Flashback

It’s a little-known fact that there were only a few hundred fruitcakes baked in 300 B.C. and they have been passed along as Christmas gifts ever since. No one, of course, has ever taken a bite.

Cynics say much the same thing about politicians. In the beginning, only a few were created and there has been a transmigration of political souls since that first recount. We’ve all heard it before: “Politicians are all the same.”

Then, every two or four years, a new group is elected that says it’s different. Although it’s always tempting to be swept up in the enthusiasm of the moment, the 33 new House members elected last fall do seem a bit different from their predecessors.

How?

In more subtle ways — not ones that seem so tied to massive ideological movements like the House class of ’72, which wanted wholesale reform of society or the “firestorm of 1986,” when Independent-Republicans regained control of the House for the first time since 1970.

Scientific, anecdotal evidence gathered from off-hand comments gathered in Capitol halls suggest that these new members have one thing in common: they have more political experience than most first-termers (many have served on school boards and other local governmental units), and they aren’t about to adopt the traditional seen-but-not-heard role of new members.

“Very professional, very sophisticated, very high-powered,” is the way one insider described it.

Although many first-termers were elected on the pledge that they would reform government, the anti-incumbent mood predicted by the experts never seemed to materialize — at least at the state level.

The re-election rate for House members this past November was 90.9 percent. That ranks sixth highest in the last 11 elections, or just about average.

Similarly, of the past three elections that followed a redrawing of legislative district lines, this class of 33 is by far the smallest. There were 53 new members in 1972 and 42 new faces in 1982.

Given the facts, it’s hard to lump this class in with the major watershed changes of the past 20 years. But the cynic who compares politicians with fruitcakes would be mistaken.

—Grant Moos
Opening day . . .
Speaker Long calls for new ideas, strategies

Children and grandchildren gathered around mahogany desks as family and friends joined new lawmakers on the House floor for the opening of the 78th Session of the Minnesota Legislature Jan. 5.

Secretary of State Joan Growe convened the proceedings and Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Wahl administered the oath of office to Minnesota's 133 House members — one shy of the full complement of 134 due to the recent resignation of Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park).

For the 33 new representatives, it was their first act of official legislative business. The next item on the agenda was to elect the speaker of the House. Members re-elected Rep. Dee Long (DFL-Mpls), by an 85 to 47 margin over Rep. Tony Onnen (IR-Cokato). Long first took the gavel to start the 1992 session, becoming only the seventh woman in U.S. history to hold such a post.

At the speaker's rostrum, it was Justice Alan Page, the newest addition to the Minnesota Supreme Court, administering the oath of office to Long. Page, who lives in Long's House district, is the first African-American to serve on the state's high court.

And while there will likely be disagreements over how to remedy Minnesota's estimated $769 million budget shortfall, members of both the DFL and IR parties spoke optimistically of a peaceful session.

Long made clear her intentions to keep partisan wrangling to a minimum, proclaiming the beginning of a "new era in politics" that puts the "rancorous partisanship of the 70s and 80s" in the past.

Long congratulated Onnen on her election as speaker, and, on behalf of his Independent-Republican colleagues, expressed a willingness to work with the majority party during the coming months.

Long reaffirmed her commitment to keep the legislative process "fair and open," and encouraged members of both political parties to "build upon the cooperative sentiment established during the last legislative session."

She vowed to make the 1993 Legislature one "committed to new ideas, new strategies, and new options."

Elections

Minnesota votes

Minnesota is once again among the nation's leaders in voter participation. Do Minnesotans take their civic duties more seriously?

"It's really hard to prove that Minnesotans are different, but they really take great pride in casting a ballot," said Deputy Secretary of State Elaine Voss.

According to the Office of the Secretary of State, 71.9 percent of eligible Minnesota voters cast ballots last November. Maine claims to have the same rate of 71.9 percent. However, Maine only tabulates those voting for president, where Minnesota counts all voters casting ballots in the election.

To compare just those voting for president in each state, Maine edges Minnesota by 0.35 percent. These figures are based on 1990 U.S. Census data determining eligible voters, numbers that both Maine and Minnesota state elections officials claim are too low.

And while Minnesota has led the nation in voter participation in each of the past four presidential elections, this year's "tie" doesn't mean that fewer Minnesotans are voting. The 1992 turnout actually reversed a decline in voter participation that began in 1976. Then, the Minnesota voter rate was 75 percent, a figure that steadily dropped to 67 percent in 1988. The state decline mirrored a national trend, seeing
voter participation drop from 54 to 50 percent during the same period.

All 87 Minnesota counties exceeded the 1992 national rate of 55 percent voter turnout — even Clay County, which at 62.5 percent had the state's lowest turnout rate.

Cook County — where 91 percent of the eligible voters went to the polls — reported the highest voter turnout rate. Lake County placed second (85.5 percent), and Grant County (82.5) third.

### Nuclear war

**Should Northern States Power Company (NSP) be allowed to build an outdoor nuclear storage facility a little more than a football field away from the Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Reservation?**

Rep. Alice Hausman (DFL-St. Paul) doesn't think so and has filed a "friend of the court" legal challenge of a recent Public Utilities Commission decision to grant NSP the "certificate of need" permit for the storage facility.

Hausman contends that the final decision should rest with the Legislature — not the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The brief, filed Dec. 23 with the Minnesota Court of Appeals "on behalf of legislators who are concerned with the circumnavigation of the legislative process," does not address whether or not the storage facility should be built.

Her "amicus curiae" brief was filed alongside the lawsuit brought against the PUC by the Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Community, Prairie Island Coalition Against Nuclear Storage, and the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group.

Hausman said she hopes to forward to the courts appeal court up to 80 signatures of supportive legislators by Jan. 14, and already has "between 30 and 40" lawmakers signed up.

Rep. Hausman's comments were part of a Dec. 9 "point-counterpoint" presentation on the controversial issue. House and Senate members and staff spent the morning with NSP officials at the Prairie Island nuclear facility, and the afternoon meeting with the Mdewakanton Tribal Council at the Treasure Island Casino.

Rep. Hausman made the same argument last February in a strongly-worded resolution approved 17-10 by the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

The resolution stated that NSP "must seek approval" from the Legislature before storing radioactive waste outdoors at Prairie Island. Last April, Administrative Law Judge Allan Klein also ruled that the Legislature "must authorize the construction" of the proposed storage facility.

