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On the cover: 1994 House leaders: Minority Leader Steven A. Sviggum, left; Speaker Irv Anderson, top; and Majority Leader Phil Carruthers, right.

— Electronic cover design and photos by Tom Olmscheid
The debate over Northern States Power Company’s request to store radioactive waste in casks beside its Prairie Island nuclear reactor began in earnest this week when a House committee heard public testimony on the matter.

The issue has pitted NSP and other energy interests against environmental groups and the plant’s neighboring Dakota tribe, which contend that above-ground storage is unsafe for humans and the environment.

“Nuclear power is a failed technology whose time has come,” Tom Anzelc told members of the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee on Feb. 28.

Anzelc, a spokesperson for the Prairie Island Dakota community, also disputed NSP’s assertion that the storage of radioactive waste would be temporary until a more permanent site is found.

“The tribe does not have any confidence that there will be a Yucca Mountain,” he said, referring to the federal government’s efforts to build a permanent underground waste storage site at Yucca Mountain, Nev.

The Nevada site was slated to become operational by 1998, but now the U.S. Department of Energy says 2010.

The spent-fuel storage pool at the Prairie Island nuclear power plant near Red Wing. If the plant continues to run at full capacity, the pool will become full of radioactive waste by 1995.

Proponents of the plan say the casks are the only safe and practical options that would allow NSP to continue operating its Prairie Island plant near Red Wing.

NSP would have no option but to shut down the plant if the Legislature denies the utility’s request, said Jim VanEpps, general manager of the Mid-Continent Area Power Pool.

Although a shutdown would not jeopardize the reliability of NSP’s electric service, it would mean higher prices overall, VanEpps told committee members.

The utility would then have to buy more electricity from other providers, said VanEpps, whose organization coordinates the buying and selling of power among utilities in parts of seven midwestern states and two Canadian provinces.

The waste storage issue is before the Legislature because last June the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled that NSP’s request for above-ground storage needed legislative approval.

Although NSP received approval for its plan from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in August 1992, the issue landed in court three months later when the Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Council appealed the PUC decision.

Specifically, NSP is seeking the Legislature’s permission to transfer radioactive waste from its indoor, underwater temporary storage pool to above-ground steel casks weighing 122 tons when fully loaded with radioactive waste.

HF2140 is being sponsored by Rep. Loren Jennings (DFL-Harris).

The Senate has heard testimony on a companion bill since October. It was officially introduced the first day of the session.

Both bills specifically authorize NSP to construct 17 dry-storage casks at Prairie Island, enough to extend the operating life of the plant for another eight years, according to Sen. Steve Novak (DFL-New Brighton), sponsor of the Senate bill.

The bills also include provisions mandating that NSP:

- construct and operate windmills in the state that generate at least 150,000 kilowatts of energy by Jan. 1, 2000;
- reduce by 50 percent the cost of the first 300 kilowatt hours per month purchased by low-income customers; and
- pay $2.2 million each year for the next eight years to the Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Council.

“The tribal government is insulted by that provision,” said Anzelc. He added that no amount of money could compensate tribe members for the increased health risks they might face if NSP’s plans are approved.

Novak and NSP have repeatedly disputed any contention that the cask-storage plan entails any added risk to human health or the environment.

The walls of the casks are made of nine-and-a-half inch thick steel and are securely bolted to the ground, said Laura McCarten, manager of regulatory projects for NSP. The 16-foot-tall casks can also withstand tornadoes with winds up to 300 mph and a collision with a car going 126 mph, according to McCarten.

Red Wing Mayor Romeo Cyr has testified that he supports the bills, and that closing the power plant would cause the Red Wing area to lose about 500 jobs and $22 million annually in tax revenue.

Closing down the Prairie Island plant is a “lose-lose” situation, he said, and one that would do nothing to solve the long-term storage problem of radioactive waste.
The state needs to put more pressure on the federal government to develop a permanent waste storage site, Cyr said.

The bulk of the public testimony on the House bill will be heard in the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee, according to committee chair Rep. Joel Jacobs (DFL-Coon Rapids).

Jacobs' committee and the Environment and Natural Resources Committee have scheduled a joint meeting March 4 to hear testimony on Minnesota's energy resources and alternative energy options.

—Tim Walker

**BONDING**

Pollution cleanup

Minnesota's Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) told a House committee March 2 it needs $47.7 million more to improve the state's water quality, process garbage, and clean up leaky landfills.

