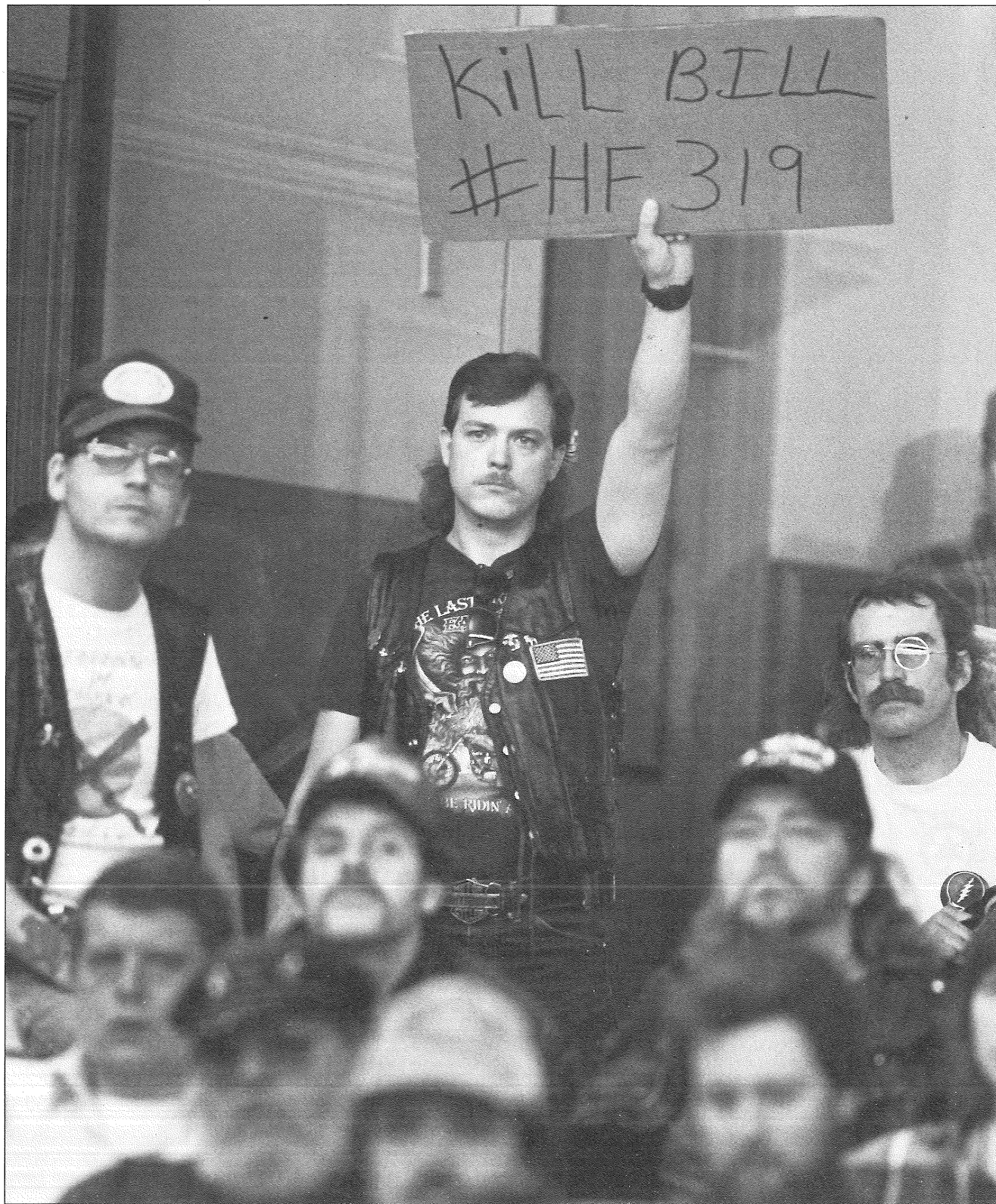


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Flashback

Not long ago when Minneapolis was still commonly referred to as the "Mill City," an old newspaper vendor hawked the next day's paper with the following refrain: "Look how far the mighty have fallen."

Seeing the mighty fall is a sport that is titillating to many, whether the subject is financier Donald Trump or England's royal family. But attention becomes even more riveted when the downfall is a politician — a class of people who in recent times has been none too popular. This week at the Capitol, all eyes were on Majority Leader Alan Welle (DFL-Willmar) and the misuse of his state WATS telephone number.

So dominating was the issue that people scarcely noticed the hordes of bikers who made their annual pilgrimage to the Capitol to protest the latest attempt to require motorcyclists (under age 21) to wear helmets. The House Public Information Office was inundated with calls from irate citizens, including one who made an offhand remark about bombing the State Office Building.

The WATS-line issue certainly would have raised a stir in ordinary times. But there seems little doubt that these aren't ordinary times, and people appear more distrustful of their political leaders than ever. The people's fury is a lot like the Queen's in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, who screamed "Off with their heads" often and loudly.

As in business and in the military, head lopping is the method of choice in dealing with those who violate, or are perceived to have violated, the accepted code of conduct. Politics is little different. This week Welle chose to step down as House majority leader. But it could be argued that the impact of such a public imbroglio has a more lasting impression on a politician than on others.

Politicians live and work in the court of public opinion. So when their reputation is tarnished, it goes straight to the heart. Welle is highly regarded and respected at the State Capitol, although the general public is certainly in no mood to hear that. And although the majority leader title may be mighty, Welle is humble. Here's what his boss, Bill Gulbrandsen of the Area Learning Center in Willmar, said last year when Welle was first elected majority leader: "We're all a little agog that he is majority leader. He doesn't come across as a power person at all."

Welle may have fallen, but he doesn't have far to get up. The trappings of power have always been low on Welle's list of what is important. At the Capitol, he is considered a very good man who made a mistake.

—Grant Moos

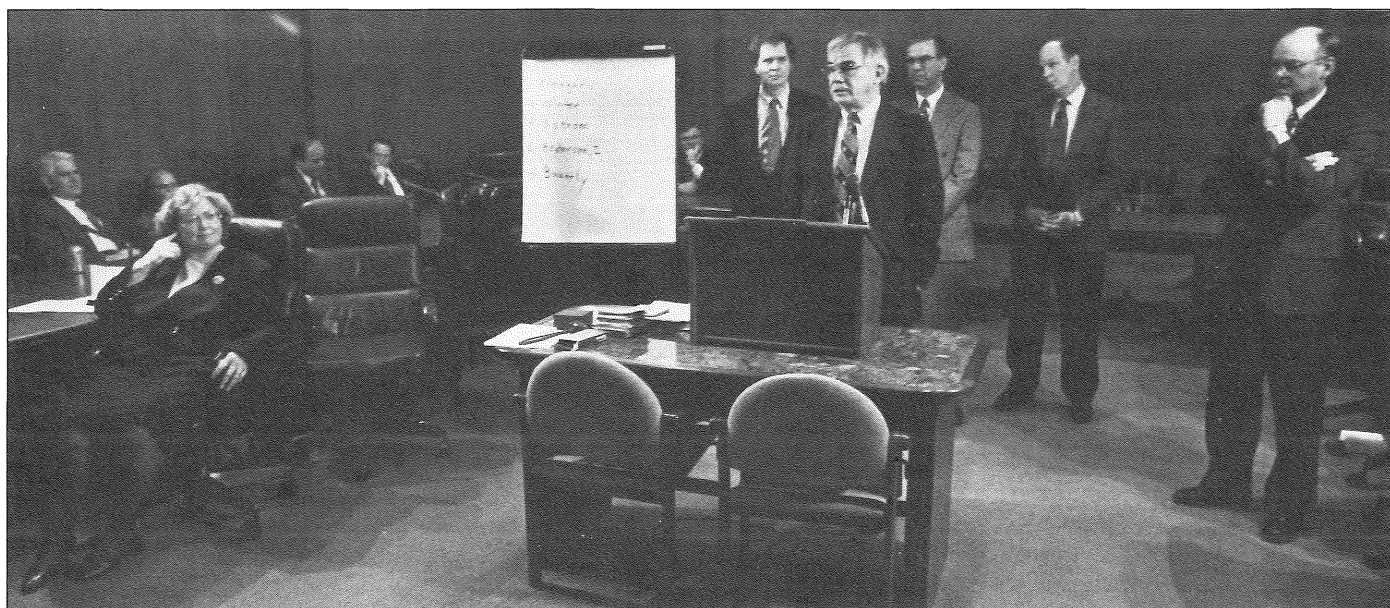
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On the cover: Shorty Olson of Grand Rapids was among dozens of motorcycle enthusiasts who demonstrated their opposition to a bill that would have required cyclists under age 21 to wear helmets. The measure was defeated March 24 on a 15-11 vote by the Transportation and Transit Committee.

—photo by Tom Olmscheid

Highlights



Rep. Irv Anderson, center, answered a question from a DFL caucus member just prior to his March 25 election as house majority leader. Looking on were House Speaker Dee Long and the four other candidates for the post, Reps. Don Ostrom, left, Rick Krueger, Ted Winter and Jerry Bauerly, right.

DFL selects Anderson as new majority leader

A long week of political tumult ended March 25 with House DFLers going back to the future — electing Rep. Irv Anderson (DFL-Int'l Falls) as the new majority leader.

Anderson's election on a 44-42 vote came two days after Rep. Alan Welle (DFL-Willmar) announced he would be stepping down from his leadership post effective March 29.

Welle resigned after it was disclosed that an estimated \$85,000 in unauthorized calls had been rung up on his House issued long-distance calling card in late 1991. The misuse was not reported to the proper authorities. The case is now under investigation.

Anderson emerged from a field of five candidates for the leadership post, finally defeating Jerry Bauerly of Sauk Rapids after leading on all four ballots taken. Other candidates were Don Ostrom of St. Peter, Rick Krueger of Staples, and Ted Winter of Fulda.

Anderson's election returns him to a role he held for six years before leaving the House in 1982. He was re-elected in 1990, and was run-up for the majority leader spot when Welle was chosen the following session. Anderson was first elected to House in 1964.

"This is a very difficult time for our caucus and the state of Minnesota," he said. Anderson, now serving his 11th term, vowed to build consensus from the disparate wings of the caucus and restore public confidence in the House.

After his election, Anderson said he plans to draw the caucus together to formulate a legisla-

tive package which will include an alternative to Gov. Arne Carlson's proposed budget.

The spending plan, he said, will likely channel more money to education and local government aids, while keeping agricultural property taxes in check. He said he favors higher income taxes on the state's wealthiest citizens to provide broad property tax relief.

Anderson said he won't necessarily revert to the take-no-prisoners style of floor leadership which some say cost him the House speakership in 1980 — a post he has long sought. "Irv has mellowed," he said, chuckling.

But he will be aggressive, he added, despite the challenge of assuming leadership in mid-session.

The DFL's changing of the guard was only part of the fallout resulting from the phone incident.

The day before Anderson's election, on March 24, a bill (HF1377) was hastily assembled on the House floor to ensure that a similar incident couldn't happen again. It also would provide greater disclosure of expense records for virtually all state officials.

The House voted to take the extraordinary step of introducing and passing the bill in a single floor session, suspending its rules and bypassing the normal legislative process.

Rep. Charlie Weaver (IR-Anoka) called HF1377 a "replica" of an IR proposal, adding: "This is an effort to do what we've been seeking since 1977." After sparring over numerous amendments, the bill ultimately passed on a 131-0 vote.

House Speaker Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) said that

while the DFL and IR proposals were similar, the DFL bill was much broader in scope.

- The bill includes provisions that would:
- Open up the legislative process to the public, including a requirement that meeting notices be posted, tapes be made, and voting records be made public. That is already House practice, Long said, but the bill gives it the force of law to protect that disclosure in the future. The IR proposal would have applied the state's Open Meeting Law to the Legislature, which is exempt from its provisions. Long said that would have raised serious constitutional issues. The Legislature, however, already does have a separate open meeting law (M.S.3.055) requiring that its hearings be open to the public.
 - Set and disclose the budgets of the House, Senate, constitutional offices and commissions just as they are for executive departments. Again, that is already House practice that is getting legal backing, Long said. The IR bill only applied to the Legislature, she said.
 - Make the phone bills of legislators, constitutional officers and state department heads public information.
 - Strengthen the oversight of phone billing procedures and require detailed expense reports to be filed quarterly by legislators and other state officials.
- HF1377 now moves to the Senate for consideration.

—Jim Anderson



AGRICULTURE

Dairy bill gains

A proposal to deregulate milk prices and, in the process, bolster dairy farmers' incomes moved another step closer to a floor vote after gaining approval from the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee March 25.

The measure (HF661) would remove retailers from the minimum price controls of the Dairy Industry Unfair Trade Practices Act, largely unchanged since adopted by the 1957 Legislature. It also would require wholesalers to pay up to 36 cents per gallon in assessments back to dairy farmers if the price farmers receive falls below a specific threshold.

The committee amended the bill to exempt wholesalers from the assessments if a large percentage of their sales are to schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and residential care facilities.

Retailers, particularly smaller grocery and convenience store owners, are opposing the measure. They contend Wenzel's proposal will permit larger stores to sharply cut their prices below cost, offering milk as a "loss leader" to lure customers and ultimately force smaller stores out of business.

But while Wenzel acknowledged some stores may not be able to match the prices offered by the big chain stores, he said most customers "are not going to drive 10, 15 miles out of their way to save 10 cents on a gallon of milk. They are going to keep going to the store right around the corner."

Wenzel, who chairs the House Agriculture Committee, also downplayed concerns that the proposed assessment on wholesalers would be passed on to consumers. He noted that the price farmers typically receive drops below the \$13.20 per hundredweight threshold for only three or four months per year.

Wenzel also said companion legislation now moving through the state Senate would bar stores from selling milk for less than its wholesale cost. Wenzel said he may consider adding similar language to his bill after it reaches the House floor.

HF661 now moves to the Ways and Means Committee.

Genetic regulation eased

After some political splicing, a bill easing regulations on genetically engineered products was approved by the Agriculture Finance and Rural Development Subcommittee after its second hearing March 19.

The panel removed some language in the bill (HF634) defining genetically altered organisms, but left intact the provision drawing most



Rep. Andy Dawkins inspects a flag made from hemp fibers during March 19 testimony on a bill (HF851) that would modify state laws to control marijuana and cocaine use.

criticism: exempting state permits or environmental worksheets for those products if a federal agency has granted similar approval.

Opponents renewed their opposition to removing Minnesota from its oversight role in the rapidly advancing technology.

"We're simply saying let the process that the state put in place continue," said Sister Mary Tachen, coordinator of rural concerns for the Minnesota Catholic Conference.

John Hines of the state Environmental Quality Board said Minnesota's regulations fill an important gap in federal oversight.

"Regulatory oversight by the federal government has left a lot to be desired, and, in fact, there are a number of holes," Hines said.

He disagreed with bill supporters' arguments that Minnesota's regulations have been a burden on business and have kept the technology from developing. "It just hasn't worked out that way," he said.

Biotechnology firms and potato growers from the Red River Valley previously testified that Minnesota's regulatory climate is putting the state at a technological disadvantage. Besides Minnesota, only Wisconsin and North Carolina have a similar state oversight role.

Rep. Jim Tunheim (DFL-Kennedy) is sponsoring the bill, which is scheduled to be heard by the full Agriculture Committee March 29.

Wild boars: good or bad?

The Eurasian wild boar's reputation took a beating this week, when the Environment and Natural Resources Committee heard testimony on a bill that would ban them from the state.

HF673 would require owners of Eurasian wild pigs to slaughter or ship them out of state by August 1993. Owners would be reimbursed

up to \$50 per wild boar through a \$25,000 general fund appropriation.

Retired veterinarian Dr. Walt Mackey told legislators that the wild boars have wreaked havoc in 23 states, and that 14 states now ban wild hogs. Thirteen states, Mackey said, now are in the "expensive process of using DNR [natural resources] people to shoot and trap them."

Mackey said the wild boars are destructive to crops, kill ground nesting birds, calves, and lambs and spread livestock diseases. They also have enormous reproductive potential — having their first litters at six months — and adding two litters every year for 15 years, he said. The wild boars "make hors d'oeuvres out of fawn deer," he said.

"Wild boars are a 400-pound fighting machine with big long tusks . . . a rototiller gone berserk," Mackey told the committee.

A U.S. Department of Agriculture brochure on wild pigs indicates the animals are susceptible to two swine diseases which can be carried to domestic pigs. It also warns hunters of the risk of swine brucellosis when they dress wild pig meat.

Currently, there are seven wild boar farms and one hunting preserve in Minnesota, with an approximate total of 300-400 boars.

But several Minnesota and Wisconsin wild boar farmers told the committee that wild boars have become a viable agri-business, bringing in up to \$1 per pound of meat.

Sally Baecker, a producer from Nelson, Wis., told the committee the wild pig business would favor a permit system that would require appropriate fences to contain the boars.

"A 500-pound boar is a pet," said Baecker. Boars occasionally get out, she said, but they are not vicious and stay near the farm to get food.

In 1991, it took state DNR and county sheriff's

officers two weeks to round up 14 wild boars in southwestern Minnesota. There are no other known wild boars loose in the state.

In Texas, there are over one million boars on the loose; 500,000 in Florida; and 300,000 California. Each state attributes major problems to the wild boar population.

Rep. Virgil Johnson (IR-Caledonia), author of the measure, told the committee that the legislation is favored by the Minnesota Farm Bureau, the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association and the North Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, among other organizations.

The committee referred the bill to the Agriculture Committee without recommendation.



BONDING

Housing 'psychopaths'

Should additional space for people with "psychopathic personalities" be built and, if so, where?

Gov. Arne Carlson has asked the Legislature to authorize bonding of \$17.4 million this year for new construction and expansion of the state's regional treatment centers. The largest individual request, of \$7.4 million, would add 50 beds to a mental health unit at the Moose Lake facility. The unit would house sex offenders who have completed prison terms but are not allowed to return to society because they are considered to have "psychopathic personalities."

The proposed expansion would bring the number of beds at the Moose Lake mental health unit to 100.

The 1992 Legislature authorized \$13.4 million for the construction of a facility for psychopathic personalities at St. Peter, where such offenders are now kept. But due to the high level of commitments in the past year, an even larger facility is needed. The Moose Lake site was proposed in order to separate the more dangerous "psychopathic personalities" from the "mentally ill and dangerous" people. Both such groups are now housed at the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter.

At a March 22 meeting of the Human Services Finance Division, James Stoebner, assistant commissioner overseeing regional treatment centers for the Department of Human Services, rebuffed members' suggestions March 22 that the Moose Lake project could be delayed.

"I don't mean to overly dramatize this, but it could cause a safety risk to the citizens of this state," he said. Because some "mentally ill and dangerous" patients have been displaced from the St. Peter hospital by those with "psychopathic personalities," selected "mentally ill and dangerous" patients housed in another campus

building must be escorted on a half-mile walk to and from the hospital twice a day for programs and services, he said.

At the March 24 meeting of the Human Services Finance Division, an advocate for the mentally ill, Bill Conley, also questioned whether "psychopathic personalities" would get adequate psychiatric treatment after they are moved away from St. Peter, where a psychiatric staff is already available.

The governor's bonding proposal also would provide \$7.5 million to add two new units at the Minnesota Security Hospital for the mentally ill and dangerous, and \$2 million to renovate a building on the Brainerd Regional Human Services campus to house 50 psychiatric patients that would be displaced from the Moose Lake facility.

Continued discussion on the bonding proposals is expected.

Interest rates

The interest rate on Minnesota's recent \$50 million bond sale is the lowest in 15 years, the Capital Investment Committee learned this past week.

Peter Sausen, assistant commissioner of the Department of Finance, told legislators March 23 that the winning 5.23 percent bid offered by Goldman, Sachs & Co. is the lowest since the 4.72 percent the state paid in 1978.

Proceeds from the general obligation bonds will be used for capital projects, including the University of Minnesota and the State University System, land easements in the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) program, and the Rural Finance Authority loan program.

Standard & Poors, one of three firms which rated the bond sale, gave Minnesota an AA+ rating, and upgraded the state's financial "outlook" from negative to stable.

The rating firm said that Minnesota's AA+ mark reflects a diverse economy spread among services, trade and manufacturing, and "state actions to close persistent revenue gaps."