Both Klein and the committee cited the 1977 Radioactive Waste Management Act to support the claim that legislative approval was needed. That 1977 state law mandates that such approval be secured before any "high level radioactive waste management" facility is built.

NSP officials contend the storage facility is both needed and safe. The added radiation exposure risk to humans is "the equivalent of eating two bananas a year," said John Apitz, project engineer for NSP. And Judge Klein agreed, stating that the "radiation from the casks would be negligible and would not pose a health risk."

But environmentalists and tribal leaders disagree.

The tribal council has accepted a $100,000 grant from the Office of Nuclear Waste Negotiator to finance a study to determine whether the reservation should be turned into a temporary storage facility and its 170 members relocated.

### Chippewa treaty

A controversial proposal to settle an 1837 Treaty with the Mille Lacs Chippewa Band was presented to interested members of the House and Senate at an informational meeting Jan. 7.

The tentative agreement, which the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Mille Lacs Ojibwe Band are negotiating, would give the band land, money, and more control over hunting, fishing and gathering in portions of east central Minnesota.

The measure is subject to legislative and Chippewa Band approval. If it is not approved, the case will go to court this spring.

The Mille Lacs Band ceded more than 3 million acres of land in the 1837 Treaty. The band has taken the state to court over fishing and hunting rights, and DNR officials told lawmakers that a negotiated settlement is preferable to continued litigation.

The court battle in Wisconsin over the same treaty lasted 17 years, and the final judgment granted the Chippewa commercial fishing, netting, and spear rights. The decision resulted in bitter confrontations between sportsmen and the Chippewa.

Under the proposal, the state of Minnesota would:

- set aside 6,000 acres on southwestern Mille Lacs Lake — 4.5 percent of the lake's surface — as a tribal fishing zone;
- transfer 7,500 acres of land to the band after public and local government input;
• make payments to counties in lieu of property taxes;
• prohibit casinos on the new land; and
• pay the Chippewa Band $10 million over five years — one-half of which would be dedicated to natural resources, law enforcement, and management.

The Chippewa Band would:
• be prohibited from commercially harvesting big game, fish, or timber;
• restrict netting and spearing to six designated lakes, the Mille Lacs Lake zone, part of the Rum River, and the upper 20 miles of the St. Croix ending at St. Croix State Park;
• regulate the walleye harvest in the tribal fishing zone at a level similar to the rest of the lake; and
• allow non-Band members to fish, boat and use waters in the tribal fishing zone, under Band regulations.

The proposal will face some opposition in the Legislature, where lawmakers are already hearing strong opposition from some constituents. While the agreement may be amended by the Legislature, it also must be approved by the government of the Mille Lacs Band, some of whose members may not support a compromise on hunting and fishing rights, according to Don Wedll, commissioner of natural resources for the Mille Lacs Ojibwe Band.

The DNR hopes to have the agreement in place by July 1, and is conducting information meetings about the proposal throughout the state.

Cecil Bluhm, center, and other members of the St. Joseph Singers, St. Paul, performed in the Capitol rotunda on the opening day of the Minnesota Legislature, Jan. 5. Their performance was one of several other children's vocal and dance presentations in celebration of Arts Education Day 1993, sponsored by the Minnesota Alliance for Arts in Education. The singers also performed in Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," during its recent Minneapolis run.

Health

Medigap cushion

A measure to cushion anticipated steep premium increases for some senior citizens holding so-called "medigap" insurance policies received an initial hearing Jan. 6 in the House Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

The measure (HF22), would allow non metro insurance carriers to phase in premium hikes on supplemental policies offered to cover seniors' co-payment costs on their Medicare insurance.

"We don't want people having to choose between paying their heat bill this winter or paying their supplemental (medicare) insurance," said Rep. Wes Skoglund, sponsor of the House bill. "This will give (seniors) a chance to shop around for another program they may be eligible for and to give them an opportunity to adjust their budgets so they can afford it."

Supporters said the measure would allow insurers and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) to soften the premium "sticker shock" by spreading premium hikes caused by community rating in a two-step process beginning in March. The second half of the phase-in is slated for January 1994.

The bill is in response to legislation approved last year as part of the MinnesotaCare package. In part, MinnesotaCare seeks to reduce a portion of long-term health care expenses by expanding the number of insured people in policy groupings. This spreads the costs of insurance among them, and equalizes premiums. In effect, the MinnesotaCare package requires insurers to offer similar programs for the same premium cost to everyone regardless of external factors such as age, health history, or gender.

But one effect of bringing those previously uninsured into the community rating pools was to cause premiums for some already insured members to escalate sharply. In some cases, to compensate for the lowered costs offered to newcomers in the pool, those increases were up to 100 percent, according to state Department of Commerce compilations.

"Younger" senior citizens, particularly women between ages 65-69, and those living outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area, are seeing the biggest increase in their medigap insurance premium costs as the new community ratings requirements fully go into effect, say Department of Commerce officials. Seniors in their late 70s and older, and those with prior histories of illness should see their medigap insurance costs decline somewhat if HF22 becomes law.

Quick action on the bill is being taken to give insurers adequate time to meet the March 1 community rating start-up date. Rep. Wes Skoglund said the bill must pass both chambers and be signed into law by Jan. 28 to meet this goal.

The measure exempts from the phase-in plan HMOs and other insurers in Chisago County and all seven metro area counties.

Skoglund said metropolitan area residents generally have greater access to shop around for cheaper medigap premiums than do residents in other parts of the state.

In case freshman legislators had any doubts about what awaited them during the 1993 session, sixth term Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester) minced no words. Just before the first organizational meeting of the Human Services Finance Division of the Health and Human Services Committee convened on Jan. 6, Gutzknecht scanned the length of the room and said with anticipation: "So this is where the blood will literally run down the aisles."

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The Minnesota House began its 78th Session with a record high of 34 women and a record low of 16 farmers, and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party (DFL) has extended its majority as a result of November’s general election.

The DFL Party controls the House by an 86-47 majority over Independent-Republicans, with one open seat after Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park) announced her resignation in December. At the close of the 1992 session, DFLers controlled the House by a 78-56 margin.

