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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 *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.

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Government'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.

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...
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.)
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.)

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.

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.

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
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 uses 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 nonprofit 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 considered 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.

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### 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 by our elected officials,” he said.

Rep. Terry Dempsey (IR-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 Kitchridge, 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 Kitchridge, “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.
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.
- 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.

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.
**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.

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**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-

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**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.

“Any 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.

### 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 Processors 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 nonprofit corporation that receives some of its funding from Minnesota Technology (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.

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**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.

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

Photo courtesy Minnesota Historical Society
Tracking the Bills . . . Jan. 6-Mar. 5, 1992

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 (s) 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.

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Tucked 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, 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 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.

In 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 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-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."

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

HF2461—Ostrom (DFL) Labor-Management Relations 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) Health Human Services Health needs study required of students who are medically fragile or technology dependent, and money appropriated.

HF2480—Koppendrayer (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  
Harrassment 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 waived 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 therapeutic purposes.

HF2496—Peterson (DFL)  
Appropriations  
Extension service budget cut restoration provided.

HF2497—Wejcman (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—Stanius (IR)  
Health & Human Services  
Domestic violence victim mental health service funding pilot project established.

HF2504—Stanius (IR)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Fluorescent lamps in state buildings recycling required.

HF2505—Stanius (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.

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—Stanius (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 textbook cost income tax credit provided.

HF2528—Ogren (DFL) Local Government & Metro. Affairs Cloquet to issue bonds for the acquisition and payment by state provided.

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 acquisition 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 taking flights 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 preceding 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—Staius (IR)  
Judiciary  
Repeated harassment crime penalties increased.

HF2571—Staius (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—Osthus (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—Staius (IR)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Game and fish commercial activity requirements modified, and penalties provided.
Kandiyohi county authorized sale of certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water.

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

Workers' compensation act adopted, and money appropriated.

World trade center corporation provided procedures for privatization.

City attorney prosecution provided for certain offenses.

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

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

Autopsy reports provided to next of kin.

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

AFDC grant increase prohibited.

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

Peace officers required to notify parents of certain arrests.

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

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 (Kroeber) 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
3005 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
5005 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jean Wagenius
Agenda: HF1941 (Jefferson) Relatives given preference in adoptions.
HF2094 (Jefferson) Culture or ethnic heritage 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
5005 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.
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 assailt victim is a stranger.
HF2167 (Wejcman) 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
4005 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
3005 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: 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 Bataglia
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 nonprofit 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.
HF2149 (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.
HFXXXX (Segal) DTED mission statement.
HFXXXX (Segal) Quasi-public agency guidelines.
HFXXXX (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.

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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.
HF2076 (Dawkins) Tenant covenant violation unlawful detainer action brought by county attorney modified for probate proceedings.
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 Intersate 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.

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
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
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
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

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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 transporta-
tion benefits provided tax incentives; traffic
congestion eduction 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

500 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson
Agenda: Continuation of previous meeting's
agenda.

Subcommittee on Soil & Water Resources/
AGRICULTURE

300 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 accept-
ing used containers and unused pesticides
delayed.
HF1994 (Cooper) Maximum annual ethanol
producer payments established.

Subcommittee on Rural Development,
Marketing & International Trade/AGRI-
CULTURE

500 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ted Winter
Agenda: HF1193 (Jennings) Farm corpora-
tion 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 transporta-
tion 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,
joiner 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 re-
gional management information center report-
ing 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 develop-
ment, 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 transporta-
tion 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 (Stanius) Aquatic management areas
established.

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### 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 created; victims allowed presence of supportive person during testimony; bonds 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.  
HF2379 (Vellenga) Probation services review authority actions.

**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.

### 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.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal  
**Agenda:** Bills remaining from 3/10 meeting.

### GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

300S 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.

### 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.
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.
HF2132 (Murphy) Collective bargaining agreement arbitration required in certain cases, and procedures and penalties provided.
HF2336 (Simoneau) Workers' compensation assigned risk plan regulated.

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7 a.m.
EDUCATION
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HF2093 (Hasskamp) Tobacco use prohibited at public elementary and secondary schools.
HFXXX (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/ 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.
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 (MccEachern) 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: HFXXX 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
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.
Minnesota Index

Minnesota public universities

Percent of Minnesota adults with at least four years of college .................. 17.4
Total enrollment at 4-year public colleges and universities, 1991-92 ..... 134,896
Average annual cost for a full-time undergraduate student in the
State University System, tuition & fees, 1991-92 academic year ............. $2,019
University of Minnesota ............................................. $2,829
Percent of entering freshmen applicants rejected by University of
Minnesota-Morris, 1990-91 .............................................. 50
Mankato State University ............................................. 7
Percent of U of M-Morris entering freshman who graduated in
the top 1/4 of their senior class ........................................... 90
In the bottom half of their class ....................................... 0-1
Highest Native American student population as percentage of total student
body, Bemidji State University ........................................... 5
Highest Asian student population as a percent of total student body,
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities ..................................... 9
Highest white student population as a percent of total student body, (tie)
St. Cloud State University; Winona State University ............................. 97
Percent of full-time faculty members at University of Minnesota-Duluth who
have not obtained the highest degree in their field .................................. 3
Percent of entering University of Minnesota-Morris freshmen
with an ACT score of 25 or higher .......................................... 56
Southwest State University ...................................................... 4

Source: Minnesota 4-Year College Handbook, a Sept. 1991 report of the Research Department of the MN House of Representatives;
Almanac of Higher Education.