Although the state had operating deficits in 1991 and 1992, recent employment data indicates the state has fared better than the nation during the current recession, Standard & Poors said in its news release about the bond sale.

"While spending pressures remain, particularly in human services and education funding, the state's financial operations are expected to be balanced and to begin restoring [their] previously strong fund balance levels," the rating firm said.



CHILDREN

Preventing child abuse

By visiting the state's correctional facilities and talking with police officers and those who work with young mothers, Rep. Tony Onnen (IR-Cokato) has learned that most adults with troubled lives were abused or neglected as children. Even a 9-month-old baby will turn away from its mother when she enters the room if the mother has abused the child, Onnen discovered.

"Abuse is like a chain. If you've been abused, you're likely to be abusive yourself," Onnen told the Health and Human Services Committee March 25. In an attempt to break that chain,



Madeleine Orenstein, 5, took a break from her coloring book during March 19 testimony before the Education Committee's Higher Education Finance Division while her father, Rep. Howard Orenstein, conferred with Rep. Betty McCollum.

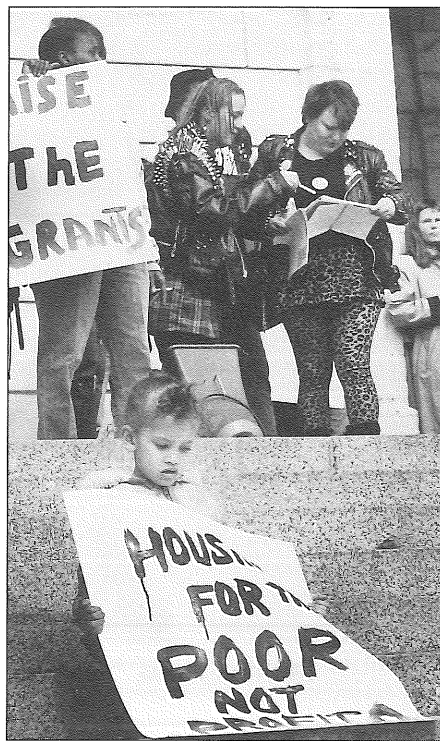
Onnen has sponsored a bill (HF311) that would authorize the state health commissioner to develop a statewide program using volunteers to prevent child abuse. The program would be called CHILD (Children Helped in Long-Term Development).

Each participating family would be matched with a volunteer who would make home visits and help the family cope with the stresses that increase the risk of child abuse. While they supported the program's intent, committee members questioned whether volunteers could cope with such a serious problem as effectively as trained state workers. Also, they asked whether there were adequate safeguards regarding the separation of church and state in case churches choose to participate.

Onnen said the state would establish guidelines for volunteers, who would be required to report abuse to child protection agencies.

The state gets "a tremendous bang for our buck" by using volunteers, Rep. Gary Worke (IR-Waseca) said.

HF311 was approved and referred to the Health and Housing Finance Division.



Lekeisha Delougherty, 4, participated in the March 24 "Up and Out of Poverty" rally in front of the state Capitol to protest proposed budget cuts in human services programs.

courage more residential builders to start their own business, since the \$100 to \$200 yearly fees they would pay into the fund are significantly less than what they now pay for surety bond premiums.

"This won't force out small builders while at the same time will do a better job of protecting the consumer," Bauerly said.

The measure also contains several revisions of the state residential contractor licensing rules. In general, these would not apply to contractors working exclusively in Minneapolis or St. Paul, who are licensed under more stringent local guidelines.

Similar recovery fund proposals have been passed twice by the House, only to be dropped in the state Senate. An attempt to remove the recovery fund provisions from HF948 was defeated 13-6 by the commerce panel.

HF948 now moves to the Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee.

CONSUMERS

Recovery fund considered

A proposal to create a state-administered fund to protect consumers from the shoddy workmanship of unscrupulous residential contractors was approved March 24 by the Commerce and Economic Development Committee.

The measure (HF948) would charge contractors a sliding fee based on their volume of business. The fees would then go into a dedicated state account to compensate consumers up to \$50,000 for incomplete or incompetent work, fraud or negligence.

To receive payment, a homeowner would have to obtain a court judgment against the contractor. After filing a petition with the state Department of Commerce, which would review the claim, the consumer would be reimbursed.

In the event of a successful claim, the delinquent contractor would be liable to repay double the award plus interest. Supporters said this provision would lead to a more rapid resolution of disputes. Few contractors would want to risk such a large financial penalty, and those who don't pay the penalty would have their license suspended until they make good on the debt, say supporters.

But bill opponents, including bonding houses, said customers likely would have a lengthy waiting period while their claim winds its way through court and government channels.

Bill sponsor Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids) said the recovery fund also would en-

crime and gang crime is occurring," said Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls), sponsor of the proposals. "It's worse if you're mugged by a bunch of people than by one person. It's worse if you're raped by a group of people than by one person."

HF992 would lower the legal standards for conspiracy and liability for the crimes of another person. It also would make the penalty for conspiracy the same as the penalty for the crime committed, and double the punishment if the conspiracy was to commit a violent crime. Currently, criminal conspiracy carries a penalty half that of the intended crime.

The bill, heard March 19 by the Criminal Justice and Family Law Subcommittee, also would expand the law punishing accomplices to a crime, and create a 20-year felony for participating in a riot should a death occur.

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman testified in favor of the bill, which was fashioned by a task force he organized to develop suggestions to combat illegal gang activity in Minneapolis.

Noting the controversial nature of one of the bill's provisions, Freeman supported repealing a 1991 statute that punishes crimes "committed for the benefit of a gang." He said the law was difficult for prosecutors to use and was essentially punishing people for their associations rather than for their actions.

"We think that the group crime [provisions] that we've set forth to you in the rest of the bill are much more effective," Freeman said.

Some members were uncomfortable with broad increases in criminal penalties, especially since the Legislature has toughened punishments in recent omnibus crime bills.

John Stuart, the state public defender, said that the penalties in HF992 were especially harsh for juvenile offenders. Stuart noted that sentences for crimes of violence were just doubled in 1989.

The bill would double the penalty for conspiring in a group to commit a violent crime; conspiracy sentences for juveniles would be just as tough as those for adults.

"This could have a staggering impact on correctional institutions and on a lot of individuals' lives," said Stuart. "An awful lot of young people commit crimes in groups. A lot of them are kids that are just tagging along... and for them to get these huge sentences is rather disturbing."

The bill was laid over for further consideration. If approved, HF992 will be incorporated into the emerging omnibus crime bill before being considered by the full Judiciary Committee.

CRIME

Controlling gangs

Using proposals from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, some legislators and law enforcement officials want to crack down on gang activity by expanding the state's conspiracy laws.

"We do... have to face the fact that youth



DEVELOPMENT

State board of invention?

If supporters have their way, Minnesota soon could have a "board of invention," structured much like the State Arts Board and the Minnesota Historical Society.

Under a bill (HF1177) approved March 25 by a House commerce panel, the 11-member board would distribute grant money and provide technical assistance to prospective inventors. It also would provide Minnesotans with a place to freely present new ideas for both technological and social inventions, without the hassle of lawyer fees and paperwork associated with "selling an idea."

Like the State Arts Board, the board of invention would be a quasi-state agency with statewide representation. Its members would be appointed by the governor, and the board could receive funding from both public and private sources.

"There's so much talent out there ready to help the state grow and develop," said Dan Ferber of the Institute for Innovation and Invention. "But it's easily frustrated by the lack of [support available to] the ordinary person with a good idea."

Ferber said a state board of invention would provide this public support.

But Rep. Barb Vickerman (IR-Redwood Falls) noted that since Minnesota already has the Minnesota Inventors Congress, the creation of an additional board would be unnecessary and costly.

Based in Redwood Falls, the Minnesota Inventors Congress works in conjunction with Minnesota Technology, Inc. to promote invention throughout Minnesota.

Ferber said the Minnesota Inventors Congress is not centrally located enough to encourage invention statewide, and doesn't focus on "social invention," which could be an idea or concept rather than a tangible product. Instead, he said, the group's focus is on technological advancement.

HF1177, sponsored by Rep. Tony Kinkel (DFL-Park Rapids), was approved by the Commerce and Economic Development Committee's Tourism and Small Business Division. The measure now moves to the full committee for consideration.



The Webster Magnet Elementary School Honors Band played a concert March 22 in the state Capitol rotunda.



EDUCATION

Graduation Rule

The State Board of Education would be precluded from adopting a new high school graduation rule before evaluating its outcome-based education (OBE) pilot programs under a measure reviewed by an Education subcommittee this week.

HF1234, authored by Rep. Gene Pelowski (DFL-Winona), would require the commissioner of the Department of Education to provide the Legislature with an analysis of 30 pilot OBE programs now funded by the state. The report would require "complete and concise answers" to eight issues:

- specific curriculum outcomes the state and the schools districts must develop;
- the effect that graduation outcomes would have on students with special needs, gifted and talented students, and students of color;
- organizational and educational changes the rule would require;
- specific methods districts would use to monitor student progress;
- research required in assessing outcomes before student performance "will be widely available in the classroom";
- required staff development training;
- specific steps needed to move from a tradi-

tional education system to a system based on graduation outcomes; and

- financial resources required to implement the graduation outcomes statewide.

The bill would allow the State Board of Education to continue its process of adopting a high school graduation rule, but it could not take final action unless specifically authorized by law.

Pelowski said the measure would say that the state "won't take action until we understand what the rule will do."

A number of subcommittee members opposed the measure, including Rep. Mindy Greiling (DFL-Roseville). "This sends a terrible message to our districts," said Greiling. Outcome based education, she said, can take years to develop.

Jerry Von Korff, a St. Cloud attorney who serves on the statewide graduation rule steering committee, said that the bill "mistakenly makes the connection between OBE and the graduation rule."

The rule "does not tell teachers how to teach," said Von Korff. "It simply answers one question: Why shouldn't we start graduating kids on what they know? We need to start focusing on what kids know at the end of the process."

"I see this bill as sending a message to [teachers] that you folks are going to delay the process," said Von Korff. "The question out there is, is this [graduation rule] for real or not?"

The subcommittee on Graduation Requirements and Outcome Based Education will continue review of the measure next week.

Educational delivery plans

A 1992 law to streamline the education delivery system needs a little streamlining itself, say some lawmakers.

The law charged local school districts with developing a plan for a simplified three-tier education delivery system. The school district, an area education organization, and the state level make up the three tiers.

But the law didn't say where each school district should send its recommendations or how a final plan would be developed.

"There is confusion as to where the plans would go," Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids), told the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee March 24. School districts are sending their plans to a variety of people. The commissioner of the Department of Education, the chair of the House Education Committee, the chair of the House K-12 Education Finance Division, and Bauerly each have received some of the plans.

Bauerly is sponsoring a bill to clear up where the plans should go. HF1332 would require school districts to submit their plans for a new delivery system to the commissioner of educa-



ELECTIONS

Uniform election dates

Almost 72 percent of Minnesota's eligible voters participated in last fall's general election. But only 9 percent took part in springtime school board elections.

To eliminate that historic "spring break" from voter participation, efforts have been resurrected to hold elections for local school district and city offices at the same time.

"It seems to us that there's a strong correlation with the November election date and high voter turnout," Secretary of State Joan Grove told the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee March 22.

That's one reason she's backing a bill (HF323) that would set uniform dates for city and school district elections. Along with improving participation, she told the panel, uniform election dates would save taxpayers money. Election officials wouldn't have to be hired, and ballot printing would be less expensive.

The committee approved the bill on a divided voice vote.

Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) said he's carried similar legislation for a dozen years, but has made some changes to appease opponents — chiefly school districts.

The bill he is authoring this year would require city and school district elections to be held in November, with a September primary if necessary. (Rural townships would be exempted.) City councils and school boards could choose to hold their elections in odd- or even-numbered years. Special elections also could be held on the September date.

In addition, a ballot question election would be allowed by mail at any time during the year, Osthoff said. That would allow the election process to be expedited when school districts vote on bond referendums, for example, in order to take advantage of favorable interest rates.

Like Grove, Osthoff said his main objective in offering the bill is increasing voter participation.

But Bob Meeks of the Minnesota School Boards Association said his group opposes the plan for the same reason it has in the past. Separate school elections keep those issues separate in voters' minds, he said.

"The visibility issue is one we'd like to keep," he said. School districts now have the option of using November dates, but less than 50 now do so.

HF323 now moves to the House floor for consideration.

Coming of political age

For more than two decades, 18-years-olds have had the right to vote.

But Minnesota law says voters that age have to wait another three years before they can hold the very same offices for which they choose candidates.

A bill (HF420) authored by Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul) could result in that age limit being changed. If passed, the bill would let Minnesota voters decide on a Constitutional amendment that would let 18-year-olds hold local political offices. It would not apply to state offices, however.

President Bill Clinton's campaign sparked Minneapolis resident Doug Pihlgren's interest in politics. But Pihlgren told the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee March 22 that he was frustrated at having that interest limited by his youth.

"[Clinton] really tapped in to the young people, but we're not given the chance to be involved at a young age," he told the panel.

"Trusting the voters to make the right choice is really what this is all about," added Dawkins.

Rep. Joe Opatz (DFL-St. Cloud), a member of the committee, said he has special sympathy for Dawkins' effort. He ran for the St. Cloud City Council while still a college student, but learned two weeks prior to the election that he was ineligible to hold the office because of his age. He ultimately lost a U.S. Supreme Court challenge to the law.

The committee did not act on the bill, but will take it up again this session.



EMPLOYMENT

Job incentives considered

A bill that would help economically depressed cities attract new or expanding manufacturing companies was approved March 25 by a House commerce panel.

The measure (HF929) would allow cities that have lost more than 2,000 jobs in the past decade to create manufacturing opportunity districts (MODs) offering tax credits and other incentives to firms creating permanent, lucrative jobs.

It would provide five-year corporate tax credits of up to \$5,000 in its first year for each new job created that annually pays more than \$15,000 in wages. Additional credits would be targeted for businesses that hire and train youth, minorities, and people with only high school educations.

St. Paul City Council President Bill Wilson said HF929 would help promote long-term tax base growth for cities — initially through increased income taxes paid by the re-employed workers and later through boosted revenues from property, sales and corporate taxes.

Although St. Paul would be one of the primary beneficiaries of the proposal, supporters said other cities such as Duluth, South St. Paul, and Fergus Falls likely would be initially eligible as well. Under the bill, all cities of more than 20,000 residents could start MOD programs provided they experienced significant job losses since 1979.

HF929, sponsored by Rep. Carlos Mariani (DFL-St. Paul), now moves from the International Trade, Technology and Economic Development Division to the full Commerce and Economic Development Committee.



Rep. Becky Lourey participated in an Acupuncture Week demonstration at the state Capitol. The Acupuncture Association of Minnesota has been conducting the demonstrations for several years to increase public awareness of the technique and to enlist support for legislation to license and regulate practitioners.



ENERGY

Energy priorities

Concerned about dwindling storage space at the state's nuclear waste repositories, Rep. Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls) used a March 23 budget review session of a House finance committee to review the future of energy use in Minnesota.

Noting that the nuclear waste storage pool at the Prairie Island plant is just about exhausted, Rice complained that two nationally recognized energy conservation experts recently had been laid off by the Department of Public Service to meet budget targets.

Rice wondered what the priorities were for the future.

But department officials — who are responsible for the state's energy use policies and regulation — responded that conservation efforts were being hindered by budgeting decisions made at the State Capitol.

"We're on the horns of a dilemma," said Kris Sanda, department commissioner. She said her goals for increases in energy efficiency and alternative fuel use were just as ambitious as the committee's, but that when cuts needed to be made, conservation programs have, in the past, taken their share.

Sanda also challenged the committee to look at decisions from a managerial point of view, and implored the Legislature to "quit chopping [the department's] budget."

Furthermore, the federal government, said Sanda, may help the state with its waste storage problems by finally delivering on a pledge to construct a large-volume, long-term nuclear waste storage facility.

Shortly before being nominated as U.S. Secretary of Energy, NSP's Hazel O'Leary told Sanda that if it were up to her, nuclear waste storage would be at the top of her priority list, Sanda said.

"We're going to give her time to fulfill that promise," Sanda said. "But not much time."

The Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee will recommend specific appropriations for the Department of Public Service later this session.

Utility increases

A bill that would allow utility companies to automatically increase their rates to cover the cost of conservation improvement programs passed the House March 22 by a vote of 131-0. Currently, utility companies must file a request with the Public Utilities Commission to allow them to pass on the costs of conservation improvements. **HF295** would remove that requirement.

All of the utilities' conservation spending is

pre-approved by the Department of Public Service. Utilities must spend at least 1.5 percent of their gross operating revenues on conservation improvement programs.

Utilities also can adjust their rates automatically when there are increases in taxes or the cost of fuel. The companies must file a rate case with the Public Utilities Commission for a rate increase due to increases in the "cost of doing business."

The measure now moves to the Senate for consideration.



ENVIRONMENT

Illegal hitchhikers

Fines for spreading Eurasian water milfoil or zebra mussels — and enforcement measures to check the spread of these and other exotic species — would increase dramatically under a measure approved by a House committee March 23.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officers would be authorized to issue citations, which would impose civil penalties, including:

- \$2,000 for launching watercraft with Eurasian milfoil or zebra mussels into "noninfested" water (\$250 for such launches into "infested" waters);
- \$100 per square foot of zebra mussels attached to watercraft, nets, or other objects transported on land or water;
- fines tied to the number of locations Eurasian milfoil is found on boats or trailers on public roads. The fines would range from \$75 to \$600 for up to five "locations";
- \$300 for transporting live ruffe or rusty crayfish on public lands or waters;
- \$250 for moving or removing a milfoil buoy, which are used to denote milfoil infested areas; and
- \$100 for entering a marked Eurasian water milfoil area.

Penalties would go to the state's water recreation fund and would be used for exotic species management.

Under **HF864**, the DNR also would triple the boat and trailer inspections at access sites on infested waters, increasing inspections to 30,000 hours annually.

The DNR said the measure would require 32 inspectors, who would be hired on a temporary basis through the Minnesota Conservation Corps.

The measure would set aside 0.5 percent of the state's gas tax for exotic species management. Author Loren Jennings (DFL-Harris) said, however, that all of the bill's provisions, except penalties, would be dropped unless the gas tax is increased this session, or unless other fund-

ing sources could be found.

Jay Rendall, DNR exotic species coordinator, said that Eurasian water milfoil has now been found in 55 Minnesota lakes. Zebra mussels have been identified in 20 miles of the Minnesota River, 180 miles of the Mississippi River, and in the Duluth Harbor. Rendall said that many other biological pollutants also pose potential problems to Minnesota lakes, including ruffe, which harm walleye populations.

Robin Graphenteen told the committee that her lake association was forced to raise \$33,000 last year to contain the growth of Eurasian milfoil in Little Green and Big Green lakes near Chisago City. She said that one chemical which helps prevent milfoil spread cost her association \$1,000 per gallon.

Unless a lake is newly infested, the DNR pays only up to \$3,000 toward the cost of eradicating milfoil.

HF864 now moves from the Environment and Natural Resources Committee to the Judiciary Committee.

Protecting the water supply

If there were to be an unexpected release of contaminants at the source of Minneapolis' water supply, the city would be able to supply residents with clean water for just 24 hours.

To make sure that the metropolitan area has a plan to deal with such a crisis, or with a crisis like the 1988 drought, Rep. Steve Trimble (DFL-St. Paul) has sponsored a bill that would require contingency plans for water shortages.

HF704 was approved by the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee March 23. It then moved to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, where it was approved on March 24.

Provisions of the bill include:

- All public water suppliers would need to submit contingency and conservation plans to the Department of Natural Resources by Jan. 1, 1996. Suppliers would have to take measures to reduce water demand before asking the state's permission to construct a public water supply or increase the distribution of water. Those reduction measures would have to include a water rate structure encouraging conservation and education.
- The Metropolitan Council would be required to continually update data and information on water use and supply in the metropolitan area. The council would have to evaluate alternative courses of action to be taken in cases of contamination and drought, and recommend long-term approaches to solve water problems.
- Lawn sprinkling, car and sidewalk washing, fountains, and other aesthetic uses of water

would be given lowest priority in terms of water allocations in the event of a water shortage.

