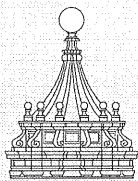


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Flashback

Former Gov. Harold Stassen looked up to the balcony in the House chamber March 10 and apologized that his wife, "first lady of grace," couldn't be there as she was 53 years ago when he first addressed the Legislature in 1939.

Stassen, who is 84 and in the midst of his 10th campaign for the U.S. presidency, told the small crowd that she had a fractured hip and couldn't be there with him. His voice still resonating like a world-class politician, the "boy wonder" former governor then gave a booming rendition of his "seven mighty moves" to make America great.

That Stassen has witnessed profound changes in government since he last stood in the exact spot where he gave his inaugural messages of 1939, 1941, and 1943, goes without saying. A lot has happened.

In his first message he called for the creation of a "real civil service law for state employees" and by 1943, in his last inaugural address to the Legislature, Stassen was able to boast of his success. State government is now filled with "able servants of the public instead of corporals in a political army," he said.

There were many other sections of Stassen's inaugural addresses that hinted of ancient history. He referred to the University of Minnesota as "our University" — back when there was only one. And there was a call to regulate "war training schools . . . many of which are not conducting proper training and have rather the aspect of a racket connected with it."

But it's also surprising how many things have remained the same. In his 1939 call for a civil service law, Stassen urged lawmakers to resist the "blanketing in" of political cronies — just as a committee chair this week urged colleagues not to allow the "grandfathering" of professionals who would be exempt from state licensing (*see story page 6*).

The former governor also lamented the existence of "at least 64 different governmental boards, bureaus, agencies and departments" in state government, just as a legislator this week called for the consolidation of the myriad state agencies connected with environmental policy (*see story page 13*).

"They send inspectors and field agents trodding on each other's heels to far corners of the state," said Stassen, stating the same concerns that are being repeated today.

And then, of course, there is the budget.

"We find that our position might well be characterized by the predicament of Mother Hubbard in that nursery rhyme," said Stassen in 1939.

The problem then, however, was a \$4 million deficit. Today, it's \$569 million.

—Grant Moos

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On the cover: Gov. Arne Carlson and leaders of the House and Senate celebrated an agreement on a health care access bill March 9. The group met in the governor's reception room at the state Capitol to toast the bipartisan proposal.

—photo by Tom Olmscheid

Highlights



Health

HealthRight bill approved

Just two days after a bipartisan agreement was announced on a health care access bill, the Health and Human Services Committee approved the measure March 12 without adding a single amendment.

While other states wait to see what the federal government is going to do, Minnesota is going to enact health care access and reform, said committee chair Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls).

Greenfield said the new HealthRight plan offering health care to uninsured Minnesotans would be implemented for families with children by Jan. 1, 1993, and for others by Jan. 1, 1994.

To be eligible for the plan, you would have to be a permanent resident of Minnesota, have no employer health plan, not be eligible for Medical Assistance, and have gone four months without insurance, said Greenfield.

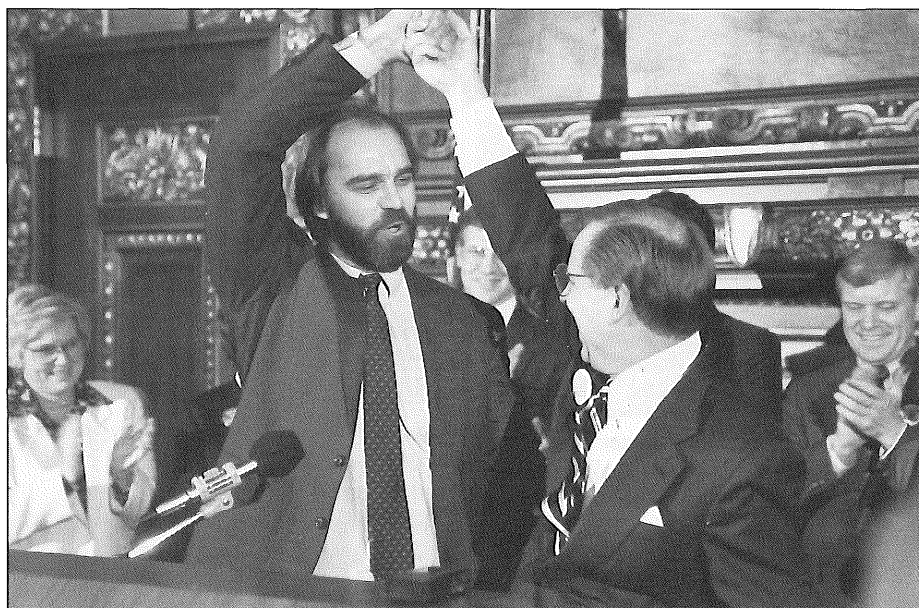
The HealthRight plan and the rest of the package would be funded with a five cents per pack tax on cigarettes and a 2 percent tax on health care provider revenues.

John Kingery of the Minnesota Hospital Association said his organization doesn't have an official position on the bill, but thinks that HealthRight should be funded with a much broader tax.

"Health care is a fundamental right and so is education, but we wouldn't have teachers pay for all of it," said Kingery. He added that seven hospitals closed in Minnesota in 1991.

The major reform package, which the governor and legislative leaders formally agreed to March 9, affects virtually every area of health care in the state.

Insurance companies would no longer be able to apply widely varying rates that Greenfield called "discriminatory." Premium costs would only be allowed to vary 50 percent based on age, 25 percent on health history, 5 percent on residence, and no variance would be allowed based on gender.



Rep. Paul Ogren, left, and Gov. Arne Carlson raise their arms in triumph after an agreement was announced March 9 on a bipartisan health care access bill. The measure is expected to be approved this session.

The state would establish a health care commission charged with controlling growth in health care spending. Within the commission would be an advisory committee to evaluate the need for new technologies and designate centers for specialized procedures. The commission would also form an analysis unit to research the most effective and cost-efficient procedures.

A rural health advisory committee would also be formed within the Department of Health to financially assist hospitals in isolated areas and to help communities develop health centers.

HF2801 was referred to the Appropriations Committee for further review. An identical bill (**HF2802**) was approved by the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee March 12. And the Judiciary Committee is scheduled to discuss another identical bill (**HF2800**) March 13.

The identical bills are being discussed in the different committees in order for the package to clear all policy committees by the March 13 bill deadline.



Higher Education

EdVest proposed

State officials say one way to convince parents to plan now for children's college education is to get parents' attention while they're filling out their taxes.

A proposal to allow parents to invest their state tax refunds directly into U.S. savings bonds so they could be used later for college was presented this week before two House Appropriations Committee divisions. Neither division took action on the plan.

The EdVest proposal was first advocated by Gov. Arne Carlson last week in his budget address to state lawmakers. Starting next year, parents could check a box at the bottom of the state tax returns indicating that they want their refund transferred into the bonds, under the measure.

For every \$50 in refunds invested, parents would receive a bond paying \$100 at maturity, said state finance officials.

The program would cost about \$350,000 a year to implement, said Ron Hackett of the Department of Finance at a March 12 presentation before the

Education Division of the Appropriations Committee.

Some lawmakers, however, are challenging the proposal.

During March 10 hearings before the Appropriations Committee's State Government Division, several members questioned whether enough people would use the program to justify a re-tooling of state tax forms.

State government division members also said existing income-eligibility rules limiting tax-free status on the savings bonds could drive up administrative costs of the program well beyond the \$350,000 cited.

Division Chair Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) said most parents already have ample opportunity to invest their tax refunds, adding she would be reluctant to further involve the state in the higher education accounts "just to get something on somebody's campaign literature."

Too many lawyers

Does Minnesota have too many lawyers? Rep. Steve Dille (IR-Dassel) thinks so. That's why he's sponsoring a bill that would require a plan to eliminate the state subsidy of the University of Minnesota Law School.

Dille said the state should not pay to produce lawyers — "a product that in my mind is in oversupply."

The state currently pays 33 percent of the law school's operating costs, with the students picking up the rest through tuition, Robert Stein, dean of the law school, told the Education Committee's Higher Education Division March 11.

Rep. Kinkel (DFL-Park Rapids) said that Dille was setting a "dangerous precedent" that wouldn't do a thing to limit the number of lawyers. He asked whether the next step would be to take the state subsidy away from other programs, such as teaching — another field in which some people think there is an oversupply.

Stein disputed Dille's assertion that the University of Minnesota is producing too many lawyers. He said that the school turned down 2,000 applicants last year and that 95 percent of the 1991 graduating class is employed.

After 45 minutes of heated discussion, the division voted 5-3 to send the bill to the full Education Committee. Techni-

cally, the Higher Education Division could not make a recommendation on the bill (HF2839) because the measure was not before it.

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



Gaming

No betting by phone

The Minnesota horse racing industry needs telephone wagering to survive, said Terry McWilliams, general manager of Canterbury Downs.

But a bill heard March 12 before the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee would prohibit the racetrack — and any offtrack teleracing sites authorized by the 1991 Legislature — from accepting telephone and credit card wagers.

The Minnesota Racing Commission has adopted a rule permitting telephone wagering; this proposal would supercede that rule.

Rep. Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls) cited potential abuses by children and the 225 "professional gamblers" who have been barred from the track as reasons to oppose telephone wagers. Because of the anonymity of a phone, Rice said there is "precious little that can be done" to regulate exactly who is wagering.

The Minnesota State Lottery recently attempted to develop a similar on-line system using Nintendo systems instead of telephones.

"And I've never seen such a public outcry on a gambling issue," said Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester). The lottery ultimately scrapped the plan.

Track revenue fell for the fourth straight year in 1991, to \$87 million, or just 3.5 percent of gambling dollars wagered statewide. McWilliams blames Indian gaming for the continued decline in revenue.

The racetrack wants to allow phone betting on both live and simulcast racing, and expects between 6,000 and 7,000 Minnesotans to wager \$15 million annually by phone. A Minnesota-only 1-800 number centered at Canterbury Downs would handle the wagering. In-person registration and a \$100 deposit would be required to establish an account at the track, and code names and numbers would be issued to account holders.

Bill (HF1750) sponsor Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul), chair of the committee, said a vote on an omnibus gaming bill is expected next week.

Legalizing sports betting?

A bill to legalize virtually all forms of sports betting received a hearing March 12 before the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee, but no vote was taken.

The bill would dedicate all net proceeds from sports betting to a state human resources account.

"I don't want to expand gambling in Minnesota," said chief author Rep. Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth). "I just want to get some of the illegal money that's already out there to benefit poor people."

Ninety percent of the profits would be divided equally between the housing trust fund, supplemental food grants distributed by the Department of Jobs and Training, and health care grants distributed by the Department of Health. The remaining 10 percent would fund compulsive gambling education and prevention programs.

A Duluth bar owner testified in favor of the bill, but the measure is opposed by the National Basketball Association, the National Football League, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Committee chair Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) took no vote on the bill (HF1783) and made clear his intentions to create a "committee consensus" omnibus gaming bill.



Labor

Workers' comp bill approved

Employers would see an estimated cost savings of 13.8 percent under a workers' compensation reform package that was speedily approved by the Labor-Management Relations Committee March 12, said the bill's chief author, Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia).

Rukavina said that changes in compensation benefits would yield 7 percent of the savings, most notably with limits placed on temporary partial disabilities.

Rukavina said the bill would save the

other 6.8 percent in the areas of medical rehabilitation and managed care deductibles. The measure would also establish a medical services review board that would monitor the effectiveness, cost, and duration of treatments. The board would also have the power to fine providers who don't follow specified procedures.

The idea of a workers' compensation commission within the Department of Labor and Industry was dropped, said Rukavina, because the governor is opposed to the idea.

HF1952 now moves to the House floor.



Business

Selling the World Trade Center

The Minnesota World Trade Center Corp. (MWTCC) would become a private corporation and eventually sold under a measure approved by the Economic Development Committee March 12.

But the bill also calls for \$1.4 million in funding for the center so it can maintain its value to avoid a "fire sale" in the future, said the bill's chief author, Rep. Richard Krueger (DFL-Staples).

The 1991 Legislature authorized \$1 million in funding for the center, but Gov. Arne Carlson vetoed the appropriation — leaving the fate of the center uncertain.

The center has received state funds since it was created in 1988. The intent was for the corporation to move toward financial independence within 10 years.

The measure is intended to preserve the state's investment in the center, which is housed in the World Trade Center building in St. Paul, said Krueger. The legislation is directed at the MWTCC, but not the building itself, which is owned by a private firm.

World Trade Center Board Chair Lee Berlin testified in support of the measure. Berlin said privatization of the quasi-state agency would allow the corporation to move faster and be more competitive in world markets.

MWTCC's board would evaluate proposals to buy the corporation according to the buyer's ability to:

- Maintain the mission and vision of the World Trade Center.

- Pay for the assets or ownership of the corporation.
- Assume any corporation liabilities.
- Fund continuing development, promotion, and marketing of the center's programs, services, and business activities.
- Maintain and expand employment in Minnesota.

The corporation would sell its assets, including furniture, memberships, and rent-free use of five floors in the World Trade Center for several years. Proceeds remaining after the sale would be returned to the state's general fund.

The sale is expected to take between 15 and 20 months, said World Trade Center President Richard Nolan, who was unable to attend the meeting.

HF2596 now moves to the Appropriations Committee for consideration.

(For more on Business, see page 9.)



Transportation

LRT bills on track

State transportation officials would have the final say on building light rail transit (LRT) lines in the Twin Cities under bills advancing through House committees this week.

"This has been muddled for so long," said Rep. Edwina Garcia (DFL-Richfield), who co-chaired an interim subcommittee on light-rail issues. "It's time to put someone in charge, let them decide what should be done, and then trust their judgment."

A measure (**HF2510**) clarifying state and local government roles in planning and construction won approval March 11 in the Transportation Committee. It would place the Metropolitan Council in charge of most preliminary LRT planning and engineering. But the final decision on starting construction would rest with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

Similar language was also included in a bill (**HF1541**) outlining metropolitan agency control that was approved March 12 by the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

The proposals generally give county and other local governments only advisory roles in planning for LRT.

A separate amendment to **HF2510** is now under consideration that would remove the Regional Transit Commission from making most LRT decisions.



Hennepin County Commissioner John Derus told lawmakers March 11 that reaching an agreement with the various governmental agencies involved in light rail transit planning was "like herding cats." Derus testified before the House Transportation Committee.

Both provisions concern some long-time LRT proponents.

Hennepin County Commissioner John Derus told the Transportation Committee that county governments have carried the bulk of LRT planning to date.

He later compared the process of keeping together sometimes-divergent governmental units to "herding cats" and suggested that recent compromises could unravel if lawmakers tinker too much with the original bill (**HF2510**).

March 9, 1874

On this day, Cook County was established and named after Major Michael Cook of Faribault. Cook was a prominent citizen who moved to Minnesota in 1855, worked as a carpenter, was both a territorial and state senator, and died fighting in the Civil War.

March 13, 1858

On this day, a county was established and named with the Ojibwe word for snake, "kanabec." Kanabec County's territory includes the Snake River.

Anti-noise bill advances

People in Richfield and other communities that are beneath the primary flightpaths around Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport could find a little more solitude in the near future.

The Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee approved a measure March 10 that would require the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to spend about \$17 million over the next four years for noise abatement improvements to homes. Money is already being collected through a \$3 surcharge on every passenger who uses the facility.

The proposal would add nearly \$5 million over current MAC funding plans for noise mitigation, but is significantly less than bill author Rep. Edwina Garcia (DFL-Richfield) and other proponents sought.

Garcia originally proposed using half of MAC's estimated \$300 million construction budget over the next seven years for anti-noise programs. She later amended her bill to earmark \$32.3 million in noise-abatement funding over the next five years.

But MAC officials said that would sharply curtail its ability to make necessary improvements at the airport.

Supporters of the compromise amendment, which passed on a 15-7 vote, said it would help residents in affected areas but also should not disrupt MAC's "dual-track" planning to either enlarge the existing airport or move it to another site.

HF2269 now moves to the House floor. A companion bill (**SF2271**) is pending before the state Senate Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

Octane monitoring knocked

A bill that proponents say would better regulate octane levels in gasoline was voted down by a 7-6 margin in the Regulated Industries Committee March 9.

A December 1991 report by the Department of Public Service found that 17 percent of the premium gas sampled from around the state had octane levels below the amount posted on the pump.

In response to the report, Rep. Joel Jacobs (DFL-Coon Rapids) authored **HF2133** which would direct the Depart-

ment of Public Service to monitor gasoline and impose penalties of up to \$10,000 for non-compliance.

Mike Blacik of the department told the committee that the fraudulent samples amounted to an estimated 50 million gallons of premium gas per year, which short-changed customers \$7.6 million. Blacik said the proposed program would have \$150,000 in start-up costs and would probably cost another \$150,000 per year to operate. There are no estimates of what the program would make in fees and fines, he said.

Although the report caused a media stir in December, some lawmakers wondered how much damage is really done by the overrated fuel.

The gasoline octane rating measures a fuel's ability to resist engine knock. Premium gasoline has octane ratings from 89 to 95 percent. Regular gasoline is rated at either 87 or 88 percent. None of the 45 samples of regular gasoline were under the amount posted.

Handicapped-parking patrols

The chances of getting ticketed for parking in a handicapped-only zone could be going up.

The House approved a measure on a 113-17 vote March 9 that would allow the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth to use volunteer patrols to seek out handicapped parking violators.