A record number of women (35, later reduced to 34 due to one resignation) were elected to the House as well, surpassing the previous high of 29 elected in 1991. After declining during the early and mid-1980s, the number of women has increased steadily since 1987. In 1963, only three women were sworn in as representatives.

The Legislature also convened Jan. 5 with what is believed to be the fewest number of farmers in Minnesota history. Members listing farmer as their primary occupation slipped to 16 — down from 20 in 1991. That’s a significant drop from just five years ago, when 27 House members called themselves farmers. The previous low for farmers was 18 in 1977.

While declining in actual numbers, farmers are still tied with attorneys for the third most common profession among representatives. Topping the list with 20 are educators, who ranked third in 1991.

The current number of business professionals dropped to 14 (from 20 in 1991), knocking the occupation from a first-place tie to fifth place. Ranking second this year is legislator (17), down from 19 in 1991, when legislators ranked fourth among all occupations.

While the top five — educator, legislator, farmer, attorney, and business — swapped places, they remain a hefty distance from sixth place.

Among other occupations listed were correctional officer, activist, fire captain, engineer, property manager, and journalist. In cases where members listed more than one occupation, the first was taken to be the primary one.

The educational level of representatives continues its upward trend, with 47 members holding a four-year undergraduate degree. That’s up from 45 in 1991, and from 31 in 1990. Those with “some graduate work,” declined to 16 from 17 in 1991, but those with graduate level degrees rose to 32 this year from 29 in 1991.

At 47.7, the average age of House members has risen almost a year from the 1991 average of 47 years. Since 1975, when the average age of House members stood at 40.8, the average has steadily climbed to its present level. In 1975, half the House members were age 38 or younger. Today, an even 100 members are over 40. At present, the youngest House member is 26, and the oldest is 81.

Currently, the largest class of legislators is the group of first-termers just elected (33). That’s 10 more first-termers than were elected in 1991, a result that can be partially attributed to redistricting. High turnovers were also seen in 1963, 1973, and 1983 — all years following the redrawing of legislative districts.

The next largest group is the 25 members serving their fourth term. There are 16 second-term members, 13 sixth-term members, and 11 third-term members. Just over 30 percent of the members — or 41 — are beginning their second decade of legislative service.

Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth) continues as Minnesota’s elder statesman, now...
serving his 19th term. He will celebrate his 82nd birthday later this month.

Editor's note: These statistics were based on a survey of 133 members — one shy of the 134 House districts. A special election is scheduled for Jan. 12 for the seat previously held by Rep. Segal.

Could some form of sports gambling be legalized by the Legislature this session? Don't bet on it, at least not before a U.S. Supreme Court challenge. But Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), chair of the Governmental Operations and Gaming Committee, wonders if the current federal law is constitutional. During the committee's first meeting Jan. 7, John Williams, legislative analyst for the House Research Department, said federal law was "clear and unambiguous" on the matter. However, Kahn noted that the law had never been tested in any legal forum, and cited the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution — giving to the states those powers not granted to the federal government — as a possible issue in a legal challenge. Williams admitted that he had never heard such an argument made against the federal law, to which Kahn replied, "Maybe you're hearing it now." Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) interjected with a laugh, "Don't tip your whole hand, Phyllis."

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Advice to a freshman legislator

Editor's note: Rep. Linda Scheid of Brooklyn Park resigned from her legislative seat in 1991 after serving Brooklyn Park residents for 11 years in the House. She is currently vice president for community relations at Burnet Realty. Looking back on her legislative career, she offers advice to incoming members.

Congratulations. You have earned the privilege of representing your district in the Minnesota House of Representatives. The task ahead of you will be rewarding, challenging, exciting, and frustrating, but never dull. Here are a few thoughts that, if whispered in my ear several years ago, might have made things a little easier for me.

Find a mentor. Seek out a veteran legislator you trust and go to that person for advice. Of course, you don't need to vote with them all the time, but you do need their views. A mentor will be able to tell you the downside and the upside of any particular vote. From a mentor, you will learn the pros and cons that you simply won't hear from lobbyists.

Take your committee assignments seriously. You will find yourself dealing with a great variety of subjects that you don't know a thing about. View your committee work as an opportunity to learn. Read everything you can about your issues.

Don't turn the Legislature into an ivory tower. It's easy to get wrapped up in a few issues that are important to you and lose touch with your constituents. Being a legislator can be an enveloping and at times overwhelming experience. Do a reality check every once in a while by asking yourself how you are spending your spare time. If you are not spending at least some of it in your neighborhood, you know it's time to get back in touch. If you don't have spare time, make some.

While it's important to be a team player, it's also important to have a sense of who you are and where you come from. As a new member, you won't know a lot about the issues and you will need to rely on others for direction and information. Whenever possible, be a team player. If I didn't feel comfortable about a particular vote, I liked to apply the "Jim and Joan Test." How would my neighbors Jim and Joan think about and vote on this issue?

Take advantage of the staff. You simply cannot handle all the requests and communications that come from constituents. Professional staff, like the Constituent Services and Media Services departments of the House, are hired specifically for this purpose and they do a wonderful job. (Caution: while staff will do an excellent job drafting responses for you, they can't read your mind. Always double check their work and be sure you agree with it before it goes out.)

Don't lose your common sense. Common sense comes in many shapes and sizes, but in the Legislature, like in any institution, it can sometimes be in short supply. Try to apply the common sense test to at least one issue or problem each day.

Read, read, read. Your first common sense test: did you read the bill before you signed it — really read it? You will be surprised at how easy it is to fail this test. Appropriations bills that come at the end of the session are the worst. These bills are almost guaranteed to have the kitchen sink in them somewhere. So take nothing for granted — stay in your seat and read the bill.

In the House, you will meet a wonderful cross-section of people. Some are brilliant, some are not. Some do more than their fair share, others don't. Some are there just to say no, but most are very hardworking. Not all are type "A" personalities.

It has been said that observing the legislative process is like watching sausage being made. It is not — and should not — be pretty, but it is truly a wonderful process. Learn the process and be positive about it. And while you're at it, learn everything you can because the opportunity to serve may not present itself again. The camaraderie and feeling of recognition and respect you will feel as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives is hard-earned and well deserved. Enjoy yourself.