Several public utility directors from around the state spoke against the bill, saying that the state water supply is already adequately managed and supply is abundant. But Trimble said that just because things are good now doesn't mean they couldn't get bad again.

"It looks to me as if this is another way to control growth in the suburbs," Rep. Eileen Tompkins (IR-Apple Valley) said, as she objected to giving the Metropolitan Council increased oversight over the area's water supply.

Trimble responded that **HF704** was not intended to stop expansion. St. Paul and Minneapolis, which rely on Mississippi River water, are not the only cities vulnerable to a possible contamination crisis, he said. Suburbs such as Apple Valley that rely on wells also could be vulnerable if there were a ground spill that infiltrated the water supply.

HF704 now moves to the House floor.

Packaging bill sacked

A proposal to reduce excess consumer product packaging apparently is heading for the legislative scrap.

On a voice vote following nearly two hours of testimony, the Commerce and Economic Development panel March 25 decided to send **HF65** to its Controversial Bills Subcommittee — making its passage this year unlikely.

The bill would have imposed fees on discardable packaging and would have mandated deposits if beverage makers failed to increase their use of reusable containers.

Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth) made several changes in his proposal during earlier hearings to make it more amenable to opponents. But he still was unable to win over retailers or labor interests who said it would cost them jobs and would amount to a \$200 million a year tax on food, clothing, and other consumer goods.

"If I had my way, this would be a much stronger bill," Munger said, chastising opponents for "following the path of least resistance and choosing to keep piling up the garbage and keep piling up the costs" for cleaning up solid waste landfills.

"They'd rather look at the short-term and have the government keep on picking up the tab," he said.

But opponents said the proposal mistakenly attempts to legislate consumer attitudes. "While the public supports the idea of refillable [containers], their buying habits are much different," said Stuart Hartley, a beverage industry representative from Ontario.

Others, including Bill Peterson of the Minnesota AFL-CIO, argued that packaging regula-

tions instead should be approved on the federal level "so one state doesn't have an [economic] advantage over another."

Using recycled steel byproducts

Minnesota's \$4 motor vehicle transfer fee would be raised to \$5 under a measure approved March 23 by a House committee. In part, the increased revenue would be used to fund a car and appliance recycling study.

HF877 would direct the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to provide up to \$500,000 in grants to North Star Steel to find new ways to use "shredder residue," the waste from cars and appliances after steel has been extracted, shredded, and melted to make new steel products.

The residue includes foam rubber and plastics. The grant money would be used to find ways to reduce the residue, and for research and development to determine potential uses for the materials.

The MPCA would "establish standards for management of shredder residue" and minimize management and disposal costs, under the proposed legislation.

Jim Schultz, a recycling manager at North Star Steel's, told legislators his company is the only firm in Minnesota that recycles cars. A landfill the company owns and uses for the residual materials will be full next year.

If North Star can't find alternatives to the landfill, Schultz told the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, the company will close its shredder and buy raw materials outside the state.

Under the proposed legislation, the MPCA would determine the amount of the grant, and up to 25 percent would be matched by North Star Steel.

HF877, authored by Rep. Pat Beard (DFL-Cottage Grove), now moves to the Taxes Committee for further discussion.

Fort Snelling center

The meeting of the Dakota Indian and European explorer cultures at historic Fort Snelling would be exhibited at a new environmental education center at Fort Snelling State Park, under a measure approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 25.

The new visitor center is proposed by the Fort Snelling State Park Association.

The bill's (**HF103**) chief author, Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls.), told the committee that the visitor center would include Native American history as well as that of European explorers.

Bill Morrissey, Department of Natural Re-

sources state park director, said that the current visitor center on Pike Island cannot accommodate the number of groups who come to the park, and that the building floods annually.

The Fort Snelling State Park Association has said that the park will be used for environmental education for school groups, and as a trail center for hikers, bikers, and skiers who use the park to reach the 72-mile Minnesota River Valley trail.

HF103 now goes to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee to seek \$2 million in funding.



GOVERNMENT

Air Force base backed

Grand Forks Air Force Base was not on the list of 31 large military bases targeted for closing under a plan offered earlier this month by U.S. Defense Secretary Les Aspin.

Rep. Wally Sparby (DFL-Thief River Falls) wants to keep it that way.

Sparby is offering a resolution (**HF418**) calling on Congress and the president to keep the Grand Forks base open as the U.S. military begins scaling back.

The base's location near the Minnesota-North Dakota border gives the state an economic stake in its survival, Sparby told members of the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee March 22.

The base closure plan, which has sparked an uproar around the country, is aimed at trimming 220,000 federal jobs and saving the nation \$3.1 billion a year.

Both the Grand Forks and Minot bases were retained in the proposal, in large measure, because of their Minuteman long-range nuclear missile installations.

HF418 won easy approval from the panel and now moves to the floor for consideration.

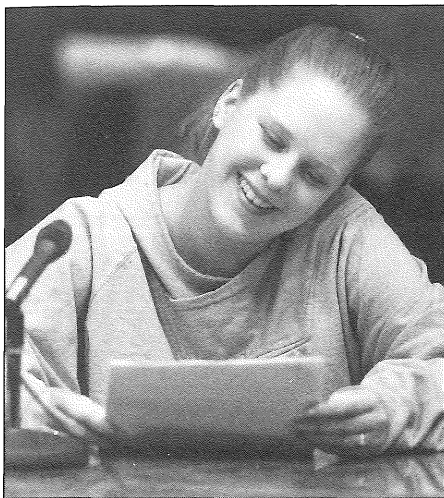


HEALTH

'No smoking' bill extinguished

A bill that would have made it harder to smoke in public places and in many workplaces was narrowly defeated by the Health and Human Services Committee March 23.

HF387 would have expanded Minnesota's Clean Indoor Air Act to include "industrial establishments" and "common areas of apartments and condominiums" among the public places where smoke-free, nonsmoking areas are required. It also would have protected workers



Molly McKinstry spoke to the Health and Human Services Committee March 23 in support of a proposal (HF387) to strengthen the state's Clean Indoor Air Act. McKinstry read a statement written by her mother detailing the difficulties she experienced after inhaling the second-hand smoke of co-workers while pregnant.

who complain to their employers about smoke-induced discomfort from disciplinary action as a result of their complaints.

"Attitudes toward indoor air pollution have greatly changed since 1975, and it's time for the law to change, too," said Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), the bill's sponsor. She cited a study showing that secondhand smoke ranks third among the most preventable causes of death in the United States.

Supporters of the bill included Sue Mart — whose testimony was read by her daughter, Molly McKinstry, because her mother was in labor and couldn't attend the hearing. Mart was forced out of her telemarketing job after she developed asthma and voiced concerns about her health and that of the child she was expecting. Her colleagues were chain-smokers.

An attorney for the tobacco industry, David Remes, said that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports that would appear to show a high health risk from secondhand smoke were based on manipulated statistics. Some labor leaders joined the tobacco industry in opposing the bill, saying that it wouldn't create clean air, given all the other pollutants in the workplace. The bill "focuses on employee lifestyles instead of good ventilation," said Bob Rootes of United Steelworkers of America.

In response to a question by Rep. Pamela Neary (DFL-Afton), Remes said the bill could have a negative economic impact on cigarette companies if it forced more workers to cut back on their smoking. But he said he knew of no proven link between smoking and disease.

"I am impressed with your composure," said Rep. Marc Asch (DFL-North Oaks), who is a health care consultant. "I think the disservice your industry has done to this country is terrible."

The vote defeating the measure was 11-12.



HUMAN SERVICES

Nursing home financing

Nursing homes have trouble obtaining loans with favorable interest rates for construction and remodeling. That's because the buildings have no value except to be used as nursing homes, making the loan "collateral" the stream of income paid out by the state Department of Human Services for patients' care.

To make it easier for nursing homes to get loans, Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls) has sponsored a bill that would create a state nursing facilities financing authority. The authority could issue bonds and make loans to owners of nursing homes for new construction, remodeling, expansion, or acquisition. The state would not be liable for the bonds.

Although there would be start-up costs involved in the creation of the authority, the state would soon be saving money because of the more favorable interest rates the authority could offer, Greenfield said. Because nursing homes are a regulated industry, those savings would have to be shared with the state.

Health and Housing Finance Division members who heard Greenfield's bill (HF241) March 25 were concerned that lending to nursing homes would tap into the already inadequate funding for housing. Jim Solem, commissioner of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, (MHFA) said the nursing facilities financing authority would be set up as a separate section of the agency to make sure that housing dollars would be kept separate.

The executive director of the nursing facilities financing authority would be hired by the MHFA commissioner with the concurrence of the authority's board. That board would consist of seven members appointed by the governor, no more than three of whom could be from the metropolitan area.

HF241 now moves to the full Health and Human Services Committee.



LABOR

Private vs. public services

Although Department of Administration officials have set aside plans to privatize part of the state's workforce for the time being, legislators want to make sure the proposal stays shelved for good.

A bill to deter state agencies and the University of Minnesota from trimming employee costs by "contracting out" services to private businesses won approval March 22 from the Labor-Management Relations Committee.

HF723 would require that contracted em-

ployees receive the same salary and benefits as the public employees they would replace. Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley) said his measure "sends a clear message we as the Legislature . . . really frown on this contracting out of services."

While state officials have backed away from privatization plans, Simoneau said the university already has laid off about 300 employees and hired subcontractors to perform maintenance work, snow plowing, and other duties this winter.

Public employees and their unions have been fearing such widescale layoffs since the state Department of Administration began studying whether the state could cut personnel costs by privatizing a portion of its workforce.

But preliminary results released last week indicate that replacing state janitors with private workers would not be cost-effective.

The study was not limited to salaries. It also tried to assess the effects of privatization on quality of services, security, and other factors.

Small private janitorial companies "could provide that service but have a high degree of turnover because they only pay minimum wage," said Bob Schroeder, assistant commissioner of administration. "That indicated to us that it would result in a decrease of service."

Schroeder also opposed Simoneau's bill, telling the labor panel it would "effectively eliminate any option" of contracting out some state jobs in the future. The Department of Administration is planning similar privatization studies of the state's motor pool, office supply warehouse, and recycling center.

HF723 now moves to the Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee.



LAW

Releasing 'mug shots'

A proposal to make "mug shots" public data got caught up in debate over the public's "right to know," the presumption of innocence, and responsible media discretion during a March 22 subcommittee hearing.

Whether booking photographs are public information, or accessible by mere request, is unclear under current data privacy laws, said Rep. Tom Pugh (DFL-South St. Paul). So Pugh sponsored HF206 to create a uniform policy for all state, county, and local law enforcement officials to follow: The photos would be classified as public data.

Pugh noted that a Senate committee had changed the proposal to make mug shots private data: They would be released only if law enforcement officials consented.

Mark Anfinson of the Minnesota Newspaper Association said that most counties assume that

mug shots, like arrest records, are public information. Publishing mug shots offers an opportunity for witnesses to recognize criminals, he said.

Furthermore, Anfinson said giving local officials discretion over releasing the pictures would not solve the problem of differing county policies on the matter. Even though the media uses "good judgment" in publishing mug shots, he explained, some media organizations have poor relationships with counties. This would lead to favoritism in some areas, Anfinson said.

Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center) said that mug shots can "make the person look like they're guilty," therefore, might be better left private information.

The issue was laid over for further consideration by the Data Privacy Subcommittee. The panel still must decide if it wants to make the photos public or track the Senate's language.

Unclaimed property

Notice of unclaimed property would have to be published by the Department of Commerce only for amounts of \$100 or more — up from the current threshold of \$25 — under a bill given final approval by the House March 22. The vote was 134-0.

In the past, the Department of Commerce has taken out large advertisements in newspapers across the state that list the names of the owners of unclaimed property. **HF399** would decrease those advertising costs.

A 1992 law decreased the amount of time — from five years to three years — before abandoned property reverts to the state. However, owners and heirs of abandoned property still have the right to reclaim the property at any time, even if it already has been turned over to the state's general fund.

The measure now moves to the Senate for consideration.

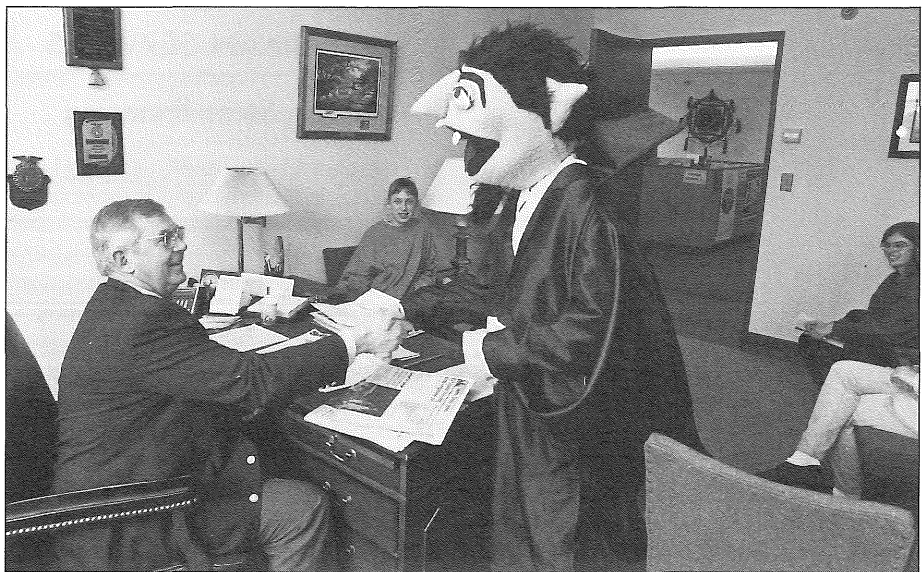
Protecting those with disabilities

A bill giving Minnesota's disabled expanded protection against employment discrimination passed the Civil Law Subcommittee after its second hearing March 19.

The bill (**HF588**), authored by Rep. Thomas Pugh (DFL-South St. Paul), would bring state law in compliance with the new federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

It expands the legal definition of "disabled," prevents disabled persons from wrongfully losing their jobs because of injury and gives them the right to a jury trial when suing employers.

Advocates for the disabled back the measure, but several attorneys representing business interests opposed it.



Rep. Edgar Olson got a surprise visit from "The Count" of public television's *Sesame Street*. The Count was portrayed by WDSE-TV, Duluth, station intern Amy Ackerman as part of Public TV Awareness Day activities March 24 at the state Capitol.

Supporters, including Human Rights Commissioner David Beaulieu, said it would reduce workers' compensation and welfare program costs, encourage the disabled to seek employment and bring fairness to the judicial process in discrimination cases.

Opponents, such as Tom Marshall of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, said the added protections are unnecessary, and will open businesses to additional lawsuits.

The bill now moves to the full Judiciary Committee.

Sexual harassment evidence

The deadline for filing a complaint regarding an unfair discriminatory practice under the state Human Rights Act would be extended under a bill sponsored by Rep. Linda Wejcman (DFL-Mpls).

Under **HF216**, filings could be made up to two years after the alleged discriminatory event. Current law has a deadline of one year.

Gov. Arne Carlson, however, vetoed a similar bill in 1991, arguing that extending the deadline would "contribute to bringing of stale claims which are harder to investigate, more difficult to prove and harder to settle."

The bill also would:

- make it illegal for an employer to require or ask a job applicant to supply information about any complaints of unlawful discrimination the person has made in the past;
- prevent — in cases alleging sexual discrimination — the discovery or admission of evidence regarding the complainant's sexual conduct with individuals other than the alleged perpetrator; and
- prevent evidence of the medical or psychological history of the complainant more than one year prior to the alleged occurrence of

sexual harassment. An exception would be made only if the alleged perpetrator can show convincingly that "the evidence is material and relevant to the subject matter of the action."

HF216 was heard by the Health and Housing Finance Division March 25 and will be part of an omnibus bill that will be considered by the division in April. The division is under the Health and Human Services Committee.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Residency required

Opponents complained that Minneapolis was building walls around the city. But a bill that would allow Minneapolis to require that new city employees either be or become city residents was passed by the full House March 25.

HF74 is not meant to reflect any belief that suburban workers are somehow less qualified or loyal, said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls). Instead, its aim is to bring back to the economically strapped city some of the \$140 million a year in salaries that are shifted elsewhere by nonresident workers.

Currently, two-thirds of Minneapolis teachers, police officers, and firefighters live outside the city. **HF74** passed by a vote of 76-53. The bill now moves to the Senate.



TAXES

Clarifying business tax break

A dispute over the way Minnesota gives sales tax breaks to businesses could cost the state \$270 million this biennium, and a bill trying to resolve the issue has been set aside indefinitely.

After two days of exhaustive hearings March 19 and March 23, members of the Taxes Committee tabled a bill (HF1144) offered by Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon). The bill aims to resolve key legal questions about how the Department of Revenue is applying a 1984 state tax law.

The dispute centers on a sales tax refund businesses receive when they buy capital equipment for new or expanding manufacturing facilities. The law was designed to give firms a financial break when they decided to invest money in their businesses.

Last fall, however, an administrative law judge found that the Department of Revenue's rules used to apply the law have been too restrictive, essentially short-changing businesses to their entitled sales tax refunds.

Debra McMartin, the Department of Revenue's assistant commissioner for tax policy, told the panel that Sviggum's bill clarifies the original intent of the 1984 legislation which would allow businesses to obtain more sales tax refunds.

"We don't want to spend the money without knowing that's what you want us to do," McMartin said. If that clarification isn't made, she told the panel, the judge's findings will have to be adopted by the department.

And that would mean \$270 million less money for the state over the next two years, but \$270 million more for businesses.

Rest said the figure has been widely regarded in business circles as "grossly overstated." Tax lawyers and accountants joined other panel members in expressing doubts about the figure, and disagreement over the bill's numerous technical and legal definitions.

"It strains credulity when the department says 'we're not changing anything, we're just clarifying the law,'" said attorney Vance Opperman. His client, West Publishing Co., successfully sued the state over the exemption. "This changes the law to something it never was."

Rest said the administrative law judge's opinion presents a problem for the Legislature to solve, but asked that the proposal be put aside for the time being. She said negotiations between the panel and the Department of Revenue would continue.



TRANSPORTATION

Mandatory helmet law fails

A committee room packed with leather- and denim-clad bikers erupted in cheers March 24 after the Transportation and Transit Committee voted down a proposal to require motorcycle helmets for people under age 21.

Current law mandates helmets for bikers under age 18.

The bill (HF319), sponsored by Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester), was opposed by motorcycle riders' groups, who argued that the bill infringed on "freedom of choice" and ignored the state's comparatively good safety record.

Both sides offered statistics to support their cases.

"This bill is not necessary," said Bob Illingsworth of the Minnesota Motorcycle Riders Association. He said that increased spending on safety programs — financed by bikers themselves — had reduced accident rates in the state since Minnesota repealed its mandatory helmet law for all riders in 1976.

Illingsworth claimed that since the repeal, Minnesota has improved its motorcycle safety ranking from 27th to second best in the country. He credited biker education programs.

Only 7 percent of all motorcycle purchases are made by people under age 21, Illingsworth added.

But Bishop said that the measure was a reasonable safety precaution that would protect young, inexperienced riders.

Bishop argued that "the evidence is very clear" that head injury rates increase when a rider without a helmet has an accident. In fact, he said, head injury rates were found to be twice as high in one study, and 24 of 26 states who repealed their helmet laws during the 1970s experienced increases in motorcycle accident fatalities.

And due to federal regulations, Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) said that without the proposed legislation the state would be forced to divert some of its highway construction funds to highway safety programs.

Eilnor Hands of the Minnesota Head Injury Association testified in favor of the bill, saying, "We want all people to protect the most important organ they have — their brains." She said her son was permanently disabled in a motorcycle accident when he was 20 years old.

Nevertheless, the bill failed on an 11-15 vote.

After the hearing, Bishop criticized lawmakers for being intimidated by the motorcycle lobby and for "quaking every time the wind blows." Bishop said those opposing the bill at the meeting were older than age 21 and were there out of fear that, in the future, a mandatory helmet law would return — not because HF319 lacked merit.