But the proposal was criticized by some House members who questioned the wisdom of using "citizen deputies" to perform "selective ticketing."

"I just kind of think this is misdirected legislation," said Rep. Marcus Marsh (IR-Sauk Rapids). Others questioned why the bill was never reviewed by the Judiciary Committee, and whether cities could get stuck with hefty workers' compensation claims should a volunteer be injured on the job.

But Judiciary Committee Chair Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) explained that she didn't think the proposal needed to be reviewed by her committee because the bill is limited to traffic enforcement.

Bill sponsor Rep. Linda Wejcman (DFL-Mpls) said volunteers would be eligible for workers' compensation benefits.

The program is modeled after a similar one in Minneapolis that uses part-time, paid monitors to tag offenders.

HF1833 now moves to the Senate Transportation Committee for further review.



Government

Licensing commission proposed

A bill calling for all state licensing questions to be reviewed by a legislative commission was approved March 6 by a Governmental Operations Division.

The joint 10-member panel would be the legislative funnel for all licensing bills, serving much the same role as the current Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement. That commission hears dozens of proposals each session and then makes recommendations to the Legislature, which usually follows the commission's advice.

Unlike Wisconsin's occupational "superboard," the proposed commission on occupational regulation would have no overriding authority over the newly licensed occupations. In a break from current policy, that authority would rest with a "host" department of state government rather than a licensing board. For all future regulated occupations, such boards would exist, but would serve only an advisory role to the state department.

Existing boards would not be affected by the proposal, but all current licensees would see a permit fee increase to finance the new commission.

Causing some controversy is a provision in the bill that would prohibit any "grandfathering." In recent years, nearly all licensing bills have contained a "window" period where those currently practicing in the field are exempted from new, often more stringent standards.

"Grandfathering is not appropriate," said Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul), chair of the Governmental Operation's Government Structures Division and author of the bill (**HF2298**) to create the commission.

A flood of licensing bills continues to reach the Legislature. At last count, 40 occupations were lobbying for licensure this session. O'Connor said that if each of those bills were signed into law, one of every two Minnesotans would be a

member of a licensed occupation.

Although O'Connor's division has become the final resting place for a number of licensing proposals, he said "a few occupations have made their case" and will be granted hearings. (Chemical dependency counselors won the approval of the division March 11.)

HF2298 now awaits action before the full committee.

State vs. private sector

State programs to help small Minnesota companies may be getting too good. Private consulting firms are concerned the state is edging into their territory.

The president of a small engineering consulting firm, John Berner, told the Economic Development Committee's International Trade and Technology Division March 5 that state-funded Minnesota Technology Inc. (MTI) is duplicating consulting services that are available in the private sector.

Berner said that MTI is violating its enabling statute which states, "The corporation's purpose is not to create new programs or services, but to build on the existing educational, business, and economic infrastructure."

MTI President Jacques Koppel said MTI (formerly the Greater Minnesota Corp.) often works with small companies that have never used consultants and don't know how to go about hiring one. Companies often end up hiring private consultants after MTI has provided them with awareness of technology improvements, applications, and expert sources, he said.

"The biggest frustration as a small town entrepreneur is that we don't know where to get that kind of help [technical expertise] from," said Mark Gaalswyck, president of Easy Systems, a firm in Trimont, Minn., that manufactures computerized feed batch control panels.

He said that MTI has been like a big brother to his firm and helped to put him in touch with the right people. Easy Systems has grown to 10 employees — up from two — since he began working with MTI, he said.

Restricting U.S. West data

Do competitors gain an unfair advantage whenever U.S. West files for a rate change or tariff?

A bill (**HF1943**) authored by Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul), allows U.S. West to petition the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to restrict non-public data from all parties except the PUC, the Department of Public Service, and the Attorney General's Office.

According to U.S. West attorney Jim Gallagher, U.S. West is at a disadvantage because competitors can gain access to sensitive data, including marketing plans, under the current process.

Whenever U.S. West proposes a rate change or tariff they must file non-public data with the PUC. Although there are many different telephone rate classifications and tiers, any change affects the entire rate structure, which could have a direct effect on telephone rates for all consumers.

Gallagher said that nearly anyone who may want to contest the proposal can access the data by signing a protection order if they want to contest the rate change.

Gallagher said that he knows of cases where an attorney and an outside consultant have misused non-public data and said that it is even more difficult for business executives to ignore the information.

"We can't show that they misuse it, but I'm absolutely certain that if a president of a competitor has U.S. West's long-range strategic plans in hand . . . those plans are going to affect his or her business decisions," said Gallagher.

Gary Cunningham of the Attorney General's Office's Residential Utilities Division, however, said he didn't see a need to change the law.

"We have to balance protection and access . . . without having a number of eyes, we will not have the evaluative process necessary," he said.

The residential utilities division serves as an advocate for residential consumers and small businesses, and often contests proposed rate hikes. Cunningham said his office benefits greatly from the analysis done by businesses and public groups under the current system.

Without the expertise of these groups "customers will be eliminated from access under this proposal," said Cunningham.

If they are denied non-public data during the discovery stage before a contested case hearing, they will no longer be able to effectively contest the rate change, he said.

U.S. West competitors also said the law was not necessary because phone companies can already protect their non-public data by obtaining an order from an administrative law judge.

"This is a solution in search of a problem," said MCI's Lyle Williamson.

Following lengthy testimony against the bill, the committee approved **HF1943** March 9 on a near-unanimous voice vote. The measure now moves to the House floor.



Taxes

Taxing decisions

With Minnesota's fiscal engine running on fumes, some state lawmakers are wondering why tax officials aren't doing more to squeeze out more fuel.

State Revenue Commissioner Dorothy McClung this week came under sharp questioning as she explained how the tax department last fall started preparing for anticipated funding shortfalls by leaving vacant several posts in its collections and audits divisions.

Testifying March 10 before a House Appropriations Committee division, McClung defended letting the positions succumb to attrition because "it would have been more expensive" to take on new employees knowing they'd later have to be let go.

The tax department now is seeking legislative approval for a \$1.1 million shift from two internal accounts to fund hiring new auditors and collections personnel.

But State Government Division Chair Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) said it's difficult to believe at a time when the state has ongoing budget problems the tax department would leave any of its money-producing jobs empty — even temporarily.

State finance officials earlier this month estimated the state will have a \$569 million deficit over the rest of the biennium, almost entirely the result of a recession-driven falloff in tax revenues.

"You, better than anyone else, should have known what the effect of the problem would be," Kahn said.

Other division members said the expense of replacing the tax agents would have been more than offset by the added revenue they would have generated for the state. During earlier testimony before the division, revenue officials estimated that up to \$120 million in taxes due the state each year could be going uncollected.

Overall, the tax department is slated for a \$700,000 funding reduction over the next 15-1/2 months. That's one of the smaller proposed reductions among state agencies in Gov. Arne Carlson's suggested state budget.



Appropriations

Cuts in state arts funding?

The executive director of the Minnesota State Arts Board pled with members of an Appropriations Committee panel March 10 to reject the governor's proposed cuts in arts funding.

"Cuts to this program could not come at a worse time in our history," said executive director Sam Grabarski, adding that the board is facing its "greatest crisis in 25 years."

The governor has proposed a \$426,000 cut in funding for the board, which represents a 5.3 percent reduction over the previous two-year spending cycle.

But because all of the cut would come in the second year of the current biennium, the reduction really amounts to a 10.6 percent cut, said Grabarski.

The Minnesota State Arts Board sponsors several grant programs for individual artists, artist organizations, and artist residency programs in the schools.

Grabarski was just one of several board, agency, and department heads to appear before the Appropriations Committee's Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Division last week and this week to pore over the governor's proposed budget.

The governor is calling on state agencies, constitutional offices and the Legislature to shoulder the brunt of the budget cuts. On average, state government expenses are to be trimmed 4 percent.



Gov. Arne Carlson was all smiles after receiving flowers and a giant "thank you" card March 9 from House Independent-Republicans for pledging not to raise taxes. The governor has proposed spending cuts, revenue shifts, and dipping into the state's budget reserve as a way to solve the state's projected \$569 million deficit.

Larry Redmond of the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts told committee members that state cuts would be particularly painful now because Minnesota corporate donors, which historically have been very generous to the arts, are now donating more money to social services.

In addition, many local companies are being swallowed by larger national firms, causing local gifts to drop off, he said.

The division is expected to make its spending recommendations later in the session.



Employment

Resurrect old jobs program

An emergency jobs program would be re-established in Minnesota under a measure approved by the Economic Development Committee March 10.

Bill sponsor Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park) said the measure would bring back "a highly successful work program" created in 1983 in response to that recession.

The Minnesota Employment Economic Development Program (MEED) would provide wage subsidies for certain employers. People who have been receiving work readiness benefits for at least five months would receive top

priority for job placement.

The state would provide \$6 per hour in wage contributions for each employee hired by a company or organization, and require employers to offer the new employees the same health care coverage offered to their other employees, or some other health insurance.

Businesses receiving priority in subsidy funds would include manufacturing firms, non-retail small businesses, export and tourism businesses, and businesses "whose products are developed with materials from recycling."

Under MEED, state funds would be used to provide six-month subsidies of wages. Employers would be required to retain the person on the job for an additional year.

Kristine Jacobs, representing the JOBS NOW Coalition, told committee members that the program needs to be re-established because there are seven job seekers for every job opening in Minnesota.

Jacobs said that nearly 43,000 jobs were created between 1983 and 1988, when the program formerly was in place — with an average cost to the state of \$3,057 per job.

Jacobs, whose coalition represents 41 organizations, said the program is a good investment because of resulting savings in public assistance programs and increased income tax payments.

Segal estimated that the legislation would cost \$15 million to \$20 million for the next biennium.

Some lawmakers questioned whether businesses should be required to provide medical insurance, but the measure was approved.

HF2455 now goes to the Appropriations Committee for further discussion.



Business

'Puppy mill' bill gains

Prospective pet owners would receive written guarantees their new puppy or kitten is healthy under a bill that was approved by the House Commerce Committee March 11.

The measure (**HF2043**), authored by Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul), would require breeders to register with the state and to have an independent veterinarian examine each pet before it is sold.

Purchasers could get a refund or a replacement pet if the veterinarian determines the pet's illness was a pre-existing condition. The measure also provides consumer remedies if the pet dies within one year because of a hereditary or congenital defect.

Dawkins said his bill is intended to crack down on "puppy mills" — disreputable breeders who raise young animals inhumanely and then sell them at a discounted price to retailers.

The bill also requires the pet's bloodlines to be documented, which Dawkins said would provide a paper trail for owners to track down breeders if they discover their pet was diseased. "Right now, the trail stops at whoever sold it to them," Dawkins said.

"There's nothing in this bill that reputable breeders are not doing already," said Diane Kringen, a former breeder from Fertile, Minn.

But retail pet shop owners argued against the bill, saying it unfairly burdens them for the misdeeds of a few unscrupulous merchants and breeders.

HF2043 now moves to the House General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee. A companion bill (**SF1841**) was approved March 10 in the Senate Commerce Committee.

Business sales tax shift

Large businesses will play an important role in solving the state's budget deficit — and freeing up to \$140 million from the state's budget reserve — if a key section of Gov. Arne Carlson's budget recommendations is adopted. And the proposal has nothing to do with raising taxes.

Finance Commissioner John Gunyou told members of the Ways and Means Committee March 10 that the governor is proposing that large businesses remit their sales tax receipts six days earlier each month.

That, in conjunction with delaying local government aid payments by nearly two weeks, "will make a huge difference in our cash flow," said Gunyou.

He explained that getting the sales tax money sooner and delaying the local government aid payments from Dec. 15 to Dec. 26 will "smooth out some of the peaks and valleys" in the state's cash flow.

And that will allow state government to use \$140 million of its \$400 million budget reserve to help solve the state's projected deficit of \$569 million. Minnesota has traditionally maintained a large budget reserve because there is such a pronounced ebb and flow in its cash flow.

The proposal will affect only about 1,600 of the 60,000 businesses that remit sales taxes, but those businesses account for about 80 percent of total sales tax collections, said Gunyou.

Large businesses are defined as those that have at least \$20,000 per month in sales tax receipts, or \$240,000 per year.

The sales tax change was just one area touched upon by Gunyou when he gave an overview of the governor's proposed budget to committee members.



Housing

Aid for 'working poor'

Homeowners and tenants who temporarily fall behind on their monthly payments — and are either at risk of losing their homes or being evicted from rental property — could be eligible for assistance under a new program now under consideration in the House.

The measure (**HF2553**), which was approved by the Housing Committee

March 9, targets individuals and families who are not eligible for other aid programs such as general assistance or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).

It would provide loans and grants to pay up to six installments of past-due mortgage, rent, tax, fees, or other housing-related costs. Total assistance would be limited to \$2,000.

The legislation would create three pilot programs throughout the state. The pilot projects would be administered by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), which would also set eligibility criteria. The initial cost of the program is estimated at \$500,000.

Similar language creating a mortgage and rental assistance program was included in a housing bill approved last year by House lawmakers. The measure, however, was dropped during conference negotiations with state senators.

HF2553 was referred to the House Appropriations Committee for further review.



Insurance

Protecting senior citizens

A measure that would help protect senior citizens from buying duplicate medical insurance policies was approved by the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee March 6.

The bill focuses on supplemental medical policies that senior citizens buy to help pay for medical bills not covered by Medicare.

HF1791 would require insurance application forms to include a variety of questions to determine if the applicant has another Medicare supplement or other health insurance policy.

And it would also prohibit companies from selling Medicare supplement insurance when those benefits already are covered by Medicare.

Sponsored by Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls), the measure also calls for tighter regulation of the policies and requires insurers to cover preventive care (annual physicals and certain lab tests), cancer screening, and up to \$1,600 in annual at-home recovery services.

Insurance companies also would be

required to:

- Change policies to reflect changes in Medicare benefits, reduce premiums as appropriate, and provide immediate notice to customers of these changes.
- Provide consumers clear comparison information about their insurance options.
- Inform customers about whether the policy they are applying for duplicates coverage they already own.

Health maintenance organizations would be required to offer coverage for prescriptions — something already offered by other insurance companies.

The age and gender of senior citizens could no longer be used to set insurance rates. Instead, they would be based on a "community rating" — averaging the rate for all senior citizens covered. Companies could reduce premiums for "healthy lifestyles."

Skoglund testified that the community rating provision would help older seniors when they are least able to pay by spreading out the "risk pool."

HF1791 now moves to the House floor.

Higher Education

Merger mayhem

The merger of three of the state's public college systems would be changed dramatically under three separate bills that were each approved March 11 by the Education Committee or one of its divisions.

Lawmakers approved the three separate bills — two days before the March 13 committee deadline — in order to ensure that all the proposals remain alive this session.

The high costs of the merger of the state university, community college, and technical college systems were cited as a primary reason to alter the merger called for by the 1991 Legislature. But lawmakers are also concerned that the mission of each system will become diluted.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) estimates that the one-time costs for the merger could be as high as \$99 million and annual ongoing costs as high as \$21.8 million (the change to a statewide technical college faculty bargaining unit could cost up to \$17 million).

HF2768, sponsored by Rep. Lyndon

Carlson (DFL-Crystal), removes governing authority from the Higher Education Board (HEB) and places it back with the three systems. The HEB would become a strong coordinating board with responsibility for establishing a statewide master plan. It would also make decisions on whether co-located community and technical colleges should be merged, and would develop and enforce credit transfer policies. The HECB would be abolished.

Carlson, who opposed the 1991 bill that created the merger, said that his bill focuses on maintaining potential cost savings of the merger without its liabilities. He said that the intent of his bill is "to improve oversight and coordination, and to do it in a cost-effective way." This measure was approved by the Education Committee's Higher Education Division and referred to the full committee.

HF1893, sponsored by Rep. Loren Thompson (DFL-Waubun), removes the technical colleges from the merger, but leaves the state university and community college systems merged. The bill was approved by the Higher Education Division and referred to the Education Committee.

HF2042, sponsored by Rep. Gene Pelowski (DFL-Winona), takes the most direct approach to amending the merger law — it repeals it altogether. Pelowski told the Education Committee, which approved the bill, that the merger has huge potential costs without doing

anything to improve education. The measure now moves to the Appropriations Committee.

Members of the Minnesota Technical College Faculty Association testified against all three bills because they eliminate a statewide bargaining unit for technical college faculty.

Jim Fremstead of the Minnesota Technical College Faculty Association said that only technical college faculty lack pay equity. "It's not fair to have a teacher in Thief River Falls . . . make \$6,000 less than a teacher in Minneapolis," he said.

But Dianna Arens from the Minnesota Federation of Teachers, which represents 40 percent of the technical college faculty, testified in favor of the Thompson and Pelowski bills.

Forging an education partnership

Representatives from the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) hope that the state of Minnesota will consider a long-term partnership with their organization.

WICHE is a regional organization whose central purpose is to promote interstate resource sharing in higher education. Presently, WICHE is composed of 13 western states, with Minnesota recently joining as an affiliated member.



International flags filled the Capitol Rotunda March 10 as part of the International Festival sponsored by the Minnesota State University System.

"Our primary directive is to share resources, and Minnesota is really a model for other states in regards to the fact that you have a number of agreements which facilitate reciprocity," said Lee Vickers, chair of WICHE.