The sale of state bonds would pay for the projects in fiscal years 1995 and 1996.

Legislators balked at bonding for the MPCA's landfill cleanup program, which projects $180 million in bond costs over the next 30 years. The state would assume control over older landfills that pose a hazard to groundwater.

Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth) said the plan was the worst legislation he had seen "come through the Legislature in 38 years." He suggested that industrial polluters be identified and made to share in the cleanup costs.

Art Dunn, manager of the MPCA's solid waste section, explained that "not all the problems at these facilities are caused by the industries, toxic polluters" — some dumps include waste from individuals.

He said that safeguarding the dump sites is a "societal problem," and if these landfills are left to the Superfund program, with its litigation and administrative costs, cleanup costs would mount and could reach $800 million.

The Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee has yet to make a recommendation on the PCA's request. It is expected to make one soon and refer it to the Capital Investment Committee.

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**Shark loan**

Lots of mammals want money from the Legislature this year. Minnesota's dolphins are no exception.

The Minnesota Zoo wants a new $20.5 million marine-life education center about the size of the zoo's tropics building. Director Kathryn Roberts told the House Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee March 3.

The sale of state bonds would pay for the project.

The new exhibition would house the zoo's popular dolphins, include seating for 1,000 people, and an enlarged underwater viewing area.

The proposal includes a tank for large sharks — there are now some small sharks in the coral reef exhibit. There also would be a "kelp forest," which Roberts described as a "spectacular learning vehicle about a complex ecosystem." Furthermore, children and adults could get their hands wet, touch sea stars, anemones, rays, and sea urchins in an interactive learning area.

Gov. Arne Carlson has included the zoo's marine center in his bonding proposal for new construction and equipment. But, Roberts told legislators, the governor only recommended one-half of the zoo's $411,000 request to maintain night-time barns for the "hooftstock" — pronghorns, musk oxen, and bactrian camels — in the Northern Trek area.

The Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee has yet to make a recommendation on the zoo's request. It is expected to make a recommendation soon and refer it to the Capital Investment Committee.

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**Higher education bonding**

Minnesota public colleges and universities would receive $273.6 million to improve campuses and construct new buildings in fiscal year 1994, under a preliminary plan crafted by members of the Higher Education Finance Division of the House Education Committee March 2.

The state would sell bonds to pay for the projects.

Division members want to grant $64.6 million to the State University System, $37 million to the Community College System, $128.2 million to the University of Minnesota and $43.8 million to the Technical College System.

That division's recommendation is $142.4 million less than the systems requested and $68.6 million more than Gov. Arne Carlson recommended for higher education.

In February, division members broke into four-person "bonding working groups" to closely study each system's request. On March 2, they reported back with funding recommendations.

Those numbers will be folded into a higher education bonding bill; the division plans to hear public testimony on the proposal March 4. The Education Committee is expected to receive the proposal by March 15.

Included in its proposal is $20.8 million to construct a new library at Winona State University, $14.3 million to remodel parts of an old hospital into a permanent Metropolitan State University site, $11.1 million to improve the classrooms, learning center, and teaching labs at Normandale Community
College, and $22.5 million to construct a new Brainerd Technical College, which would share a campus with Brainerd Community College.

The Brainerd appropriation would only occur if the school district passes a bond referendum to purchase the present technical college campus.

The University of Minnesota is the only system that requested less money than the division recommended it receive. University officials didn't ask for money to renovate either the mechanical engineering or the architecture building, although renovations are needed. The governor and the House committee wants to grant $36 million for those projects.

Minnesota's public colleges and universities must pay one-third of the debt on state bonds. The University of Minnesota has its own bonding authority, and must report one-third of the value of its state bonds to credit rating agencies. The University can handle $10 million to $15 million in additional debt without undermining its good rating.

Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), who served on the University of Minnesota bond working group, wants to do away with requiring colleges and universities to pay one-third of the debt on state bonds. That would save the University of Minnesota from having to report one-third of state bonds when receiving a credit rating.

**Habitat for humanities**

A wing of the former Gillette Children's Hospital in St. Paul could become the new home of the Minnesota Humanities Commission, if a bill now under consideration becomes law.

The bill (HF1895) would appropriate $1.3 million from the sale of state bonds to help renovate the 22,000-square-foot Spanish Colonial building on the southwest corner of Phalen Park. It would become the commission's conference center and administrative offices.

Because the humanities commission has no permanent space in which to hold its seminars and other public education projects, its staff spends as much time looking for sites as it does developing those projects, said Cheryl Dickson, commission director.