No license tab credits . . . yet

Minnesotans who sell their cars to people from outside the state may get a refund on their license "tabs" sometime in the future. But the Legislature won't approve such a measure this year.

The Transportation and Transit Committee March 19 set aside a proposal (HF593) which would have allowed car owners to receive a prorated credit based on the months left before the car's annual "tab" renewal. The measure would have applied to vehicles sold to a dealer or another individual outside Minnesota.

After turning in the old plates to the state Department of Public Safety, the refund would have been credited toward the registration costs of a new vehicle. The measure, which is being held over for between-session study, also would have applied to vehicles that were destroyed or sold to a tax-exempt government unit.

The average refund would be about \$45 per vehicle sold in another state, according to Department of Public Safety (DPS) estimates. That would add up to about \$900,000 in lost revenue for Minnesota if 25 percent of the 200,000 possible car buyers each year took advantage of the proposal, said Jack Wildes, assistant director of the DPS Driver and Vehicle Services Division.

Opponents said the measure could result in more car buyers heading out-of-state for purchases. "This would be a tremendous disadvantage for dealers in border towns," said Louis Claeson of the Minnesota Automobile Dealers' Association.

But some of the problems caused by intra-state registration differences could be solved by Minnesota allowing license plates to "follow" the owner rather than staying with the vehicle, said Rep. Betty McCollum (DFL-North St. Paul). Eighteen other states, including Wisconsin, currently use that method.

"It just make sense," said McCollum, noting that many car owners buy specialty plates for disabled parking or to designate service in groups such as fire departments or the national guard. "We should look at this for the next session and make a long-term policy decision."

Drivers' license fee hike

Fees for all type of drivers' licenses would rise \$3.50 across the board under a proposal gaining approval March 19 from the Transportation and Transit Committee.

The measure (HF1012) would affect all levels of driver classifications as well as instruction permits and state identification cards. But existing exemptions for identification cards obtained by seniors or people with physical or mental disabilities would remain in place.

If enacted, the fee for a four-year Class C endorsement — carried by all drivers as their

standard license to operate a car — would climb to \$18.50 from \$15. Subsequent classifications would similarly rise to a maximum of \$37.50 for a Class A endorsement.

A separate measure (HF328) under consideration before the transportation committee would tack \$1 to most license and identification card fees to cover state Department of Public Safety costs to make the cards more resistant to tampering.

HF1012 now moves to the Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee.

State parking fees

If the Department of Administration has its way, state employees working outside the metro area would pay parking fees to cover the costs of their lots.

The department already has the authority to set parking rates for state lots within the seven-county metro area.

Under HF984, approved by the Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee March 25, state employees would be charged for their spaces according to upkeep and security costs. The bill would allow state agencies to provide free parking for visitors.

Opponents of the provision said that it would be unfair to initiate parking fees outstate because there is no space problem. Rep. Bob Johnson (DFL-Bemidji) said that in his home town, state lots are small and rarely are even half full.

Specific fee levels were not discussed, but Rep. Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples) acknowledged that fees would not be uniform across the state under the measure.

During the hearing, the committee approved language that exempts state lots from fees if they do not have any operating costs.

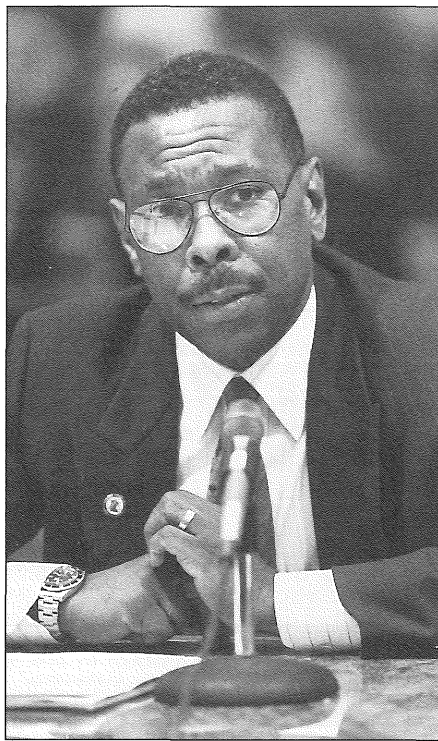
The proposal is part of an omnibus bill drafted by the Department of Administration. The legislation now moves to the State Government Finance Division of the committee.

Parking posses

Citizen patrols to better monitor handicapped-only parking zones soon could be coming to a town near you.

The Transportation and Transit Committee March 19 approved a proposal (HF874) that would permit cities with more than 20,000 residents to use volunteer patrols to crack down on illegal parking in handicapped zones.

Lawmakers last year approved a similar measure for the cities of St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth. The bill now moving to the House floor would allow local law enforcement agencies in 37 other communities to establish parking pa-



Michael Jordan, commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, testified March 24 before the Transportation and Transit Committee as the panel considered legislation (HF272) proposing to abolish the state agency.

trols after providing proper training for the volunteers.

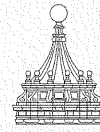
Supporters said parking enforcement often is a low priority among police officers. Citizen patrols would supplement police efforts while helping to ensure that handicapped spaces are used only by those who need them.

The patrols also work to educate the driving public, said Margie Wentworth, a Minneapolis monitor. "We have to get the message out that those signs mean \$100, \$200 fines," she said. "They (drivers) just don't get it otherwise."

But the proposal is not without its detractors, who said it will lead to selective enforcement, particularly in smaller cities.

"When a posse-type group is set up by a sheriff's department, they refer to them as vigilantes," said Rep. Edgar Olson (DFL-Fosston). "I think this is the same thing. It's not going to work and you're going to create chaos in your communities."

Do you know?



The tale of Joe Rolette disappearing with the paperwork that would have made St. Peter the state's capital city is well-known Minnesota history.

Lesser known is that two weeks prior to Rolette's escape, an attempt was made to delete the name of "St. Peter" as the capital city and replace it with "Nicollet Island."

On Feb. 17, 1857, Rep. W.P. Murray of St. Paul presented the Nicollet Island amendment to the Territorial Legislature.

But certain members of the St. Anthony and Minneapolis delegation doubted the goodwill of the St. Paul lawmaker. According to Murray, the proposal was made in good faith with the feeling that if St. Paul couldn't keep the Capitol, its politicians at least wanted it to be in the neighborhood.

"It was solely the stupidity or the distrust of the members from Hennepin that prevented the establishment of the capital of Minnesota on the beautiful wooded island in the Mississippi a few hundred feet above the falls of St. Anthony," wrote William Folwell in *A History of Minnesota*.

When the vote on the amendment was tallied, all of the St. Paul delegates voted for the measure. But two St. Anthony and two Minneapolis delegates voted in the negative. On an 18-19 vote, the amendment failed.

Resolutions were passed in Minneapolis' 11th council district "emphatically disapproving" of the votes cast by their representatives. Members of the Hennepin County delegation explained they thought the move was part of a larger scheme to defeat the proposal. The St. Paul politicians denied this, and according to author H.P. Hall, "the Joe Rolette incident had not been thought of at the time."

Hall suggested that Minneapolis erect a monument on Nicollet Island at some future time, bearing the inscription:

Of all sad words of tongue and pen,
The saddest are these,
'It might have been.'

A roadmap to legislative history in Minnesota

Say you wanted to know just why the Legislature banned the “trafficking in skunks” in 1982. Whom should you ask?

Although there are a few members who probably still recall that debate of 11 years ago, their memories may be a bit sketchy. The best way is to spend a little time at the library and the Minnesota History Center.

Most official state archives are stored at the center, as are floor and standing committee minutes and/or audio tape recordings from before 1983. Audio recordings from the past decade are available through the Legislative Reference Library in the State Office Building.

Below is a list of resources and tips on how best to put together legislative histories, and how to track the path of that enigmatic anti-skunk law.

Step-by-step history:

1 Identify the section in *Minnesota Statutes* you want to research.

A trip to any local library will launch your legislative research, which is largely a backwards process.

Start by finding the most recent 10-volume set of *Minnesota Statutes* — the codified laws of the state, the final product of the legislative process. *Statutes* is issued every two years, with “pocket parts” to cover odd-numbered years.

Use the subject index to locate chapters in the statutes you want to research.

Skunk trafficking control is located in Chapter 145, which deals with topics of “Public Health.” Section 365 makes it a misdemeanor to “acquire, sell, barter, ex-

change, give, or purchase any live skunks” or to import or export the little critters.

2 Look for the History notation after each statute section for references to *Laws of Minnesota*.

Every section in *Statutes* cross references chapters and sections for every year in which changes occurred. These reference numbers refer to bills in *Laws of Minnesota*.

In the italicized History note following the anti-skunk statute, “1982 c 591 s 1” appears. That means that the law was passed in 1982 and can be found in its bill form under Chapter 591, Section 1 of that year’s *Laws*. Because no other citations appear, the statute has not been amended since.

3 Read through the relevant chapters in *Laws* to determine which ones affected or created the statute you are interested in.

Laws compiles the official text of all bills passed by the Legislature chronologically. *Laws* will also show appropriations provisions, if any; generally, *Statutes* will not.

Reading the text of legislation can answer some tricky questions. Chapter 145 of the statutes contains a subsection that appears to have been repealed. But reading the *Laws* shows that the bill had a self-repealing clause: it exempted skunk trading businesses from the export and commerce bans until 1985. That clause was subsequently deleted for the sake of clarity.

4 Note the House and/or Senate File numbers, located in the chapter headings of *Laws*.

The scent of the anti-skunk bill remains fresh: it was passed as Senate File 1443. So the best place to look next is the official record of the state Senate for 1982.

5 Go to the Numerical Index in the index volume of the *Senate Journal* or *Journal of the House* for the appropriate year. Locate your bill number and the first page reference.

SF 1443 was introduced on the floor of the Senate on page 2840 and referred to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

6 Go through the other *Journal* page references.

A bill might be re-referred, tabled, vetoed, etc., during its serpentine path through the Capitol, so make sure you check all page references in the journals so you understand what happened, when it happened, and who, exactly, was responsible.

The Senate Agriculture Committee recommended that the state crack down on the skunk trade and referred the bill to the Senate floor on Feb. 15, 1982.

Committee reports are printed in full in the journals. For the skunk bill, the Senate committee actually inserted the word “live”



The Legislative Reference Library — located on the sixth floor of the State Office Building — is the best place to start to determine the history of a state statute.

before the word "skunk" during its deliberations. Presumably, the original legislation could have applied to dead skunks as well.

The last page citation shows that Gov. Al Quie signed the bill into law on March 23, 1982.

7 Check for a companion bill in the Legislature's other chamber by looking in the Companion Bill index in the index volume of either the House or Senate journals.

SF1443's companion was HF1509. It turns out that the House version was amended to apply to raccoons as well (though that language was stricken by a conference committee). Raccoons? Those friendly, masked substitutes for teddy bears? Why the discrimination against them, too? Audio recordings are really the only way to find out.

8 Ask a library aide to help you find committee minutes and audio recordings of committee hearings and floor sessions.

Committee work is at the heart of the legislative process. Often, legislative committees are where the real "action" takes place and where bills take their final form.

Senate "committee books" (which are collections of minutes) go back to 1911, while the House began in 1919. The exceptions are the two Judiciary committees, which have minutes as far back as 1883.

Minutes will tell you the date of a committee hearing, and you can use that information to find committee audio recordings. In addition, "committee books" have the texts of amendments offered during hearings.

Tapes of House committee hearings are available back to 1973; Senate committee recordings date to 1973, though there are a few from as early as the mid-1960s. Floor session recordings began in 1973 for both chambers. Any recordings made prior to 1983 may be found at the History Center. More recent recordings are held by the Legislative Reference Library in the State Office Building.

In the case of the skunk trafficking bill, a lot of the fireworks occurred on the floor of the House. Former Rep. John Brandl got an amendment passed to outlaw the raccoon trade along with skunk commerce.

"They're deceptive animals," Brandl explained, "They may appear to be gentle, but they can turn vicious." An original co-author was so mad the bill was amended, he voted against the legislation, claiming (in a rising voice) that Brandl was letting his emotions "interfere with our legislative responsibilities."

The recording of the March 10 floor debate also (finally) gets to the heart of the great skunk debate. Former Rep. Robert Reif, the chief author of the bill in the House, said that, despite jocular newspaper articles to the contrary, the issue was "not a laughing matter." Reif claimed that 80 percent of all Minnesota rabies cases were attributable to skunks. The House agreed with Reif's diagnosis of rabies-infested skunks as "a potential time bomb" and passed the bill by a vote of 76-35.

The trafficking in skunks law is relatively easy to track. In some cases, official committee and floor records will not have the breadth of information you are looking for. Other avenues of inquiry available at the History Center's Weyerhaeuser Reading Room include:

- Minnesota Rules. This reference has the text of administrative rules that have been adopted to implement the law. Rules offer more detail on how a statute is actually being administered.
- Official records of state agencies, political parties, and other groups concerned with legislation.
- Newspaper articles or editorials referring to the subject.
- Personal and/or public papers of lawmakers involved in the issue.

—Adam Samaha

Tips to remember:

- First, the Legislature is not always efficient. Its winding process can be very confusing. It may make our democratic system more deliberative, but it also makes historical inquiry unavoidably circuitous.
- Be prepared for an onslaught of "legalese." Laws and statutes generally aren't written by writers. Patience and perseverance are your best resources.
- The more recently the state took legislative action, the more material you are likely to find. It is rare for any committee records to exist prior to 1919, while after 1972, tape recordings of committee hearings and floor debates are nearly complete.
- Beware that the History citations in *Minnesota Statutes* may not trace the law to its year of origin. For example, the first historical reference for juror compensation (Chapter 593, Section 48) refers to a 1977 law. However, that 1977 law merely recodified previously enacted laws relating to juries. That means laws from several different sections were reassembled under one chapter and renumbered. The first jury compensation law was actually passed in the 19th Century.
- Write down dates of legislative action. Dates are your best source for finding minutes or audio recordings with information on a particular bill.
- Committee minutes are usually not very informative. Although they chronicle formal actions, names, and dates of those who testified, and a list of committee members, they do not really record the substance of the discussions that took place.
- Archival recordings are fascinating and can bring you closer than any other source to the issue you're looking at. With the tapes you'll hear all the nuances of lawmakers' public discussions: everything from sneezes, to snickers, to screams. However, there may be times during your research when it seems as if Rosemary Woods might have been the State Archivist: many of the tapes are of poor quality, and a few hearings were inadvertently not recorded.

The research facilities of the Minnesota History Center are located at 345 Kellogg Boulevard West in St. Paul, south of the Capitol. They're open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday. Call (612) 296-2143 for more information.

The Legislative Reference Library and tape room are in the State Office Building, just west of the Capitol. The library is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. when the Legislature is in session, and the tape room — with committee books and audio tapes — is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Committee, Floor & Final Action

How a bill becomes a law in Minnesota

The bill status tracking sheets are designed to give you the latest information on bill action during the week preceding each issue (Thursday, 2:30 p.m. to Thursday, 2:30 p.m.). (When space allows, a *cumulative* listing of bills acted upon in the House since the beginning of the session will appear at the end of this section.)

We urge you to save all issues of the *Session Weekly* to use as a reference guide as you follow the progress of bills.

The bill status tracking sheets provide 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 been taken on them.

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.

Committee/Division Abbreviations

AG	AGRICULTURE
AGR	AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT
CA	CAPITAL INVESTMENT
CCP	COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION
CED	COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CED/itt	International Trade, Technology & Economic Development Division
CED/t	Tourism & Small Business Division
CP	CRIME PREVENTION
CP/cpf	Crime Prevention Finance Division
ECF	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE
ED	EDUCATION
ED/ed	Education Division
ED/edf	K-12 Education Finance Division
ED/hif	Higher Education Finance Division
EN	ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
EN/f	Environment & Natural Resources Finance Division
ENF	ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE
ET	ETHICS
ETC	ETHICS & CAMPAIGN REFORM
FA	FAMILY SERVICES
FN	FINANCE
FN/sg	State Government Division
FI	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
GA	GAMING REGULATION
GL	GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS
GOR	GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & REFORM
GO	GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING
GO/sgf	State Government Finance Division
HC	HEALTH CARE
HC/f	Health Care & Family Services Finance Div.
HH	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
HH/hhf	Health & Housing Finance Division
HH/hsf	Human Services Finance Division
HO	HOUSING
JEC	JOBS, ENERGY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JEC/f	Jobs, Energy & Community Development Finance Division
JU	JUDICIARY
JU/fj	Judiciary Finance Division
LA	LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
LG	LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
MLG	METROPOLITAN & LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MLG/t	Metropolitan and Local Government Tax Div.
RI	REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY
RA	RULES & ADMINISTRATION
RU	RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION
TA	TAXES
TT	TAXES & TAX LAWS
TPT	TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC TRANSIT
TR	TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT
TR/f	Transportation & Public Transit Finance Div.
VG	VETERANS & GENERAL LEGISLATION
WM	WAYS & MEANS

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HOUSE FLOOR												
HF1377*	Carruthers	Legislative operations—oversight	3/24†		3/24		3/24	131-0	3/25			
SF1371	Luther	and disclosure established	3/25 RA									
COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT												
HF0065	Munger	Packaging Act of 1993	1/19 EN	CED	3/25 h†							
Sfnone												
HF0328	Frerichs	Economic development agencies—	2/15 ECF	CED	3/23 rpa	re TR						
SF0188	Runbeck	omnibus funding bill	2/1 JEC									
HF0399	Opatz	Unclaimed property—state	2/18 CED	CED	3/16 rpa		3/22	134-0				
SF0578	Wiener	reporting requirements changed	3/1 CCP	CCP	3/15 rpa							
HF0948	Bauerly	Contractors—recovery	3/11 CED	CED	3/24 rpa							
SF0938	Luther	fund established	3/15 CCP									
Int'l. Trade, Tech. & Ec. Dev. Division COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT												
HF0929	Mariani	Manufacturing opportunity	3/11 CED	CED/itt	3/24 rpa	re CED						
SF0226	Kelly	districts established	2/9 JEC									
Tourism & Small Business Division COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT												
HF1024	Onnen	Uniform business identifier—	3/11 CED	CED/t	3/24 rpa	re CED						
SF1150	Lesewski	feasibility study established	3/22 JEC									
HF1177	Kinkel	Invention board—established	3/15 CED	CED/t	3/24 rpa	re CED						
SF0439	Solon		2/22 CCP	CCP	3/11 rp	re JEC						
EDUCATION												
HF0329	Ozment	Governor's education bill	2/15 ED	2/15 ED	3/23 at							
SF0185	Olson		2/1 ED									
HF0739	Johnson, A.	Community education teachers—	3/4 ED	ED	3/23 rpa							
SF0997	Ranum	employment study	3/18 ED									
K-12 Education Finance Division EDUCATION												
HF0249	Seagren	School districts—levying	2/9 ED	ED/edf	3/22 h							
SF0297	Riveness	for interest paid allowed	2/15 ED									
HF0302	Lasley	North Branch schools—money	2/11 ED	ED/edf	3/19 h							
SF0602	Johnson, J.B.	appropriated for debt error	3/1 ED									
HF0415	Kelso	School bonding projects—	2/18 ED	ED/edf	3/19 rpa	re ED						
SF1157	Ranum	funding allowed	3/22 ED									
HF0919	Carlson	Arts education—training,	3/8 ED	ED/edf	3/22 h							
SF0801	Pappas	materials provided	3/11 ED									
ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES												
HF0103	Skoglund	Fort Snelling—	1/25 ENF†	EN	3/25 rp	re ENF						
SF0101	Riveness	visitor center funded	1/25 EN									
HF0673	Johnson, V.	Eurasian wild pigs—	3/1 EN	EN	3/25 h†	re AG						
SF0550	Dille	prohibited in Minnesota	3/1 AGR	AGR	3/18 rpa	re EN						
HF0694	Ozment	Industrial waste management	3/1 EN	EN	3/23 †							
Sfnone		regulated										
HF0704	Trimble	Water use and availability to be	3/1 EN	EN	3/25 rp							
SF0697	Price	monitored by Metropolitan Council	3/4 EN									
HF0836	Stanius	Game and fishing licenses—	3/4 EN	EN	3/23 rp							
SF0944	Laidig	subagent options provided	3/15 EN									
HF0864	Jennings	Exotic species inspections—	3/8 EN	EN	3/23 rpa	re JU						
SF0883	Chandler	funded, penalties added	3/11 EN									
HF0877	Beard	Motor vehicle/appliance recycling—	3/8 EN	EN	3/23 rpa	re TA						
SF0812	Price	study funded	3/11 EN									
HF1045	Battaglia	Timber sales regulated	3/15 EN	EN	3/25 rp							
SF0886	Finn		3/11 EN									
HF1152	Ozment	Wildfire prevention	3/15 EN	EN	3/25 rpa							
SF0869	Lessard		3/11 EN									
HF1156	Ozment	Infectious waste provisions—	3/15 EN	EN	3/23 rpa							
SF1102	Dille	modified	3/25 HC									