Dick Jonsen, executive director of WICHE, said that long-term membership would be advantageous for Minnesota.

"We think that this kind of regional cooperation is one very effective solution to meeting educational needs," Jonsen said. "I think, however, that the kind of interstate cooperation that WICHE promotes and has facilitated takes time to develop."

Jonsen and Vickers appeared before the Appropriations Committee's Education Division March 11.

The 7-year (college) plan?

Is the idea of getting a college degree in four years going the way of the dinosaur and the dodo bird? It seems that way at most of Minnesota's public colleges.

Of the freshmen entering in school year 1985, only 16 percent of State University System students and 10 percent of University of Minnesota students graduated from a Minnesota public college in four years, according to a preliminary report by the House Research Department.

Within six years of entering college, a total of 46 percent of State University System students and 36 percent of University of Minnesota students graduate, Kerry Fine, a legislative analyst for the House Research Department, told the Appropriations Committee's Education Division March 10.

But many students take more than six years to graduate. Almost 20 percent of the 1991 graduating class at the University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus had entered college as freshmen seven or more years before.

Fine said the nature of public college enrollment in Minnesota is very fluid. Almost 39 percent of the 1991 graduating classes at the State University and University of Minnesota systems had transferred to the schools from which they graduated.

Problems with transferring credits, course access, and the need for remedial work are part of the reason why students are taking longer to graduate.

Anne Hopkins, vice provost for Arts, Sciences and Engineering at the University of Minnesota, said the university is working to increase the rate of retention and graduation at the university, and that new preparation requirements are expected to improve the quality of education there. Seventy percent of the 1991 freshman class met all of the new preparation requirements, she said.

Hopkins also said all of the higher education systems are working together to review all policies and procedures related to transferring courses.

House Research intends to complete a more in-depth study of graduation rates later this year.



Education

School near bars in megamall?

Most school districts don't want a bar anywhere near their schools. But school board members from five districts are supporting a bill which would allow a school and bars to co-exist at the Mall of America.

Arlene Bush, chair of the Bloomington School Board, told the Education Committee March 9 that the five school districts have joined together to build a school at the megamall. Holding them back are ordinances that prohibit the retail sale of alcohol within 1,000 feet of a school.

HF1969 was approved by the committee with the recommendation it be placed on the Consent Calendar — a list of non-controversial bills that are expected to pass without debate on the House floor.

Parental review of courses

Parents concerned with the content of instructional materials will be able to make "reasonable arrangements with school personnel for alternative instruction" if a bill approved March 11 by the Education Committee becomes law.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Teresa Lynch (IR-Andover), said the bill attempts to balance the real concerns of parents without throwing schools into chaos.

But some legislators raised concerns about the definition of "reasonable."

"What the school district may say is 'reasonable' may be nothing," said Rep. Becky Kelso (DFL-Shakopee). "What a parent considers to be 'reasonable' could

be extraordinarily burdensome."

Lynch said that most school districts are already reaching mutual arrangements when parents have objections. And Kelso questioned whether putting the "alternative instruction" language into statute won't just "produce a lot of lawsuits."

There could also be conflict between parental review and the application of outcome-based teaching methods. Teachers can't always make all of the materials available to parents at the beginning of the year because they may need to try different approaches or texts with students having difficulty mastering a concept, Rose Hermodson of the Minnesota Federation of Teachers told the Education Committee's subcommittee on curriculum last week.

The bill differs from a controversial 1991 version that would have made "non-standard" courses such as sex education or suicide and death prevention elective, rather than required courses.

The new bill allows parents to review materials in every subject area, not just those in "non-standard" areas.

If the bill passes, the results could differ greatly among school districts because it leaves the definition of "reasonable" to be negotiated between individual school districts and parents.

HF2318 now moves to the House floor.

Violence prevention programs

Legislators want to launch a three-pronged attack on violence by setting up programs in the schools, colleges, and community.

The Education Committee approved one bill March 9 that would require the state's public colleges to establish anti-violence and harassment programs. And it referred — without recommendation — two other bills dealing with anti-violence to its Education Finance Division for further review.

Sponsors of the three bills told the Education Committee that the state should spend more money on prevention so it can spend less on keeping offenders in prison in the future.

All three bills establish programs which focus on the roots of violence and harassment rather than the punishment offenders receive after the fact.

Anti-violence and sexual harassment programs would be established in schools by

Rep. Becky Kelso's bill (**HF2086**) and in colleges by Rep. Howard Orenstein's bill (**HF2126**). **HF2070**, sponsored by Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park), would establish community violence prevention task forces and a state violence prevention advisory council.

Although committee members supported the intent of the bills, some questioned whether schools should take on the additional responsibility.

"We're loading up the schools with societal problems," said Rep. Ken Nelson, (DFL-Mpls), chair of the Education Committee's Education Finance Division. "The schools do not generate violence. It's generated elsewhere."

Catharine Haukedahl of the Attorney General's Office said that it is essential to change attitudes towards violence — and the way to do that is through education.

The committee approved Orenstein's bill and re-referred it to the Appropriations Committee. Kelso's and Johnson's bills will go on to the Education Committee's Education Finance Division.



Crime

Violence against women

A bill to create a 10-member task force to study the problems of violence against women won approval March 9 from the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division.

The panel would be composed of two legislators each from both the House and Senate and six public members. The Department of Corrections would also provide the task force with staff support and any other technical or research support necessary.

The bill mandates that representatives of programs serving battered women and victims of sexual assault be included as public members.

The task force would be required to submit a report to the Legislature by Feb. 15, 1993, and is specifically directed to consider:

- Methods to earlier identify (and successfully treat) people who commit, or who are at high risk of committing acts of violence or harassment against women.
- Ways to effectively prosecute and

punish offenders to best protect the public and reduce the risk of future violence against women.

- The best approach to meet the emergency and long-term needs of women who have experienced violence or harassment.
- A comprehensive approach to coordinate the anti-violence and harassment efforts of local communities.
- An effective public education program.

Chief author Rep. Bob Anderson (IR-Ottertail) assured members that his proposal does not duplicate the work of any existing task force.

HF1916 now moves to the full Judiciary Committee.

Electronic monitoring of criminals

A bill to prohibit judges from ordering the use of electronic monitoring devices for those convicted of a "violent crime" won approval March 9 from the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division.

As defined by law, "violent crime" covers more than 30 separate felony offenses, including murder, robbery, kidnapping, arson, and criminal sexual conduct.

Charles Diemer, chief deputy in the Dakota County Attorney's Office, said electronic home monitoring was originally used in Dakota County for repeat DWI offenders. But an increasing number of felons — 120 to date — have received monitoring as a condition of a stayed sentence instead of "hard time" in the county jail.

Thirty-four of those felons were convicted of drug offenses, and four were found guilty of criminal sexual conduct.

"These 'person' offenders should be in jail — not just under 'home arrest,'" said Diemer. If the bill were to become law, he anticipates more prison terms and work release sentences would be handed down by judges.

The bill also states that if electronic home monitoring is used as a condition of pretrial release, judges can't use that as a factor in determining bail.

HF1945, sponsored by Rep. Art Seaberg (IR-Eagan), now moves to the full Judiciary Committee.

DWI bill advances

Sweeping changes to the state's DWI laws won approval March 11 from the House Judiciary Committee, with most provisions targeting repeat DWI offenders.

Under the proposal, offenders with five DWI convictions within five years or six within 15 years would face felony charges — up from the current gross misdemeanor penalty. Current law provides no felony charge, regardless of the number of prior offenses.

Other provisions of the bill include license plate impoundment, vehicle confiscation, and longer drivers' license revocation periods for DWI offenders. (see March 6 Session Weekly).

Amendments added to the bill March 11 include:

- Making it a misdemeanor for aircraft pilots to refuse a blood-alcohol test. Sponsored by Rep. Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope), this stems from the 1990 incident involving Northwest Airlines pilots.
- Directing the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to close a loophole in the way defendants are sentenced under the state's criminal vehicular homicide law. Current sentencing guidelines call for a four-year penalty for sober but negligent drivers, but only a 21-month penalty for drunk drivers. Sponsor Rep. Doug Swenson (IR-Forest Lake) called the distinction "offensive" because it "partially excuses the behavior due to drunkenness." The amendment calls for a four-year penalty in both cases.
- Increasing the fee for court-ordered chemical dependency assessments from \$76 to \$120. The revenue would be split — with \$20 going to the general fund and the remaining \$100 staying with the county collecting the fee. Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester) estimated it would generate \$300,000 for Minnesota county coffers.

A fiscal note for the bill has been requested, but the total cost of the proposal has yet to be determined.

HF2574 now moves to the Appropriations Committee.



Human Services

Helping at-risk kids

An outreach program that is designed to get more help to children who are the victims of abuse and neglect was approved by a Health and Services subcommittee March 10.

The proposal would expand the number of home visits by public health nurses in an effort to prevent child abuse.

Ellie Webster of Family and Children's Services, a non-profit social services agency based in Minneapolis, said a recent study showed that only 4 percent of parents who received home visits were again reported for abuse while 21 percent of those who didn't receive visits abused again.

Authored by Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park), the bill establishes a grant program in the Department of Health to target at-risk families, defined as those with a history of drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, domestic abuse, or other family violence.

The program would cover home visits from the second trimester of pregnancy through age six and would also target adolescent parents and those with little knowledge of child growth and development.

Authorities in Minnesota received 23,600 reports of child abuse and neglect in 1990, and estimates are that only one in five cases are reported, said Webster.

Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) questioned whether the program would duplicate any existing services provided by the state. But Pati Maier of the Department of Health's Maternal Child Health Division testified that there are no such programs in her department.

Community health service programs would be largely charged with carrying out the program. No estimate of the cost of the proposal was cited.

Jocelyn Tilsen of Parents Anonymous, a volunteer organization that works with community health service programs and at-risk families, said less than 50 percent of those in need seek services — yet the current system depends on them to do so.

HF2117 moved from the Family and Social Services Subcommittee to the full Health and Human Services Committee where, on March 12, it was approved with little debate. The measure now moves to the Appropriations Committee.



Former Gov. Harold Stassen, who is in the midst of his 10th campaign for the U.S. presidency, addresses the House March 10.



Environment

Packaging bill approved

A proposal to reduce the amount of packaging being dumped in landfills won approval March 11 from the Governmental Operations Committee, but only after a significant section of the bill was deleted.

Against the wishes of chief author Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), the committee removed language from HF779 that would have required glass, newsprint, paper, and plastic packaging that is used or sold in Minnesota to contain at least 25 percent recycled material by Jan. 1, 1996.

At least 20 other states, including Wisconsin, have passed similar provisions in the past three years.

But the minimum content requirement — tacked onto the bill in the eleventh hour during hearings in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee — was strongly opposed by the newspaper and printing industries.

Mark Anfinson, speaking on behalf of those industries, accused lawmakers of "creating a [recycling processing] market by government fiat," and added that "it would be counter-productive for the government to come barging in at this point." The result

could be hundreds of layoffs and jobs shifted out of state, said Anfinson.

Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia), author of the minimum content section, said increasing garbage problems are already being passed on to consumers in his district in the form of property tax assessments and fee increases.

Members removed the section on a 14-8 vote, and also deleted the proposed packaging advisory council from the bill.

Rep. Leo Reding (DFL-Austin), chair of the Governmental Operations Committee, told Munger, "I think you got the industry's attention. Sometimes that's more important than passing a bill."

HF779 now moves to the Taxes Committee for further consideration.

Environmental merger bill

A bill that promises "one-stop shopping for environmental permits, regulation, and guidance," won approval March 10 from the Governmental Operations Committee.

The measure (HF2564) sponsored by Rep. Bob Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) would abolish three state agencies and place their duties under the newly created Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation. Five state boards would also be eliminated, with much of their authority transferred to a proposed Environmental Review Board.

Those targeted for elimination include the Department of Natural Resources, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Office of Waste Management, and the Environmental Quality Board.

Currently, 24 state agencies and six state departments have some role in administering Minnesota's various environmental laws and regulations. Rep. Doug Peterson (DFL-Madison) called the result "bureaucratic gridlock."

Vanasek said people are tired of budgetary "tinkering" that compromises services. He believes the time for structural reform has come.

Although some cost savings can be identified — 21 upper-management positions would be eliminated by the consolidation — Vanasek cited public frustration and lack of governmental accountability as the driving forces behind his proposal.

Other benefits, said Vanasek, include

the removal of both competition among agencies for state budgetary dollars, and duplication of services at regional centers throughout the state.

The proposed department would be divided into four divisions — conservation, environmental protection, enforcement, and administration — and would be headed by a single commissioner. Vanasek said he is not creating an environmental “czar” because policy decisions would be examined by the Environmental Review Board. This seven-member panel (appointed by the governor) would assume the present duties of the Environmental Quality Board, the Harmful Substance Compensation Board, the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board, and the Agriculture Chemical Response Board.

Under the board’s supervision, an office of Assistance and Public Advocacy would also be created. The office would assist local units of government in implementing state and local environmental programs, and would also serve as a clearinghouse for citizen complaints.

Several affected agencies testified against the proposal, urging lawmakers to take a cautious approach and warning, “bigger is not always better.”

All opponents suggested that the Legislature delay action until the governor’s Commission on Reform and Efficiency (CORE) has completed its analysis of the system.

At a Feb. 27 meeting, CORE members identified the environmental delivery and regulation system as one of seven projects it would analyze in the coming months. In its review of 37 potential projects, CORE said the system is “a complex plethora of agencies . . . [that] clouds the lines of executive responsibility.”

Vanasek’s bill asks the Department of Administration to report to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 1993, with a reorganization strategy to be implemented by July of 1993.

HF2564 now moves to the Environment & Natural Resources Committee.

Recycling bill approved

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee approved a measure March 6 that requires a closer accounting of solid waste generated in Minnesota — from phone books and polystyrene packing “peanuts” to increased state agency use of recycled products.

A measure sponsored by Rep. Jean Waggenius (DFL-Mpls) requires stepped-up state agency use of recycled materials, and that state purchasing decisions be based not only on the costs of products, but also on how durable and reusable they are.

The bill makes a number of other changes to the state’s Waste Management Act.

One more controversial section of the bill expands county “designation” authority in determining which solid waste must be managed. Existing statutes would be amended to allow counties to “designate” that all solid waste be managed — not just mixed municipal solid waste.

The measure also would:

- Require cities and counties to establish garbage fees based on the amount of waste generated.
- Increase labeling requirements for certain batteries.
- Require products and packages labeled as “recycled” to contain at least 10 percent “post-consumer material.”
- Clarify Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s authority over monitoring the disposal of used oil, car batteries, and appliances.
- Require phone books with at least 7,500 listings to be recycled.
- Require publishers to collect phone books for recycling and to print on recycled paper with vegetable-based inks.

The committee approved two amendments offered by Rep. Ted Winter (DFL-Fulda) that he said would be beneficial to Minnesota agriculture.

First, sweeping compound sold in the state would be made with soy oil, rather than petroleum oil. The second amendment requires that when “public entities” and their contractors use loose packing materials, that they be made from vegetable starches.

Winter showed committee members Minnesota-made, starch-based packing “peanuts.” The starch packing, he said, is biodegradable and non-toxic, and can be made from corn, wheat, or potatoes.

The measure would prohibit loose polystyrene packing materials from waste facilities. A representative from the polystyrene packing manufacturers told the committee that the starch-based product is not a good packing material in humidity, and that polystyrene packing products are already being recycled around the state.

Some committee members questioned the recycling efforts of the polystyrene

makers, however, and the amendment was adopted. The ban on polystyrene would become effective in 1995.

HF2150 now goes to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Lead abatement bill advances

Lead abatement teams would move more quickly into homes and neighborhoods laden with lead, under a measure approved by two committees.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls), would lower standards for “allowable” levels of lead in the blood, require that lead abatement contractors be licensed, and permit community organizations to seek grants to train “swab teams” in effective lead abatement techniques.

The measure also steps up response time for home assessment once a lead problem is discovered, and requires certain previous tenants to be notified when high lead levels have been detected. In addition, the bill calls for screening all high-risk areas of the state.

Funds for the lead abatement work would come from a \$10 per thousand-gallon capacity fee on petroleum storage tanks. There also would be a 10 cents per gallon tax on paint.

Permanent learning disabilities in children have been traced to high levels of lead in the blood.

The measure was approved March 6 by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the Governmental Operations Committee March 9. HF1934 now goes to the Appropriations Committee for further discussion.

Committee deadline #1

Designed to stem the flow of bills that are introduced each year, today — March 13 — marks the first of the Legislature’s two committee deadlines.

To be considered after today, a bill, or its companion, must have passed through all policy committees to which it was referred in at least one body. “Policy” committees include all but the rules, appropriations, and taxes committees in both bodies.

The second deadline, March 20, requires bills to have passed through a policy committee(s) in the other body for it to receive further consideration.

Committee, Floor & Final Action

How a bill becomes a law in Minnesota

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

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

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

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

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

Committee action

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

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

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

Floor action

When the committee report reaches the floor, the full body debates the bill and considers amendments. All legislators then **vote** on the bill in its final form.

Final passage requires at least 68 "yes" votes in the House; 34 in the Senate.