— Linda Scheid
At orientation retreat . . .
First-term lawmakers urged to remain flexible

Minnesota’s 33 first-term lawmakers listened, debated, and absorbed a compressed primer that could have been entitled “What to Expect as a Legislator” during a two-day orientation program at the Riverwood Conference Center in Monticello, Minn.

Such orientation retreats have been held for newly elected representatives since the late 1970s and are designed to help new members feel more comfortable and confident in their roles as lawmakers.

“The retreat couldn’t have been more informative or better received by the new members and the staff who were involved,” said Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault), chair of the orientation program.

The first lesson of the retreat, “Do not take advantage of your power for personal privilege,” was offered by Bob Terry, head of the Terry Group and former professor of ethics and public policy at the University of Minnesota’s Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

Terry led a seminar entitled “Ethics and Ethical Leadership,” and told members that by responding to constituent concerns and avoiding ethical impropriety, they are accumulating “authenticity credits” in the eyes of the public. This building of trust is necessary, Terry said, and “creates the possibility for [legislators] to accomplish other things.”

Terry also encouraged members to “ask good questions” and to “step back from certainty” when engaged in political debate. “Be flexible,” he said.

It’s respect for colleagues that allows for that flexibility, said Terry, and that results in the building of effective partnerships and coalitions.

“Recognizing and respecting multiple frameworks is necessary for effective leadership,” said Terry.

New lawmakers also heard presentations from various House and legislative offices, and engaged in a “meet the press” panel discussion with journalists. In addition, former legislator Carl Johnson, now a lobbyist for the Minnesota School Boards Association, spoke to the group.

Rep. Peter Rodosovich, chair of the new member orientation program, welcomed 33 new members and told them what to expect in their new jobs in the House.

Reps. David Tomassoni and Carol Molnau engage in a friendly arm wrestling match during a break at the new member orientation program in Monticello. From left to right, fans are Reps. Steve Trimble, Kay Brown, Loren Solberg, and Steve Kelley. Molnau, who held the world champion arm wrestling title two years in a row, joked that she would become the “strong arm of the Independent-Republican Party.”
House Speaker Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) announced a new committee structure Nov. 18 that will link the policy-making and fiscal committees to make the legislative process more efficient and accountable.

“Our objective is to establish a sensible structure that recognizes the relationship between policy decisions and fiscal implications,” said Long.

There will now be just 29 committees and divisions — down from 35 in the 1991-92 biennium. There are 21 full committees, a number that hasn’t fluctuated much in the last two decades. (There were 17 standing committees in 1983 and 19 in 1973.)

The biggest change for 1993 was the elimination of the Appropriations Committee and its five divisions. They will be succeeded by two finance committees and six finance divisions.

The realignment plan calls for any bill that contains an appropriation to be reviewed by a finance division (and its respective policy committee), and eventually the Ways and Means Committee.

Here is a synopsis of some of the major changes:

• The duties of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee, chaired by Rep. David Battaglia (DFL-Two Harbors), and the Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee, chaired by Rep. Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls), remain largely unchanged. However, the two panels — formerly divisions of the Appropriations Committee — now hold full committee status. Their recommendations will be subject to the approval of the Ways and Means Committee.

• The responsibilities of the former Human Resources Division of the Appropriations Committee have been split mostly between two newly created divisions of the full Health and Human Services Committee.

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• The Health and Housing Finance Division, chaired by Rep. Bob Anderson (DFL-Ottertail), will apportion funding for the state’s 14 health boards, the Department of Health, and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. It will also oversee some agency funds formerly handled by the Appropriations Committee’s State Government Division — including the state Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Homes Board.

• The Human Services Finance Division, chaired by Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), will govern the agencies overseeing the 1992 MinnesotaCare legislation, including the Minnesota Health Care Commission. It will also fund the state Department of Human Services. Legislation approved by these two finance panels will be subject to the approval of the full Health and Human Services Committee.

• The State Government Finance Division retains many of the responsibilities of the former Appropriations Committee’s State Government Division. The division will be controlling the budgets of many state departments, including those of the Legislature and the governor’s office. Its recommendations will then be sent to the full Governmental Operations and Gaming Committee for consideration.

• The Judiciary Finance Division, which Rep. Mary Murphy (DFL-Hermantown) chairs, also has been established, and will apportion funds previously distributed by the Appropriations Committee’s State Government Division, Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Division, and Human Resources Division. This includes funding for the Department of Corrections, the state’s court systems (the Supreme Court, district courts, Tax Court, and Court of Appeals), the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, and the Sentencing Guidelines Commission, among others.

• The role of funding the state’s education system will be divided between the K-12 Education Finance Division, chaired by Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul), and the Higher Education Finance Division, chaired by Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault). The two committees’ recommendations will then be sent to the full Education Committee for consideration.

• A Capital Investment Committee has been created to fashion the state’s bonding proposals. Previously, the task was handled by the Appropriations Committee.

Gone from the list of 1991-92 standing committees are the Energy Committee and the Economic Development Committee. Both these policy areas have been incorporated into the titles of other standing committees. The Redistricting Committee, with...
its decennial task now completed, also has been eliminated.

Those tracking bills as they pass through the revised web of committee financing should be advised that the Senate finance committee structure does not correspond directly with the House system in all cases.

For example, those tracking the Minnesota State Lottery Board's budget in the House State Government Finance Division will need to follow the Crime Prevention Finance Division in the Senate — not the State Government Division of the Senate Finance Committee.

Likewise, in the Senate, the state Department of Veterans Affairs budget is set by the State Government Division of the Finance Committee while in the House the task is handled by the Health and Housing Finance Division.

Many committees have also seen their number of members trimmed. During the last biennium, the Taxes Committee had 35 members. This session, it will convene with 29. The Health and Human Services Committee will start with 24, down from 30 members a year ago.

The exception is the Ways and Means Committee, composed of many of the senior members of both caucuses. Its membership rose to 27 — up seven since the close of the 1992 session.

More dollars for Minnesota Technology Inc. (MTI) could be on the way, but they won't be coming from the state. Rep. Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls), chair of the Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Regulation Finance Committee, told members Jan. 6 that he expects "substantial" federal funds to be allocated to MTI sometime this session, although it is unclear just how much money may be available.