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HF1164	Trimble	Water law technical corrections— provided	3/15 EN	EN	3/25 rp							
SFnone		ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE										
HF0661	Wenzel	Dairy prices—	3/1 AG	ENF	3/24 rpa	re WM						
SF0730	Sams	fair trade practices act	3/8 AGR	AGR	3/24 rpa	re JU						
		FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE										
HF0090	Hausman	Insurance—off label drugs	1/25 FI	FI	3/24 h	re HH						
SF0353	Piper	included in health care policies	2/18 CCP									
HF0146*	Reding	Financial institutions—	1/28 FI	FI	2/17 rp		3/1	132-0	3/8			3/23 (7)
SF0109	Hottinger	merger procedures eased	1/26 CCP	CCP	2/22 rp		3/18	59-7				
HF0639	Asch	Medicare insurance—	2/25 FI	FI	3/17 rpa		3/22	134-0				
SFnone		technical revisions										
HF0795	Jennings	Insurance—school buses excluded	3/4 FI	FI	3/24 rpa							
SF0742	Anderson	from certain indemnity clauses	3/8 CCP									
HF1000	Jennings	Transit—no-fault economic	3/11 FI	FI	3/24 —	re TR						
SF0897	Chandler	loss exemption extended to taxis	3/11 CCP									
HF1100	Stanisus	Insurance—health coverage	3/15 FI	FI	3/24 rp							
SFnone		reinsurance association regulated										
		GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS										
HF0233*	Solberg	National Guard—governor's	2/9 GL	GL	3/15 rpa		3/22	128-3	3/24			
SF0331	Lesewski	authority clarified	2/15 VG	VG	3/11 rpa							
HF0299	Rodosovich	Elections—precinct boundary	2/11 GL	GL	3/22 rp	re ECF						
SF0410	Pagemiller	data procedures set	2/22 ETC	ETC	3/15 rp	re FN						
HF0323	Osthoff	Elections—local uniform	2/11 GL	GL	3/22 rpa							
SFnone		election procedures set										
HF0418	Sparby	Grand Forks AFB—resolution	2/18 GL	GL	3/22 rp							
SF0371*	Stumpf	to keep base open	2/18 VG	VG	3/8 rp		3/22	42-24	3/25			
HF0420	Dawkins	Elective office eligibility—	2/18 GL	GL	3/22 h							
SF0379	Anderson	age changed to 18	2/18 ETC									
HF0784	Sparby	Elections—precinct caucus	3/4 GL	GL	3/22 rp							
SF0470	Cohen	time, date changed	2/25 ETC	ETC	3/4 rpa							
		GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING		GO								
HF0002	Dawkins	Minnesota Youth Works—	1/7 ED	GO	3/25 rpa	re JU						
SF0100	Marty	established	1/25 ED									
HF0506	Johnson, B.	Department of Employee Relations—	2/22 GO	GO	3/25 rpa							
SF0211	Chandler	training pilot projects allowed	2/9 GOR									
HF0984	Krueger	Department of Administration—	3/11 GO	GO	3/25 rpa	re GO/sgf						
SF1307	Riveness	omnibus changes	3/25 GOR									
		HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES										
HF0227*	Bauerly	Adult foster care	2/9 HH	HH	2/23 rp		3/4	133-0	3/11		3/22	
SF0242	Finn	license modification	2/9 FA	FA	2/25 rpa		3/18	65-0				
HF0311	Onnen	CHILD program established, funded	2/11 HH	HH	3/25 rpa	re HH/hhf						
SF1223	Pariseau	for child abuse prevention	3/22 HC									
HF0387	Kahn	Clean indoor air act—	2/15 HH	HH	3/23 nrp							
SF1033	Flynn	workplace smoking regulated	3/18 HC									
HF0413	Onnen	Group residential housing act	2/18 HH	HH	3/25 rpa	re HH/hsf						
SF0398	Benson, J.E.	modified, rates provided	2/18 FA	FA	3/15 rpa	re HC						
HF0436	Greenfield	Medical Assistance—hospital	2/18 HH	HH	3/16 rp	re WM						
SF0282*	Berglin	reimbursement rate modified	2/11 HC	FN	3/11 rpa		3/18	67-0	3/18			
HF0471	Neary	AFDC children's MA eligibility	2/18 HH	HH	3/25 rpa	re HH/hsf						
SF0433	Piper	to exclude child support payments	2/22 FA									
HF0633	Clark	New chance demonstration	2/25 HH	HH	3/25 rp	re HH/hsf						
SF0689	Berglin	project money appropriated	3/4 FA									
HF0728	Garcia	Medical care reimbursement	3/4 HH	HH	3/25 rpa	re HH/hsf						
SF0690	Berglin	increased for certain counselors	3/4 HC									
HF0804	Cooper	Ambulance primary service areas	3/4 HH	HH	3/25 rp							
SF1107	Sams	granted exemption from process	3/18 HC	HC	3/25 rp							

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		Health & Housing Finance Division HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES										
HF0170	Garcia	Veteran's service officers—	2/1 GL	HH/hhf	3/25 h							
SF0339	Vickerman	grant program established	2/18 VG	VG	3/8 rpa	re FN						
HF0216	Wejzman	Human rights violations—statute	2/9 JU	HH/hhf	3/25 h							
SF0057	Marty	of limitations expanded	1/21 JU	RA	3/11 rp							
HF0241	Greenfield	Housing Finance Agency allowed	2/9 HH	HH/hhf	3/25 rpa	re HH						
SF0222	Berglin	to finance nursing homes	2/9 HC	HC	3/15 rp	re JEC						
HF0334	Clark	Mortgage foreclosure prevention,	2/15 HO	HH/hhf	3/25							
SF0344	Anderson	emergency rental assistance	2/18 JEC									
HF0335	Simoneau	Housing—family homelessness	2/15 HO	HH/hhf	3/25 h							
SF0337	Novak	prevention program established	2/15 JEC	GOR	3/11 rpa	re JEC						
HF0455	Clark	Housing—youth job program	2/18 HO	HH/hhf	3/25 h							
SF0460	Kroening	to fix housing expanded	2/22 JEC									
HF0538	Brown, K.	Transitional housing programs	2/22 HO	HH/hhf	3/25 h							
SF0514	Anderson	appropriated more money	2/25 JEC									
HF0727	Lourey	Community action agencies awarded	3/1 HH	HH/hhf	3/25 h							
SF0623	Kroening	economic opportunity grants	3/1 JEC									
HF1269	Brown, K.	Homelessness prevention grants to	3/18 HO	HH/hhf	3/25 h							
SF1186	Johnson, D.J.	be appropriated to regional units	3/22 JEC									
		HOUSING										
HF1058	Wejzman	Landlord recovery for property	3/15 HO	HO	3/22 rpa							
SFnone		damage, rent nonpayment clarified										
HF1159	Mariani	St. Paul housing rehabilitation	3/15 HO	HO	3/24 rpa	re LG						
SF0998	Kelly	ban program bonding authorized	3/18 MLG									
HF1275	Asch	Mental illness crisis housing	3/18 HO	HO	3/24 rpa	re HH						
SF1080	Johnson, J.B.	assistance account created, funded	3/18 JEC									
HF1325	Brown, C.	Smoke detector dwelling	3/22 HO	HO	3/24 rp							
SFnone		requirements expanded										
		JUDICIARY										
HF0045	Bishop	Durable power of attorney	1/14 JU	JU	3/8 rpa		3/11	130-0		3/22		
SF0040*	Reichgott	for health care established	1/14 JU	CP	2/18 rpa		3/4	53-10	3/8	3/22		
HF0208	Bishop	Human rights—protection for the	2/1 JU	JU	3/15 rpa†		3/22	131-0				
SF0859	Cohen	disabled expanded	3/11 JU									
HF0585*	Clark	Human Rights—sexual or	2/25 JU	JU	3/5 rpa		3/18	78-55†	3/22			
SF0444	Spear	affectional orientation added	2/22 JU	JU	3/1 rpa†		3/25	55-29				
		LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS										
HF0349	Rukavina	Labor unions—equal time	2/15 LA	LA	3/22 rp							
SF0785	Chandler	provisions extended to unions	3/8 JEC									
HF0373	Murphy	Labor—arbitration required	2/15 LA	LA	3/22 rpa							
SF0891	Kroening	under certain circumstances	3/11 JEC									
HF0723	Simoneau	Public employees—contracting-out	3/1 LA	LA	3/22 rp	re GO						
SF0525	Betzold	of services provision modified	2/25 GOR									
HF0819	Johnson, R.	Public employees-arbitration	3/4 LA	LA	3/22 rp	re GO						
SF0629	Riveness	authorized on health care costs	3/4 GOR	GOR	3/16 rp							
HF0826	Simoneau	Workers' compensation—minimum	3/4 LA	LA	3/22 rpa							
SF0692	Chmielewski	deposit changed for self-insureds	3/4 CCP	CCP	3/22 rpa							
HF1008	Simoneau	Dislocated workers—rapid	3/11 LA	LA	3/22 rpa							
SF0934	Chandler	response programs created	3/15 JEC									
HF1151	Dauner	Labor-wage payment	3/15 LA	LA	3/24 rpa							
SF0101	Langseth	regulations modified	3/22 JEC									
HF1187	Perlt	Labor-state advisory councils	3/18 LA	LA	3/22 rpa	re GO						
SF1199	Chandler	expiration dates extended	3/22 JEC									
		LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS										
HF0070*	Opatz	St. Cloud State University land	1/21 LG	LG	3/11 rp		3/18	133-0	3/15			
SF0116	Benson, J.E.	transferred to city of St. Cloud	1/28 EN									
HF0072	Jefferson	Motor vehicle forfeiture for	1/21 LG	LG	3/23 rpa	re JU						
SF0888	Pappas	prostitution offenses authorized	3/11 CP									

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†HF0208-a in committee and subcommittee

†HF0585-a on floor

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BILL STATUS TRACKING SHEET**
Bill action between March 18 - 25

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HF0151	Cooper	Town office elections	1/28 LG	LG	3/23 rp							
SF0099*	Janezich	duties clarified	1/25 MLG	MLG	3/1 rp		3/25	64-0	3/25			
HF0152	Cooper	Town road and bridge report	1/28 LG	LG	3/23 rp							
SF0098*	Janezich	firing requirement eliminated	1/25 MLG	MLG	3/1 rp		3/25	64-0	3/25			
HF0238	Molnau	Town elections authorized	2/9 LG	LG	3/23 rpa	re GL						
SF0421	Johnston	on general election day	2/22 ETC									
HF0298*	Jacobs	Anoka County granted power	2/11 LG	LG	3/11 rpa		3/18	132-0	3/24			
SF0277	Merriam	to appoint county coroner	2/11 MLG	MLG	3/1 rpa							
HF0383	Pugh	Dakota County HRA and	2/15 LG	LG	3/23 rp							
SF0313*	Wiener	extension committee given powers	2/15 MLG	MLG	3/8 rp		3/25	64-0	3/25			
HF0461*	Jefferson	Reward offers by cities for	2/18 LG	LG	3/11 rp		3/18	132-0	3/22			
SF0581	Ranum	felon information allowed	3/1 CP									
HF0498*	Rukavina	St. Louis County—solid waste	2/22 LG	LG	3/11 rp		3/18	133-0	3/22			
SF0459	Janezich	management contracting modified	2/22 MLG									
HF0622	Orfield	Farmland in metropolitan area	2/25 LG	LG	3/25 rpa							
SF0695	Marty	provided long-term protection	3/4 MLG									
HF0648	Anderson, I.	Itasca, Polk counties allowed to	3/1 LG	LG	3/23 rpa							
SFnone		merge auditor's/treasurer's office										
HF0671	Orfield	Low-income housing to be	3/1 HO	LG	3/25 rpa	re TA						
SF0529	Novak	spread throughout metro area	2/25 MLG	JEC	3/24 rpa	re MLG						
HF0680	Rice	St. Anthony Falls Heritage	3/1 LG	LG	3/23 rpa							
SF0589	Kroening	Board appointments provided for	3/1 MLG	MLG	3/18 rpa							
HF0720	Anderson, I.	Cartrways allowed on alternative	3/1 LG	LG	3/23 rp	re TR						
SF0653	Lessard	routes for certain landowners	3/4 TPT									
HF0811	Jaros	Duluth HRA authorized	3/4 LG	LG	3/23 rp	re TA						
SF0489	Johnson, D.J.	a property tax levy	2/25 MLG									
HF0812	Rodosovich	Faribault police chief, director	3/4 LG	LG	3/23 rp							
SF0485	Neuville	provided civil service status	2/25 MLG	MLG	3/18 rp							
		REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY										
HF0295*	Jacobs	Energy—utility cost rate	2/11 RI	RI	3/15 rpa		3/22	131-0	3/24			
SF0424	Chmielewski	adjustments authorized	2/22 JEC									
HF0930	Clark	Telephones—assistance plan	3/11 RI	RI	3/22 h,a							
SF1329	Pappas	expanded for abuse victims	3/25 JEC									
HF0991	Cooper	Utilities—eminent domain powers	3/11 RI	RI	3/22 rpa							
SF0847	Murphy	limited for municipalities	3/11 JEC									
		TAXES										
HF0117	Kinkel	Tax-forfeited land—	1/26 TA	TA	3/4 rpa		3/22	132-0				
SF0019*	Price	repurchase price	1/11 TT	TT	2/15 rpa		3/15	61-0	3/18			
HF1144	Swiggum	Sales and use tax—	3/15 TA	TA	3/23 h							
SF0924	Benson, D.D.	capital equipment exemption clarified	3/15 TT									
		TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT										
HF0006	Osthoff	Drivers' license revocation	1/7 TR	TR	1/20 rp		3/18	125-1				
SF0012*	Chmielewski	opposed for drug offenses	1/7 TPT	TPT	1/21 rp		3/1	57-0	3/4			
HF0087	Perlt	Telephone caller identification service—	1/21 TR	TR	3/24 rpa	re RI						
SF0095	Price	availability	1/25 TPT									
HF0111	Olson, K.	Jackson County—Grottrum	1/25 TR	TR	3/19 rp							
SF0128	Vickerman	Memorial Highway designated	1/28 TPT	TPT	3/10 rpa							
HF0272	Solberg	Public Safety Department	2/9 GO	TR	3/24 rpa	re JU						
SF0114	Kelly	abolished	1/28 GOR	GOR	3/25 rpa	re CP						
HF0319	Bishop	Motorcycle helmets required for people	2/11 TR	TR	3/24 nrp							
SF0758	Chmielewski	under age 21	3/8 TPT									
HF0469	Gruenes	School bus drivers—license	2/18 TR	TR	3/19 rp							
SFnone		physical testing changed										
HF0560	Asch	Rail crossings—dispute	2/25 TR	TR	3/19 rpa							
SF0404	Runbeck	resolution procedure clarified	2/18 TPT	TPT	3/17 nrp							
HF0593	Swenson	Automakers—license plate fees	2/25 TR	TR	3/19 h,a†							
SFnone		refunded if sold out of state										
HF0827	Olson, K.	Lamberton—Wally Nelson	3/4 TR	TR	3/19 rp							
SF0475	Vickerman	Highway designated	2/25 TPT	TPT	3/10 h†							

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HF0874	Seagren	Citizen parking patrol	3/8 TR	TR	3/19 rp							
SF0837	Belanger	authority expanded	3/11 TPT									
HF0909	Rice	Lake Superior, Mississippi River—	3/8 TR	TR	3/19 rp	re ECF						
SF0762	Morse	port development program funded	3/8 TPT									
HF1012	Rice	Drivers' license fees increased	3/11 TR	TR	3/19 rpa	re ECF						
SF0437	Chmielewski		2/22 TPT									

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lo — laid over
inc — incorporated into HF _____
† — footnote

Floor Action

fp — final passage
r — first reading in other body
sub — substitution
CC — Conference Committee
cr — concurrence and repassage

Final Action

g — governor signed bill
v — governor vetoed bill
liv — governor line-item vetoed the bill
ret — returned to committee of last action
t — laid on table

Cumulative listing of latest House action on bills*

Editor's note: This section, which is organized numerically by House file number, shows the latest House action on every bill that has had a hearing in the House from the beginning of the 1993 session through the date at the top of the page. This, coupled with the current week's bill tracking chart in the preceding section, should provide an accounting of every bill that has been heard in the House.

If you find a bill in this section and want to know if it has been acted on this week, look to the weekly bill tracking chart in the preceding section, where bills are organized by committee.

The Bill Introductions section, which appears each week, lists bills numerically by House file number and provides a short description of the content of each bill. We suggest that you save all issues of the *Session Weekly* to use as a bill reference guide in conjunction with this listing.