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

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

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

Final action

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

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

Key to Committee/Division Abbreviations

AG	AGRICULTURE
AGR	AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT
AP	APPROPRIATIONS
AP/ecir	Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulation Div.
AP/ed	Education Division
AP/enr	Environment & Natural Resources Division
AP/hr	Human Resources Division
AP/sg	State Government Division
CO	COMMERCE
EC	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
EC/itu	International Trade & Technology Division
ED	EDUCATION
ED/edfin	Education Finance Division
ED/high	Higher Education Division
ED/ef	Education Funding Division
EE	ELECTIONS & ETHICS
EG	ENERGY
EH	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING
EM	EMPLOYMENT
EN	ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
EP	ENERGY & PUBLIC UTILITIES
ET	ETHICS
FI	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
FI/bk	Banking Division
FN	FINANCE
GL	GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING
GL/elec	Elections Division
GL/vet	Veterans Affairs Division
GO	GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
GO/gs	Government Structures Division
GR	GAMING REGULATION
HH	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
HO	HOUSING
JU	JUDICIARY
JU/crjus	Criminal Justice Division
LA	LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
LG	LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
LO	LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MA	METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
RA	RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
RE	REDISTRICTING
RI	REGULATED INDUSTRIES
RU	RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION
TA	TAXES
TR	TRANSPORTATION
TT	TAXES & TAX LAWS
VG	VETERANS & GENERAL LEGISLATION
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		AGRICULTURE										
HF0769	Krueger	Farm products—central	3/11 AG	AG	3/9 rpa	reAP						
SF0850	Beckman	filing system established	3/21/91 AGR									
HF1827	Dille	Cattle testing—	1/10 AG	AG	3/2 rpa		3/9	131-0				
SF1681	Decramer	brucellosis, anaplasmosis	1/13 AGR	AGR	3/4 rpa				3/11			
HF2339	Steensma	University Extension Service—	3/2 ED	AG*	3/9rpa	reAP						
SF2080	Bertram	salary, benefit increases	2/27 GO									
		COMMERCE										
HF0917	Pelowski	Leased cars—license needed	3/18/91 CO	CO	3/3 rp		3/9	130-0				
SF1109	Morse	for non-metro resale	4/2/91 CO	CO	3/4 rp				3/11			
HF1416	Solberg	Investments—advertising	4/4/91 CO	CO	3/11 rpa							
SF1243	Cohen	restrictions modified										
HF1892	Farrell	UCC—negotiable instruments to	1/15 CO	CO	3/10 rp							
SF1644	Finn	conform with other regulations	1/7 JU	JU	3/11 rpa							
HF2043	Dawkins	Pet origin, disclosure	2/24 CO	CO	3/11 rpa	reGL						
SF1841	Mondale	required; penalties added	2/20 CO	CO	3/10 rpa							
HF2046	Bertram	Automobiles—	2/24 CO	CO	3/10 rp							
SF2437	Bertram	lienholders notified before sale	3/9 JU									
HF2106	Trimble	Currency exchanges—	2/24 CO	CO	3/10 rpa							
SF1836	Kelly	business limits created	2/20 CO									
HF2132	Sarna	Automobiles—rebuilt motor	2/27 CO	CO	3/12 rpa							
SF1901	Hottinger	title exemption deleted	2/24 CO									
HF2170	Farrell	Petroleum tank clean-up—	2/27 EN	CO	3/12 rpa							
SF2158	Solon	contractors bonded	3/2 EN									
HF2300	Runbeck	Automobiles—manufacturer	3/2 CO	CO	3/12 h*							
SF2306	Mehrkens	warranties regulated	3/4 CO									
HF2450	Pugh	Firearms—dealers required to	3/5 CO	CO	3/11 h*							
SF2253	Kelly	secure pistols after hours	3/2 JU									
HF2551	Rest	Corporate registration	3/5 CO	CO	3/10 rp							
SF2413	Reichgott	procedures modified	3/9 JU									
HF2572	McEachern	Probate code—	3/5 CO	CO	3/10 rp							
SF2309	Solon	successor definition modified	3/4 JU									
HF2752	Sparby	Recreational vehicles—certain	3/9 CO	CO	3/11 rp							
SF2551	Stumpf	agreements with dealers prohibited	3/10 CO									
		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT										
HF1875	Dille	Regional development commissions—	1/15 EC	EC	3/10 rp							
SF1761	Johnson, D.E.	CPA audits permitted	2/18 EH									
HF2189	Simoneau	Proposed legislation — effect on	2/27 EC	EC	3/10 rpa							
SF2380	Neuville	state technology policy	3/5 RA									
HF2190	McGuire	Ramsey County—	2/27 EC	EC	3/10 rpa	reLG						
SF2110	Kelly	economic development authority	2/27 EH	EH	3/12 h							
HF2432	Krueger	Economic development accounts—	3/5 EC	EC	3/10 rpa	reAP						
SF1896	Dahl	use of funds	2/20 EH	EH	3/4 rpa	reFN						
HF2455	Segal	Work readiness jobs—	3/5 EC	EC	3/10 rpa	reAP						
SF2605	Johnson, D.J.	business eligibility, benefits	3/9 EH	EH	3/12 rpa	reFN						
HF2586	Trimble	St. Paul tourism district—	3/5 EC	EC	3/12 rpa							
SF2323	Cohen	reorganization	3/4 EH	EH	3/10 rpa	reRA						

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HF2596	Krueger	World Trade Center Corp.—	3/5 EN	EC	3/12 rpa	reAP						
SF2617	Luther	privatization, sale	3/11 EH									
HF2634	Winter	Export finance authority renamed	3/9 EC	EC	3/12 rpa	reAP						
SFnone												
HF2650	Lourey	Telecommunications clearinghouse—	3/9 EC	EC	3/12 rp	reAP						
SF2450	Chmielewski	pilot programs established	3/9 GO									
		EDUCATION										
HF1776	Mariani	Migrant farmworkers—	1/7 ED	ED	3/9 rpa	reAP						
SF1706	Benson, J.E.	resident tuition status provided	1/15 ED	ED	3/11 rpa							
HF1969	Blatz	Liquor sales allowed near	2/20 ED	ED	3/9 rpa							
SF2175	Belanger	school at Mall of America	3/2 CO	CO	3/11 rpa							
HF2042	Pelowski	Higher education board—	2/24 ED	ED	3/11 rp	reAP						
SFnone		abolished										
HF2070	Johnson, A.	Violence prevention council,	2/24 ED	ED	3/9 h	reED/edfin						
SF1812	Johnson, J.B.	task forces established	2/18 ED									
HF2086	Kelso	Violence prevention programs	2/24 ED	ED	3/9 h, a	reED/edfin						
SF1815	Traub	at schools established	2/18 ED									
HF2126	Orenstein	Violence prevention programs	2/27 ED	ED	3/9 rp	reAP						
SF1978	Ranum	at colleges required	2/24 ED	ED	3/11 rpa							
HF2318	Lynch	Parental review of instructional	3/2 ED	ED	3/10 rpa							
SF2556	Olson	materials included in PER policy										
HF2373	McEachern	Education commission removed	3/2 ED	ED	3/11 rp	reGL						
SFnone		from high school league board										
HF2377	Uphus	School consolidation law	3/2 ED	ED	3/9 rpa							
SF1968	Johnson, D.E.	changed	2/24 ED									
HF2492	Olson, K.	Martin County—school district	3/5 ED	ED	3/11 rp	reGL						
SFnone		elections changed										
		Education Finance Division										
		EDUCATION										
HF1667	Lourey	Interactive television in Carlton,	3/29/91 ED	ED/edfin	3/10 h							
SF1505	Chmielewski	Pine counties appropriated money	3/22/91 ED									
HF1784	Cooper	Interactive television levy	1/7 ED	ED/edfin	3/10 h							
SF1646	Bernhagen	extended to region six	1/9 ED									
HF1888	Ostrom	Interactive television levy	1/15 ED	ED/edfin	3/10 h							
SF1838	Hottinger	extended to region nine	2/20 ED									
HF1913	Carruthers	Capital expenditure facilities—	2/18 ED	ED/edfin	3/12 h							
SF1785	Luther	modified	2/18 ED									
HF1914	Pugh	South St. Paul—capital	2/18 ED	ED/edfin	3/10 h							
SF1771	Metzen	expenditure facilities revenue	2/18 ED									
HF1946	Kinkel	Learning readiness program's use	2/18 ED	ED/edfin	3/12 h*							
SF1647	Sams	of school buses authorized	1/9 ED									
HF1986	Garcia	Richfield school district—health,	2/20 ED	ED/edfin	3/10 h							
SF1840	Riveness	safety plan changes authorized	2/20 ED									
HF2078	Ostrom	Food service fund accounting,	2/24 ED	ED/edfin	3/10 h							
SF1967	Fredrickson, D.R.	transfer requirements provided	2/24 ED									
HF2105	Vanasek	LeCenter school district—given	2/26 ED	ED/edfin	3/10 h							
SF2656	Neuville	more capital bonding authority	3/12 ED									
HF2109	Kelso	Resident district determined	2/24 ED	ED/edfin	3/12 h*							
SF2058	Johnston	by home of pupil or custodian	2/27 ED									

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HF2110	Kelso	Academies for deaf, blind—	2/24 ED	ED/edfin	3/12 h*							
SF2200	Neuville	provisions modified	3/2 ED									
HF2121	Nelson	Education department programs—	2/27 ED	ED/edfin	3/12 h							
SF2326	Dicklich	technical changes	3/4 ED									
HF2130	Dempsey	Interactive television levy	2/27 ED	ED/edfin	3/10 h							
SF1926	Frederickson, D.F.	extended to region nine	2/24 ED									
HF2348	Tunheim	School board's review, comment	3/2 ED	ED/edfin	3/10 h							
SF2262	Stumpf	process changed, council created	3/2 ED									
HF2598	Anderson, I.	International Falls—special levy	3/5 ED	ED/edfin	3/10 h							
SF2466	Lessard	for arena authorized	3/9 ED									
		Higher Education Division										
		EDUCATION										
HF1893	Thompson	Technical colleges—	1/15 ED	ED/high	3/11 rp	reED						
SF1864	Vickerman	removed from merger	2/20 ED									
HF1929	Dorn	Comparable public institutions	2/18 ED	ED/high	3/11 rpa	reED						
SF1635	Hottinger	defined for financial aid	1/7 ED									
HF2013	Sparby	Technical college board authorized	2/20 ED	ED/high	3/11 rpa	reED						
SF1991	Stumpf	to contract for housing services	2/24 ED	ED	3/12 rpa							
HF2198	Runbeck	Students permitted to attend	2/27 ED	ED/high	3/11 rpa	reED						
SF2361	Pariseau	non-HECB registered school	3/5 ED									
HF2430	Jaros	American Indian law, social	3/5 ED	ED/high	3/11 rp	reED						
SF2615	Solon	justice center at U of M	3/11 ED									
HF2443	Garcia	Higher Education Board to include	3/5 ED	ED/high	3/11 rp	reED						
SF2363	Hottinger	more students	3/5 ED									
HF2768	Carlson	Higher Education Board's function	3/9 ED	ED/high	3/11 rp	reED						
SFnone		changed; HECB abolished										
		ENERGY										
HF2621	Hausman	Air conditioners—	3/9 EG	EG	3/11 rp							
SF2407	Johnson, J.B.	efficiency standards established	3/5 EP									
HF2634	Dawkins	Energy, emergency assistance—	3/9 EG	EG	3/11 rpa							
SFnone		policy council, fund established										
HF2669	Heir	Energy metering requirements—	3/9 EG	EG	3/11 rp							
SFnone		residential dwellings										
		ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES										
HF0905	Reding	Experimental fishing streams—	3/18/91 EN	EN	3/12 rpa							
SF0522	Benson, D.D.	prohibited in some counties	2/28/91 EN									
HF1453	Trimble	Wastewater treatment—	4/8/91 EN	EN	3/12 rpa	reAP						
SF1292	Morse	funding modified	4/8/91 EN									
HF1797	Solberg	Deer license—	1/8 EN	EN	3/2 rpa	reAP						
SF1615	Lessard	youth fees reduced	1/6 EN	EN	3/2 rpa	reFN						
HF1934	Clark	Lead clean up program started	2/18 HO	EN	3/10 rpa	reAP						
SF1790	Berglin		2/18 HH	EN	3/10	reGO						
HF1965	Skoglund	Exotic species—	2/18 EN	EN	3/11 rp	reAP						
SF1959	Luther	management, funding	2/24 EN									
HF2044	Trimble	Water—once-through coding permit	2/24 EN	EN	3/3 rpa		3/9	131-0				
SF1830	Novak	exemption for non-profit	2/20 EN	EN	3/2 rpa							
HF2134	Jacobs	Petroleum, oil fired plants—	2/27 EN	EN	3/11 rpa	reAP						
SF2030	Novak	inspection fee increased	2/27 EP	EP	3/5 rpa	reFN						

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HF2150	Wagenius	Waste Management Act—	2/27 EN	EN	3/6 rpa	reAP						
SF2199	Merriam	amendments	3/2 EN									
HF2309	Stanilus	Aquatic management areas set	3/2 EN	EN	3/11 rp							
SF2231	Price		3/2 EN	EN	3/11 rpa							
HF2334	Rukavina	Net fishing—	3/2 EN	EN	3/12 rpa							
SFnone		licensing exemptions										
HF2437	McGuire	Clean Air Act amendments—	3/5 EN	EN	3/10 rpa	reGO						
SF2095	Morse	business assistance program	2/27 EN									
HF2483	Anderson, I.	Timber permit extensions provided	3/5 EN	EN	3/12 rp							
SF2421	Lessard		3/9 EN									
HF2508	Trimble	Mining facilities—	3/5 EN	EN	3/11 rp							
SF2654	Novak	reporting requirements	3/12 VG									
HF2539	Peterson	Conservation Reserve Program—	3/5 EN	EN	3/12 rpa	reTA						
SFnone		land acquisition, payment										
HF2544	Reding	Game and fish—omnibus bill	3/5 EN	EN	3/12 rpa							
SF2376	Berg		3/5 EN	EN	3/11 rpa							
HF2578	Weaver	Radio equipment prohibition—	3/5 EN	EN	3/12 rp							
SF2185	Merriam	fishing exempted	3/2 EN	EN	3/11 rp							
HF2592	Stanilus	Game & fish—	3/5 EN	EN	3/12 rp							
SF2162	Bernhagen	commercial activity modified	3/2 EN	EN	3/11 rpa							
HF2718	Peterson	Waterfowl breeding grounds—	3/9 EN	EN	3/12 rp	reAP						
SFnone		funds										
		FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE										
HF0802	Orenstein	Health insurance—	3/11/91 FI	FI	3/11 rpa							
SF0651	Spear	utilization review	3/7/91 CO	CO	4/15/91 rpa	reFN						
HF1791	Skoglund	Medicare supplemental insurance—	1/7 FI	FI	3/10 rpa							
SFnone		regulations										
HF2099	Carruthers	Auto insurance—	2/24 FI	FI	3/10 rpa							
SF2374	Luther	deductibles	3/5 CO									
HF2261	Winter	State fund regulations	3/2 FI	FI	3/11 rpa							
SF2402	Riveness		3/5 GO									
HF2688	Skoglund	Insurance solvency—	3/9 FI	FI	3/11 rpa	reAP						
SF2463	Luther	technical corrections	3/9 CO									
		GENERAL LEGISLATION VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING										
HF1750	Osthoff	Gaming—omnibus bill	1/6 GL	GL	1/6 h							
SF1605	Berg		1/6 GR	GR	3/12 rpa							
HF1781	Dauner	Gambling—lawful purpose	1/7 GL	GL	3/12 h,a							
SF1632	Sams	expenditures expanded	1/7 GR	GR	2/24 h							
HF1783	Jaros	Gambling—sports betting authorized	1/7 GL	GL	3/12 h, a							
SF1679	Solon		1/13 GR									
HF1801	Milbert	Gambling—lawful purpose	1/8 GL	GL	3/12 h, a							
SF1736	Metzen	expenditure limits removed	1/15 GR	GR	2/24 h							
HF1818	Wenzel	Elections—	1/9 LG	GL	3/10 rpa							
SF1668	Samuelson	certain mail ballots authorized	1/13 EE	EE	3/11 rpa							
HF1843	O'Connor	Elections—campaign committee	1/10 GL	GL	3/10 rpa							
SFnone		fund transfers restricted										
HF1860	Wenzel	County boards—	1/14 GL	GL	3/10 rp							
SF1638	Samuelson	special elections authorized	1/7EE	EE	3/4 rp							