MTI, formerly known as the Greater Minnesota Corporation, was created by the Legislature in 1987 to promote outstate economic development. In recent years, the state has dramatically cut funding for MTI and its spinoffs, trimming nearly $11 million from its budget in 1992 alone.

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## Agriculture

**487 State Office Building** .......... 296-4247  
**Meets:** Mon., 10 a.m. in Room 5*  
**Members:** 20  
**Chair:** Wenzel-DFL  
**Vice Chair:**  
- Bauerly-DFL  
- Bertram-DFL  
- Bettermann-IR  
- Cooper-DFL  
- Daunet-DFL  
- Dehler-IR  
- Girard-IR  
- Hugoson-IR  
- Koppendrayer-IR  
- Molnau-IR  
**Staff**  
- Committee Administrator: Patrick Plonski .......... 296-4172  
- Committee Legislative Assistant: Julie Bebus .......... 296-5403  
**Members:** 28  
**Chair:** Sarna-DFL  
**Vice Chair:**  
- Anderson, B.-DFL  
- Asch-DFL  
- Bishop-IR  
- Clark-DFL  
- Commers-IR  
- Dempsey-IR  
- Delmont-DFL  
- Erhardt-IR  
- Evans-DFL  
- Hasskamp-DFL  
- Holsten-IR  
- Johnson, B.-DFL  
- Kinkel-DFL  
- Knickerbocker-IR  
- Lindner-IR  
- Lourey-DFL  
- Luther-DFL  
- Milbert-DFL  
- Murphy-DFL  
- Olson, M.-IR  
- Opatz-DFL  
- Perl-DFL  
- Rice-DFL  
- Smith-IR  
- Sarna-DFL  

## Capital Investment

**543 State Office Building** .......... 296-4240  
**Meets:** Tue., Thurs., 12:30 p.m. in Room 500N*  
**Members:** 17  
**Chair:** Kalis-DFL  
**Vice Chair:**  
- Beard-DFL  
- Bishop-IR  
- Dempsey-IR  
- Girard-IR  
- Jefferson-DFL  
- Kelso-DFL  
- Krueger-DFL  
- Lieder-DFL  
- Reding-DFL  
- Rodosovich-DFL  
- Simoney-DFL  
- Solberg-DFL**  
- Stanus-IR  
- Steensma-DFL  
- Trumble-DFL  
- Waltman-IR  
**Staff**  
- Committee Administrator: Patricia Lindgren .......... 296-5398  
- Committee Legislative Assistant: Kathy Bruss .......... 296-4271  
**Members:** 14  
**Chair:** Tunheim-DFL  
**Vice Chair:**  
- Anderson, B.-DFL  
- Asch-DFL  
- Bishop-IR  
- Evans-DFL  
- Hasskamp-DFL  
- Holsten-IR  
- Johnson, B.-DFL  
- Kinkel-DFL  
- Knickerbocker-IR  
- Lindner-IR  
- Murphy-DFL  
- Olson, M.-IR  
- Perl-DFL  
- Sarna-DFL  

## Tourism & Small Business Division

**335 State Office Building** .......... 296-9635  
**Meets:** Wed., 12:30 p.m. in Room 300N*  
**Members:** 14  
**Chair:** Tunheim-DFL  
**Vice Chair:**  
- Anderson, B.-DFL  
- Asch-DFL  
- Bishop-IR  
- Evans-DFL  
- Hasskamp-DFL  
- Holsten-IR  
- Johnson, B.-DFL  
- Kinkel-DFL  
- Knickerbocker-IR  
- Lindner-IR  
- Murphy-DFL  
- Olson, M.-IR  
- Perl-DFL  
- Sarna-DFL  

## Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulation Finance

**381 State Office Building** .......... 296-4262  
**Meets:** Mon.- Thurs., 8 a.m. in Room 300N*  
**Members:** 15  
**Chair:** Rice-DFL  
**Vice Chair:**  
- Dempsey-IR  
- Farrell-DFL  
- Frerichs-IR  
- Kalis-DFL  
- Lieder-DFL  
- Mahon-DFL  
- Mariani-DFL  
- Molnau-IR  
- Mosel-DFL  
- Solberg-DFL**  
- Steensma-DFL  
- Waltman-IR  
- Wolf-IR  
**Staff**  
- Committee Administrator: Mike Charboneau .......... 296-4115  
- Committee Legislative Assistant: Mary Faust-Lachelt .......... 297-8168

## Education

**379 State Office Building** .......... 296-4255  
**Meets:** Tues., Thurs., 8 a.m. in Room 200*  
**Members:** 33  
**Chair:** Carlson-DFL  
**Vice Chair:**  
- Bauerly-DFL  
- Bertram-DFL  
- Bettermann-IR  
- Brown, C.-DFL  
- Dehler-IR  
- Dorn-DFL  
- Greiling-DFL  
- Hausman-DFL  
- Johnson, A.-DFL  
- Kahn-DFL  
- Kelley-DFL  
- Kinkel-DFL  
- Koppendrayer-IR  
- Lasley-DFL  
- Leppik-IR  
- McCallum-DFL  
- Morrison-IR  
- Ness-IR  
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- Luther-DFL  
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- Sarna-DFL  

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Environment & Natural Resources
479 State Office Building ............. 296-4282
Meets: Tues, Thurs, 10 a.m. in Room 200*
Members: 26
Chair: Munger-DFL
Vice Chair: -DFL
Battaglia-DFL
Dawkins-DFL
Dott-DFL
Frerichs-IR
Hasskamp-DFL
Hausman-DFL
Johnson, V.-IR
Leppik-IR
McCollum-DFL
Milbert-DFL
Morrison-IR
Orfield-DFL
Ozment-IR
Pauly-IR
Peterson-DFL
Sekhon-DFL
Sparby-DFL
Trimble-DFL
Wagenius-DFL
Weaver-IR
Wenzel-DFL
Wolf-IR

Staff
Committee Administrator
Elizabeth Goihl ......................... 296-8879
Committee Legislative Assistant
Norma Christensen ...................... 296-7175