House Committee Abbreviations

AG	AGRICULTURE
CA	CAPITAL INVESTMENT
CED	COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CED/itt	International Trade, Technology & Economic Development Division
CED/t	Tourism & Small Business Division
ECF	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE
ED	EDUCATION
ED/edf	K-12 Education Finance Division
ED/hhf	Higher Education Finance Division
EN	ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
ENF	ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE
ET	ETHICS
FI	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
GL	GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS
GO	GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING
GO/sgf	State Government Finance Division
HH	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
HH/hhf	Health & Housing Finance Division
HH/hsf	Human Services Finance Division
HO	HOUSING
JU	JUDICIARY
JU/f	Judiciary Finance Division
LA	LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
LG	LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
RI	REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY
RU	RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION
TA	TAXES
TR	TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT
WM	WAYS & MEANS

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HF0117/SF0019*	3/22	fp 132-0	12	HF0256/SF0115	3/8	AG rpa reJU	10
HF0122/SF0164	3/16	GO h,a	11	HF0260/SFnone	2/17	ED/edf h	7
HF0123/SF0279	2/17	ED/edf h	7	HF0261/SF0381	3/16	CA — reED	11
HF0125*/SF0153	2/25	HFsub	8	HF0264/SF0234	3/15	JU rp	11
HF0127/SF0300	3/11	LG rp	10	HF0269/SF0213	3/4	EN rpa reENF	9
HF0129/SF0513	3/1	JU rpa reTA	9	HF0271/SF0286	3/1	GL h	9
HF0132/SF0127	2/25	GO rp	8	HF0272/SF0114	3/24	TR rpa reJU	12
HF0134/SF0117	3/2	HH rp	9	HF0276/SFnone	3/12	inc into HF0350	11
HF0138/SF0111	2/25	HH rp reHH/hsf	8	HF0278/SF0488	3/15	HH rpa reHH	11
HF0139/SF0159	2/17	FI rp	7	HF0280/SF0559	3/18	CED rp reGO	11
HF0141/SF0167	3/3	FI h reHH	9	HF0283/SF0471	3/11	GO h,a reGO/sgf	10
HF0142/SF0119*	3/10	g, CH 5	11	HF0287/SF0271	3/11	EN rpa	10
HF0145*/SF0173	3/11	HF sub	10	HF0291/SF0280	2/17	ED/edf h	7
HF0146*/SF0109	3/23	g, CH 7	12	HF0292/SF0299	3/2	EN rpa reFN	9
HF0149/SF0263	2/17	Ed/edf h	7	HF0294/SF0249	3/4	HH rp reHH/hsf	9
HF0151/SF0099*	3/23	LG rp	12	HF0295*/SF0424	3/22	fp 131-0	12
HF0152/SF0098*	3/23	LG rp	12	HF0296*/SF0276	3/18	HF sub	11
HF0156/SF0122	2/23	HH h reHH/hhf	8	HF0298*/SF0277	3/24	HF sub	12
HF0159/SF0158	3/8	fp 133-0	10	HF0299/SF0410	3/22	GL rp reECF	12
HF0161/SF0069	3/11	CED rp reGO/sgf	10	HF0302/SF0602	3/19	ED/edf h	12
HF0163/SF0152	3/16	GL rpa reECF	11	HF0311/SF1223	3/25	HH rpa reHH/hhf	12
HF0165/SF0317	3/2	CED rpa reJU	9	HF0315/SF0367	3/18	ED h	11
HF0167/SF0338	3/18	GO rpa reJU	11	HF0316/SF0487	3/17	CED/itt rp	11

* Unofficial listing

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Committee Action

HF — House File
SF — Senate File
CH — Chapter
* — version under consideration
rp — recommended to pass
rpa — recommended to pass as amended

nrc — not recommended to pass
re — re-referred to another cmte./div./sub. cmte.
a — amended
h — heard
w — withdrawn
lo — laid over
inc — incorporated into HF
† — footnote

Floor Action

fp — final passage
r — first reading in other body
sub — substitution
CC — Conference Committee
cr — concurrence and repassage

Final Action

g — governor signed bill
v — governor vetoed bill
liv — governor line-item vetoed the bill
ret — returned to committee of last action
t — laid on table

HF/SF	Action Date	House Action	SW Issue	HF/SF	Action Date	House Action	SW Issue	HF/SF	Action Date	House Action	SW Issue
HF0318/SF0431	3/9	GO h,a	10	HF0513/SFnone	3/4	EN a	9	HF0784/SF0470	3/22	GL rp	12
HF0319/SF0758	3/24	TR nrc	12	HF0513/SF0963	3/16	EN rpa	11	HF0789/SF0735	3/18	HH rp reHH/hhf	11
HF0322/SF0503	3/18	ED h reED/hif	11	HF0515/SF0660	3/17	TR h,a	11	HF0795/SF0742	3/24	FI rpa	12
HF0323/SFnone	3/22	GL rpa	11	HF0516/SF0270	3/15	GL rpa	11	HF0804/SF1107	3/25	HH rp	12
HF0327/SF0088	3/15	GL rpa reFN/sg	11	HF0522*/SF0405	3/11	fp 130-0	11	HF0806/SF0666	3/18	CED rpa	11
HF0328/SF0188	3/23	CED rpa reTR	12	HF0531/SF0415	3/4	HO h	10	HF0811/SF0489	3/23	LG rp reTA	12
HF0329/SF0185	3/23	ED a	12	HF0531/SF0415	3/17	HO rpa reJU	11	HF0812/SF0485	3/23	LG rp	12
HF0330/SFnone	2/17	ED/edf h	7	HF0532/SF0399	3/16	HH rpa reJU	11	HF0819/SF0629	3/22	LA rp reGO	12
HF0333/SF0355	3/16	EN rp reGO/sgf	11	HF0534/SF0096	3/2	EN nrc	9	HF0820/SF1018	3/15	RI h	11
HF0334/SF0344	3/25	HH/hhf h	12	HF0536/SF0806	3/12	inc into HF0350	11	HF0821/SFnone	3/15	RI h	11
HF0335/SF0337	3/25	HH/hhf h	12	HF0538/SF0514	3/25	HH/hhf h	12	HF0822/SF0974	3/15	RI h,a	11
HF0336/SF0327	3/4	HH rpa reHH/hsf	9	HF0544/SF0463	3/11	CED rpa re GO/sgf	10	HF0823/SF0921	3/15	RI h	11
HF0341*/SF0265	3/11	fp 130-0	11	HF0545/SF0999	3/12	inc into HF0350	11	HF0824/SF0701	3/15	RI rpa	11
HF0342/SFnone	3/8	RI rp	10	HF0546/SFnone	3/15	fp 130-0	11	HF0826/SF0692	3/22	LA rpa	12
HF0349/SF0785	3/22	LA rp	12	HF0550/SF0610	3/18	CED rp reGO	11	HF0827/SF0475	3/19	TR rp	12
HF0351/SFnone	2/15	ED/edf h	7	HF0552/SF0440	3/5	JU rpa	10	HF0828/SF0699	3/18	HH rp	11
HF0352/SF0060	3/11	GO h,a reGO/sgf	10	HF0554/SFnone	3/16	CED rpa	11	HF0832/SF0973	3/15	RI h	11
HF0358/SF0294	2/25	fp 131-1	8	HF0560/SF0404	3/19	TR rpa	12	HF0833/SF1021	3/15	RI h	11
HF0362/SF0318	3/12	inc into HF0350	11	HF0571/SF0511	3/18	ED rp	11	HF0834/SF0788	3/15	RI rpa reGO	11
HF0373/SF0891	3/22	LA rp	12	HF0575/SF0220	3/18	EN h	11	HF0835/SFnone	3/17	CED/itt rp reCED	11
HF0379/SFnone	2/15	ED/edf h	7	HF0576/SF0570	3/11	GO rpa	10	HF0836/SF0944	3/23	EN rp	12
HF0383/SF0313*	3/25	SF sub	12	HF0577/SF0321	3/15	JU rpa reTA	11	HF0839/SF0927	3/12	ED/edf	11
HF0384/SF0264	3/10	HO rpa	10	HF0582/SF0523	3/16	EN rp reENF	11	HF0864/SF0883	3/23	EN rpa reJU	12
HF0385/SF0346	3/8	AG rpa	10	HF0584/SF0698	3/8	RI rpa	10	HF0874/SF0837	3/19	TR rp	12
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HF0390/SF0870	3/16	EN rp reENF	11	HF0592/SF0576	3/15	JU rpa	11	HF0886/SF0841	3/17	ED/edf h	11
HF0391/SF0329	3/9	HH rpa reHH/hhf	10	HF0593/SFnone	3/19	TR h,a	12	HF0887/SF0719	3/17	CED/t rp reCED	11
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HF0402/SFnone	3/4	HH rp HH/hsf	9	HF0607/SF0483	3/16	EN rp	11	HF0894/SF0770	3/18	ED h	11
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HF0415/SF1157	3/19	ED/edf rpa reED	12	HF0621/SF0450	3/18	HH rpa reJU	11	HF0930/SF1329	3/22	RI h,a	12
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HF0420/SF0379	3/22	GL h	12	HF0630/SF0454	3/8	RI h,a	10	HF0984/SF1307	3/25	GO rpa reGO/sgf	12
HF0421*/SF0347	3/11	fp 131-0	11	HF0633/SF0689	3/25	HH rp reHH/hsf	12	HF0991/SF0847	3/22	RI rpa	12
HF0426/SF0233	3/4	HH rpa reHH/hsf	9	HF0639/SFnone	3/22	fp 134-0	12	HF1000/SF0937	3/24	FI — reTR	12
HF0427/SF0585	3/2	TA rpa	9	HF0640/SF0948	3/17	FI rpa	11	HF1008/SF0934	3/22	LA rpa	12
HF0427/SF0585	3/15	WM rp	11	HF0643/SF0809	3/16	CED rpa	11	HF1012/SF0437	3/19	TR rpa	12
HF0430/SF0362	3/11	HH rpa	10	HF0648/SFnone	3/23	LG rpa	12	HF1023/SF0913	3/18	GO rpa	11
HF0432/SFnone	3/11	GO h reGO/sgf	10	HF0651/SF0544	3/8	LA rpa	10	HF1024/SF1150	3/24	CED/t rp reCED	12
HF0436/SF0282*	3/18	SF sub	12	HF0654/SF0704	3/16	CED rp	11	HF1045/SF0886	3/25	EN rp	12
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HF0449/SF0375	3/11	ED rp reGL	10	HF0666/SFnone	3/1	ED/edf h	9	HF1151/SF0101	3/24	LA rpa	12
HF0454/SF0932	3/18	CED rp	11	HF0667/SF0587	3/18	GO rpa	11	HF1152/SF0869	3/25	EN rpa	12
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HF0464/SF0427	3/11	LG rpa	10	HF0678/SF0731	3/15	LA rp reJU/ff	11	HF1164/SFnone	3/25	EN rp	12
HF0468/SFnone	3/11	HH rpa reHH/hsf	10	HF0680/SF0589	3/23	LG rpa	12	HF1177/SF0439	3/24	CED/t rp reCED	12
HF0469/SFnone	3/19	TR rp	12	HF0683/SF0201	3/3	FI h	9	HF1187/SF1199	3/22	LA rpa reGO	12
HF0471/SF0433	3/25	HH rpa reHH/hsf	12	HF0694/SFnone	3/23	EN lo, interim study	12	HF1269/SF1186	3/25	HH/hhf h	12
HF0481/SF0443	3/17	HO rpa re HH	11	HF0699/SF0848	3/16	EN rp	11	HF1275/SF1080	3/24	HO rpa reHH	12
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HF0506/SF0211	3/25	GO rpa	12	HF0728/SF0690	3/25	HH re HH/hsf	12				
HF0507/SF0481	3/11	HH rpa	10	HF0739/SF0997	3/23	ED rp	12				
HF0509/SF0567	3/15	GL rpa	11	HF0778/SF0831	3/18	HH rpa reHH/hsf	11				

Bill Introductions

HF1289-HF1501

Monday, March 22

HF1289—Pugh (DFL)

Transportation & Transit

Dakota County paratransit demonstration project established.

HF1290—Workman (IR)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Motor vehicle excise tax dedicated to the highway user tax distribution and transit assistance funds, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1291—Wagenius (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Landfill environmental cleanup program established, property and casualty insurance premium tax imposed, waste management tax created, landfill contingency action trust fund abolished, penalties provided, and money appropriated.

HF1292—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Physician license surcharge federal waiver requested for physicians not charging for services or on a practice leave of absence.

HF1293—Greenfield (DFL)

Commerce & Economic Development

Real estate brokers and salespersons provided radon testing disclosure requirements.

HF1294—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Medical Assistance asset allowance increased, asset 30-month transfer restriction removed, Medical Assistance liens created, and money appropriated.

HF1295—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Medical Assistance, General Assistance Medical Care, and MinnesotaCare dental services provided payment on a prospective per capita basis.

HF1296—Lourey (DFL)

Local Government & Metro Affairs

Pine County allowed to extend certain temporary land use controls.

HF1297—Reding (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Insurance

State and local government unit fund deposits prohibited in financial intermediaries violating checking account requirements.

HF1298—Johnson, A. (DFL)

Education

Graduation requirements to include two one-credit courses in mathematics and science.

HF1299—Milbert (DFL)

Transportation & Transit

Dakota County paratransit demonstration project established.

HF1300—Wagenius (DFL)

Judiciary

Firearm regulation adoption authorized by metropolitan county cities and the Metropolitan Airports Commission.

HF1301—Greenfield (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Insurance

Comprehensive health insurance association premiums provided rate minimum and rate determinations modified, cigarette and tobacco taxes increased and deposited in the health care access fund, and money appropriated.

HF1302—Krueger (DFL)

Taxes

Commercial and industrial reduced property tax class rate allowed on additional parcels.

HF1303—Neary (DFL)

Taxes

Golf club private property provided property tax valuation if not eligible for open space treatment due to sex discrimination.

HF1304—Brown, K. (DFL)

Taxes

Affordable housing construction or rehabilitation materials exempted from sales and use taxes.

HF1305—Trimble (DFL)

Judiciary

Asian juvenile crime prevention grant program to include family-based crime intervention, and money appropriated.

HF1306—Sparby (DFL)

Agriculture

Rural Finance Authority program eligibility and participation requirements modified and application fees authorized for beginning farmer and seller-sponsored loan programs.

HF1307—Girard (IR)

Labor-Management Relations

State contract prevailing wage requirement eliminated.

HF1308—Ozment (IR)

Agriculture

Ratitae farming considered an agricultural pursuit.

HF1309—Kinkel (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Nursing facilities provided a special transportation service allowance.

HF1310—Mahon (DFL)

Transportation & Transit

Bloomington, Edina, Richfield, and Eden Prairie allowed to establish a transportation demand management program.

HF1311—Trimble (DFL)

Governmental Operations & Gambling

Mississippi River Parkway Commission sunset repealed.

HF1312—Wenzel (DFL)

Judiciary

Jail prisoner boarding fee excesses used for outstanding jail bond payments.

HF1313—Reding (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Insurance

Comprehensive Health Insurance association to include comprehensive health associations, eligibility modified, budget adoption provided, and comprehensive health insurance fund created.

HF1314—Wejcman (DFL)

Judiciary

Prostitution mistake of age defense eliminated.

HF1315—Bertram (DFL)

Transportation & Transit

Semitrailer and trailer three-vehicle combination permits modified and overweight truck fines increased.

HF1316—Rodosovich (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Nutrition and dietetics practice board established, licensing requirements and exemptions provided, penalties imposed, and money appropriated.

HF1317—Baverly (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Hearing instrument dispensers certified and penalties imposed.

HF1318—Anderson, I. (DFL)

Taxes

Correctional facility project purchases by cities and counties provided sales and use tax refunds and money appropriated.

HF1319—Orenstein (DFL)

Local Government & Metro Affairs

St. Paul authorized to impose an additional sales tax.

HF1320—Lynch (IR)

Education

Outcome-based schools authorized leases from other than nonprofit organizations.

HF1321—Blatz (IR)

Taxes

Handicapped accessibility improvements excluded from property tax assessments.

HF1322—Johnson, V. (IR)

Regulated Industries & Energy

Houston County authorized to issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses to establishments in Crooked Creek and Brownsville.

HF1323—Garcia (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Home- and community-based alternative service care program pilot projects established.

HF1324—Greenfield (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Medicaid certified nursing facility preadmission screening program requirements modified.

HF1325—Brown, C. (DFL)

Housing

Smoke detection device dwelling requirements expanded.

HF1326—Brown, C. (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Pomme de Terre River authorized canoe and boating route markings.

HF1327—Nelson (DFL)

Governmental Operations & Gambling

Tourism advertising appropriated money.

HF1328—Mariani (DFL)

Judiciary

Pistol transfer permit fees authorized by local law enforcement agencies.

HF1329—Mariani (DFL)

Taxes

Elderly and low- and moderate-income family housing provided property tax exemption.

HF1330—Olson, K. (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Cottonwood County intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation or related conditions downsizing pilot project established, and money appropriated.

HF1331—Wejcman (DFL)

Judiciary

Peace officer civilian review authorities provided complainant data release and hearing attendance provisions.

HF1332—Bauerly (DFL)
Education

Pre K-12 and community education service delivery system planning and implementation clarified.

HF1333—Nelson (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Medical Assistance reimbursement rates increased for one-to-one staffing for persons with severe behavioral needs.

HF1334—Bettermann (IR)
Commerce & Economic Development
Motor vehicle storage cost possessory lien notices provided to secured creditors.

HF1335—Beard (DFL)
Taxes

Pollution control equipment exempted from sales and use taxes.

HF1336—Wejman (DFL)
Judiciary

Peace officer civilian review authorities provided subpoena powers.

HF1337—Solberg (DFL)
Education

Mineral research endowed chair and scholarship accounts established in the Permanent University Fund, and funding provided by mineral permits and royalties.

HF1338—Anderson, R. (DFL)
Capital Investment

Minneapolis Veterans Home provided bond issuance and money appropriated.

HF1339—Hasskamp (DFL)
Judiciary

Recreational activity participation liability clarified.

HF1340—Simoneau (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Guardianship duties authorized by public or private agencies or individuals, and money appropriated.

HF1341—Gruenes (IR)
Health & Human Services

Health care provider conflict of interest provisions to exclude ambulatory surgery, lithotripsy, infusion therapy, or kidney dialysis services.

HF1342—Simoneau (DFL)
Judiciary

Joint and several liability apportionment modified.

HF1343—McGuire (DFL)
Judiciary

Domestic abuse definition to include terroristic threats, and child abuse interview location options provided.

HF1344—Pugh (DFL)
Judiciary

Public defense system operation revised, state employee classifications provided, and money appropriated.

HF1345—Rest (DFL)
Taxes

Satellite broadcasting facility construction material and supplies exempted from sales tax.

HF1346—Battaglia (DFL)
Education

Independent School District No. 707, Nett Lake, provided a grant for unemployment compensation insurance premiums, and money appropriated.

HF1347—Peterson (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy

Telephone company rate increases prohibited if providing multiparty service to more than two parties per line.

HF1348—Cooper (DFL)
Taxes

Elevator facility reduced property tax class rate allowed on additional facilities.

HF1349—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Anatomical gifts and human body part provisions considered a health care service and not a sale.

HF1350—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Community nursing organization federal alternative Medicare payment model demonstration project exempted from health maintenance organization regulation.

HF1351—Ness (IR)
Education

Capital expenditures program reporting requirements modified, statewide education facilities coordination and planning process provided, county facilities group planning clarified, and money appropriated.

HF1352—Pelowski (DFL)
Education

INTERNET access for elementary and secondary schools appropriated money.

HF1353—Solberg (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs

Aitkin County authorized an additional liquor and restaurant tax to fund a convention or tourism bureau.

HF1354—Winter (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Farmers allowed to rent or lease upland portions of certain acquired wetland areas.

HF1355—Winter (DFL)
Agriculture

Llama farming considered an agricultural pursuit.

HF1356—Anderson, I. (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

National Shooting Sports center location expanded to within a taconite tax relief areaC

HF1357—Solberg (DFL)
Education

Open enrollment pupils provided expanded transportation aid and individual education plan development provided between district of residence and instruction.

HF1358—Dawkins (DFL)
Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections

Dog and cat care standards provided for dealers, breeders, and brokers, animal seizure and disposition clarified, and penalties imposed.

HF1359—Mosel (DFL)
Judiciary

Search warrant serving by state patrol clarified for criminal motor vehicle violations.

HF1360—Jefferson (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

Black Minnesotans Council provided liaison with native African community and money appropriated.

HF1361—Jefferson (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Martin Luther King nonviolent institutional child development pilot program created for violence prevention coordination for African-American children, and money appropriated.

HF1362—Sviggum (IR)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

State agency budget reporting and preparation changed, work force planning and reporting provided, and appropriation carryforward and transfer clarified.

HF1363—Anderson, I. (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy

911 emergency telephone services required automatic location identification and two dedicated circuits, 911 trust fund established and grants authorized, and enhanced service fee provided.

HF1364—Huntley (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Regional treatment center closure prohibited until patients are provided with alternative community based treatment or care.

HF1365—Krueger (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

Information Systems Intergovernmental Advisory Council membership and duties modified.

HF1366—Lieder (DFL)
Transportation & Transit

Toll highway and bridge facilities authorized.

HF1367—Peterson (DFL)
Education

Reorganized combined school district attachment provided to another district.

HF1368—Peterson (DFL)
Education

Interdistrict cooperation plan members allowed four years of combination revenue.

HF1369—Onnen (IR)
Judiciary

Drivers' license six-month revocation and limited license waiting period required for controlled substance offenses involving a motor vehicle.

HF1370—Trimble (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Metropolitan Council appropriated money for developing water use plans.

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HF1371—Clark (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Social support services pilot project established for persons with mental illness and chemical dependency living in Minneapolis and Moorhead public high-rise communities, and money appropriated.

HF1372—Dehler (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Local Government Trust Fund established for providing services and property tax relief with funding provided by dedicating part of the sales and use tax and local option sales and use tax, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1373—Evans (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Assessors provided alternative requirements for accredited and senior assessor designations.

HF1374—Johnson, A. (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Child labor standards provided, penalties imposed, and money appropriated.

HF1375—Simoneau (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation individual security accounts established and assessments imposed.

HF1376—Carruthers (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Metropolitan Council districts redrawn.

HF1377—Carruthers (DFL)
Telephone and budget information of legislators, constitutional officers, and executive department heads release and classification provided, and open meeting law application extended for the legislature.

HF1378—Carruthers (DFL)
Judiciary
Transfer of Litigation Act adopted.

HF1379—Bertram (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Social security benefit offset eliminated for certain retired judges.

HF1380—Bertram (DFL)
Agriculture
Cattle; animal health board appropriated money to study paratuberculosis disease infection in cattle herds.

HF1381—Steensma (DFL)
Capital Investment
Water and Soil Resources Board appropriated money and provided bond issuance for the Southern Rivers Basin Area II program RW-22 project in Lyon County.