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HF2069	Wenzel	Military—Camp Ripley	2/24 GL	GL	3/10 rpa	reAP						
SF1920	Bertram	day care established	2/24 VG									
HF2465	Frederick	Veterans—property, room searches	3/5 GL	GL	3/10 rpa							
SF2029	Pariseau		2/27 VG	VG	3/9 rp							
HF2658	Peterson	Counties—Yellow Medicine	3/9 GL	GL	3/10 rp							
SF2514	Frederickson, D.	hospital district elections	3/9 LG	LG	3/12 rp							
		GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS										
HF1133	Bauerly	Public employees—	3/25/91 GO	GO	3/12 rpa							
SF2037	Price	bargaining settlements released	2/27 GO									
HF1567	McGuire	Pensions—Falcon Heights	4/10/91	GO	3/9 rpa		3/12	131-0				
SF2354	Marty	firefighters permitted vesting	3/5 GO	GO	3/10 rpa							
HF1692	Jaros	Retirement—municipal police,	3/10/91 GO	GO	3/9 rpa							
SF1558	Solon	fire accounts merged with PERA	5/8/91 GO									
HF1744	Dempsey	Pensions—PERA, surviving spouse	1/6 GO	GO	3/9 rpa							
SF1710	Frederickson, D.R.	optional annuity	1/15 GO	GO	3/10 rpa							
HF1763	Rodosovich	Public Lands—Faribault County;	1/7 GO	GO	2/27 rp		3/12	129-0				
SF1772	Neuville	certain lands released	2/18 EN									
HF1960	Reding	Pensions—public employee	2/18 GO	GO	3/12 rpa							
SF1910	Morse	post-retirement adjustments	2/24 GO									
HF2137	Lourey	Retirement—	2/27 GO	GO	3/9 rpa							
SF2048	Stumpf	MSRS administrative bill	2/27 GO									
HF2186	McGuire	Pensions—St. Paul fire;	2/27 GO	GO	3/9 rpa							
SF1780	Marty	surviving spouse benefits	2/18 GO									
HF2242	McGuire	Human rights—zero tolerance	2/27 GO	GO	3/12 rp							
SF1987	Pariseau	policy adopted	2/24 JU									
HF2249	Frerichs	Peace officers—	2/27 GO	GO	3/12 nrp							
SFnone		survivor benefits clarified										
HF2250	Carruthers	Peace officers—"killed in line	2/27 GO	GO	3/12 rpa							
SF2120	Bertram	of duty" clarified	2/27 GO									
HF2259	Reding	Pensions—MnDOT employee	3/2 GO	GO	3/3 rp		3/9	129-0				
SF2239	Piper	granted early accrual	3/2 GO	GO	3/10 rp				3/11			
HF2313	Jaros	Retirement—Duluth teachers	3/2 GO	GO	3/9 rpa							
SF2182	Solon	allowed lump sum adjustment	3/2	GO								
HF2345	Carruthers	Open meeting law—	3/2 GO	GO	3/12 rpa							
SF2573	Pogemiller	recovery of fees granted	3/10 GO									
HF2435	Wejcman	PEIP—various modifications	3/5 GO	GO	3/12 rp							
SFnone												
HF2438	Reding	Pensions—technical college	3/5 GO	GO	3/9 rpa							
SF2367	Morse	employees made eligible	3/5 GO									
HF2564	Vanasek	State government—environmental	3/5 GO	GO	3/10 rpa							
SF2273	Pogemiller	agencies, boards restructured	3/2 GO	GO	3/5 h, a							
		Government Structures Division										
		GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS										
HF0443	Murphy	Chemical dependency counselors—	2/21 HH	GO/gs	3/11 rp	reGO						
SF0422	Solon	licensing, regulation	2/25 HH	HH	3/4 rpa	reGO						
HF2423	Johnson, R.	State boards—	3/5 GO	GO/gs	3/11 rpa	reGO						
SF2409	Cohen	pension investment board created										

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HF1357	Leppik	Acupuncture board established—	4/4/91 HH	HH	3/12 rp	reGO						
SF1386	Sams	practitioners licensed	4/10/91 HH									
HF1958	Vellenga	Youth employment, education—	2/20 HH	HH	3/11 rpa*	reAP						
SF1946	Finn	pilot program established	2/24 ED	ED	3/9 rpa	reHH						
HF1978	Cooper	Dental practice—	2/20 HH	HH	3/12 rp							
SF1824	Solon	ionizing radiation regulations	2/20 HH									
HF2034	Bodahl	Diseases—HIV, hepatitis B:	2/24 HH	HH	3/11 rp							
SF1724	Reichgott	testing for emergency volunteers	1/15 HH									
HF2050	Bishop	Diseases—HIV, hepatitis B	2/24 HH	HH	3/11 rpa	reAP						
SFnone		monitoring, reporting										
HF2081	Tunheim	Medical assistance—	2/24 HH	HH	3/11 rp							
SF1903	Stumpf	provider appeals modified	2/24 HH									
HF2117	Segal	Child abuse, prevention—	2/27 HH	HH	3/12 rpa	reAP						
SF2020	Berglin	home health visiting	2/27 HH	HH	3/5 rp	reFN						
HF2128	Clark	Nursing home moratorium—	2/27 HH	HH	3/12 rp	reAP						
SF1994	Berglin	exception for chronic inebriates	2/24 HH	HH	3/9 rpa	reFN						
HF2144	Pugh	Mental health—	2/27 HH	HH	3/12 rp	reAP						
SF2211	Metzen	Dakota county pilot program	3/2 HH									
HF2149	Greenfield	General assistance eligibility—	2/27 HH	HH	3/12 rp	reAP						
SF2157	Berglin	english as a second language	3/2 HH									
HF2161	Clark	Mental illness assistance—	2/27 HH	HH	3/12 rp	reAP						
SF1825	Berglin	persons in shared housing	2/20 HH									
HF2213	Greenfield	Health, home services—	2/27 HH	HH	3/11 rpa	reAP						
SF1857	Berglin	licensing requirements modified	2/20 HH									
HF2254	Cooper	Pharmacy board appointments—	2/27 HH	HH	3/12 rp							
SF2049	Vickerman	geographic representation	2/27 HH									
HF2273	Cooper	Mental health professionals—	3/2 HH	HH	3/12 rp							
SF2084	Samuelson	marriage, family therapists	2/27 HH									
HF2801	Greenfield	Health care—	3/10 HH	HH	3/12 rp	reAP						
SF2604	Berglin	statewide program established	3/10 JU									
		HOUSING										
HF2299	Runbeck	Manufactured homes—	3/2 HO	HO	3/2 h*							
SFnone												
HF2475	Jennings	Rental deposits—	3/5 HO	HO	3/9 rpa							
SF2227	Metzen	interest repaid rate required	3/2 EH	EH	3/5 rp							
HF2497	Wejzman	MHFA—bonding authority extended	3/5 HO	HO	3/5 rp	reTA						
SF2441	Metzen		3/9 EH									
HF2501	Bodahl	MHFA—	3/5 HO	HO	3/5 rpa	reTA						
SF2496	Johnson, J.B.	bond, loan procedures clarified	3/9 EH	EH	3/12 h*							
HF2553	Jefferson	Housing—emergency rent	3/5 HO	HO	3/9 rpa	reAP						
SF2350	Johnson, J.B.	and mortgage assistance	3/4 EH	EH	3/9 rp	reFN						
HF2741	Schreiber	Regional housing revitalization	3/9 HO	HO	3/11 rpa	reTA						
SF2489	Kelly	program established	3/9 EH	EH	3/12 h							
HF2773	Morrison	General obligation bonds—	3/9 HO	HO	3/11 rpa	reTA						
SF2626	Kelly	permitted for housing projects	3/11 EH									
		JUDICIARY										

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HF0285	Carruthers	Crime—	2/11/91 JU	JU	3/9 h, a*							
SF0897	Marty	Omnibus DWI bill	3/21/91 JU									
HF1738	Vellenga	Child custody—non-parental	1/6 JU	JU	3/11 rpa*							
SF1700	Ranum	visitation rights modified	1/13 JU	JU/civ	3/4 rpa*	reJU						
HF1921	Peterson	Family law—	2/18 Ju	JU	3/11 h*							
SF1749*	Vickerman	grandparent visitation	1/15 JU									
HF1975	Vellenga	Crime—sex offender treatment:	2/20 JU	JU	3/11 rpa	reAP						
SF1846	Kelly	programs, fund established	2/20 JU	JU	rpa	reHH						
HF2090	Carruthers	Insurance—	2/24 JU	JU	3/11 rpa	reAP						
SF2012	Bertram	requirements for autos amended	2/27 JU									
HF2159	Sarna	Peace officers—costs, fees paid	2/27 JU	JU	3/11 rpa							
SFnone		for unjustified complaints										
HF2160	Wagenius	Child support—administration,	2/27 JU	JU	3/6 h, a	reHH						
SF2000	Cohen	enforcement modified	2/27 HH	JU	3/5 h							
HF2211	Bauerly	Firearms—pistol possession	2/27 JU	JU	3/11 rpa							
SF1847	Kelly	eligibility modified	2/20 JU									
HF2379	Vellenga	Crimes—probation services	3/2 JU	JU	3/11 rpa	reAP						
SFnone		paid by offenders										
HF2574	Carruthers	DWI—omnibus bill	3/5 JU	JU	3/11 rpa							
SFnone												
		Criminal Justice Division										
		JUDICIARY										
HF1916	Anderson, R.	Crime—Violence Against Women	2/18 JU	JU/crjus	3/9 rpa	reJU						
SFnone		task force created										
HF2139	Olson, K.	Child abuse—expedited hearings	2/27 JU	JU/crjus	3/9 rp	reJU						
SF2051	Beckman	involving child, sex abuse	2/27 JU									
HF2141	Farrell	Crime—	2/27 JU	JU/crjus	3/9 rpa	reJU						
SF1807	Mondale	harassment penalty increased	2/18 JU									
HF2167	Wejzman	Law Enforcement—	2/27 JU	JU/crjus	3/9 rp	reJU						
SF2055	Marty	violence courses required	2/27 JU									
HF2218	Rest	Corrections—secure units	2/27 JU	JU/crjus	3/9 rpa	reJU						
SF2147	Pogemiller	provided for juveniles	2/27 JU									
JF1945	Seaberg	Crime—electronic monitoring	2/18 JU	JU/crjus	3/9 h	reJU						
SF2492	Kelly	use restricted	3/9 JU									
		LABOR-MANAGEMENT										
		RELATIONS										
HF2002	Orenstein	Volunteer services—	2/20 ED	LA	3/2 rp		3/9	130-0				
SF1908	Marty	federal grant proposal	2/24 GO	GO	3/2 rpa				3/11			
HF2142	Johnson, A.	Family leave law modified—	2/27 LA	LA	3/2 rpa		3/9	118-12				
SF2393	Piper	child care centers included	3/5 EM									
HF2185	Farrell	Railroad employee protections—	2/27 LA	LA	3/9 rp							
SF2136	Mondale	following acquisitions	2/27 EM									
HF2294	Farrell	Plumbing board established—	3/2 LA	LA	3/9 rpa	reGO						
SF2641	D.J. Johnson	licensing, penalties	3/11 EM									
		LOCAL GOVERNMENT &										
		METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS										
HF0149	Goodno	Local government—	4/8/91 LG	LG	3/11 nrp							
SF1013	Kelly	annexation procedures modified	3/25/91 LG	LG	3/3 rpa	reGO						
HF1531	Anderson, I.	Met Council—appointments,	4/10/91 LG	LG	3/12 rpa							
SF1323	Frank	terms modified	4/8/91 MA	RA	3/9 rp	reMA						

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HF1757	Jefferson	Minneapolis—sales tax funds	1/6 LG	LG	3/10 rpa							
SF1704	Berglin	authorized for readiness controls	1/15 LG	LG	3/3 rpa	reED						
HF1778	Orfield	Sewers—Metropolitan Council	1/7 LG	LG	3/10 h*							
SF1656	Mondale	bonding authority limited	1/9 MA									
HF1911	Kinkel	Hubbard County—	2/18 LG	LG	2/27 rp		3/9	130-0				
SF1766	Finn	tax forfeited land exchanged	2/18 EN	EN	3/9 rpa				3/11			
HF1971	Johnson, V.	County monuments—	2/20 LG	LG	3/10 rp	reTA						
SF1932	Morse	levy authority extended	2/24 LG	LG	3/3 rp	reTT						
HF2033	Orenstein	St. Paul—bond limits set	2/24 LG	LG	3/11 rpa	reTA						
SF1849	Kelly	for capital projects	2/20 LG	LG	3/3 rpa	reTT						
HF2180	Bauerly	County commissioners—	2/27 LG	LG	3/10 rpa	reGO						
SF2160	Davids	residence requirements modified	3/2 EE									
HF2196	Dauner	Tax anticipation certificates—	2/27 LG	LG	3/10 rp	reTA						
SF2139	Larson	due dates, issuance changed	2/27 TT									
HF2269	Garcia	Twin Cities Airport — capital	3/2	LG	3/10 rpa							
SF2271	Riveness	budget, noise mitigation funds	3/2 MA	MA	3/12 rpa							
HF2319	Orenstein	Ramsey County—	3/2 LG	LG	3/11 rpa							
SF2210	Pappas	workers put on eligibility list	3/2 LG	LG	3/10 rp		3/12	62-0				
HF2324	Davids	Fillmore County—tax-forfeited	3/2 LG	LG	3/10 rp	reEN						
SF1787	Benson, D.D.	land sale authorized	2/18 EN									
HF2388	Bodahl	HRA—public officials to apply	3/2 LG	LG	3/10 rpa							
SF2170	Morse	for loans, grants	3/2 LG	LG	3/11 rp							
HF2404	Pugh	State pension investment	3/2 LG	LG	3/10 rp	reTA						
SF2194	Reichgott	procedure restricted	3/2 GO									
HF2446	Simoneau	Senior centers—	3/5 LG	LG	3/10 rpa	reTA						
SF2332	Frank	bonding permitted										
HF2463	Trimble	Ramsey County—	3/5 LG	LG	3/11 h							
SF2086	Cohen	court revenue redistributed	2/27 JU									
HF2569	Rice	Crow Wing County—	3/5 LG	LG	3/10 rp	reTA						
SFnone		tax-forfeited land sale permitted										
HF2577	Lieder	Townships—permitted to disclaim	3/5 LG	LG	3/10 rp	reTR						
SF2353	Vickerman	abandoned roads	3/5 TR									
HF2584	Sviggum	Red Wing—tax increment	3/5 LG	LG	3/10 rp	reTA						
SF2401	Mehrkens	fund spending authorized	3/5 EH									
HF2589	Schreiber	Municipal utilities—	3/5 LG	LG	3/11 nrp							
SFnone		surplus funds use restricted										
HF2593	Welle	Kandiyohi County—tax-forfeited	3/5 LG	LG	3/11 rp	reEN						
SF2308	Johnson, D.E.	property exchanged	3/4 EN									
HF2712	Rukavina	Bonding permitted for	3/9 LG	LG	3/11 rp	reTA						
SF2630	Solon	northeastern Minnesota jail	3/11 LG	LG	3/12 rp	reTT						
HF2757	McGuire	Ramsey County—suburban	3/9 JU	LG	3/11 rpa							
SFnone		courthouse funding provided										
REGULATED INDUSTRIES												
HF1761	Dempsey	Liquor stores—	1/6 RI	RI	3/9 rp							
SF1696 D	R. Frederickson	public hearing requirements	1/13 CO									
HF1943	O'Connor	Telephone company—	2/18 RI	RI	3/9 rpa							
SF2017	Novak	data disclosure restricted	2/27 EP									
HF1988	Tunheim	Liquor store licensing—	2/20 RI	RI	3/9 rpa							
SF2241	Stumpf	Lake Township authorization	3/2 CO									

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HF2103	Blatz	Liquor—	2/24 RI	RI	3/9 rpa							
SF2033	Belanger	resale expoters permitted	2/27 CO									
HF2133	Jacobs	Gasoline octane amounts—	2/27 RI	RI	3/9 nrp							
SF1939	Kroening	testing, enforcement, penalties	2/24 CO									
HF2187	Johnson, A.	Liquor licensing—Blaine	2/27 RI	RI	3/9 rp							
SF2315	Novak	national sports center	3/4 CO									
HF2296	Janezich	Conservation improvement program	3/2 EG	RI	3/9*							
SF2264	Dicklich	—certain customer expenditures	3/2	EP								
HF2397	Jacobs	Pipeline regulation—	3/2 rp	RI	3/9 rp							
SF2484	Novak	liquified natural gas	3/9 TR									
HF2419	Jacobs	Utilities, municipal—	3/5 RI	RI	3/9 nrp							
SF2442	Finn	facility acquisition, cost	3/9 EP									
		TRANSPORTATION										
HF0355	Reding	Bicycles—bikeways added	2/18/91	TR	3/11 rpa							
SF1015	Morse	to interstate highways	3/25/91 TR									
HF1833	Wejzman	Volunteer parking	1/10 TR	TR	2/26 rp		3/9	13-0				
SF1674	Pogemiller	patrols authorized	1/13 TR									
HF2080	Tunheim	RR grade crossings—	2/24 TR	TR	3/11 rpa	reAP						
SF2062	Vickerman	safety costs reimbursed	2/27 TR									
HF2113	Orenstein	School buses—	2/24 TR	TR	3/11 rpa							
SF1999	Cohen	safety rules modified										
HF2219	Johnson, A.	Traffic congestion reduction	2/27 TR	TR	3/11 rpa	reLG						
SF1993	Flynn	program established	2/24 TR	MA	3/10 rp	reTT*						
HF2341	Mariani	Public transit—engineering,	3/2 TR	TR	3/11 rpa							
SF1914	Cohen	planning funding provided	2/24 TR	TR	3/9 rp	reRA						
HF2349	Dauner	Automobiles—license plate fee	3/2 TR	TR	3/11 rpa	reAP						
SF2520	Merkens	changed; funds redistributed	3/9 TR									
HF2368	Lasley	Trucking—	3/2 TR	TR	3/4 rpa	reGO						
SF2665	Vickerman	route permit conversion regulated	3/12 TR									
HF2510	Simoneau	LRT— project governance	3/5 TR	TR	3/11 rpa	reLG						
SF2510	Flynn	guidelines established	3/9/92 MA									
HF2594	Seaberg	Driver's license—surrender	3/5 TR	TR	3/11 rpa							
SF2316	Johnson, J.B.	procedures limited	3/4 TR	TR	3/12 rpa							

AG

*HF2339-recalled, re-referred to AG

CO

*HF2540-withdrawn

ED/edfin

*HF1946 incorporated into HF2121

*HF2109 incorporated into HF2121

*HF2110 incorporated into HF2121

ED/high

*SF1635-3/5 ED/high rpa, reED

HH

*HF1958-sections. 1 and 3 deleted, sent to ED

HO

*HF2299-laid over

*SF2496-laid over

JU

*HF1738 includes HF1921

*HF1921 incorporated into HF1738

*SF1749 incorporated into SF2000

*HF2574 includes HF285, HF624

JU/crjus

*HF285 incorporated into HF2574

LG

*HF1778-laid over

*HF2463-withdrawn

TR

*SF1993-TR 3/2 rpa, reEP; EP 3/5 rpa, reMA



Was the popular homestead credit really eliminated when Gov. Arne Carlson line-item vetoed a portion of the 1991 tax bill? Or was it always meant to continue in its present form? House Speaker Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) and Revenue Commissioner Dorothy McClung debated that issue March 10 during a Ways and Means Committee hearing. McClung said the governor vetoed that portion of the bill, which eliminated the homestead credit in the 1994-95 biennium, with the intention that the Legislature would restore it this year. Long responded that it is an "interesting concept to me that the governor can veto something with the clear understanding that the Legislature will fix it. . . . He certainly didn't talk to me."