The commission rewards exemplary teaching in the humanities, promotes literacy, holds seminars for K-12 humanities teachers, and awards community grants.

"We are this building's last hope," said Dickson, who told members of a House finance committee of a pending demolition order on the building.

The $1.3 million request is just half of the estimated total cost of the project, Dickson told the House Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee meeting March 2.

The city of St. Paul owns the land and the building and has offered to sell both to the humanities commission for $1, Dickson said.

The 70-year-old building is the only remaining section of a much larger hospital complex that cared for handicapped children until 1979.

"This building is a monument to our state's concern for its children," Dickson said, and is, therefore, truly appropriate for the mission of the humanities commission.

The bill now goes to the Capital Investment Committee for further consideration.

**Handicapped accessibility**

Gov. Arne Carlson has proposed spending $85.5 million this fiscal year on special construction and equipment bonding projects for several state agencies. The agencies, however, want $182.5 million.

The projects range from remodeling state buildings to make them accessible for the disabled to improving locker rooms at the Roseville speed skating rink.

Now it's up to members of the House Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee to rank agency requests and send those recommendations to the House Capital Investment Committee. That committee will ultimately decide what is, and what isn't, included in this year's House bonding bill.

Members of the Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee plan to spend their March 16 meeting ranking agency requests.

The governor's recommendations include $18.7 million for the Department of Trade and Economic Development, $59.2 million for the Department of Administration, $1.7 million for the Amateur Sports Commission, $5.5 million for the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, and $366,000 for the Department of Military Affairs.

Included in the Department of Administration's request is $15 million in bonding authority to make state buildings accessible for the disabled by January 1995. Committee Chair Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) said that request will be a priority on her list.

**Budget surplus**

Representatives grilled state officials on the March revenue forecast and Gov. Arne Carlson's plan to divvy up the projected $623 million budget surplus.

But no formal action was taken during the March 2 meeting of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Legislators focused on some of the key points proposed by the governor, marking the beginning of what will be an ongoing
debate over how to spend, or not spend, the budget surplus.

In contrast with recent history, Carlson has not called for some form of tax refund in an election year when there is a budget surplus.

His proposal would:
- set aside $140 million to bolster the state's budget reserve to $500 million, as is required by current law;
- earmark $180 million to be put in a school aid reserve for the 1996-97 biennium;
- set aside $172 million to reimburse school districts that shifted money raised through local property taxes to cover late state aid payments; and
- allocate $88 million this biennium to pay for critical budget needs like crime prevention, welfare reform, and budget relief.

Some questioned his commitment to K-12 education by ending, after this biennium, the long-standing state law that requires the state to pay back funds it "shifted" from schools during the 1980s and early 1990s.

The state has borrowed $664 million from school districts between 1982 and 1993. Although the governor has pledged to repay $172 million of that amount, some lawmakers wondered about the rest.

"We made that decision. . . . Why change it now?" asked Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls).

Finance Commissioner John Gunyou said there are some problems with the law — it makes using good accounting principles difficult — and it shouldn't be seen as sacrosanct.

Minority Leader Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) said he would try to get his caucus to support repaying school districts the additional $483 million if DFLers would agree to it.

Then, "I would go to the governor and twist his arm and make sure it's done," Sviggum said.

However, that would mean forgoing the crime package and other expense items in Carlson's plan, Sviggum said.

Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault) criticized Carlson for talking a lot about education and then not including a cent in his supplemental budget for higher education. "My message will be out there that it's all show with no money for higher education," he said.

But Gunyou said it's unfair to characterize the governor as turning his back on higher education when he has recommended many building projects at the state's public colleges and universities.

**CRIME**

**Fingerprint of the '90s**

Voters may be asked to settle a legal turf battle between the Minnesota Supreme Court and the Legislature. At issue is whether juries should hear DNA statistical evidence in court trials.

The House Judiciary Committee Feb. 25 approved HF1809, which would place a constitutional amendment on the 1994 ballot. Voters would be asked: "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that the admissibility of evidence, including DNA evidence and statistical population frequency evidence, in civil and criminal trials and hearings may be governed by statute?"

Just as each person has a unique fingerprint, every cell in one's body contains a singular variety of the chemical DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid), a building block of one's genetic makeup. The new science of DNA typing is based upon the belief that no two persons, except identical twins, share the same DNA — the "fingerprint of the '90s."