HF1382—Ness (IR)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation premium calculation and policy history figures and claims experience disclosed to employers.

HF1383—Lasley (DFL)
Education
Education; congress to fund special education costs in the amount originally intended under Public Law Number 94-142.

HF1384—Asch (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Tanning facilities licensed, health regulations imposed, use by minors restricted, and penalties provided.

HF1385—Steensma (DFL)
Agriculture
Agriculture department renamed the Agriculture, Food, and Land stewardship department, duties and powers modified, service needs studied, and money appropriated.

HF1386—Simoneau (DFL)
Judiciary
Collateral source statute to include arbitration awards.

HF1387—Anderson, I. (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Independent contractors considered employees of service contractors.

HF1388—Peterson (DFL)
Taxes
Commercial and Industrial reduced property tax class rate allowed on additional parcels.

HF1389—McGuire (DFL)
Judiciary
Donor fundraising information from the University of Minnesota and state universities considered private and nonpublic data.

HF1390—Jaros (DFL)
Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections
Legislature reduced in size to 61 senators and 122 representatives.

HF1391—Peterson (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Camping facilities adjacent to wildlife management areas to remain open until the hunting season is closed.

HF1392—Walman (IR)
Health & Human Services
Wabasha County intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation or related conditions in Lake City and Wabasha downsizing pilot project established, and money appropriated.

HF1393—Workman (IR)
Taxes
Vegetable seeds exempted from sales and use taxes.

HF1394—Beard (DFL)
Taxes
Property tax levy appeals to counties provided to cities and towns.

HF1395—Klinzing (DFL)
Housing
Housing Finance Agency appropriated money for the Housing Trust Fund.

HF1396—Simoneau (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Local Government Pay Equity Act not to limit strikes by employees.

HF1397—Mariani (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
St. Paul Police Relief Association authorized service pension and disability benefit increases and actuarial assumption changes.

HF1398—Evans (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Speed limits established on residential roadways.

HF1399—Smith (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Solid waste collection service contracts provided and penalties imposed.

HF1400—Lourey (DFL)
Education
Fund transfer deadlines extended for school districts.

HF1401—Lourey (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Pine County provided a categorical social service program alternative grant application process.

HF1402—Anderson, I. (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Wetlands mitigation requirements modified and exemptions expanded.

HF1403—Hausman (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Energy conservation investment alternative financing methods provided to municipalities.

HF1404—Evans (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
New Brighton allowed to acquire granular activated carbon without a bond for treatment of contaminated water for potable consumption.

HF1405—Bertram (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Wetland draining and filling prohibition and rule adoption dates extended.

HF1406—Olson, K. (DFL)
Education
Basic revenue use provided for violence prevention program in-service education and staff development programs, and school districts to provide students with challenging instructional activities and experiences.

HF1407—Milbert (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, and Certified Interior Designer Board provided license issuance, denial, revocation, and suspension procedures, and penalties imposed.

HF1408—Limmer (IR)
Agriculture
Nursery stock dealer certificate exemption provided to nonprofit charitable, education, or religious organizations, and plant pest act definitions modified.

HF1409—Dehler (IR)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Insurance continuation eligibility extended for certain former public employees.

HF1410—Jacobs (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Identification card allowed as proof of age for purchasing or consuming alcohol.

HF1411—Johnson, A. (DFL)
Education
Children, Youth, and their Families Legislative Commission authorized to hire staff, meetings and state officer cooperation and consultations provided, and community-based program grants authorized, and money appropriated.

HF1412—Kelley (DFL)
Health & Human Services
County-school district coordinated social services provided, coordination aid authorized, community social service programs for children and families expanded, and money appropriated.

HF1413—Wenzel (DFL)
Taxes
Local government aid formula provided for small cities.

HF1414—Sparby (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Polk County intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation and related conditions in East Grand Forks downsizing pilot project established, and money appropriated.

HF1415—Sparby (DFL)
Agriculture
Wheat and barley promotion order provisions modified.

HF1416—Reding (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Austin Fire Department Relief Association provided modified health insurance coverage for certain retired firefighter spouses, and part-time on-call firefighters excluded from certain requirements.

HF1417—Winter (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Podiatrists and dentists considered physicians and surgeons and podiatrists provided equal access to hospitals and outpatient surgical centers.

HF1418—Winter (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation responsibility clarified for persons loading and unloading freight and penalties provided.

HF1419—Battaglia (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Cook county allowed to impose a sales tax and motor vehicle excise tax and issue bonds to finance the expansion and improvement of North Shore hospital.

HF1420—McGuire (DFL)
Judiciary
Guardian and conservator provisions modified related to compensation and services to institutionalized persons.

HF1421—Johnson, A. (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Radon testing requirements provided for schools and day care centers.

HF1422—Rhodes (IR)
Judiciary
DNA testing requirements expanded for sex offenders.

HF1423—Farrell (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Unemployment compensation eligibility and administration modified.

HF1424—Munger (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Agricultural chemical and liquid gas storage tanks exempted from notification, environmental protection, and tank installer training and certification requirements.

HF1425—Johnson, V. (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Agricultural crop protection established, agricultural land owners and tenants allowed to take additional deer, dark house and fish house license requirements modified on boundary waters, and boundary waters commercial fishing regulated.

HF1426—Greiling (DFL)
Education
Educational reform and accountability coalition established and money appropriated.

HF1427—Hasskamp (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Smoking prohibited in a family or group family licensed day care residence, secondhand smoke effects on children information and warnings required, candy tobacco look-alike products restricted, and money appropriated.

HF1428—Evans (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Dentistry licensing requirements modified; faculty, resident, and specialty dentistry licenses established; and disciplinary actions clarified.

HF1429—Krueger (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Information policy office created.

HF1430—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Correctional employees retirement plan coverage provided for certain corrections and human services department employees.

HF1431—Stanius (IR)
Health & Human Services
Developmental disability and serious mental illness service funding studied.

HF1432—Dempsey (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Sewer combined overflow financial assistance program eligibility area extended to the Mississippi River confluence with Wells Creek, bond issuance authorized, and money appropriated.

HF1433—Murphy (DFL)
Judiciary
Jury trial request fee increased and jurors provided attendance and day care expense reimbursement.

HF1434—Rice (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Minneapolis Community Development Agency provided fund expenditure requirements.

HF1435—Clark (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Metropolitan Council membership expanded to include minority representation.

HF1436—Kelley (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Hopkins provided increased reimbursement for landfill methane remediation.

HF1437—Lourey (DFL)
Econ Dev, Infra, & Reg Fin
Carlton County Historical Society provided grant for the Onanegozie resource Conservation and Development Council to develop the Moose Lake Fire and Heritage Museum, and money appropriated.

HF1438—Skoglund (DFL)
Judiciary
Conspiracy and accomplice penalties increased, riot crime and accomplice after-the-fact crimes created and penalties imposed, and gang-related offenses repealed.

HF1439—Skoglund (DFL)
Judiciary
Nonfelony enforcement commission created to study sentence proportionality and enforcement of petty misdemeanor, misdemeanor, and gross misdemeanor offenses.

HF1440—Winter (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Executive Council deposit of state funds regulated.

HF1441—Sviggum (IR)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Telephone and budget information of the legislature release provided and the open meeting law application extended and clarified for the legislature.

HF1442—Simoneau (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Columbia Heights Police Relief Association salary computation to include education incentives and longevity payments, and prior service purchase provided.

HF1443—Dawkins (DFL)
Judiciary
Black Minnesotans Council to study the racial disparity in controlled substance offense sentencing guidelines.

HF1444—Lourey (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Day training and habilitation service providers provided increased reimbursement rates and salary increases.

HF1445—Bettermann (IR)
Commerce & Economic Development
Minnesota Technology, Inc., appropriated money for a grant to a nonprofit organization to promote expanding flexible collaborative manufacturing networks.

HF1446—Jefferson (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Urban initiative board and urban challenge grant program established, grants authorized, and money appropriated.

HF1447—Lieder (DFL)
Education
Higher Education Coordinating Board abolished; higher education services office created; Higher Education Advisory Council duties modified; and money appropriated.

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HF1448—Farrell (DFL)
Judiciary
Child support administration, computation, and enforcement provisions modified and penalties imposed.

HF1449—Lasley (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Motor vehicle dealer licensing requirements expanded and penalties imposed.

HF1450—Trimble (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Reinvest in Minnesota resources fund expenditures authorized for fish and wildlife habitat restoration.

HF1451—Trimble (DFL)
Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections
St. Paul special lottery game authorized with proceeds provided to city youth education and recreation programs.

HF1452—Klinzing (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Community health board grants established for childhood screening and public health outcome improvement programs, and money appropriated.

HF1453—Tunheim (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Independent School District No. 682, Roseau, retired teacher provided effective retirement date.

HF1454—Ness (IR)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Hutchinson allowed to erect distinguished citizen signs on trunk highway right-of-way.

HF1455—Lynch (IR)
Health & Human Services
Hearing impaired independent living skills pilot project authorized and money appropriated.

HF1456—Peterson (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Home- and community-based alternative service care programs provided uniform payment rates.

HF1457—Kinkel (DFL)
Education
Teaching Board membership expanded to include additional higher education representatives.

HF1458—Simoneau (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Speed limit violators in a highway work zone assessed a fine surcharge, work zone safety account created, and money appropriated.

HF1459—Milbert (DFL)
Education
General education revenue reduction.

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HF1459—Milbert (DFL)**Education**

General education revenue reduction calculation modified, capital expenditure facility revenue uses expanded, and severance pay reserved funds provided.

HF1460—Cooper (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Medical Assistance and General Assistance Medical Care reimbursement increased for life support transportation.

HF1461—Luther (DFL)**Governmental Operations & Gambling**

Youth athletics advisory council created and money appropriated.

HF1462—Murphy (DFL)**Judiciary**

District public defenders provided eligibility for state health, life, and dental insurance benefits.

HF1463—Jennings (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Soil and water conservation districts allowed to levy taxes and provided state aid, and money appropriated.

HF1464—Jennings (DFL)**Governmental Operations & Gambling**

Reorganization order use eliminated for transferring appropriations, powers, or duties.

HF1465—Jennings (DFL)**Regulated Industries & Energy**

Public service corporations to notify land owners of easement location and restrictions.

HF1466—Pauly (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Minerals legislative task force established and money appropriated.

HF1467—Bertram (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Hospital districts allowed to establish subordinate hospital boards.

HF1468—Bertram (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Child care sliding fee funding prioritization allowed by counties.

HF1469—Bertram (DFL)**Taxes**

Fire truck and emergency rescue vehicle repair part purchases to political subdivisions exempted from sales tax.

HF1470—Wenzel (DFL)**Education**

Agriculture-related education specialist position retention required by education department.

HF1471—Onnen (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Health care cost containment provided, health carrier premium increases limited, cost sharing copayments authorized, and prescription drug cost information sharing provided.

HF1472—Dehler (IR)**Education**

Independent School District No. 738, Holdingford, authorized permanent transfer from the debt redemption fund to the building construction fund.

HF1473—Battaglia (DFL)**Education**

Vermilion Community College student residence construction in Ely authorized.

HF1474—Brown, C. (DFL)**Local Government & Metro Affairs**

County recorder fee use provided for providing modern information services.

HF1475—Jennings (DFL)**Regulated Industries & Energy**

Isanti County authorized to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the Dusty Eagle in Dalbo regardless of its qualification as a restaurant.

HF1476—Murphy (DFL)**Taxes**

Assessments provided three-year phase in under certain conditions.

HF1477—Gruenes (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Sherburne County provided metropolitan area geographic designation for nursing home payment rate determinations.

HF1478—Gruenes (IR)**Taxes**

Aggregate material tax late payment penalties modified.

HF1479—Jaros (DFL)**Local Government & Metro Affairs**

Duluth authorized to establish a special service district.

HF1480—Bergson (DFL)**Governmental Operations & Gambling**

Department head and administrative board appointment procedures and requirements clarified.

HF1481—Anderson, I. (DFL)**Transportation & Transit**

Tree planting provided along state highways.

HF1482—Lourey (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Naturopathic examiners board established, licensure requirements provided, and penalties imposed.

HF1483—Mariani (DFL)**Education**

Upward Bound program grant process development provided by the minority education partnership, and money appropriated.

HF1484—Simoneau (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Medical malpractice noneconomic damages limited, attorney fees regulated, and joint liability established.

HF1485—Lieder (DFL)**Education**

Capital expenditure facilities fund balance reduction exception provided for consolidated districts.

HF1486—Trimble (DFL)**Local Government & Metro Affairs**

Metropolitan Council to study metropolitan area libraries and library systems.

HF1487—Reding (DFL)**Financial Institutions & Insurance**

Noncomprehensive health insurance policy minimum loss ratios regulated.

HF1488—Sparby (DFL)**Agriculture**

Livestock and crop compensation provided for damage by protected wild animals, damage claim procedure established, hunting license surcharge imposed, and money appropriated.

HF1489—Sparby (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Deer baiting allowed under certain conditions and restrictions provided.

HF1490—Stanislaus (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Podiatric medicine board to adopt rules governing podiatric assistants.

HF1491—Reding (DFL)**Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections**

Horsepersons' organization continuation provided and out-of-season simulcasting set-aside amounts adjusted.

HF1492—Orfield (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Hazardous chemical reporting requirement violations provided administrative penalty orders.

HF1493—Perl (DFL)**Local Government & Metro Affairs**

Document late fee and interest charges allowed by counties.

HF1494—Orfield (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Air pollution violations imposed criminal penalties.

HF1495—Jacobs (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Child labor law penalties provided for death or serious bodily harm.

HF1496—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Health care review organizations provided data practice guidelines.

HF1497—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Health care review organizations to include preferred provider organizations.

HF1498—Orfield (DFL)**Governmental Operations****& Gambling**

Minneapolis and St. Paul teachers retirement fund associations provided member and employer contribution rates, additional funding, and an additional investment related postretirement adjustment mechanism.

HF1499—Cooper (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Therapy; manual and mechanical therapy provided training requirements and penalties imposed.

HF1500—Pelowski (DFL)**Governmental Operations****& Gambling**

Department and agency standing legislative reporting requirements repealed.

HF1501—Jaros (DFL)**Taxes**

Redevelopment districts extended and exempted from certain tax increment financing aid reductions, tax capacity determination modified, and redevelopment and renewal and renovation district expenditures changed.

Committee Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.
For information updates, call House Calls
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MONDAY, March 29

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Review of agency and proposed budget, MnDOT.

Higher Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

Agenda: Bonding proposals - system presentation, CAPRA, and emergency lists.

K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: Fund transfer proposals.

8:15 a.m.

Human Services Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Department of Human Services budget presentation; governor's recommendations for social services programs.

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Allocations.

10 a.m.

AGRICULTURE

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: HF1405 (Bertram) Wetland draining and filling prohibition and rule adoption dates extended.

HF634 (Tunheim) Genetic engineering and isolated genetic material use procedures clarified.

HF277 (Peterson) Cervidae farming promoted as an agricultural pursuit.

HF1060 (Mosel) Rural Finance Authority loan programs provided technical eligibility changes.

HF1138 (Mosel) Rural Finance Authority Program eligibility and participation requirements modified and application fees authorized for beginning farmer and seller-sponsored loan programs.

HF1149 (Bauerly) Rural Finance Authority authorized direct loans and participation and loan limit maximums increased.

HF1066 (Steensma) Hay and Straw Standards Law repealed.

HF931 (Peterson) Ethanol producer payments modified and gasoline oxygenate level requirements increased.

HF1065 (Steensma) Household goods storage and bond requirements provided for general merchandise storage warehouses.

HF281 (Mosel) Animal Health Board imposition and collection of civil penalties regulated, Swine Pseudorabies Control Program continued and expanded, and money appropriated.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: HF900 (Carruthers) Breath preliminary screening test result use allowed in drivers' license reinstatement actions.

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

HF37 (Beard) Foreign exchange student host families provided background checks.

HF1191 (Pugh) Trustees prohibited from exercising certain powers.

HF1153 (Brown, C.) Manufactured goods economic loss recovery limits clarified.

HF511 (Solberg) Hotel Innkeeper Authority clarified for ejections and admittance refusals and damage responsibility provided.

HF655 (Orenstein) Civil Service Commission decision appeals provided to cities and employees.

HF747 (Orenstein) Bond order stays provided for actions presenting substantial constitutional or statutory construction issues.

HF531 (Dawkins) Tenants provided written leases; outstanding inspection and condemnation order disclosures required; tenant screening services regulated; tenant abandonment

provided; and low-income housing definition and housing impact reports expanded.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: HF1133 (Hausman) Alternative fuel motor vehicle development incentives provided and alternative fuels exempted from motor fuel taxation.

HF1136 (Knickerbocker) Weights and measures and petroleum inspection fees provided and money appropriated.

HF87 (Perlt) Telephone caller identification service available to commercial transportation services.

HF1048 (Jacobs) Utility rate change subsequent conservation improvement plan requirement abolished and time limit and procedures modified, complaint hearings regulated, and utility affiliated interest modified.

HF1049 (Jacobs) Municipal utilities and cooperative electric associations to comply with electrical current or voltage standards.

HF1050 (Jacobs) Electric power generating plant classification based on primary fuel source for certificate of need process.

HF990 (Cooper) Municipalities prohibited from using a quick take condemnation proceeding when acquiring the property of another electric service provider through eminent domain.

HF1051 (Jacobs) Municipalities required to submit a service right petition before furnishing electric service while eminent domain proceedings are pending to acquire property of an electric utility.

HF566 (Jacobs) Telephone company incentive plan for noncompetitive services extended.

HF563 (Stanis) Caller identification services authorized for telephone companies.

HF1084 (Erhardt) Caller identification services authorized by telephone companies.

State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: Budget presentation by the Department of Trade and Economic Development.

12:30 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wally Sparby

Agenda: HF449 (Bettermann) Independent School District No. 206, Alexandria, school board terms of office furnished.

HF271 (Lasley) Voter information guide developed, toll-free election information line established, and money appropriated.

HF377 (Bergson) Absentee, mail, and facsimile balloting requirements and procedures modified.

HF794 (Anderson, R.) Fergus Falls veterans home established.

HF1074 (Brown, C.) Candidacy affidavit filing date publication and posting requirements provided.

HF1273 (Sparby) Veterans Homes Board authorized residency definition rule.

HF1274 (Sparby) Veterans home patient claims heard and decided by the Legislature.

HF950 (Skoglund) Veterans Homes Board required to apply for federal funding needed to complete the renovation or replacement of facilities at the Minneapolis campus.

HF465 (Delmont) Persian Gulf conflict veterans to receive bonus payments and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF695 (Ozment) Cemetery relocation prohibited without trustee or owner consent.

HF934 (Stanis) Voter registration card removal provided for deceased registrants.

HF238 (Molnau) Town elections authorized on general election day.

HF1210 (Lourey) Women in military service for America memorial foundation monument construction grant appropriated money.

HOUSING

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

Agenda: HFXXXX Replacement housing.

HFXXXX Wet/Dry.

HF1395 (Klinzing) Housing Finance Agency appropriated money for the Housing Trust Fund.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Pat Beard

Agenda: HF1423 (Farrell) Unemployment compensation eligibility and administration modified.

HF343 (Sekhon) Unemployment compensation benefits allowed to individuals separated from employment to avoid domestic abuse.

HF1382 (Ness) Workers' compensation premium calculation and policy history figures and claims experience disclosed to employers.

HF169 (Blatz) Guardian and conservator appointments required in workers' compensation proceedings for minors and incapacitated persons.

HF1184 (Farrell) Workers' Compensation Assigned Risk Plan Board membership and administration modified, market assistance plan established, and Reinsurance Association control transferred.

HF1185 (Farrell) Workers' compensation nursing home charges regulated.

HF53 (Bettermann) Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals eliminated, workers' compensation appeals heard by Court of Appeals, suitable work defined, and permanent total disability modified.

HF1022 (Rukavina) Workers' compensation benefit adjustments modified.

HF1387 (Anderson, I.) Independent contractors considered employees of service contractors.

HF1374 (Johnson, A.) Child labor standards provided, penalties imposed, and money appropriated.

