services commissioner required to investigate child maltreatment in publicly licensed day care facilities.

**HF2507—Weaver (IR)****Judiciary**

Jail time credit award to certain offenders

regulated.

**HF2508—Trimble (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Emergency response commission and regional review committee membership modified, and mining companies required comply with certain reporting provisions.

**HF2509—Davids (IR)****Education**

Independent school districts No. 228 and 238, Harmony and Mabel-Canton, cooperation and combination provided.

**HF2510—Simoneau (DFL)****Transportation**

Light rail system final design and construction provided.

**HF2511—Macklin (IR)****Ways & Means**

Legislative budget and accounting regulated.

**HF2512—Onnen (IR)****Rules & Legislative Administration**

Unicameral legislature provided with 135 members, and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF2513—Murphy (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Capitol complex security division director state patrol membership required.

**HF2514—Garcia (DFL)****Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

County veterans services enhancement grant program established, veteran services officer education program established, and money appropriated.

**HF2515—Rest (DFL)****Taxes**

Technical corrections and administrative changes provided for sales and property taxes.

**HF2516—Stanisus (IR)****Health & Human Services**

Family day care licensing incentives provided to county agencies.

**HF2517—Sparby (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Adult mental health services delivery system pilot project for certain counties provided, and money appropriated.

**HF2518—Nelson, K. (DFL)****Education**

Taxpayer notification meetings for certain school district bond sales modified.

**HF2519—Nelson, K. (DFL)****Education**

Funding formula for limited English profi-

ciency programs modified.

**HF2520—Segal (DFL)**  
**Economic Development**  
Minnesota quasi-public agency act adopted.

**HF2521—Girard (IR)**  
**Education**  
Cooperation and combination program eligibility modified.

**HF2522—Rukavina (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Caregiver and respite care statewide project provided, and money appropriated.

**HF2523—Rukavina (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Hospital swing bed licensing eligibility conditions expanded.

**HF2524—Hufnagle (IR)**  
**Taxes**  
Materials exempted from taxation when used or consumed in the production of certain taxable services.

**HF2525—Hufnagle (IR)**  
**Taxes**  
Sales tax increase collection grace period provided.

**HF2526—Abrams (IR)**  
**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**  
Hennepin county lake quality maintenance and improvement expenditures authorized.

**HF2527—Tompkins (IR)**  
**Taxes**  
Elementary and secondary school tuition and text book cost income tax credit provided.

**HF2528—Ogren (DFL)**  
**Local Government & Metro. Affairs**  
Cloquet to issue bonds for the acquisition and betterment of a water line extension to the Fond du Lac community college.

**HF2529—Bodahl (DFL)**  
**Appropriations**  
Chaska flood control project bond issuance authorized.

**HF2530—Segal (DFL)**  
**Economic Development**  
Trade and economic development department mission statement created.

**HF2531—Segal (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Equal access provided to persons with mental retardation or related conditions to community programs.

**HF2532—Segal (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Human services commissioner powers limited.

**HF2533—Janezich (DFL)**  
**Commerce**  
Cosmetologists prohibited from subleasing salon space.

**HF2534—Uphus (IR)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Health care access account created, and distribution of lottery funds modified.

**HF2535—Uphus (IR)**  
**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**  
Ward system abolition deadlines for certain cities changed.

**HF2536—Sviggum (IR)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Concession sales allowed at one location along the Cannon Valley Trail.

**HF2537—Milbert (DFL)**  
**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**  
Real estate taxes and assessments allowed as lawful purpose expenditures for certain gambling premises.

**HF2538—Bishop (IR)**  
**Judiciary**  
Durable health care power of attorney established.

**HF2539—Peterson (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Conservation reserve program (CRP) land aquisition and payment by state provided.

**HF2540—Anderson, I. (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Fire state aid additional payments provided, and money appropriated.

**HF2541—Pugh (DFL)**  
**Judiciary**  
Uniform transfer on death security registration act adopted.

**HF2542—Anderson, I. (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Payments in lieu of taxes amount increased.

**HF2543—Munger (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) project land — eligibility requirements modified.

**HF2544—Reding (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Aquatic vegetation management, stamp design contest rules, live ammunition use during dog training, red or blaze orange hunting clothing, and nonresident rough fish taking provided.

**HF2545—Reding (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations**  
Legislative and elective officer retirement plans, funds, and concurrent employer contributions established, and money appropriated.

**HF2546—Reding (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations**  
Investment board return reporting requirements for volunteer fire relief associations changed.

**HF2547—Mariani (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Delinquent real estate tax surcharge imposed for deposit in the housing trust fund account.

**HF2548—Nelson, K. (DFL)**  
**Education**  
Private alternative programs certain additional revenue authorized.

**HF2549—Bauerly (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Manufacturing districts established by tax increment financing (TIF) authority.

**HF2550—Abrams (IR)**  
**Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**  
Fundraisers during legislative sessions and certain campaign fund transfers prohibited.

**HF2551—Rest (DFL)**  
**Commerce**  
Domestic corporation registration with secretary of state regulated.

**HF2552—Jefferson (DFL)**  
**Transportation**  
Seat belt and passenger restraint system exemption requirements clarified, and state agencies prohibited from restricting persons from riding on exempted buses.