Financial Institutions & Insurance
537 State Office Building ............. 296-4193
Meets: Wed., 10 a.m. in Room 5*
Members: 20
Chair: Reding-DFL
Vice Chair: -DFL
Abrams-IR
Asch-DFL
Bertram-DFL
Carlson-DFL
Davids-IR
Farrell-DFL
Girard-IR
Greenfield-DFL
Grunes-IR
Huntley-DFL
Jennings-DFL
Lourey-DFL
Ommen-IR
Osthoff-DFL
Peterson-DFL
Stantis-IR
Wenzel-DFL
Worke-IR

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections
351 State Office Building ............. 296-9918
Meets: Mon., 12:30 p.m. in 300N*
Members: 20
Chair: Sparby-DFL
Vice Chair: -DFL
Abrams-IR
Bergson-DFL
Bertram-DFL
Blat-IR
Commer-IR
Cooper-DFL
Delmont-DFL
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Staff
Committee Administrator
Al Layman ............................... 296-5508
Committee Legislative Assistant
Joan Sweeney ........................... 296-1340

Governmental Operations & Gaming
367 State Office Building ............. 296-4257
Meets: Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m. in Room 10*
Members: 22
Chair: Kahn-DFL
Vice Chair: -DFL
Beard-DFL
Bergson-DFL
Dempsey-IR
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Health & Housing Finance Division
437 State Office Building .......... 296-4946
Meet: Tues., Thurs., 8 a.m. in Room 400S*
Members: 15
Chair: Anderson, B.-DFL
Vice Chair: -DFL

Health & Housing Finance Division
437 State Office Building .......... 296-4946
Meet: Tues., Thurs., 8 a.m. in Room 400S*
Members: 15
Chair: Anderson, B.-DFL
Vice Chair: -DFL

Staff Committee Administrator
Cathy Strobel ....................... 296-1540
Committee Legislative Assistant
Kevin Morgel ...................... 296-6586

Judiciary
477 State Office Building .......... 296-4330
Meet: Mon., Wed., 10 a.m. in Basement Hearing Room*
Members: 21
Chair: Skoglund-DFL
Vice Chair: -DFL

Staff Committee Administrator
Greg Bergstrom ..................... 296-5396
Committee Legislative Assistant
Mary Pat Spellz .................... 296-4178

Judiciary Finance Division
389 State Office Building .......... 296-2676
Meet: Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m. in Room 300S*
Members: 16
Chair: Murphy-DFL
Vice Chair: -DFL

Staff Committee Administrator
Bishop-IR ......................... Mariani-DFL
Blatz-IR ......................... McGuire-DFL
Brown, C.-DFL .................... Murphy-DFL
Carruthers-DFL .................. Orenstein-DFL
Dawkins-DFL .................... Perl-DFL
Delmont-DFL ...................... Pugh-DFL
Holsten-IR ....................... Smith-IR
Limmer-IR ....................... Solberg-DFL
Lynch-IR ......................... Swenson-IR
Macklin-IR ...................... Wejman-DFL

Labor-Management Relations
565 State Office Building .......... 296-3135
Meet: Mon., 12:30 p.m. in Room 200*
Members: 20
Chair: Beard-DFL
Vice Chair: -DFL

Staff Committee Administrator
John Curry ......................... 296-5533
Committee Legislative Assistant
Mary Ann Goschy .................. 296-7191

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Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
585 State Office Building .............. 296-4936
Meets: Tues., Thurs., 12:30 p.m. in Room 200*
Members: 26
Chair: Anderson, I.-DFL
Vice Chair: DFL

Regulated Industries & Energy
485 State Office Building .............. 296-4231
Meets: Mon., 10 a.m. in Room 10*
Members: 23
Chair: Jacobs-DFL
Vice Chair: DFL

Staff Committee Administrator
Grania McKiernan ......................... 296-8826
Committee Legislative Assistant
Laura DeRose ............................. 296-2955

Rules & Legislative Administration
459 State Office Building .............. 296-6206
Meets: Call of the chair
Members: 22
Chair: Welle-DFL
Vice Chair: DFL

Taxes
443 State Office Building .............. 296-4176
Meets: Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8 a.m. in Room 5*
Members: 29
Chair: Rest-DFL
Vice Chair: DFL

Transportation & Public Transit
591 State Office Building .............. 296-4224
Meets: Wed., 12:30 p.m. & Fri., 10 a.m. in Room 10*
Members: 24
Chair: Osthoff-DFL
Vice Chair: DFL

Ways & Means
434 State Office Building .............. 296-2365
Meets: Call of the chair
Members: 27
Chair: Solberg-DFL
Vice Chair: DFL

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Unofficial list as of Dec. 23, 1992
Thursday, Jan. 7

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Rules and Legislative Administration  
Committee designation provided for successor legislative committees.

HF2—Dawkins (DFL)  
Education  
Youth works act adopted and money appropriated.

HF3—Bertram (DFL)  
Financial Institutions and Insurance  
Life and health insurance guaranty association act adopted.

HF4—McGuire (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Harassment and stalking crimes clarified and expanded; harassers assessed for mental health treatment needs; civil harassment restraining order enforcement mechanism improved; and enhanced penalties for repeat domestic assaults clarified.

HF5—Lieder (DFL)  
Transportation and Transit  
Transportation bonds authorized for grants to political subdivisions for bridge construction and reconstruction, and money appropriated.

HF6—Osthoff (DFL)  
Transportation and Transit  
Drivers’ licenses; opposition expressed to federal legislation requiring suspension of drivers’ licenses for individuals convicted of violating the federal Controlled Substances Act.

HF7—Cooper (DFL)  
Health and Human Services  
Ambulance service personnel longevity award and incentive program established, drivers’ license surcharge imposed, and money appropriated.

HF8—Skoglund (DFL)  
Financial Institutions and Insurance  
Life and health insurance guaranty association act adopted.

HF9—Skoglund (DFL)  
Financial Institutions and Insurance  
Port-wine stain elimination covered by insurance for persons under 18 years of age.

HF10—Bauerly (DFL)  
Education  
Youth apprenticeship program established and money appropriated.

HF11—Vellenga (DFL)  
Education  
Independent school district No. 408, Verdi; Lincoln county auditor to certify certain general education, basic transportation, and capital expenditure equipment 1993 levies.

HF12—Anderson, I. (DFL)  
Local Government & Metro Affairs  
Koochiching county designated as an enterprise zone.