Dakota County taxpayers should be irate, said Rep. Bob Vanasek (DFL-New Prague), because the legal wrangle over the proposed garbage incinerator is costing them a bundle. The Dakota County Attorney's Office (funded by tax dollars) is currently defending the county against a suit brought by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (funded by tax dollars.) Now comes the Metropolitan Council (funded by tax dollars) into the melee, with no simple solution in sight. Vanasek's comments were made during March 10 testimony before the Governmental Operations Committee on a bill he has authored that would create one state department to oversee environmental issues. He said that bill was spawned by "public frustration" and lack of "governmental accountability."

Violating the open meeting law is theoretically punishable by law, but the civil fine is a mere \$100 — the payoff being largely a moral victory. But bringing such a case to court can be mighty expensive. Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center) has authored a bill to allow the victor to recover attorney's fees and other accrued costs

when an open meeting violation occurs "with knowing intent." The bill won approval March 12 from the House Governmental Operations Committee.

Made in Minnesota labels won't be required, but under a bill sponsored by Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul), all products sold at the Taste of Minnesota Festival would have to be either grown, manufactured, or prepared within the state's borders. The measure, which cleared the House Commerce Committee March 5, primarily affects beer sales at the annual event held on the state Capitol grounds. O'Connor said his bill is not an attempt to shut out the non-Minnesota brews, but rather "showcase and highlight" in-state brands.

More Minnesotans write checks for the Minnesota Orchestra than New Yorkers do for the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, according to Lawrence Redmond of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts. He said Minnesotans are "clearly the envy of the nation" when it comes to supporting the arts. Redmond testified before the Appropriations Committee's Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Division March 10.

"It's better than the federal farm program," joked Rep. Bill Schreiber (R-Brooklyn Park) upon hearing that a homeowner received a property tax refund of over \$50,000 last year under the state's targeting program. Homeowners who file for a refund under the program are currently not required to report their income, Department of Revenue Commissioner Dorothy McClung told the Taxes Committee March 12. But the governor wants that changed. He is proposing that the targeting program have a cap of \$1,500 for those with incomes over \$60,000. The committee heard, but did not act, on the governor's tax proposal (HF2747).

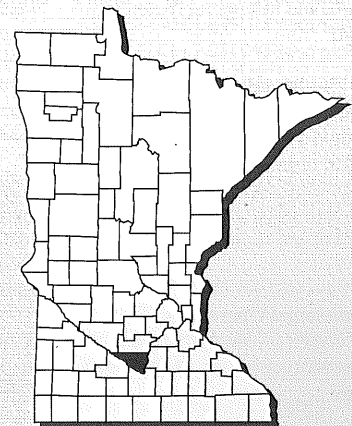
Do you know?

Nicollet County, established March 5, 1853, is named for a watchmaker's apprentice-turned-explorer, who, according to French encyclopedias, "did nothing but herd cows until he was 12 years old."

Joseph Nicholas Nicollet was born in Savoy, Italy, in 1790. As a reputed mathematician and Latin scholar, he later moved to Paris, where he became a successful investor. But in 1830, he went bankrupt, dragging several of his friends down with him. Two years later, he cut all European ties and sailed to New Orleans.

In 1836, Nicollet arrived at Fort Snelling, having secured from the U.S. War Department both astronomical instruments and trade vouchers to supply him with the goods necessary to explore the upper Mississippi.

While Henry Schoolcraft is rightly credited for being the first white man to discover the source of the Mississippi River, it was Nicollet who first cast a scientific eye on the headwaters. Schoolcraft left Lake Itasca after two hours. Nicollet spent days calculating the correct longitude, latitude, and height above sea level to draw a precise map of the region. In his *History of Minnesota*, author William Folwell calls the map a "historical monument. It determined all the subsequent cartography of an immense region."



Bill Introductions

HF2606 — HF2920

Monday, March 9

HF2606—Anderson, R. H. (IR) Education

Waseca campus of the University of Minnesota transferred to technical colleges board, and money appropriated.

HF2607—Segal (DFL) Appropriations

Emergency jobs program appropriated money.

HF2608—O'Connor (DFL) Commerce

Credit card companies required to file disclosure reports with state treasurer, rules authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2609—Greenfield (DFL) Education

Traffic and parking fines for offenses on the University of Minnesota campus paid into the university treasury.

HF2610—Vellenga (DFL) Judiciary

Federal law enforcement officers granted peace officer authority when assigned to special purpose task forces.

HF2611—Ozment (IR) Environment & Natural Resources

Dakota county biological survey required and funding provided.

HF2612—Weaver (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources
Natural resources department; wild ginseng harvesting regulated; stromatolite removal restricted; game refuge and certain water provisions modified; archery deer license effective dates changed; and fish net tag requirements clarified.

HF2613—Bauerly (DFL) Education

Education aid or grant deficiencies provided open and standing appropriations, special education and health and safety revenue levies equalized, and money appropriated.

HF2614—Munger (DFL) Governmental Operations

Grain inspector allowed purchase of prior service credit in state retirement system.

HF2615—Jaros (DFL) Education

Regional technology high school program established, bond issuance authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2616—Rest (DFL) Taxes

Homestead treatment provided to residential property if occupied by a relative of the owner, and relative definition expanded to include spouse or grandchild.

HF2617—Simoneau (DFL) Governmental Operations

Social security offset eliminated for judges retirement fund.

HF2618—Reding (DFL) Governmental Operations

Administrative law judge supervisors, chief and assistant chief administrative law judges, and workers' compensation judges provided salary ranges.

HF2619—Rodosovich (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

Cascade River, Father Hennepin, and Nerstrand Big Woods state parks provided additions and deletions, and McCarthy Beach state park addition, easement, and campground restriction provided.

HF2620—Jefferson (DFL) Health & Human Services

Foster home and adoption placement and removal procedures modified for Indian and racial or minority children, and child nonsupport payment actions expanded.

HF2621—Hausman (DFL) Energy

Air conditioner energy efficiency standards established.

HF2622—Janezich (DFL) Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Telephone 911 emergency services required to have automatic location identification devices and at least two dedicated circuits, 911 trust fund established, and fees authorized.

HF2623—Solberg (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

Mississippi river headwaters area board provisions updated and changed.

HF2624—Krueger (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

Underground tank installers not awarded state contracts if standards of competence have not been met, and maximum installation fees adopted.

HF2625—Segal (DFL) Financial Institutions & Insurance

Lactation consultation services included in health insurance policy coverage.

HF2626—Segal (DFL) Taxes

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

HF2627—Osthoff (DFL) Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Lottery video machines authorized in liquor establishments.

HF2628—Dorn (DFL) Education

Financial aid grants prorated to the actual number of enrolled credits for part-time students.

HF2629—Steensma (DFL) Agriculture

Rural finance authority loan limits and eligibility modified.

HF2630—Trimble (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

Emission testing to include trucks, buses, and motorcycles.

HF2631—Hausman (DFL) Education

Post-secondary enrollment options act provisions modified and reenacted.

HF2632—Rukavina (DFL) Economic Development

Affirmative enterprise program established, and money appropriated.

HF2633—Winter (DFL) Agriculture

Agricultural business enterprise definition to include a small business.

HF2634—Winter (DFL) Economic Development

Export finance authority renamed Minnesota trading company, and board membership and financing terms modified.

HF2635—Segal (DFL) Economic Development

Intergovernmental economic development planning and study commission established, and money appropriated.

HF2636—McPherson (IR) Rules & Legislative Administration

Legislative and executive service limited and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2637—Segal (DFL) Health & Human Services

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

HF2638—Omamm (IR) Rules & Legislative Administration

Legislative and executive service limited and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2639—McPherson (IR) Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Caucus fundraisers restricted; campaign committee fund transfers prohibited to other campaign funds; unopposed candidates not to receive public subsidy; and matching private contribution requirements expanded for public subsidy recipients.

HF2640—Uphus (IR) Agriculture

Boiler used for mint oil extraction considered agricultural or horticultural boiler.

HF2641—Jefferson (DFL) Governmental Operations

Minneapolis teachers retirement fund association annuities not reduced when annuitants fill certain long-call substitute positions and reimbursement allowed for withheld aid, and optional membership of reserve teachers provided.

HF2642—Olson, K. (DFL) Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming

Armory closing public hearing requirements provided.

HF2643—Dawkins (DFL) Energy

Emergency energy assistance policy council and fund established, energy providers to solicit contributions for assistance to low-income households, and money appropriated.

HF2644—Winter (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

Petroleum underground storage tank loan guarantee and interest reduction program established for small businesses to clean up or contain tank leakage, underwriting standards provided, and money appropriated.

HF2645—Carruthers (DFL) Commerce

Residential building contractors and remodelers licensed and regulated.

HF2646—Hasskamp (DFL)
Transportation

Prisoners of war; "EX-POW" personal-ized license plates issued free of charge.

HF2647—Milbert (DFL)
Judiciary

Revisor's bill correcting erroneous, ambiguous, and omitted text and obsolete references.

HF2648—Hausman (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Off-label drug coverage included in health insurance policies.

HF2649—Pugh (DFL)
Judiciary
Voluntary foreclosure process with waiver of deficiency claims and equity established.

HF2650—Lourey (DFL)
Economic Development
Statewide telecommunications and routing system (STARS) master planning development pilot project matching funds provided in the northeast and southeast regions; and telecommunications public sector clearinghouse and development provided.

HF2651—Trimble (DFL)
Education
Community colleges board requested to study an AFDC recipient enrollment plan comparable to the senior citizens enrollment plan.

HF2652—Battaglia (DFL)
Taxes
Ely allowed a local sales tax for supporting the Ely wilderness gateway community revitalization project, and bond issuance authorized.

HF2653—Carruthers (DFL)
Commerce
Residential building contractors and remodelers licensed and regulated, and contractor's recovery fund established.

HF2654—Lourey (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Aitkin county authorized exchange of certain tax-forfeited land.

HF2655—Lourey (DFL)
Judiciary
Sex offender and chemical dependency treatment programs established in correctional facilities; inmates not released on holidays and weekends; good time reduction requirements modified; and probation task force established.

HF2656—Blatz (IR)
Taxes
Watershed districts provided administrative fund levy.

HF2657—Bodahl (DFL)
Regulated Industries
Telephone company recovery

provided of lost income due to extended area telephone services.

HF2658—Peterson (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Yellow Medicine county hospital district provided board membership and elections.

HF2659—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Appropriations
Bemidji technical college construction project bond issuance provided and money appropriated.

HF2660—Jennings (DFL)
Taxes
Liquor taxes increased and chemical dependency treatment fund deposits authorized.

HF2661—Thompson (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation medical and rehabilitation benefits regulated and penalties provided.

HF2662—Johnson, V. (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Blufflands trail system and other trails established using abandoned railroad rights-of-way.

HF2663—Limmer (IR)
Judiciary
Pardon extraordinary waiting period imposed, court record to include pardons, pardon application procedures modified, and employment discrimination prohibited against pardoned offenders, and money appropriated.

HF2664—Pellow (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Deer license or permit to take deer within a refuge preference provided to elderly applicants age 65 years or over.

HF2665—Johnson, V. (IR)
Education
Higher education board abolished.

HF2666—Dorn (DFL)
Appropriations
Mankato state university provided emergency capital expenses to repair fire damage to Nelson Hall, bond issuance authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2667—Osthoff (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Campaign committee fund transfers prohibited to other campaign funds; fundraising requirements provided; public subsidy eligibility requirements expanded; late filing fees increased, and certain reporting requirements clarified.

HF2668—Krambeer (IR)
Judiciary

Child endangerment to include driving while intoxicated (DWI) offenses with a child as a passenger in a motor vehicle, motorboat, or snowmobile, and possession of a controlled substance with a child present.

HF2669—Heir (IR)
Energy
Energy metering requirements repealed for individual residential dwelling units in a single building.

HF2670—Seaberg (IR)
Judiciary
Domestic abuse protection order violation penalty increases to include subsequent violations by out-of-state offenders.

HF2671—Lourey (DFL)
Education
Interactive television system levy increase provided.

HF2672—Haukoos (IR)
Governmental Operations
Firefighters' relief association funds provided special levy to reduce unfunded accrued liabilities.

HF2673—Dawkins (DFL)
Judiciary
Theft civil liability for punitive damages provided.

HF2674—Tunheim (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Snowmobile use allowed on wildlife management conservation lands.

HF2675—Tunheim (DFL)
Education
Independent school district No. 390, Lake of the Woods, approved a capital loan.

HF2676—Tunheim (DFL)
Education
Maximum effort capital loan recipients provided additional debt redemption fund adjustments.

HF2677—Haukoos (IR)
Governmental Operations
Airline frequent flyer program benefits prohibited for state employees or elected state officials for trips paid for by the state.

HF2678—Boo (IR)
Taxes
Fire-safety automatic sprinkler system loan program established for existing multifamily residential properties, automatic sprinklers provided sales and property tax exemptions, bonds authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2679—Beard (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Gambling control board provided rule effective date.

HF2680—Bodahl (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Federal grant availability, application, and receipt by state agencies monitored, and money appropriated.

HF2681—Gutknecht (IR)
Governmental Operations
Military service credit purchase allowed for public employees police and fire fund members.

HF2682—Trimble (DFL)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Laos; President and Congress to expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos.

HF2683—Solberg (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Nashauk police relief association authorized to increase benefits to surviving spouses.

HF2684—Bishop (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Public water supply user service connection fee established.

HF2685—Trimble (DFL)
Energy
Highway, streets, and parking lots provided energy-efficient lighting requirements; commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning equipment provided energy efficiency standards; and residential combustion gas appliances regulated.

HF2686—Ogren (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
State land exchanged for private property in Aitkin.

HF2687—Johnson, A. (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Health and social service provider and school district collaboration program established to enhance delivery of services to at-risk children and youth funded from federal sources, and pilot projects created.

HF2688—Skoglund (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Solvency provisions for insurance companies provided various technical corrections.

HF2689—Seaberg (IR)
Appropriations
Public land and building acquisition and capital improvement bond issuance authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2690—Kinkel (DFL)
Education
Health and safety capital expenditure program modified.

HF2691—Nelson, K. (DFL)
Education
Advanced placement program

improvement and expansion, summer institutes, and support programs for teachers of advanced placement programs provided.

HF2692—Pelowski (DFL)

Judiciary

Soliciting children to enter a motor vehicle prohibited and penalties provided.

HF2693—Runbeck (IR)

Health & Human Services

Institute of pediatric sexual health planning authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2694—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Health commissioner to review proposals from occupations and professions seeking to be licensed or regulated, and money appropriated.

HF2695—Greenfield (DFL)

Judiciary

Jury service exclusion based on disability prohibited.

HF2696—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Hospice residential facility defined and program conditions modified.

HF2697—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Juvenile crime prevention funding for head start programs provided, grant authorized for statewide parent self-help child abuse prevention organization, and money appropriated.

HF2698—Greenfield (DFL)

Judiciary

Commitment procedures for persons who are mentally ill and dangerous to the public modified, and bond issuance authorized for security hospital addition.

HF2699—Sviggum (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Conservation easement restriction on exchange of state-owned nonforested marginal land removed in certain cases.

HF2700—Farrell (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Survivor retirement benefits restored in a certain case.

HF2701—Onnen (IR)

Taxes

Investment income tax credit provided.

HF2702—Munger (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Water and soil resource board dispute resolution committee membership modified.

HF2703—Ogren (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations

Employee protection from liability in certain cases required.

HF2704—Clark (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Asian-Pacific Minnesotan council membership modified.

HF2705—Clark (DFL)

Education

Schools using demeaning names and mascots prohibited from use of state money.

HF2706—Wejman (DFL)

Health & Human Services

HIV negative test result information disclosure by health care providers without specific written consent of patient prohibited.