**HF2553—Jefferson (DFL)**  
**Housing**  
Emergency mortgage and rental assistance pilot project established, and money appropriated.

**HF2554—Farrell (DFL)**  
**Judiciary**  
Restitution under orders for protection provided.

**HF2555—Farrell (DFL)**  
**Judiciary**  
Address and telephone number data in driver's license and motor vehicle registration records deemed private.

**HF2556—Goodno (IR)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Towing of persons with personal watercraft equipped with rear view mirrors allowed.



**HF2557—Weaver (IR)****Judiciary**

Delinquency case probation order provisions clarified.

**HF2558—Kinkel (DFL)****Taxes**

Resort property tax classification provided.

**HF2559—Farrell (DFL)****Judiciary**

Domestic abuse reporting and homicide investigation and tracking systems established; protection order provisions modified; and money appropriated.

**HF2560—Farrell (DFL)****Judiciary**

Victim waiting rooms separate from defendant's law clarified; prosecutor's role increased in seeking restitution.

**HF2561—Sparby (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Transportation of firearms in motor vehicles restricted.

**HF2562—Murphy (DFL)****Transportation**

Evidentiary presumption provided that a vehicle outwardly identified as a school bus satisfies school bus identification requirements if inspected within 12 hours preceeding a traffic violation involving the school bus.

**HF2563—Greenfield (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Occupational and physical therapy assistants services medical assistance payments regulated.

**HF2564—Vanasek (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Environmental protection and conservation department created.

**HF2565—Jefferson (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Spouse benefits provided for Minneapolis police and fire relief associations.

**HF2566—Wenzel (DFL)****Agriculture**

License fees for certain food handlers modified.

**HF2567—Nelson, K. (DFL)****Education**

Workplace literacy center and demonstration project provided, and money appropriated.

**HF2568—Hufnagle (IR)****Health & Human Services**

Insect sting emergency treatment act adopted.

**HF2569—Rice (DFL)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Crow Wing county; private sale of certain tax forfeited land provided.

**HF2570—Stanisus (IR)****Judiciary**

Repeated harassment crime penalties increased.

**HF2571—Stanisus (IR)****Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Candidates not members of a major political party permitted to appear on ballots by filing an affidavit of candidacy.

**HF2572—McEachern (DFL)****Commerce**

Successor definition altered.

**HF2573—Solberg (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Fetal alcohol syndrome and drug exposed infants prevention efforts required, and money appropriated for community chemical abuse prevention program grants.

**HF2574—Carruthers (DFL)****Judiciary**

Alcohol or controlled substance test refusal constitutes a misdemeanor.

**HF2575—Segal (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Mental health service goals and policy objective plan provided.

**HF2576—Pelowski (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Personal care services limit increased for certain recipients.

**HF2577—Lieder (DFL)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Town boards allowed to disclaim and extinguish a town interest in abandoned town roads.

**HF2578—Weaver (IR)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Limiting prohibition on the use of radio equipment to take protected wild animals to big game and small game.

**HF2579—Dorn (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Disciplinary requirements of the board of social workers modified and requirements for changes of licensure clarified.

**HF2580—Johnson, V. (IR)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Free fish house and dark house licenses provided for and the taking of certain boundary waters fish allowed.

**HF2581—Jaros (DFL)****Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Ten percent of seized property to be forwarded to the Minnesota Council on Compulsive Gambling.

**HF2582—Bauerly (DFL)****Education**

Discretionary equity levy and aid program established.

**HF2583—Osthoff (DFL)****Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming**

Lawful gambling organizations, distributors and manufacturers regulated.

**HF2584—Sviggum (IR)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Red Wing authorized certain tax increment expenditure.

**HF2585—Jefferson (DFL)****Education**

Special school district No. 1, Minneapolis, allowed to change its election years.

**HF2586—Trimble (DFL)****Economic Development**

St. Paul provided tourism and cultural district reorganization, and money appropriated.

**HF2587—Runbeck (IR)****Governmental Operations**

Advertising, public relations, and marketing service state contractors and organizations receiving state aid to provide additional free advertising services or publicity space.

**HF2588—Bauerly (DFL)****Education**

Regional library basic system support grant local support level requirements modified.

**HF2589—Schreiber (IR)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Municipal utility surplus fund transfers restricted.

**HF2590—Nelson, K. (DFL)****Education**

Special school district No. 1, Minneapolis, unclassified service positions to include a parent liaison and a public school nurse.

**HF2591—Skoglund (DFL)****Financial Institutions & Insurance**

Community reinvestment rating standards provided for state fund depositories.

**HF2592—Stanisus (IR)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Game and fish commercial activity requirements modified, and penalties provided.

**HF2593—Welle (DFL)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

Kandiyohi county authorized sale of certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water.

**HF2594—Seaberg (IR)****Transportation**

Drivers' license and identification card surrender and invalidation procedures modified.

**HF2595—Dauner (DFL)****Labor-Management Relations**

Workers' compensation act adopted, and money appropriated.

**HF2596—Krueger (DFL)****Economic Development**

World trade center corporation provided procedures for privatization.