HF13—Cooper (DFL)  
Education  
Independent school district Nos. 341, Atwater; 461, Cosmos; and 464, Grove City, awarded a cooperative secondary facilities grant, and money appropriated.

HF14—Anderson, I. (DFL)  
Rules and Legislative Administration  
Unicameral legislature provided with 102 to 135 representatives and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF15—Sviggum (IR)  
Governmental Operations and Gaming  
Dakota county and Inver Grove Heights reimbursed for certain kidnapping investigation costs, and money appropriated.

HF16—Onnen (IR)  
Rules and Legislative Administration  
Salaries frozen at 1992 levels for legislators, justices, judges, constitutional officers, and executive department heads.

HF17—Onnen (IR)  
Rules and Legislative Administration  
State spending not to increase faster than increases in the consumer price index and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF18—Carruthers (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Criminal history data classified as public data, and foster care license prohibited for persons convicted of a crime of violence.

HF19—Carruthers (DFL)  
Local Government & Metro Affairs  
Zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations coordinated with comprehensive plans, metropolitan council duties modified, and metropolitan government body reports, budgets, personnel, and planning regulated.

HF20—Kalis (DFL)  
Agriculture  
Grain prices; agriculture secretary to establish higher contract prices for grain commodities.

HF21—Anderson, I. (DFL)  
Taxes  
Federal annuities; state income tax withholding option provided to federal annuitants.

HF22—Skoglund (DFL)  
Financial Institutions and Insurance  
Medicare supplement insurance provided community rating compliance phase-in period, and preexisting condition limitations based on age prohibited.

HF23—Milbert (DFL)  
Governmental Operations and Gaming  
Dakota county and Inver Grove Heights reimbursed for certain kidnapping investigation costs, and money appropriated.

HF24—Pawlenty (IR)  
Rules and Legislative Administration  
Legislative service limited to 10 years, executive service limited to two terms, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF25—Holsten (IR)  
Rules and Legislative Administration  
Legislative service limited to 10 years, executive service limited to two terms, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF26—Dempsey (IR)  
Rules and Legislative Administration  
Legislative service limited to 10 years, executive service limited to two terms, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF27—Sviggum (IR)  
Rules and Legislative Administration  
Legislative service limited to 10 years, executive service limited to two terms, and constitutional amendment proposed.
1992 Minnesota State Fair
Redistricting, taxes, health care top fairgoers’ concerns

Does Nicollet County really take its name from someone who, according to French encyclopedias, “did nothing but herd cows until he was 12 years old?” And does Minnesota have an official state animal?

Those were just a few of the brain teasers confronting visitors to the House of Representatives’ booth at the Minnesota State Fair this past summer.

Several of the nearly 335,000 people visiting the Education Building found answers to these and other odd tidbits from state history—in addition to talking with at least one of the 42 House members who volunteered to greet people at the booth.

This year also marked the first time the House and Senate situated their fair booths side-by-side—an arrangement that appeared to be well received by everyone involved.

The combined exhibit featured a joint redistricting display that stood between the two booths, saving both money and staff time.

Members of both political parties were on hand to answer questions on a variety of topics, including crime, light rail transit, and the annual frontrunner: taxes.

Fairgoers test their knowledge of state government by taking the computerized, four-part government I.Q. quiz.

The public was encouraged to pen their representative a brief note. Of the 150 notes placed in the “legislative messages” box, 27, or 18 percent, related to taxes or government spending.

Comments on MinnesotaCare, the newly authorized state health care plan, was a distant second with 14 responses.

“What district am I in now?” was one of the most frequently asked questions at both the Senate and the House booths. Two fairgoers check one of several district maps on display to find the answer.
Psssst! Choose the walleye! A youngster tries his luck at correctly identifying Minnesota's 11 official state symbols.

Proponents and opponents of the new health plan were evenly divided, with six of the seven critical respondents stating that the plan "will hurt rural Minnesota."

The Legislature itself ranked third in number of responses generated, with several Minnesotans calling for term limits, a unicameral legislature, and even requests for resignations.

Other topics of concern included education spending, child care grants, and workers' compensation. Not all were negative, and many needed help with a specific problem or situation.

In case you skipped the Education Building, Nicollet County really does take its name from an early explorer who allegedly herded cows until the age of twelve. He is more renowned, however, for producing the first comprehensive map of the Mississippi headwaters region.

And while the gopher is often cited as the official state animal, it just isn't so. Twenty-three states have official state animals. But Minnesota isn't one of them. A 1989 compromise attempt to make the timber wolf the state's "big game animal" and the whitetailed deer the official "wild animal" was withdrawn by its author.

Members who volunteered at the House booth

Richard Anderson (IR-Waseca)
Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids)
Hilda Bettermann (IR-Brandon)
Greg Davids (IR-Preston)
John Dorn (DFL-Mankato)
Marcel "Sal" Frederick (IR-Mankato)
Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls)
Dean Hartle (IR-Owatonna)
Kris Hasskamp (DFL-Crosby)
Bob Haukoos (IR-Albert Lea)
Alice Hausman (DFL-St. Paul)
Phil Heir (IR-Blaine)
Paul Hufnagle (IR-Bloomington)
Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls)
Loren Jennings (DFL-Harris)
Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park)
Virgil Johnson (IR-Caledonia)
Phyllis Kohn (DFL-Mpls)
Henry Kalls (DFL-Walters)
Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples)
Harold Lasley (DFL-Cambridge)

Peggy Leppik (IR-Golden Valley)
Mary Jo McGuire (DFL-Falcon Heights)
Harriet McPherson (IR-Stillwater)
Connie Morrison (IR-Burnsville)
Tony Onnen (IR-Cokato)
Dennis Ozment (IR-Rosemount)
Gene Pelowski (DFL-Winona)
Tom Pugh (DFL-South St. Paul)
Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope)
Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault)
Linda Runbeck (IR-Circle Pines)
Gary Schaefer (IR-Gibbon)
Art Seaberg (IR-Eagan)
Wayne Simonneau (DFL-Fridley)
Loren Solberg (DFL-Bovey)
Wally Sparby (DFL-Thief River Falls)
Doug Swenson (IR-Forest Lake)
Sylvester Uphus (IR-Sauk Centre)
Bob Walthman (IR-Elgin)
Linda Wejcman (DFL-Mpls)
Ted Winter (DFL-Fulda)

It's a fact!