HF674 (Bettermann) Workers' compensation premium adjustment programs prohibited based on contractor size, average hourly wage paid, or other condition unless actuarially justified.

2:30 p.m.

The House meets in Session

After Session

Note Room Change

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wally Sparby

Agenda: Continuation of morning's agenda.

Note Room Change

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Pat Beard

Agenda: Continuation of morning's agenda.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection/COMMERCE &

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joe Opatz

Agenda: HF998 (Rice) Crane operators examining board established and licensing requirements and penalties provided.

HF1025 (Milbert) Athletic trainers act adopted and money appropriated.

Subcommittee on Data Privacy/JUDICIARY

300N State Office Building

Mary Jo McGuire

HF167 (Bauerly) Minnesota Business Finance, Inc. created to provide capital for commercial borrowers through the Small Business Association.

HF532 (Worke) Aid to Families with Dependent Children, aid for pregnant women, and

employment and training eligibility modified; employment and training education requirements established; and community work experience program created.

HF500 (Wejcman) Marriage dissolution notices to include the full names, social security numbers, and birth dates.

HF408 (Van Dellen) Parents to give social security numbers to the Office of Vital Statistics when filing birth certificates, and various child support provisions modified.

HF1180 (Greenfield) Integrated service network act adopted and money appropriated.

HF206 (Pugh) LSD; lysergic acid diethylamide penalties increased for sales or possession in a school, park, or public housing zone.

HF416 (Pugh) Government Data Practices Act opinions provided by administration commissioner.

HF1245 (McGuire) Licensing, security service, retirement, and motor carrier operating data classified; private and nonpublic data classifications proposed; and collection, classification, and dissemination of data provided.

HF1246 (McGuire) Juvenile court record data access and dissemination provided.

6:30 p.m.

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

15 State Capitol

Chr. Sen. Phil Riveness

Agenda: SF825 (Metzen)/HF977 (Milbert); SF833 (Kelly)/HF1161 (Farrell); SF255 (Kroening)/HF192 (Reding); SFXXXX/HF388 (Sarna); SF579 (Metzen)/HF570 (Reding); SF1086 (Morse)/HF1056 (Johnson, R.); SF545 (Morse)/HF598 (Reding); SF162 (Morse)/HF147 (Reding); SF817 (Morse)/HF744 (Johnson, R.); SF1092 (Morse)/HF1226 (Johnson, R.); SF1103 (Stumpf)/HF1222 (Kahn); SF1282 (Pogemiller)/HFXXXX; SF553 (Kelly)/HF637 (Dawkins); SF1280 (Piper)/HF1416 (Reding); SF937 (Riveness)/HF973 (Mahon).

7 p.m.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: Continuation of morning's agenda.

TUESDAY, March 30

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Review of agency and proposed budget, MnDOT.

EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: HF415 (Kelso) School building floor level use options authorized for lower grades and certain programs if automatic fire alarm and smoke detection systems are installed. HF611 (Greenfield) Children's mental health integrated fund and service system created, local children's mental health collaboratives provided, and money appropriated.

HF261 (Cooper) School building accessibility capital improvement grant act adopted, bond issuance and levies authorized, and money appropriated.

HF902 (Tunheim) Arts Education Center limited governance transferred to Education Board.

Health & Housing Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson

Agenda: To be announced.

Subcommittee on Property Taxes/TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Edgar Olson

Agenda: Continuation of consideration of amendments to the 1993 House omnibus tax bill. (HF920 (Wagenius) Department of Revenue policy bill plus amendments.)

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Allocations.

10 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF1232 (Sparby) Walleyed Pike and Northern Pike limits provided based on size.

HF1186 (Sekhon) Littering penalties clarified. HFXXXX (Hausman) Reorganization of environmental agencies.

HF1291 (Wagenius) Landfill environmental cleanup program established, property and casualty insurance premium tax imposed, waste management tax created, Landfill Contingency Action Trust Fund abolished, penalties provided, and money appropriated.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: HF1199 (Reding) Employee Relations Legislative Commission salary recommenda-

tions ratified for the Technical College System and Higher Education Board chancellors and the Higher Education Coordinating Board director.

HF981 (Rice) Department of Public Service abolished; Residential and Small Business Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General abolished; Public Utilities Commission membership reduced; and public utility and energy duties transferred.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

Agenda: HF332 (Clark); HF1098 (Simoneau); HF489 (Lourey); HF518 (Leppik); HF548 (Weaver); HF636 (Stanisus); HF961 (Clark); HF177 (Wejcman); HF216 (Wejcman); HF869 (Simoneau); HF1099 (Simoneau); HF1340 (Simoneau); HF665 (Greenfield); HF484 (Greenfield); HF409 (Greenfield); HF1295 (Greenfield); HF1174 (Simoneau); HF1103 (Simoneau); HF742 (Pugh); HF710 (Johnson, R.); HF485 (Goodno); HF1076 (Onnen); HF1428 (Evans); HF1097 (Stanisus); HF891 (Gruenes); HF924 (Gutknecht); HF562 (Gutknecht); HF908 (Luther).

Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

Agenda: Bonding recommendations.

12:30 p.m.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: HF218 (Stanisus) Public land and building acquisition and capital improvement bond issuance authorized, bond canceling provided, appropriations reduced, and money appropriated.

Presentations by: Department of Human Services, Department of Corrections, Department of Administration.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: To be announced.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson

Agenda: HF259 (Dauner); HF431 (Garcia); HF986 (Kelly); HF893 (Bertram); HF1057 (Dawkins); HF1353 (Solberg); HF1279 (Johnson, R.); HF1026 (Wenzel); HF220 (Perl); HF1267 (Milbert); HF913 (Orenstein); HF951 (Huntley); HF976 (Simoneau); HF1147 (Solberg); HF1296 (Lourey).

2 p.m.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: HF1220 (Orenstein) Medical facility access interference or obstruction prohibited and penalty provided.

2:30 p.m.

EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: HF879 (Tomassoni) Athletic eligibility restricted for certain students for one year following interdistrict transfer under open enrollment.

HF1332 (Bauerly) Pre K-12 and community education service delivery system planning and implementation clarified.

HF1129 (Lasley) Hearing-impaired and deaf teacher licensure requirements provided.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HF670 (Lourey) Mental or nervous disorder treatment outpatient benefits regulated for mental health professionals.

HF580 (Reding) Health service plan nonprofit corporations providing dental plans allowed additional investments.

HF199 (Winter) Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association to provide refunds to the State Fund Mutual Insurance Company.

HF444 (Huntley) Health insurance benefit plan option provided for self-insured government unit employees.

HF1095 (Stanisus) NAIC model legislation enacted; insurance company investments, assets and liabilities, and annual statements regulated; Insurance Guaranty Association procedures modified; and holding company dividends and other distributions regulated.

HF1179 (Greenfield) Integrated service network act adopted and money appropriated.

State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: Continuation of budget presentation by the Department of Trade and Economic Development.

WAYS & MEANS

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Loren Solberg

Agenda: HF163 (Sparby) Campaign reforms; candidates limited to one campaign committee, challengers first time spending limits higher,

contribution limit lowered, public matching subsidy provided, corporate contributions modified, and money appropriated.
HF661 (Wenzel) Dairy trade practices act adopted.

4:30 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

Agenda: Continuation of morning's agenda.

Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

Agenda: Continuation of morning's agenda.

6 p.m.

K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: Report on education finance, Tom Triplett, Minnesota Business Partnership.

HF856 (Kelso) Teacher regional bargaining provided and school district regional boards established.

Proposal for restructuring education policymaking and Minnesota's education system, Doug Wallace.

WEDNESDAY, March 31

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Review of agency and proposed budget, Office of the Secretary of State, MnDOT.

Higher Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

Agenda: Working groups - present proposals; numbers - short spread sheets; goals - recommendations for systems.

Human Services Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Committee capital budget recommendations. Governor's budget recommendations for MinnesotaCare operations in the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services.

K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: General education formula appropriations.

HF705 (Olson, K.) Business education tax created, state share of school financing increased, local commercial-industrial tax base reduced, Fiscal Disparities Program repealed, school district referendum levies modified, and money appropriated.

HF706 (Lasley) General education formula allowance and staff development revenue increased; individualized learning and development aid and referendum market value tax base modified; teacher retirement state aid created; and money appropriated.

HF800 (Greiling) General education formula allowance, training and experience revenue, referendum revenue subject to equalization, special education aid and revenue, and capital expenditure equipment allowance increased; and supplemental revenue phased out.

HF456 (Bauerly) Referendum allowance limit modified, basic revenue increased, school equity provided.

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

HF1146 (Koppendrayner) Independent School District No. 480; Onamia, provided special pupil unit definition, early retirement levy, unemployment and special transportation aid, and special aid for at-risk pupils, and money appropriated.

HF502 (Kelso) Capital Expenditure Facilities Program policy provided and clarified; integration and co-location of services encouraged; cooperative secondary facilities grant amount modified; bonds authorized; and money appropriated.

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Allocations.

10 a.m.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HF1301 (Greenfield) Comprehensive Health Insurance Association premiums provided rate minimum and rate determinations modified, cigarette and tobacco taxes increased and deposited in the Health Care Access Fund, and money appropriated.

HF397 (Cooper) Comprehensive Health Insurance Association premium rate determinations

and board membership modified.

HF1313 (Reding) Comprehensive Health Insurance Association to include comprehensive health associations, eligibility modified, budget adoption provided, and comprehensive health insurance fund created.

HF619 (Skoglund) No-fault automobile insurance reparation obligors authorized to offer medical expense benefits through managed care plans, and discrimination prohibited based on metropolitan geographic location of insured.

HF1229 (Bertram) Fraternal Benefit Society insurance policies and contracts provided clarified notice requirements.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: HFXXXX (Skoglund) Omnibus crime bill. (There will be a 5-minute meeting of the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice & Family Law immediately preceding the full committee meeting.)

State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAM- BLING

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: Presentation by the Government Training Center. Budget presentations by the Department of Finance and the Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

12:30 p.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: To be announced.

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: HF720 (Anderson, I.); HF758 (Simoneau); HF801 (Mariani); HF94 (Lourey); HF815 (Osthoff); HF969 (Pauly); HF978 (Milbert); HF1001 (Osthoff); HF1272 (Jefferson); HF858 (Osthoff); HF735 (Johnson, V.); HF324 (Garcia); HF903 (Tunheim); HF314 (Mariani); HF798 (Delmont); HF829 (Clark); HF830 (McCollum).

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in Session

After Session

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF859 (Wolf) Natural resources gifts, contribution acknowledgements, and incidental advertising provided.

HF733 (Johnson, R.) Traps provided identification requirements and penalties provided.

HF898 (Weaver) Department of Natural Resources commissioner rulemaking authority and other powers clarified, modified, and expanded relating to game and fish, wild rice, stromatolites, and cross-country ski passes.

HF472 (Krueger) Deer permits issued free to owner or tenant living on at least 40 acres of agricultural or grazing land.

HF626 (Rukavina) Deer; antlerless deer permit priority provided to applicants age 65 or older and having had a permit the last three years.

HF734 (Sparby) Deer; antlerless deer permit preference provided to applicants under 16 years old who have not been previously selected for a permit, and money appropriated.

HF988 (Sparby) Deer licenses for taking deer by firearm and archery allowed for hunters in Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Pennington, and Roseau counties.

HF1114 (Milbert) Game and fish stamp design contests encouraged; hunting dog training modified; red or blaze orange clothing requirements clarified for migratory waterfowl hunters; raccoon season set; rough fish, muskellunge, and mussel taking provided.

Overview of Minnesota/Canadian border fishing: Rep. Irv Anderson, Rep. Wally Sparby, Rep. Jim Tunheim, Rep. Brad Stanius.

HF1326 (Brown, C.) Pomme de Terre River authorized canoe and boating route markings.

HF1391 (Peterson) Camping facilities adjacent to wildlife management areas to remain open until the hunting season is closed.

HOUSING

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

Agenda: To be announced.

6 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: Continuation of afternoon meeting.

THURSDAY, April 1

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: To be announced.

Subcommittee on Graduation Requirements & Outcome Based Education/EDUCATION

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alice Johnson

Agenda: HF1234 (Pelowski) Graduation rule adoption provided after outcome-based program evaluation and authorization by the Legislature.

HF618 (Kelso) Outcome-based schools expanded, school board applicant denial appeals provided, and nongeneral fund revenue limited to planning and operation startup costs.

HF647 (Kelso) Change-oriented school pilot project established.

Health & Housing Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson

Agenda: Allocations.

TAXES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ann Rest

Agenda: To be announced.

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Allocations.

10 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF892 (Munger) Toxic air emissions act of 1993 adopted and money appropriated.

HF1106 (Wagenius) Hazardous Waste Administration fee assessment and collection changed.

HF1285 (Sekhon) Department of Natural Resources state owned land management modified.

HF1182 (Jefferson) D.L. Peck's addition rearrangement in Minneapolis released from state land covenant and revisionary interest.

HF1021 (Bergson) Horseshoe Bay property in Cook County exempted from leased cabin property sale requirements, and state acquisition provided of personal property.

HF1190 (Trimble) Historic sites act adopted.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: HF936 (Vickerman); HF1142 (Osthoff); HF834 (Jacobs); HF1360 (Jefferson); HF1311 (Trimble); HF157 (Carlson); HF270 (Sarna); HF7 (Cooper); HF986 (Kelley); HF998

(Rice); HF819 (Johnson, R.); HF723 (Simoneau); HF972 (Reding); HF55 (Rukavina); HF783 (Kahn); HF785 (Kahn); HF807 (Kahn); HF574 (Reding); HF663 (Reding); HF1131 (Johnson, R.).

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

Agenda: Continuation of agenda from 3/30.

Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

Agenda: Allocations. (If necessary, the meeting will continue in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office Building at 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact John Curry at (612) 296-5533.)

12:30 p.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: To be announced.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson

Agenda: Continuation of agenda from 3/30.

2:30 p.m.

The House meets in Session.

FRIDAY, April 2

8 a.m.

Human Services Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Public testimony regarding the governor's recommendations for social services programs and MinnesotaCare operating budget.

EDUCATION

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: HF10 (Bauerly) Youth apprenticeship program established and money appropriated. HF2 (Dawkins) Youth works act adopted and money appropriated.

Any subcommittee or division bills.

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ann Rest
Agenda: To be announced.

10 a.m.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: Completion of agenda from 3/29 meeting. Any bill passed out of the Subcommittee on Data Privacy 3/29 meeting.
HF963 (Murphy) Snowmobile accident inves-

tigations provided by sheriffs.
HF621 (Macklin) Public assistance warrant expiration and reissuance periods provided, public assistance overpayment recovery modified, and wrongful possession or use of public assistance provided penalty.
Please note that the committee will meet until the agenda is completed. (Other bills to be announced. Contact
(612) 296-5396 for further information.)

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: Continuation of 3/31 agenda.

12:30 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

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

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Continuation of 4/1 agenda.

NOTES

Low-income parents who have children from a previous relationship may have a somewhat easier time qualifying for Aid to Families with Dependent Children for their new family.

Under a bill sponsored by Rep. Pamela Neary (DFL-Afton), court-ordered child support a parent is paying for children not living in the current household would be excluded from family income when determining AFDC eligibility. Such child support payments also would be excluded from income in determining whether a person who is disabled or elderly is eligible for Medical Assistance.

HF471 was approved by the Health and Human Services Committee March 25 and referred to that committee's Human Services Finance Division.

Worried about nuclear waste and the heaps of radioactive glop it leaves for future generations to handle? Well, an advance in nuclear

technology may assuage some fears and perhaps obviate the need for additional waste repositories in Minnesota, members were told March 23. Don Storm, chair of the Public Utilities Commission, said that during a recent trip to Washington, D.C., federal officials told him that development of a "benign reactor" design is nearing completion at the Argonne National Laboratories in Illinois. The new type of nuclear reactor supposedly eliminates melt-down risks, and works with reusable waste storage rods. However, details of the research are still sketchy, Storm said, and noted that the federal budget for nuclear power development remains to be detailed by President Bill Clinton. Storm testified before the Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee.

The Metropolitan Council expressed reservations that it was expected to take too strong a role in "causing" development of affordable housing in cities and towns where there is an undersupply. But a bill aimed at breaking down the barriers to the construction of affordable

housing in outer-ring suburbs was approved by the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee March 25. **HF671**, sponsored by Rep. Myron Orfield (DFL-Mpls), now moves to the Taxes Committee.

Farmers who have managed to hang onto their farms in the metropolitan area won't be socked with assessments for storm sewers built to serve urban expansion, under a bill approved by the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee March 25. One Cottage Grove farmer told of how he was assessed \$600 an acre on his 160-acre farm to help pay for storm sewers serving new residential development. Given the price a farmer receives for corn, "this is nuts," said Rep. Chuck Brown (DFL-Appleton). **HF622** would give metropolitan area farmers long-term protection from such assessments. The bill is sponsored by Rep. Myron Orfield (DFL-Mpls). It now moves to the House floor.

'Twas August of 1857 when the Cornstalk War occurred near Cambridge, Minn.

Settlers near Cambridge complained to authorities that Ojibwe Indians in the area were causing trouble. Robberies were reported, as was alleged "insolent behavior" on the part of the Indians, who were "too numerous and too well-armed to be dealt with by the local authorities," wrote William Folwell in *A History of Minnesota*.

Territorial Gov. Samuel Medary immediately dispatched the St. Paul Light Cavalry Company, "armed with heavy swords and army pistols," to quell the perceived uprising.

When the cavalry arrived, the Indians, all six of them, were "in full retreat across the prairie," wrote Charles Flandrau in his *History of Minnesota*.

So the 20 cavalry soldiers, arrayed in red

It's a fact!



Samuel Medary

Photo courtesy Minnesota Historical Society

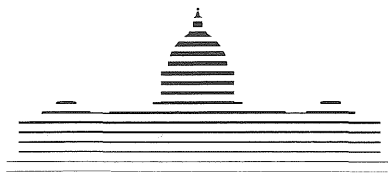
coats and white pants, pursued and detained the Indians. At an appropriate time, the Ojibwe bolted for a nearby cornfield. With pistols cocked, the cavalry followed. Shots were exchanged. One cavalryman was killed, as was an Ojibwe; another was wounded. The remaining four Ojibwe surrendered.

After a full hearing in St. Paul, the Ojibwe, save their leader Shaboga, were released by Judge R.R. Nelson.

Shaboga was held for trial on homicide charges in Chisago County. The sheriff held Shaboga for a week, until he escaped, "swam the St. Croix and disappeared into the tall timber of Wisconsin."

And so ended the Cornstalk War.

Flandrau suggested that the general sentiment of the community was that the "expedition was unnecessary, and should never have been made."



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MINNESOTA NEED-EX

Motorcycle crash facts, 1991

Year that Minnesota's mandatory helmet law was repealed	1976
Number of licensed Minnesota motorcycle riders, 1991	296,624
Number of registered motorcycles	117,492
Number of consecutive years the number of registered motorcycles has declined	10
Crashes involving motorcycles, 1991	1,461
Record high for motorcycle crashes, 1980	3,308
Number of consecutive years that motorcycle crashes have declined (1983-1991)	8
decline in number of crashes since 1983	-1350
Number of 1991 crashes where the motorcycle collided with a deer	61
number of collisions with an animal other than a deer	26
Percent of those crashes resulting in an injury or fatality	85
Percent of total motor vehicle crashes resulting in an injury	29
Number of motorcyclists injured, 1991	1,357
number of females injured	187
Number of motorcyclists killed, 1991	40
Record number of fatalities, 1980	121
Fatalities occurring in July or August	22
Percent of those fatalities in a rural area with less than 1,000 people	63
Percent of the fatalities in a city with more than 100,000 people	8
Percent of those killed who were legally drunk (according to a blood alcohol test)	47
Number of injuries or fatalities who were males between	
20 and 24 years old, ages of highest occurrence	314
next highest, males aged 15-19	209
Number of crashes on Saturday, highest day of occurrence	285
on Wednesdays, lowest occurrence	169
Number of those killed (40) who were wearing a helmet, 1991	11
who were not wearing a helmet	24
helmet use unknown	5

Source: *Minnesota Motor Vehicle Crash Facts 1991*, Minnesota Department of Public Safety.



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