**HF2597—Bertram (DFL)****Local Government & Metro. Affairs**

City attorney prosecution provided for certain offenses.

**HF2598—Anderson, I. (DFL)****Education**

Independent school district No. 361, International Falls, authorized special levy for Bronco arena operating costs.

**HF2599—Steensma (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Cost reporting procedures and note adjustments modified for certain nursing facilities.

**HF2600—Bertram (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Autopsy reports provided to next of kin.

**HF2601—Simoneau (DFL)****Governmental Operations**

Continued coverage by the Minnesota state retirement system for certain employees provided.

**HF2602—Bertram (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

AFDC grant increase prohibited.

**HF2603—Bertram (DFL)****Health & Human Services**

Medical assistance coverage of nursing home care providers authorized to include certain hospital patients.

**HF2604—Bertram (DFL)****Judiciary**

Peace officers required to notify parents of certain arrests.

**HF2605—Lieder (DFL)****Transportation**

Motor vehicle excise tax proceeds allocated and Minnesota mobility trust fund created.

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## Committee Schedule

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### MONDAY, March 9

8 a.m.

**Economic Development, Infrastructure, & Regulation Division/APPROPRIATIONS**  
400S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice  
**Agenda:** Public safety.

#### EDUCATION

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern  
**Agenda:** HF2086 (Kelso) Violence prevention programs established by school districts; violence prevention and sexual harassment curriculum center created; early childhood education revenue and general education aid increased; and money appropriated.  
HF2126 (Orenstein) Violence prevention and sexual harassment training program participation required for post-secondary institution staff and students, grants authorized and money appropriated  
HF2070 (Johnson, A.) Violence prevention state advisory council and community task forces established; violence prevention revenue and levy provided to school districts; and money appropriated.  
HF2377 (Uphus) School consolidation law changed.  
HFXXXX (Olson, K.) School board membership for cooperation and combination districts.  
HF1969 (Blatz) Liquor retail sales not prohibited due to location of school within retail and entertainment complex.  
HF1776 (Mariani) Migrant farmworkers and dependents provided resident tuition status.

**Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS**  
300N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson  
**Agenda:** University of Minnesota Specials overview.

**State Government Division/  
APPROPRIATIONS**  
300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

**Agenda:** Budget hearings: Department of Employee Relations, Administration, Revenue, Finance, Trade & Economic Development, Military Affairs. Beginning Monday, agency presentations will occur in the order listed above, with the unfinished agenda items continued at the next meeting.

#### GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding  
**Agenda:** Pension bills passed by the Legislative Commission on Pensions & Retirement on 3/6.  
HF1934 (Clark) Lead paint abatement, assessment, education, and screening modified, lead abatement training program and account established, paint tax imposed, fees and penalties provided.

8:30 a.m.

#### Environment & Natural Resources Division/APPROPRIATIONS

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia  
**Agenda:** Governor's budget presentation: Agriculture, Newell Searle, deputy commissioner; Office of Waste Management, Diane Wesman, deputy director.

#### Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield  
**Agenda:** Review of the governor's budget recommendations for Human Resources programs.

10 a.m.

#### AGRICULTURE

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Stephen Wenzel  
**Agenda:** HF2339 (Steensma) Extension service fringe benefits and salary increases provided, and money appropriated.  
HF769 (Krueger) Central filing system established for purchasers of farm products and money appropriated.

#### JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

**Agenda:** HF285 (Carruthers) Driving while intoxicated; chemical test refusal provided misdemeanor penalty.  
HF2090 (Carruthers) No-fault automobile insurance requirements enforced and penalties provided.  
HFXXX (Carruthers)

#### REGULATED INDUSTRIES

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs  
**Agenda:** HF1943 (O'Connor) Telephone company nonpublic data disclosure restricted, and telephone rates and charges regulated.  
HF2296 (Janezich) Energy conservation improvement expenditures by certain large utility customers counted as a required energy expenditure for a public utility.  
HF2133 (Jacobs) Gasoline sellers to comply with octane standards, testing criteria, enforcement, and penalties provided, and money appropriated.  
HF2397 (Jacobs) Regulation of interstate liquefied natural gas facilities.  
HFXXXX (Jacobs) Relating to the assessment of certain costs by municipal utilities after annexation.  
HF1988 (Tunheim) Lake township in Roseau county authorized to own and operate an exclusive liquor store.  
HF2187 (Johnson, A.) Blaine authorized to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the amateur sports commission for the national sports center for social events.  
HF2103 (Blatz) Liquor resale exporter allowed resale of liquor purchased from a retail licensee or municipal liquor store.  
HF1761 (Dempsey) Liquor; public hearing requirements provided on the continued operation of a municipal liquor store.

12:30 p.m.

**Education Finance Division/EDUCATION**  
300N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson  
**Agenda:** Presentation of governor's budget recommendations for K-12 education.

#### Banking Division/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS &

## INSURANCE

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wally Sparby

**Agenda:** To be announced.

## HOUSING

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

**Agenda:** To be announced.

## Subcommittee on Family Law/JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jean Wagenius

**Agenda:** HF1941 (Jefferson) Relatives given preference in adoptions.

HF2094 (Jefferson) Culture or ethnic heritage and legal information requirements provided in adoption and child placement proceedings.

## LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joe Begich

**Agenda:** HF2185 (Farrell) Railroad employee protections provided following an acquisition, and penalties provided.

HF2294 (Farrell) Plumbing board established, local licensing preempted in certain cases, penalties provided, and money appropriated.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in Session

## AFTER SESSION

### Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Loren Solberg

**Agenda:** HF2218 (Rest) Juvenile dangerous offender secure confinement provided at Red Wing or Sauk Centre correctional facilities; treatment programs created; victims allowed presence of supportive person during testimony; bonds authorized and money appropriated.

HF1916 (Anderson, R.) Violence Against Women Advisory Task Force established and money appropriated.

HF1945 (Seaberg) Probation or pretrial release conditions limited for persons accused or convicted of certain crimes, and home detention and electronic monitoring use restricted.

HF2139 (Olson, K.) Juvenile court decisions required within 15 days for certain petitions involving physical or sexual child abuse.

HF2141 (Farrell) Harassment repeat offense penalties enhanced; victim restitution proceedings clarified; and increased penalties allowed when assault victim is a stranger.

HF2167 (Wejzman) Law enforcement training courses required for identifying and responding to crimes of violence against women and children.

More bills may be added to agenda.

7 p.m.

## REGULATED INDUSTRIES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

**Agenda:** Continuation of morning meeting's agenda.

## Legislative Commission on Employee Relations

112 State Capitol

Chr. Sen. Gene Waldorf

**Agenda:** Continuation of consideration of commission bill (if needed). Review/approval of negotiated collective bargaining agreement: State University Inter-Faculty Organization; Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty. Review/approval of compensation plan for unrepresented employees of the state university system. Presentation of report on management/supervisory functions in the executive branch.

## TUESDAY, March 10

8 a.m.

## Economic Development, Infrastructure, & Regulation Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

**Agenda:** Labor and industry. Arts Board. Architectural and Engineering Board.

## Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

**Agenda:** Reports on community college retention and four year graduation; quality incentives for the University of Minnesota.

## Human Resources Division/APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

**Agenda:** Review of the governor's budget recommendations for Human Resources programs.

## State Government Division/APPROPRIATIONS

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## Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

**Agenda:** HF1784 (Cooper) Interactive television levy authority extended to school districts in economic development region six. HF1888 (Ostrom) Interactive television levy authority extended to school districts in economic development region nine. HF2130 (Dempsey) Interactive television levy authority extended to school districts in economic development region nine. HF1667 (Lourey) Carlton and Pine counties; central Carlton and northern Pine county interactive television district appropriated money to provide low incidence academic and instructional opportunities for students. HF1914 (Pugh) Special school district No. 6, South St. Paul, capital expenditure facilities revenue not reduced due to fund balance, and levy and aid adjustments provided. HF1986 (Garcia) Independent school district No. 280, Richfield, authorized health and safety plan modifications to pay off a pre-1989 fire safety loan.

HF2105 (Vanasek) Independent school

district No. 392, Le Center, provided

additional capital bonding authority for

school building equipment, handicap

accessibility improvements, and fire code

compliance.

HF2078 (Ostrom) Food service fund deficits

allowed for three years, and accounting and

fund transfer requirements provided.

HF2348 (Tunheim) Review and comment process for school board proposals modified, appeal process allowed, local advisory council established.

## GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

**Agenda:** HF2564 (Vanasek) Reorganization and consolidation for agencies that manage Minnesota's environment.

8:30 a.m.

## Environment & Natural Resources Division/APPROPRIATIONS

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

**Agenda:** Governor's budget presentation:

Department of Natural Resources, Ron

Nargang, deputy commissioner; Eugene Gere, assistant commissioner.

## Subcommittee on State Taxes & Tax Laws/TAXES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ann Rest

**Agenda:** HF1910 (Rest) Limited liability company act adopted, and money appropriated. All members invited to attend.

10 a.m.

#### COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. John Sarna

**Agenda:** To be announced.

#### ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger  
**Agenda:** HF1518 (Hausman) Mining operation financial assurances modified for hazardous substance releases.  
HF1934 (Clark) Lead paint abatement, assessment, education, and screening modified, lead abatement training program and account established, paint tax imposed, fees and penalties provided.  
HFXXXX (Munger) Lands eligible for reinvestment in Minnesota program.  
HFXXXX (McGuire) Air quality technical corrections, and Small Business Compliance Assistance Program.

#### Subcommittee on Health Care Access & Delivery/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Roger Cooper  
**Agenda:** HF1357 (Leppik) Acupuncture board established and practitioners licensed.  
HF2100 (Cooper) Antitrust law exemption provided for certain agreements between not-for-profit hospitals and health care providers.  
HF2353 (Orenstein) Ventilator-dependant medical assistance recipients to continue receiving the services of a nurse or personal care assistant while living in a nursing home.  
HF2144 (Pugh) Dakota county mental health services delivery system pilot project provided for improving services to adults with serious and persistent mental illness, and money appropriated.