General James Shields holds the honor of being one of the original U.S. senators to represent Minnesota.

But you could also argue that he's one of the most prolific carpetbaggers in American history: he served in the U.S. Senate in three different states, and sought elective office in several more.

Shields was a general in the Mexican War, and upon its completion, was appointed governor of the Oregon Territory. He resigned after only a short time, and moved to Illinois. There he served as the state auditor, and later as a state Supreme Court justice. Later still, he was elected to the U.S. Senate, and served from 1849 to 1855.

Shields thought his re-election chances were slim, so he moved to Minnesota at about the time the territory was applying for statehood. He made it to the U.S. Senate, but served only a year.

After re-joining the military during the Civil War, Shields once again decided to move — this time to Texas. There, the political winds seemed unfavorable, so he went to California. He was nominated for the U.S. Senate yet again, but lost by a handful of votes.

Not to be denied, Shields migrated to Missouri to try his luck there. Although he received 3,000 more votes than his opponent in a contest for the U.S. House, the Missouri canvassing board wasn't about to let a Democrat get elected.

"It being in the reconstruction period, and he being a Democrat, the state board found no difficulty in counting him out," wrote Charles Flandrau in History of Minnesota.

Soon after this rejection, he applied to be the doorkeeper of the U.S. Senate, but was again denied. Broken, he returned to Missouri, where the next year a Senate seat became vacant, and the governor appointed Shields to fill the post. His term expired in 1878, and he died a year later.
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<td>FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS &amp; INSURANCE</td>
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<td>WAYS &amp; MEANS</td>
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<td>Loren Solberg</td>
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ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE
Dept. of Agriculture
90 W. Plato Blvd.
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: Tour and general information, Elton Redalen, commissioner. Transportation will be available in front of the State Office Building at 8 a.m., for departure at 8:10 a.m.

THURSDAY, Jan. 14

8 a.m.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE
300 N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: Fiscal staff overview.

EDUCATION
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Overview of postsecondary education systems.

8:15 a.m.
ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE
Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Rd.
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: Tour and overview, Ron Nargang, deputy commissioner. Transportation will be available in front of the State Office Building at 8 a.m., for departure at 8:10 a.m.

9:30 a.m.
Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY
Minnesota History Center Auditorium (Buses leave State Office Building at 9:20 a.m.)
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: Speech and discussion; Ted Gaebler, co-author, "Re-inventing Government."

10 a.m.
ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: Information panel: radioactive waste disposal and Minnesota.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simonneau
Agenda: Organizational meeting. Health issues, Walt McClure.

12:30 p.m.
CAPITAL INVESTMENT
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: Organizational meeting.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: Overview of the Department of Trade and Economic Development, E. Peter Gillette Jr., commissioner. Presentation on economic development, Todd Otis.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson

2:30 p.m.
House meets in Session

7 p.m.
Governor's State of the State Address

FRIDAY, Jan. 15

9 a.m.
JUDICIARY
Stillwater prison
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: Leave the State Office Building at 9 a.m. for a tour of Stillwater prison and Oak Park Heights.

10 a.m.
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC TRANSIT
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: Organizational meeting.

11:30 a.m.
RAMSEY COUNTY DELEGATION
Ramsey County Government Center West
50 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Chr. Rep. Mary Jo McGuire
Agenda: Election of chair; county budget, levy and cost drivers; follow-up to study of the Ramsey County Local Government Services Commission; Ramsey County legislative package regarding transportation and environment; Ramsey County family violence initiative.

Do you know?
H.P. Hall was no medical doctor, but believed there was a biological explanation for a politician's tendency to sometimes bend the truth.
"I suppose that this is due to the excited and animated condition of the cerebellum, which causes the lymphatic nerves to engage in entangling alliances, out of which, obfuscation, the generating element of prevarication, is stimulated into being," wrote Hall in Observations, Being More or Less a History of Political Contests in Minnesota, published in 1904.

Hall, a lawyer by training but a newspaperman by choice, came to Minnesota from Ohio at the age of 24. He became editor of the St. Paul Dispatch in 1868.

After a lifetime in the newspaper business, Hall had seen his fair share of political campaigning and modestly claimed "that not many now live who possess as much personal knowledge of the matters referred to as I do."

Hall wrote that he was "compelled, in the interest of morality," to offer his explanation because "I have heard of lies being told during political campaigns — yes, absolute lies."

H.P. Hall
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Minnesota House of Representatives: Election 1992

DFL members ................................................................. 86
IR members .................................................................. 47
Number of men ......................................................... 99
Number of women .................................................... 35
  Women elected in 1963 ........................................... 3
  Chances that a female representative is a DFLer .......... 7 in 10
Change in DFL caucus membership from 1991 level ................. +8
  Change in IR caucus .............................................. -8
House IR caucus' cumulative loss of legislative experience since the end of the
1992 session, in years ................................................ 179
  DFL caucus ......................................................... 122
Change in the number of minorities elected to the Legislature, 1992 .......... 0
Number of minorities elected to the Legislature in Minnesota history ...... 13
Number of first-term members ...................................... 33
Number of elections since 1962 with at least 30 new representatives ...... 8 of 15
  Percent of first-term members who are women, 1992 .......... 33
  Percent of all members who are women ...................... 26
  Percent of general election female House candidates who won ........... 48
  Percent of general election incumbents re-elected ............... 90.9
Number of new members who beat two incumbents to gain a seat ........... 1
Number of uncontested House races ................................ 11
  Average age of a House member, 1992, in years .......... 47.4
  in 1975 .................................................................. 40.7
Average age of the 33 first-term House members ....................... 43.9
  Percent of the four House members in their 20s who were just elected .......... 100
Number of House members alive during the 1929 stock market crash .......... 10
  Number of those members alive during Teddy Roosevelt's presidency ....... 1
Number of House members who are not old enough to be U.S. president ... 13
Number of House members listing "farmer" as primary occupation, 1992 ........ 16
Number of House members who were farmers in 1876 ....................... 65
Number of the 33 newly elected members who are farmers ............... 2
Percent of new members who are married .......................... 84
  Percent of all House members who are married ................. 85.8

Source: Office of the Secretary of State, House Public Information Office.