HF2707—Koppendrayner (IR)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Mille Lacs county; sale of certain tax forfeited land authorized.

HF2708—Dawkins (DFL)

Economic Development

Minnesota jobs in community service act adopted.

HF2709—Jacobs (DFL)

Regulated Industries

Liqueur-filled candy sale in confectionery stores authorized.

HF2710—Carlson (DFL)

Education

Leadership development program funding with reserved revenue provided.

HF2711—Janezich (DFL)

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

County board vacancy filling procedure by general election provided.

HF2712—Rukavina (DFL)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Correction facility financing, acquisition, construction, and improvement provided, leasing agreements, bond issuance, and tax levies authorized, and correctional facilities fund established.

HF2713—Carruthers (DFL)

Judiciary

RICO racketeering law expanded to include gambling crimes, gambling enforcement division authorized to seize and forfeit property, and penalties provided.

HF2714—Kahn (DFL)

Economic Development

Minneapolis; Way to Grow community resource funding eliminated.

HF2715—Wejman (DFL)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Minneapolis community service officers authorized to enforce certain traffic ordinances.

HF2716—Bauerly (DFL)

Agriculture

Nurserystock dealers certificate expiration and late renewal penalties changed, plant pest act violation penalty provided, pesticide control requirements changed, certain powers and adulterated dairy product provisions modified.

HF2717—Dille (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Nitrate data advisory task force and statewide data base established, well sealing requirements modified and account established, environmental consulting services report required, and money appropriated.

HF2718—Peterson (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Waterfowl breeding grounds in Canada development fund expenditure authorized.

HF2719—Peterson (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Fish and wildlife habitat acquisition and improvement state fund advancement to secure nonstate matching funds authorized.

HF2720—Sparby (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Agricultural crop protection assistance provided, deer license issuance to certain land owners in return for hunting access provided, and money appropriated.

HF2721—Stanisius (IR)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Metropolitan mosquito control commission long-term comprehensive and implementation planning and membership provided.

HF2722—Stanisius (IR)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs

Ramsey county commissioners required to remit per diems to the county's general fund.

HF2723—Heir (IR)

Regulated Industries

Octane and oxygenated fuels regulated.

HF2724—Segal (DFL)

Commerce

Asbestos related residential work defined.

HF2725—Sviggum (IR)

Health & Human Services

Jobs and training department self-start employment related services program established, and money appropriated.

HF2726—Gruenes (IR)

Health & Human Services

Jobs and training department dislocated worker fund disbursement provisions modified.

HF2727—Gutknecht (IR)

Labor-Management Relations

Mediation services bureau public employment relations board eliminated, arbitration procedures modified.

HF2728—Henry (IR)

Appropriations

Head start program provisions modified, and money appropriated.

HF2729—Orenstein (DFL)

Appropriations

Jobs and training department; job training partnership act programs appropriated money.

HF2730—Frerichs (IR)

Ways & Means

Omnibus state departments, education, and local government aids, appropriations reduced and money appropriated.

HF2731—Runbeck (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Emissions testing program requirements expanded and modified.

HF2732—Heir (IR)

Regulated Industries

Telecommunications access for communication-impaired persons board membership modified.

HF2733—Wenzel (DFL)

Agriculture

Dairy fund and state dairy board established, fees imposed, and milk premium payments to dairy farmers provided.

HF2734—Bauerly (DFL)

Agriculture

Rural finance authority agricultural improvement loan program for grade B dairy producers established, bond issuance authorized.

HF2735—Gruenes (IR)

Health & Human Services

Nursing homes under receivership agreements payments regulated, and technical amendments provided.

HF2736—Morrison (IR)

Education

Higher education savings plan established, and money appropriated.

HF2737—Sviggum (IR)

Health & Human Services

Residential day and support service plans modified, respite care service requirements provided, mental retardation service alternatives provided, business grants provided, medical assistance coverage provided.

HF2738—Sparby (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Public employers to include certain former employees in the same insurance pool as active employees.

HF2739—Stanis (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Ramsey county board to conduct meetings in the evening.

HF2740—Stanis (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Ramsey county board to solicit proposals for depositories of county funds.

HF2741—Schreiber (IR)
Housing
Regional housing revitalization program created, deed tax imposed on certain real property transfers, and money appropriated.

HF2742—Davids (IR)
Education
Fund transfers allowed for certain reorganizing school districts.

HF2743—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
Financial support limitation on participation requirements for education districts repealed.

HF2744—Koppendrayner (IR)
Governmental Operations
Employee relations department pretax expense accounts modified.

HF2745—Macklin (IR)
Health & Human Services
Benefit overpayment recovery project established, administrative fraud disqualification hearings and task force created, AFDC and food stamp disqualification provided, and money appropriated.

HF2746—Munger (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Soil and water conservation districts enforcement agreements for city or county controls authorized.

HF2747—Macklin (IR)
Taxes
Taxation administration and policy modified.

HF2748—Sviggum (IR)
Commerce
Residential building contractor licensing regulation exemption provided for persons employing five or fewer employees including employer.

HF2749—Clark (DFL)
Regulated Industries
Telecommunications access for the communication impaired persons board authorized to advance money to certain contractors, board member compensation provided.

HF2750—Bishop (IR)
Judiciary
Human rights terms defined and certain discriminatory practices clarified.

HF2751—Stanis (IR)
Transportation
Municipal state-aid street fund use allowed for town roads, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2752—Sparby (DFL)
Commerce
Recreational equipment manufacturers provided unfair trade practices.

HF2753—Ozment (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Wildfire prevention and suppression provided in forest areas, and penalties provided.

HF2754—Simoneau (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Columbia Heights paid firefighters relief association allowed termination and dissolution.

HF2755—Milbert (DFL)
Education
Technical college mergers allowed between a school district and an intermediate school district operating a technical college.

HF2756—Rukavina (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Virginia firefighters relief association authorized annual surviving spouse benefit increases.

HF2757—McGuire (DFL)
Judiciary
Ramsey county suburban court facility construction bonds authorized.

HF2758—Sparby (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Snowmobile speed limit exemption provided to manufacturers conducting tests.

HF2759—Jennings (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Solid waste facility permit fees based on waste volume, and late fee payment penalties provided.

HF2760—Dempsey (IR)
Health & Human Services
Medical assistance coverage to include authorized personal care services provided outside the home.

HF2761—Onnen (IR)
Health & Human Services
Medical assistance covered services and equipment provided, physician payment rates regulated, preferred provider program authorized, payments and copayments clarified, and wheelchairs expenses paid for ICF/MR residents.

HF2762—Welker (IR)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation benefits, insurance, and providers regulated; dispute resolution, small claims court, and fraud prevention established; appointments and penalties provided; and money appropriated.

HF2763—Leppik (IR)
Health & Human Services
Family investment plan test groups and field trials provided.

HF2764—Lynch (IR)
Health & Human Services
Hearing impaired council expiration date deleted, and duties and reporting requirements modified.

HF2765—Dorn (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing home bed moratorium replacement restrictions modified.

HF2766—Hartle (IR)
Education
General education revenue reduction formula modified.

HF2767—Simoneau (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Hennepin and Ramsey county public defense systems provided independence from the state public defense system, and state aid provided.

HF2768—Carlson (DFL)
Education
Higher education board established and transferred duties and responsibilities of the higher education coordinating board; advisory groups and regional and student advisory councils created; and technical and community colleges merged.

HF2769—Rukavina (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Virginia police relief association provided alternative postretirement benefit increase calculation.

HF2770—Segal (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Supported employment services for persons with severe disabilities provided standards and interdepartmental cooperation.

HF2771—Dempsey (IR)
Health & Human Services
Home care and congregate housing service programs modified, medical assistance coverage of personal care services provided, caregiver support and respite care statewide project created, and traumatic brain injury case management provided.

HF2772—Ozment (IR)
Education
Education department programs and procedures provided substantive,

technical, and clarifying changes, and money appropriated.

HF2773—Morrison (IR)
Housing
Housing and redevelopment authorities allowed to issue general obligation bonds for housing projects.

HF2774—Wenzel (DFL)
Appropriations
Camp Ripley national guard education center bond issuance authorized for construction of education, housing, and support facilities, and money appropriated.

HF2775—Dempsey (IR)
Transportation
Fuel tax interstate agreement provisions modified and authority transferred, and interstate motor carrier decal fee imposed.

HF2776—Olson, K. (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Telecommunications regional and statewide system participation grants and loans provided to local governments, bonds authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2777—O'Connor (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Pipefitters; high pressure piping to include chlorine piping for licensing purposes.

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HF2778—Cooper (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing board membership to include a nursing home nurse.

HF2779—Clark (DFL)
Judiciary
Sexual assault and domestic violence account created, and adult restricted materials imposed an additional sales tax.

HF2780—Koppendrayner (IR)
Taxes
Kanabec county authorized special levy to fund county historical society.

HF2781—Jaros (DFL)
Judiciary
Chemical abuse prevention resource council to study adoption of a drug legalization strategy.

HF2782—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Disability benefit receipt eligibility conditions modified for public employees retirement association.

HF2783—Sparby (DFL)
Agriculture
Family farm security loan settlements, agreements, and adjustments autho-

ized, fund transfers and disposition provided, and money appropriated.

HF2784—Sarna (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Minneapolis police relief association local laws recodified.

HF2785—Winter (DFL)

Education

Waseca higher education center created, and money appropriated.

HF2786—Ozment (IR)

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

Independent school district No. 195, Randolph, allowed to designate voting hours.

HF2787—Hasskamp (DFL)

Education

Post-secondary enrollment options program provided comparable course definition.

HF2788—Johnson, R. (DFL)

Education

Post-secondary enrollment options funding amended and reenacted.

HF2789—Olsen, S. (IR)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Governor's veto time deadline provisions amended, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2790—Segal (DFL)

Economic Development

Science, technology, and manufacturing advancement fund established for education, training, and research purposes, deposit of lottery funds provided, technical vitality commission created, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2791—Reding (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Professional and technical services contract procedures revised.

HF2792—Rice (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Minneapolis fire department relief association members provided level benefits.

HF2793—Ogren (DFL)

Agriculture

Commodity promotion checkoff fee refund procedures modified.

HF2794—Solberg (DFL)

Transportation

Television screens in police vehicles authorized.

HF2795—Krueger (DFL)

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

Secretary of state to study mail or telephone balloting in certain primaries.

HF2796—Clark (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Board on aging to establish an Indian elder concerns advisory task force.

HF2797—Clark (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Fetal alcohol syndrome and drug-exposed infants prevention efforts required, chemical abuse and dependency program grants provided, drug policy office and chemical abuse prevention resource council duties clarified, and money appropriated.

HF2798—Clark (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Lead blood levels in domestic and farm animals studied, and money appropriated.

HF2799—Hanson (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Environmental protection and conservation department, environmental review board, and assistance and public advocacy office created, and abolition and consolidation provided for certain state departments, agencies and offices.

HF2800—Ogren (DFL)

Judiciary

Health care coverage for certain uninsured persons provided, statewide and regional cost containment programs established, health insurance reformed, rural health systems provided, health care access account created, money appropriated.

HF2801—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Health care coverage for certain uninsured persons provided, statewide and regional cost containment programs established, health insurance reformed, rural health systems provided, health care access account created, and money appropriated.

HF2802—Gruenes (IR)

Financial Institutions & Insurance

Health care coverage for certain uninsured persons provided, statewide and regional cost containment programs established, health insurance reformed, rural health systems provided, health care access account created, and money appropriated.

HF2803—Orfield (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Minneapolis teachers retirement fund association purchase of allowable service credit for public employment outside of state provided.

HF2804—Olson, E. (DFL)

Agriculture

Wild rice sold in state marked to show place of origin and method of

harvesting, annual reporting eliminated, and record keeping requirements modified.

HF2805—Sviggum (IR)

Health & Human Services

Work readiness program transfer and restructure provided.

HF2806—Sviggum (IR)

Taxes

Municipal arts organizations exempted from sales tax on tickets admissions charges.

HF2807—Jaros (DFL)

Commerce

Utility consumers' nonprofit corporation established, and money appropriated.

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HF2808—Schreiber (IR)

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

Dog and cat licensing authority modified, and livestock indemnity and county fund provided.

HF2809—Pelowski (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Ambulance service personnel longevity award and incentive program established, and funding provided from driver's license surtax.

HF2810—Tompkins (IR)

Financial Institutions & Insurance

Health insurance benefit assignments regulated, unfair trade practices expanded, and payment of claims modified.

HF2811—Segal (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Insurance

Health care providers to use uniform claim and billing forms and procedures, and rules authorized.

HF2812—Wenzel (DFL)

Taxes

Garrison allowed a local sales tax for construction of a city sewer system.

HF2813—Milbert (DFL)

Commerce

Accountancy board provided disciplinary proceeding procedures, and penalties provided.

HF2814—Seaberg (IR)

Commerce

Professional service state boards not to require certain filing of articles of incorporation, annual reports, or document examination fees.

HF2815—Ogren (DFL)

Transportation

McGregor provided appointment of a deputy registrar.

HF2816—Ogren (DFL)

Taxes

Aitkin county allowed to impose a local liquor and restaurant tax to fund a local convention or tourism bureau.

HF2817—Krinkie (IR)

Transportation

Deputy registrars appointments provided for cities under certain conditions.

HF2818—McGuire (DFL)

Judiciary

Motor vehicle theft prevention program established, insurance fraud penalties increased, and restitution provided to insurers and owners of stolen motor vehicles.

HF2819—McEachern (DFL)

Appropriations

Unclassified employee positions reduced by 20 percent by state departments and agencies, and budget reductions provided.

HF2820—Knickerbocker (IR)

Governmental Operations

Rule of 85 option provided to public employing units.

HF2821—Olsen, S. (IR)

Rules & Legislative Administration

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

HF2822—Hanson (DFL)

Commerce

Ski safety act of 1992 adopted.

HF2823—McPherson (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources

Motor vehicle emission testing exemption procedures provided for exempt diesel-powered motor vehicles.

HF2824—Janezich (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Aquaculture permits not issued until completion of an environmental impact statement.

HF2825—Runbeck (IR)

Housing

Manufactured home owners bill of rights enacted and penalties provided.

HF2826—Koppendrayner (IR)

Governmental Operations

Asian-Pacific Minnesotan council membership to include representatives for people from Malaysia and Sri Lanka, and future membership expansion provided.

HF2827—O'Connor (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Firefighters provided public safety officer status for survivor benefits, and survivor benefits to include technical college attendance.

HF2828—O'Connor (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Banking; Congress to allow states to regulate bank interest rates on unsecured debt.

HF2829—Dille (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Hutchinson allowed to adopt a special service district.

HF2830—Omann (IR)
Agriculture
Milk federal marketing order system legal challenges appropriated money.

HF2831—Pellow (IR)
Judiciary
Motor vehicle theft provided mandatory penalty.

HF2832—Simoneau (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Aquatic farms provided requirements for water discharges, and permits and monitoring required.

HF2833—O'Connor (DFL)
Taxes
Local government trust fund payments provided for fiscal years 1994 and 1995.

HF2834—Dorn (DFL)
Education
Independent school district No. 77, Mankato, allowed to begin school year before Labor Day.

HF2835—Sviggum (IR)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Roseau authorized to establish a detached banking facility.

HF2836—O'Connor (DFL)
Health and Human Services
Children, youth, and their families legislative commission duties clarified, staff authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2837—Tompkins (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Special service district definition included in city ordinance.

HF2838—Tompkins (IR)
Regulated Industries
Telephone company franchise agreements authorized for municipalities.

HF2839—Dille (IR)
Education
Law school at the University of Minnesota to become self-supporting, and state appropriations phased out.

HF2840—Seaberg (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Solid waste collection service contracts regulated.

HF2841—Bauerly (DFL)
Governmental Operations

Early retirement reserves and incentives provided for certain state employees and teachers.

HF2842—Pelowski (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Southeast Blufflands trail system established in Olmsted, Winona, Fillmore, and Houston counties.

HF2843—Mariani (DFL)
Transportation
Motor carriers and common carriers by rail regulatory responsibilities transferred to the transportation department, and transportation regulation board abolished.

HF2844—Winter (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
No-fault economic loss benefit termination prohibited until arbitration ruling.

HF2845—Pugh (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Pull-tab deal removed from play provided pull-tab destruction options.

HF2846—Bettermann (IR)
Education
Runestone telecommunications system for interactive telecommunications programs appropriated money.

HF2847—Bettermann (IR)
Education
Runestone telecommunications system equipment bond issuance authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2848—Reding (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Labor agreements ratified between the state and various bargaining units, and certain employees provided changes in classification.

HF2849—Simoneau (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Split Rock lighthouse state historic site special fee structure authorized.

HF2850—Segal (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Regional treatment centers used as regional research, training, and crisis centers.

HF2851—Segal (DFL)
Education
Physician assistant loan forgiveness program established for students agreeing to practice in designated rural areas, and money appropriated.

HF2852—Frederick (IR)
Regulated Industries
Blue Earth county authorized to issue an on-sale liquor license to a billiard hall in South Bend township.

HF2853—Cooper (DFL)
Agriculture

Pesticide registration application requirements allowed to include information on analytical standards and methods for the pesticide, pesticide breakdown products, or metabolites.

HF2854—Janezich (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Hibbing provided membership terms and size for the public safety and utilities commissions.