#### Subcommittee on Social & Family Services/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

500N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Richard Jefferson  
**Agenda:** HF2149 (Greenfield) General assistance program eligibility provided to students in secondary school for whom English is a second language.  
HFXXXX (Greenfield) Nursing home property reimbursement.  
HF2117 (Segal) Home health visiting program grants authorized for prevention of child abuse and neglect, and money appropriated.  
HF2128 (Clark) Nursing home bed moratorium provided an exception to provide beds in a specialized facility in Hennepin county for chronic inebriates.  
HF2161 (Clark) Supplemental aid program eligibility to include mentally ill persons in shared housing.

#### Subcommittee on Standards & Regulations/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

500S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein  
**Agenda:** HF1978 (Cooper) Dental practice use of ionizing radiation regulated, and existing quality assurance rules delayed.  
HF2254 (Cooper) Pharmacy board appointments to have geographic representation and reflect the broad mix of practicing pharmacists.  
HF2273 (Cooper) Marriage and family therapists included as mental health professionals.  
HF2415 (Kelso) Residential property restrictions prohibited limiting use for licensed family and group family day care services.

12:30 p.m.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal  
**Agenda:** Presentations: Jim Buckman, Minnesota Council for Quality; Ted Winter, Prairie Expo.  
HF2189 (Simoneau) Legislative committees to consider effect of proposed legislation on state science and technology policy.  
HFXXX (Segal) DTED mission statement.  
HFXXX (Segal) Quasi-public agency guidelines.  
HFXXX (Segal) International trade act.  
HF2190 (McGuire) Ramsey county provided powers and duties of a city related to economic development authorities.  
HF2255 (Bertram) Higher education coordinating board provided bonding authority allocation for student loan bonds.

#### GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff  
**Agenda:** Election bills.  
HF1818 (Wenzel) Balloting by mail authorized for certain municipalities.  
HF1843 (O'Connor) Campaign committee fund transfers restricted for campaign committee funds that received a public subsidy or provided taxpayer income tax credits.  
HF1844 (O'Connor) Campaign committee funds not transferred to a campaign committee fund for a different office.  
HF1990 (Vanasek) Political contribution tax credit refund lowered to 50 percent of the contribution.  
HF1860 (Wenzel) County boards authorized

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson

**Agenda:** HF2033 (Orenstein) St. Paul provided capital improvement bond limits.  
HF1971 (Johnson, V.) Land management levy authority expanded for county monument and information systems.

HF2180 (Bauerly) County commissioner district residence requirements modified in redistricting years.  
HF2388 (Bodahl) Public officers allowed to apply for loans or grants administered by housing and redevelopment authority.  
HF2196 (Dauner) County issuance of tax anticipation certificates modified.  
HF2319 (Orenstein) Ramsey county to include on employment eligibles list qualified county employees displaced or laid off because of the Lake Owasso residence closing.  
HF2324 (Davids) Fillmore county authorized sale of certain tax-forfeited lands bordering public water.  
HF2280 (Rukavina) Biwabik authorized purchase and conveyance of state lands.  
HF2305 (Blatz) Bloomington provided port authority membership.  
HFXXXX (Peterson) Canby Hospital.  
HFXXXX (Rice) Tax forfeited land.  
HF1496 (Goodno) Annexation, detachment, and incorporation authority for local governments transferred to the administrative hearings office and state planning agency; and single annexation procedure provided.  
More bills to be added later.

1 p.m.

#### Veterans Affairs Division/ GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Minneapolis Veterans Home  
Chr. Rep. Pat Beard  
**Agenda:** Tour of Minneapolis Veterans Home.

1:30 p.m.

#### WAYS & MEANS

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Robert Vanasek  
**Agenda:** Overview of governor's budget by Department of Finance.  
2:30 p.m.

#### Subcommittee on Game & Fish/ ENVIRONMENT &

NATURAL RESOURCES  
300S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia  
**Agenda:** HF905 (Reding) Experimental waters for fishing habitat prohibited in specified counties.  
HF1797 (Solberg) Deer license fees reduced for residents under 18 years of age.  
HF2334 (Rukavina) Whitefish and ciscoe net licensing certain minors exempted.  
HF2376 (Kelso) Taking of wild animals from a motor vehicle prohibition clarified.



HF2395 (Marsh) Deer hunters allowed two deer under certain conditions.  
HFXXXX (Stanius) Commercial activity related to wild animals.  
HFXXXX (Reding) DNR Department bill.

#### **Subcommittee on Civil Law/JUDICIARY**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

**Agenda:** HF1938 (Pugh) Mortgage satisfaction or release allowed by fewer than all mortgagees; foreclosure and other involuntary transfers regulated; and contract for deed termination clarified.

HF2297 (Pugh) Title and CPT duplicate certificates abolished for lessees and mortgagees of registered land, registration fees increased, county recorder equipment fund deposits provided, and money appropriated.  
HF2000 (Macklin) Trust mergers and certificates, trustee affidavits, and powers of attorney modified for probate proceedings.  
HF2076 (Dawkins) Tenant covenant violation unlawful detainer action brought by county attorney, and real estate interest forfeiture clarified related to contraband or controlled substance seizures.

HF396 (Simoneau) Liability joint and several liability apportionment provided.

6:30 p.m.

#### **Subcommittee on Dairy & Livestock/ AGRICULTURE**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jerry Bauerly

**Agenda:** To be announced.

7 p.m.

#### **Legislative Commission on Pensions & Retirement/JOINT HOUSE & SENATE**

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

**Agenda:** HFXXX/SF1793 (Waldorf) Legislators and elected state officers plan; establish a pension fund.

HF2287 (Jefferson)/SF1970 (Waldorf) Amortization state aid eligibility eliminated for local police and salaried firefighter relief associations and consolidation accounts with no unfunded actuarial accrued liability.  
HF1775 (Reding)/SFXXX (Waldorf) Public police and fire fund member and employer contribution rates modified to reflect actuarial funding requirements.

Other bills, as added by commission chair.

### **WEDNESDAY, March 11**

8 a.m.

#### **Economic Development, Infrastructure, & Regulation Division/APPROPRIATIONS**

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

**Agenda:** Operating budget of the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Regional Transit Board.

#### **EDUCATION**

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

**Agenda:** HF1865 (Pelowski) Graduation rule not adopted by education board until authorized by law.

HF2318 (Lynch) Planning, evaluation, and review (PER) policy to include parental review of instructional materials.

HF2042 (Pelowski) Higher education board abolished.

HF2373 (McEachern) Education commissioner removed from state high school league board, and annual report required.

#### **Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS**

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

**Agenda:** Reports on quality incentives for the state university system, community college system, and the technical college system. Update on the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Update on dislocated rural workers.

#### **Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS**

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

**Agenda:** Review of the governor's budget recommendations for Human Resources programs.

#### **State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

**Agenda:** Budget hearings: Department of Employee Relations, Administration, Revenue, Finance, Department of Trade & Economic Development, Military Affairs. Beginning Monday, agency presentations will occur in the order listed above, with the unfinished agenda items continued at the next meeting.

#### **GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

**Agenda:** To be announced.

8:30 a.m.

#### **Environment & Natural Resources Division/APPROPRIATIONS**

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

**Agenda:** Governor's budget presentation: continuation of report from the Department of Natural Resources; Ron Nargang, deputy commissioner; Eugene Gere, assistant commissioner.

10 a.m.

#### **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE**

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

**Agenda:** To be announced.

#### **Higher Education Division/EDUCATION**

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros

**Agenda:** HF1893 (Thompson) Higher education board and system merger not to include technical colleges.

HF2198 (Runbeck) Students permitted to sign a waiver to attend a non-higher education coordinating board registered school.

HFXXXX (Garcia) Appointing three student representatives to the Minnesota Higher Education Board.

More bills may be added later.

#### **Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Loren Solberg

**Agenda:** Continuation of previous meeting's agenda. More bills may be added later.

12:30 p.m.

#### **ENERGY**

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

**Agenda:** HF2134 (Jacobs) Petroleum product inspection fee increase provided to the energy and conservation account for efficiency improvements to oil fired heating plants in low-income households, and money appropriated.

HFXXXX (Hausman) Establishing energy efficiency standards for room air conditioners. Other bills referred to committee prior to meeting time.

#### **Subcommittee on Data Privacy/JUDICIARY**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers

**Agenda:** HF1878 (Macklin) Child protection background check act adopted for child care providers.

HF2154 (Orenstein) Immunization data release provided in certain cases.

HF2181 (Carruthers) Government data practices act references codified.

HF2274 (Dorn) Telephone assistance plan data shared between revenue and human

services departments for determining eligibility.  
HF2323 (Janezich) Library patron application records considered private data.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

**Agenda:** HF2032 (Kalis) County state-aid highway system conflict resolution procedures provided; and county state-aid highway fund distribution formula to include lane-miles. HF2113 (Orenstein) School bus use of flashing lights and stop arm authorized and school bus identification sign required when transporting persons age 18 and under to organized recreational or educational activities.

HF2219 (Johnson, A.) Commuter transportation benefits provided tax incentives; traffic congestion education program established; right turns in front of a bus prohibited; assault on a transit operator penalty increased; and other transit provisions provided.

HF2341 (Mariani) Public transit service nonoperating assistance authorized.

HF2349 (Dauner) License plate and sticker cost to be recovered by registrar and fees credited to highway user tax distribution fund.

HF2594 (Seaberg) Surrender of drivers' licenses.

HF804 (Morrison) Motor carrier provisions modified and technical changes provided.

HF355 (Reding) Bicycles and bikeways on interstate highways provided and regulated.

2:30 p.m.

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

500S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson

**Agenda:** Continuation of previous meeting's agenda.

#### **Subcommittee on Soil & Water Resources/ AGRICULTURE**

300S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Jeff Bertram

**Agenda:** HF2125 (Tunheim) Roseau and Koochiching Counties added to the restricted seed potato growing area. HF2054 (Bertram) Pesticide distributor requirement for accepting used containers and unused pesticides delayed.

HF1994 (Cooper) Maximum annual ethanol producer payments established.

#### **Subcommittee on Rural Development, Marketing & International Trade/AGRICULTURE**

500N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Ted Winter

**Agenda:** HF1193 (Jennings) Farm corporation definition modified.

HF2354 (Cooper) Honey bee regulation eliminated.