HF2855—Sparby (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Aquatic farming regulated, protection provided for certain wildlife populations, and penalties provided.

HF2856—Krambeer (IR)
Governmental Operations
Airline frequent flyer program benefits prohibited for state employees for trips paid for by the state.

HF2857—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing homes provided facility and equipment property reimbursement procedures.

HF2858—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing home bed moratorium provided an exception to certify beds in a licensed facility with no certified beds, nursing home and hospital license surcharges modified, and medical assistance payments and adjustments modified.

HF2859—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Alternative care service recipient fee collection modified.

HF2860—Davids (IR)
Health & Human Services
Medical assistance community alternatives for disabled individuals home- and community-based services waiver program modification procedure provided.

HF2861—Dawkins (DFL)
Economic Development
St. Paul provided matching grant for assisting Expo Graphics, Inc., to maintain employment and expand its business operations, and money appropriated.

HF2862—Tunheim (DFL)
Taxes
Motor vehicle handicapped accessibility modifications provided sales tax exemption.

HF2863—Schreiber (IR)
Taxes
Local government trust fund payments provided to the homestead credit account and the local aid account; community social services,

corrections, and health services acts studied for effect on property taxes; and money appropriated.

HF2864—Runbeck (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Ramsey county allowed a special levy for innovative library activities.

HF2865—Girard (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Water and soil resources board provided bond issuance for the southern rivers basin area II program, and money appropriated.

HF2866—Pugh (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Dakota county pilot project established for downsizing intermediate care facility beds for persons with mental retardation, and money appropriated.

HF2867—Simoneau (DFL)
Appropriations
Drivers' license fees increased, and money appropriated.

HF2868—Dorn (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Blind and visually handicapped division created, literacy and access to print materials services authorized, and blind council expiration date removed.

HF2869—Begich (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Labor Day; President and Congress to recognize Labor Day 1992 as "Help Yourself, Buy American Day."

HF2870—Trimble (DFL)
Commerce
Cigarette fire safety act of 1992 adopted.

HF2871—Uphus (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
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.

HF2872—Swenson (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
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.

HF2873—Knickerbocker (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Legislative and executive service limited and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2874—Marsh (IR)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Caucus fundraisers restricted; campaign committee fund transfers prohibited to other campaign funds; unopposed candidates not to receive

public subsidy; and matching private contribution requirements expanded for public subsidy recipients.

HF2875—Pelowski (DFL)
Education

SELF student loan recipient consumer protection provided.

HF2876—Sarna (DFL)
Commerce

Cable and subscription television company late payment charges restricted.

HF2877—Lourey (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Funerals in the winter season provided, and additional charges authorized.

HF2878—Munger (DFL)
Economic Development
Mille Lacs preservation and development board established, and enterprise zone designations provided.

HF2879—Rukavina (DFL)
Commerce
Iron mines and production facilities provided operating condition requirements.

HF2880—Olson, E. (DFL)
Taxes
Soil and water conservation district program levies authorized.

HF2881—O'Connor (DFL)
Commerce
Motor vehicles and parts disclosure required of national origin or place of assembly, and penalties provided.

HF2882—Frederick (IR)
Education
Independent school district No. 2071, Lake Crystal-Welcome Memorial, provided additional bonding authority for school building equipment, handicap accessibility improvements, and fire code compliance.

HF2883—Anderson, R. (IR)
Education
Independent school district No. 544, Otter Tail county and Fergus Falls, authorized library district establishment advisory referendum.

HF2884—Rest (DFL)
Taxes
Housing finance agency, higher education coordinating board, rural finance authority, and public facility bonding procedures and authority modified.

HF2885—Thompson (DFL)
Agriculture
Agricultural chemical response and reimbursement account eligibility extended to political subdivisions.

HF2886—Sparby (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Shining of lights while hunting prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

HF2887—McPherson (IR)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Lawful gambling license exemption provided to certain organizations.

HF2888—Pauly (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Natural resources department special receipts from state fair sales disposition modified.

HF2889—Pugh (DFL)
Judiciary
Public data release for commercial purpose charges authorized, and data release restrictions provided.

HF2890—Ogren (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Optometrist licensing and examination procedures modified.

HF2891—Farrell (DFL)
Commerce
Unclaimed property; commerce commissioner allowed to request that another person request recovery of unclaimed property.

HF2892—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
Breakfast program required at schools where 30 percent of school lunches were served free or at a reduced price.

HF2893—Erhardt (IR)
Judiciary
Hotels not to discriminate against guests based on age if the guest is not a minor.

HF2894—Osthoff (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Pull-tab, tipboard, and bingo tax administration, collection, and enforcement modified, penalties imposed, and money appropriated.

HF2895—Olson, K. (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Mountain Lake; surplus land sale for public use provided.

HF2896—Brown (DFL)
Judiciary
Inmate transfer same sex escort distance increased.

HF2897—Brown (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Attorney general prohibited from assessing political subdivisions for legal services rendered in criminal prosecutions.

HF2898—Runbeck (IR)
Governmental Operations
Employee contribution refund

provided to a certain person on medical leave.

HF2899—Rodosovich (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Mental health grant funds transferred to the community social services block grant, counties authorized to consolidate funds for mental health services.

HF2900—Nelson, K. (DFL)
Commerce
Telephone solicitation prohibited, fees set, penalties imposed.

HF2901—Simoneau (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Columbia Heights; police relief association retirement benefit computation exclusions from salary provided.

HF2902—Krueger (DFL)
Education
Metric system literacy training required for teachers, and money appropriated.

HF2903—Segal (DFL)
Economic Development
Manufacturing council created to facilitate expansion, modernization, and development of manufacturing in the state.

HF2904—O'Connor (DFL)
Commerce
Tobacco sales to minors penalty changed, and penalty provided for tobacco purchase or attempt to purchase by a minor.

HF2905—Schafer (IR)
Education
School funding and governance modified, certain aid funding reduced, general education tax rate reduced.

HF2906—Schafer (IR)
Education
Independent school district No. 424, Lester Prairie, fund transfer provided.

HF2907—Schafer (IR)
Governmental Operations
School board combination and consolidation provided, and retirement benefits for certain administrators increased.

HF2908—Uphus (IR)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Caucus fundraisers restricted; campaign committee fund transfers prohibited to other campaign funds; unopposed candidates not to receive public subsidy; and matching private contribution requirements expanded for public subsidy recipients.

HF2909—Waltman (IR)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Adjutant general authorized to lease certain land.

HF2910—Jennings (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Sanitary district creation public information meeting required.

HF2911—Olsen, S. (IR)
Judiciary
Safe communities act of 1992 adopted, and money appropriated.

HF2912—Vellenga (DFL)
Taxes
Leased property under Minnesota housing finance agency (MHFA) lease-purchase programs classified as 4a property.

HF2913—Rodosovich (DFL)
Health & Human Services
HIV minimum standards for training in chemical dependency treatment and care programs, licensure exclusion expanded, residential program integration provided, fire code authority delegated, and adult foster care license capacity set.

HF2914—Ozment (IR)
Housing
Manufactured home owners bill of rights adopted.

HF2915—Tompkins (IR)
Taxes
Personal exemption increase for dependents, two-wage earner married couples, post-secondary tuition, and student loan interest deductions allowed, and rate schedules combined.

HF2916—Segal (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Ombudsman access to private data on mentally ill and emotionally disturbed clients clarified.

HF2917—Kinkel (DFL)
Education
Baccalaureate degree credit requirement limit provided.

HF2918—Segal (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Health maintenance organization enrollees not liable for referral errors made by participating providers.

HF2919—Carruthers (DFL)
Education
Credit per quarter minimums for full and part time students definitions modified.

HF2920—Sarna (DFL)
Taxes
Cable television service tax imposed by municipalities.

Coming Up Next Week . . . March 16 - 20, 1992

Committee Schedule

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MONDAY, March 16

8 a.m.

EDUCATION

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HF2013 (Sparby) Technical Colleges Board authorized to contract for student housing management services.
HF1929 (Dorn) Comparable public institutions defined for the purpose of tuition financial aid determination.
HF2413 (Lourey) Adopt-a-school program established allowing students and the community to voluntarily maintain a public school.
HF2093 (Hasskamp) Tobacco use prohibited at public elementary and secondary schools.

Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulation Division/APPROPRIATIONS
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: Minnesota Technology Inc.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Continuation of higher education system capital requests.

State Government Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Budget hearing: State Auditor's Office; Attorney General's Office; Governor's Office.

Government Structures Division/GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor
Agenda: To be announced.

Family Law Subcommittee/JUDICIARY
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jean Wagenius
Agenda: HF1941 (Jefferson) Relatives given preference in adoptions.

8:30 a.m.

Human Resources Division/APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Budget hearings: Department of Human Services.

10 a.m.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: SF1619/HF1803 (Bishop) Pistol permits not issued to persons convicted of fifth degree assault that is also domestic abuse; crime of violence definition expanded.
SF1687/HF1849 (Vellenga) Life imprisonment and mandatory sentences provided for certain violent and repeat sex offenders; good time reductions and conditional releases modified; psychopathic personality determinations expanded; and treatment programs modified.
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.

12:30 p.m.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: To be announced.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in Session.

TUESDAY, March 17

8 a.m.

Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulation Division/APPROPRIATIONS
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: Minnesota World Trade Center.
Minnesota State Lottery.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Systems' responses to the governor's budget: State University System; Community College System.

Human Resources Division/APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Review of the governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Jobs & Training, Department of Corrections, Department of Human Rights, and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

State Government Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Budget hearing: district courts; Public Defender's Office.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Senate Files.

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: Public testimony on the impact of the governor's local trust fund proposal.

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: HF1985 (Wagenius)/SF1866 Land recycling act of 1992 adopted; environmental response and liability act liability protection provided to certain persons undertaking and completing hazardous substance cleanup actions, and money appropriated.
HF2192 (Hausman)/SF1950 Tax increment financing special environmental treatment areas established, districts created, and certain contaminant remediation and development powers provided.

HF2717 (Dille)/SF2102 Nitrate data advisory task force and statewide data base established, well sealing requirements modified and account established, environmental consulting services report required, and money appropriated.
 HF2612 (Weaver)/SF2389 Natural Resources Department alternative rulemaking provided, stromatolite activity regulated, game refuge and certain water provisions modified, deer license authorities expanded, non-metal fish net tags allowed.
 HF1347 (Skoglund)/SF1252 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board allowed to lease certain land adjacent to Minnehaha State Park.
 HF1861 (Jefferson)/SF1772 State land covenant and reversionary interest released for D. L. Peck's addition rearrangement to Minneapolis.
 HF2320 (Peterson)/SF2298 Watershed district public notice required prior to appointment of district manager; metropolitan county appointment requirements modified; local governments required to pay permit fees; and audits and decision appeals provided.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich
Agenda: Action on Senate files.

12 noon

Legislative Audit Commission

300S State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Ann Rest
Agenda: Review of the Program Evaluation Division's report on regional transit planning.

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal
Agenda: SF2291 (Metzen)/HF2071 Tax increment financing (TIF) procedures and requirements clarified, recodified, and provided.
 SF2066 (Beckman)/HF2482 Designated cities certification; job creation tax credits; business opportunity districts; natural resources permit information centers.

Veterans Affairs Division/GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Pat Beard
Agenda: SF2322 (Bertram)/HF2514 (Garcia) County veterans services enhancement grant program established, veteran services officer education program established, and money appropriated.
 Report from Tom Ryan on National Guard closings.
 Other bills may be added.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation/TRANSPORTATION

300N State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Harold Lasley
Agenda: HF1887 (Thompson) Square and round dancers authorized special license plates.

2:30 p.m.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: SF1687/HF1849 (Vellenga) Life imprisonment and mandatory sentences provided for certain violent and repeat sex offenders; good time reductions and conditional releases modified; psychopathic personality determinations expanded; and treatment programs modified.

WEDNESDAY, March 18

8 a.m.

Economic Development, Infrastructure, & Regulation Division/APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: Department of Transportation.

State Government Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Budget hearing: Department of Trade & Economic Development.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Systems' responses to the governor's budget: the University of Minnesota; technical college system.

Human Resources Division/APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Review of the governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Health; Board of Social Work, Board of Psychology, Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Board of Dentistry, Board of Medical Practice, Board of Nursing, and the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

10 a.m.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Basement Hearing Room
 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: To be announced.

Veterans Affairs Division/GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

JOINT HOUSE & SENATE HEARING
 10 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Pat Beard, Chr. Sen. Joe Bertram
Agenda: Report by Harry Baltzer, director, Gambling Control Board.

12:30 p.m.

ENERGY

500N State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: Senate files referred to committee.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Henry J. Kalis
Agenda: HF1933 (Anderson, R.) Trunk highway route No. 297 in Fergus Falls redefined.
 HF2053 (Janezich) Drivers' license fees increased.
 HF2191 (Simoneau) Metropolitan Council authorized acquisition and betterment of transit facilities and equipment, and bonding authority provided.
 HF2375 (Mariani) Ventilator-dependant medical assistance recipients to continue receiving the services of a nurse or personal care assistant while living in a nursing home. All other bills referred from the Senate and/or the Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

2 p.m.

Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

300N State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: To be announced.

2:30 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: To be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich
Agenda: Action on senate files.

Subcommittee on Civil Law/JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building
 Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh
Agenda: HF2206 (Pugh) Conciliation court authorized appearances, jurisdiction, and procedures modified, and jurisdictional financial amounts increased.
 HF1961 (Skoglund) Debtors to provide financial disclosure information to creditors if judgment remains unsatisfied.
 Senate files to be announced.

7 p.m.

**Government Structures Division/
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor
Agenda: To be announced.

THURSDAY, March 19

8 a.m.

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

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: To be announced.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Dislocated Rural Worker Program (HECB). Rest of agenda to be announced later.

**Human Resources Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Review of the governor's recommendations for the Veteran's Nursing Home. Public testimony regarding the governor's budget recommendations.

**State Government Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Budget hearing: State Treasurer's Office.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Senate files.

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: To be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich
Agenda: Action on Senate files.

12:30 p.m.

**GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS
AFFAIRS & GAMING**

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: To be announced.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in Session.

FRIDAY, March 20

8 a.m.

**Economic Development, Infrastructure &
Regulation/APPROPRIATIONS**

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: To be announced.

**Human Resources Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**

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

10 a.m.

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
& INSURANCE**

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: Any bills not completed at 3/18 meeting.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich
Agenda: Action on Senate files.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: SF979/ HF1196 (Clark) Butane or toxic substance sales to minors prohibited. SF1691/HF2206 (Pugh) Conciliation court authorized appearances, jurisdiction, and procedures modified, and jurisdictional financial amounts increased. SF1821/HF1941 (Jefferson) Relatives given preference in adoptions.

It's a fact!

In 1923, just months after Minnesota women were granted the right to vote, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was given its first reading on the floor of the Minnesota House. The author was Agnes Myrtle Cain.

Cain was one of the first four women elected to the Minnesota Legislature in 1922. The daughter of Irish immigrants, she became a powerful figure in Minnesota politics, even though she served only one legislative term.

She was a strike leader, a co-founder of the Minnesota branch of the National Women's Party, and a leading union advocate.

Cain was still championing the ERA cause when Minnesota became the 26th state to pass the measure in 1973.

But it was her "anti-masking" bill that proved most famous. The first of its kind in the nation, the measure made concealing one's identity in public a misdemeanor.

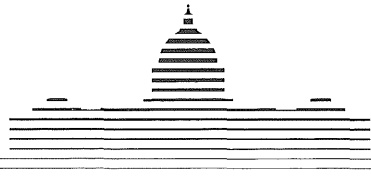
The law was aimed at members of the Ku Klux Klan, whom Cain called "cowards, lawbreakers and criminals." The bill was approved by the House on a 96-2 vote. Fifteen other states soon passed similar legislation.

Gov. Wendell Anderson named Feb. 15, 1973, as Myrtle Cain Day. She died in 1980.



Former Rep. Myrtle Cain

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MINNESOTA INDEX

Indian gaming

Current number of Indian gaming casinos in Minnesota	13
Number managed by the tribes themselves	10
Estimated dollars wagered at Minnesota casinos, 1991, in millions	\$900
Amount wagered at gaming casinos for every dollar wagered at Canterbury Downs, 1991	\$10.35
Ratio of dollars wagered at Indian gaming casinos to charitable gaming dollars wagered, 1991	3:4
Ratio of dollars wagered at Minnesota gaming casinos to dollars wagered in Nevada	1:50
Number of Minnesotans employed by Control Data Corp.	4,864
Number of Minnesotans employed by Indian gaming operations	5,750
Percent who are Indian	27
Projected number of additional Minnesota jobs created due to expansion of existing gaming facilities by 1994	2,000
Estimated amount out-of-state visitors to gaming centers contributed to state economy, excluding money wagered, in millions, 1991	\$26
Statewide percentage increase in number of AFDC recipients between 1987-1991	15
Percentage decrease in AFDC recipients in non-metro counties with Indian gaming, 1987-1991	16
Rank of Cass County in per capita welfare cost, 1987	1
Number of Indian Gaming casinos now operating in Cass County	2
Decrease in welfare expenditures, Cass County, 1991	\$300,000

Sources: *Economic benefits of Tribal Gaming in Minnesota*, The Minnesota Indian Gaming Association;
High Stakes — Gambling in Minnesota, Minnesota Planning Agency.

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