#### **Education Finance Division/EDUCATION**

300N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

**Agenda:** HF1812 (Johnson, R.) Independent school district No. 31, Bemidji, authorized special transportation levy for late transportation home from school for pupils involved in after-school activities.

HF1821 (Solberg) Transportation aid authorized for late transportation of pupils involved in after school activities, and appropriation adjustments provided.

HF2020 (Johnson, R.) Transportation aid authorized for late transportation of pupils involved in after school activities and for summer program transportation, and money appropriated.

HF2040 (Vanasek) Transportation levy authorized for late transportation of pupils involved in after school activities, and levy adjustment authorized.

HF2163 (Hausman) Transportation aid authorized for late transportation of pupils involved in after school activities when part of a desegregation plan, and appropriation and levy adjustments provided.

HF2164 (Hausman) Transportation aid authorized for late transportation of pupils involved in after school activities, and appropriation and levy adjustments provided.

HF1869 (Johnson, A.) Intermediate school district revenue restricted to member districts, joinder and withdrawal provisions modified, levy authorized to restore one year of reduced revenue, and post-secondary technical education bond approval modified.

HF2258 (McEachern) School district and regional management information center reporting and membership requirements provided.

HF1963 (Segal) Referendum authority conversion authorized from market value to an amount per actual pupil unit.

HF1974 (Olson, K.) Equity guarantee revenue and levy authorized for certain school districts, and money appropriated.

HF1822 (Olson, K.) Kindergarten held full days, kindergarten pupil weight determined on class size, and rules adopted.

HF1787 (Anderson, R.) General education revenue generated by certain alternative high school program pupils increased; and school day requirement clarified.

HF1741 (McEachern) Early childhood family education, individual learning and development, Headstart, learning readiness, and the children, youth, and their families legislative commission provided increased funding; and the budget reserve account reduced.

#### **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

**Agenda:** HF2213 (Greenfield) Home care service licensure requirements modified, home management service personnel registered, and local government provider fee exemption removed.

HF2034 (Bodahl) HIV and hepatitis B testing provided to persons voluntarily providing emergency assistance at an accident.

HF1958 (Vellenga) Youth employment and education pilot program established; family-based services special incentive bonus payments and family-based crisis service grants provided; and money appropriated.

HF2081 (Tunheim) Medical assistance provider appeal filing date requirement modified.

HF2050 (Bishop) HIV or hepatitis B virus infected health care workers reported and monitored; access to medical data provided; patient health and safety program established; rulemaking authorized; penalties provided, and money appropriated.

HF2238 (Cooper) Rural health initiatives and program changes provided, rural hospital grant program modified, advisory committee established, rural health advisory committee assigned duties, state health plan flexibility required, and money appropriated.

HFXXXX Health care access.

Testimony will be taken.

4:30 p.m.

#### **Higher Education Division/EDUCATION**

500N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros

**Agenda:** To be announced.

#### **ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES**

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

**Agenda:** HF1965 (Skoglund) Ecologically harmful exotic species management provided; zebra mussel and other identified water-transmitted harmful exotic species transportation restricted; rulemaking and penalties provided; and money appropriated.

HF2147 (Wagenius) Mercury prohibited in certain products and solid waste and wastewater facilities, and mercury recycling required.

HF2309 (Stanisus) Aquatic management areas established.

## JUDICIARY

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

**Agenda:** Continuation from 3/9 (DWI/DUI) HF2218 (Rest) Juvenile dangerous offender secure confinement provided at Red Wing or Sauk Centre correctional facilities; treatment programs created; victims allowed presence of supportive person during testimony; bonds authorized and money appropriated. HF1975 (Vellenga) Sex offender community-based treatment programs and grants established, standards and certification provided, and outcome-based evaluations required.

HF2211 (Bauerly) Pistol permit possession eligibility modified, penalties increased, and certain law enforcement powers clarified. HF2159 (Sarna) Peace officer defense cost reimbursement required related to civilian review authority actions. Family Law Subcommittee bills from 3/9. HF2379 (Vellenga) Probation services payment by offenders required, tax imposed on certain firearms, pistol permit fee required.

7 p.m.

### Legislative Commission on Pensions & Retirement

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding  
**Agenda:** To be announced.

## THURSDAY, March 12

8 a.m.

### Economic Development, Infrastructure, & Regulation Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice  
**Agenda:** World Trade Center. Humanities Commission. Minnesota Technology, Inc.

### Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson  
**Agenda:** Governor's budget presentation by the Department of Finance. Additional agenda items to be announced.

### Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield  
**Agenda:** Review of the governor's budget recommendations for Human Resources programs.

### State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn  
**Agenda:** Budget hearings: Department of Employee Relations, Administration, Revenue, Finance, Department of Trade & Economic Development, Military Affairs. Beginning Monday, agency presentations will occur in the order listed above, with the unfinished agenda items continued at the next meeting.

### Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

500N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson  
**Agenda:** HF2121 (Nelson) Education department programs provided technical changes. HF1946 (Kinkel) Learning readiness programs use of school bus transportation authorized. HF1913 (Carruthers) Capital expenditures facilities revenue formula modified to include fund balance pupil units. HF2109 (Kelso) Resident district for pupil whose parent or guardian is a Shakopee correctional facility inmate considered where the pupil or pupil's physical custodian lives. HF2110 (Kelso) Faribault Academy appropriations to include kindergarten students and not to cancel, and academies allowed to provide respite care and supplemental education instruction and services.

### GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

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

8:30 a.m.

### Environment & Natural Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia  
**Agenda:** Governor's budget presentation: public testimony.

9 a.m.

### Subcommittee on Property Tax/TAXES

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Edgar Olson  
**Agenda:** Findings of the Assessment Practices & Policies Task Force (continued). All members invited to attend.

10 a.m.

### COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. John Sarna  
**Agenda:** To be announced.

### ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger  
**Agenda:** Subcommittee on Game & Fish reports. Other agenda items to be announced.

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich  
**Agenda:** HFXXX Health care access. Testimony will be taken. Committee discussion.  
12:30 p.m.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal  
**Agenda:** Bills remaining from 3/10 meeting.

### GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff  
**Agenda:** HF1750 (Osthoff) Horse racing bets prohibited by telephone or on credit for pari-mutuel licensees. HF1781 (Dauner) Lawful purpose expenditures to include activities for senior citizens who are not members of the contributing organization and activities to conserve or enhance natural resources or wildlife. HF1801 (Milbert) Lawful purpose expenditure limits removed for real estate taxes and assessments. HF1815 (Runbeck) Lawful purpose expenditures to include noncash gifts to persons for volunteer community contributions including blood donations, with limits provided. HF1930 (Kinkel) Bingo class E license established for certain small organizations, with license fees and restrictions provided; and bingo record keeping to avoid duplication and performed on a single form for certain organizations. HF1962 (Anderson, R.) Lawful purpose expenditures to include repair and maintenance of property for certain organizations conducting only bingo. HF2104 (Milbert) Audit requirement exemption provided to certain gambling organizations. HF2199 (Trimble) St. Paul special lottery game authorized with proceeds provided to city youth education and recreation programs. HF2390 (Reding) Bredder's fund distribution for additional breeds authorized, fair racing day limitations removed. HF1863 (Heir) Lawful purpose expenditures to include programs for seniors 55 or more years of age.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT &  
METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson

**Agenda:** Continuation of previous meeting's agenda.

2:30 p.m.

**The House will meet in Session**

**AFTER SESSION**

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS**

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joe Begich

**Agenda:** HF1952 (Rukavina) Workers' compensation benefits and insurance regulated, permanent commission established, truck driver classification evaluated, health and safety fund created, penalties provided, and money appropriated.

HF1951 (Begich) Workers' compensation insurance regulations modified, insurers rating association created, truck driver classification evaluated, hearing procedures provided, rule adoption permitted, and money appropriated.

HF2152 (Murphy) Collective bargaining agreement arbitration required in certain cases, and procedures and penalties provided.

HF2336 (Simoneau) Workers' compensation assigned risk plan regulated.

**FRIDAY, March 13**

7 a.m.

**EDUCATION**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

**Agenda:** HF2093 (Hasskamp) Tobacco use prohibited at public elementary and secondary schools.

HFXXXX (Anderson, R.H.) Transferring the Waseca campus to the State Board of Technical Colleges.

Additional House files to be announced.

8 a.m.

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

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

**Agenda:** Public service. Commerce. Lawful gambling.

**Human Resources Division/  
APPROPRIATIONS**

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

**Agenda:** Review of the governor's budget recommendations for Human Resources programs.

**State Government Division/  
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**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

**Agenda:** To be announced.

10 a.m.

**Education Finance Division/EDUCATION**

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

**Agenda:** HF2151 (Peterson) Joint school district No. 6011, Lac Qui Parle valley, authorized start-up grant and levy, and money appropriated.

HF2322 (Davids) Independent school district No. 233, Preston-Fountain, general education revenue not reduced due to fund balance.

HF1850 (Kelso) Independent school district No. 719, Prior Lake, authorized an optional extra referendum levy.

HF2230 (McEachern) Independent school district No. 885, St. Michael-Albertville, authorized fund transfer from debt redemption fund to the building construction fund.

HF1917 (Rest) Drug abuse resistance education (DARE) special levy authority extended for school districts.

HF2358 (Hausman) Capital expenditure levy for certain installment contracts and lease purchases authorized. Additional bills may be added to the agenda.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

**Agenda:** HFXXXX Health care access.

Committee discussion. Final action. Other bills, as time allows.

12:30 p.m.

**ENVIRONMENT &  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

**Agenda:** To be announced.

**JUDICIARY**

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

**Agenda:** Remaining business from 3/11. Civil Law Subcommittee bills from 3/10.

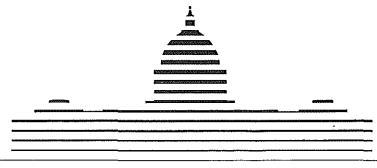
HF2181 (Carruthers) Government data practices act references codified.

HF1816 (Carruthers) Credit reporting agency reports provided to consumers upon request without a charge.

HF1819 (Pugh) Court shorthand reporters board established and certification provided.

HF2007 (Rest) (If passes Education) Freedom of expression provided to public school student publications.

HF1702 (Rest) Birth information released to adopted persons.



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