Matching DNA taken from tiny amounts of blood or semen offers law enforcement the possibility of reliably implicating or exonerating a criminal suspect. Prosecutors, however, are frustrated by recent Minnesota Supreme Court decisions that have not allowed them to fully use this new weapon in their arsenal.

Although the 1989 Legislature passed a law allowing the use of DNA probability evidence in criminal trials, the Minnesota Supreme Court has declared that it has the authority to determine trial rules, and has allowed only limited use of DNA evidence.

That year the Legislature also funded a new DNA laboratory at the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

While 48 states now allow an expert to testify that DNA matches are certain to a high statistical probability — as much as 89 million to 1 — the Court has said introducing this "ultimate statistic" into evidence would unduly sway jurors and "undermine the presumption of innocence."

Recent high profile crimes, such as the current Minneapolis case of accused serial rapist Timothy Baugh, have sharpened the public focus on the issue of admitting DNA evidence. Judiciary Committee Chair Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls) has held several committee hearings on this issue, and is the author of HF1809.

Skoglund noted that a fingerprint analyst can make a definitive statement in court about a fingerprint match, but recent state Supreme Court decisions have limited comparable testimony about DNA evidence.

"Sexual assaults are on the increase. That's why we spent money to build the DNA lab at the BCA. . . . I worry that a sexual predator will be freed," Skoglund told his fellow committee members.

The bill now goes to the House Rules and Legislative Administration Committee.

**Racial bias and the courts**

"Imagine, if you could," asked Ramsey County District Court Judge Salvador Rosas, "being in court, facing a jail term, and not understanding a word of English."

Testifying before the House Judiciary Committee Feb. 25, Rosas spoke eloquently about the plight of non-English speaking people who come into the criminal justice system and have to rely on strangers — court-appointed interpreters — to help them make sense of the proceedings.

Rosas, whose father came to the U.S. from Mexico two years before Rosas was born, said that he has had to stop trials when faced with testimony filtered through obviously "incompetent interpreters."

HF1949, sponsored by Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul), appropriates money to establish a statewide training and certification program for judicial interpreters. This program would be administered by the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The court's Task Force on Racial Bias in the Judicial System issued a report last May, and HF1949 addresses some of its recommendations.

Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Wahl, who led the court's inquiry, told legislators that "people of color don't trust the justice system — they're afraid of it." Minnesota "courtrooms are white" and the judicial system needs to hire more members of racial minority groups, she said. Mindful that the complexion of courthouse staffing won't change significantly in the short term, Wahl commented that people "need to be more culturally sensitive."

To help remedy this situation, the bill would create an annual training course for county and city prosecutors "to deal with the prosecution of bias-motivated crimes." The County Attorneys Association and the Office of the Attorney General would develop the course curriculum.

Another section of the bill would require the Criminal and Juvenile Information Policy Group, made up of a variety of state law enforcement, corrections, and court officials, to study arrest and conviction data by race and report back to the Legislature, the governor, and the Supreme Court.
The state's prison system is overflowing with a new breed of violent criminals and needs more guards to deal with them, according to guards and Department of Corrections officials.

"We are the targets of their aggression," said John Westmoreland, a guard at Stillwater prison for eight years.

Westmoreland was one of four guards who told members of the Judiciary Finance Division of the House Judiciary Committee March 3 that the state's burgeoning prison population is overwhelming and making their jobs even more hazardous.

"They know when we're short, they know when our morale is low and they have absolutely no conscience," said Shelly Reiss, a guard who has worked at Oak Park Heights prison for nine years.

The state's prison population has risen approximately 30 percent between 1988 and 1993, but the number of guards on duty has remained the same, said Tom Beer of AFSCME Council 6, which represents prison guards.

Beer said the prison system needs to hire 250 more guards at a cost to the state of $7.5 million annually. A Department of Corrections official, however, said the system needs only 64 new guards at a cost of $2.4 million annually.

The Judiciary Finance Division is considering supplemental budget requests from the Department of Corrections.

**PAYING BACK SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

The state intends to pay Minnesota school districts $172 million this year to help reimburse them for covering late state aid payments with their own money. A measure approved by the House Education Committee March 3 would allow it to do so.

Currently, the state is required to repay districts that "shift" their regular local property tax funds to replace late state aid payments. The law, however, does not authorize the state to repay districts that cover the late payments with local referendum levies -- extra property tax money their local taxpayers voted to give the district.

This bill, (HF1925), authored by Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul), would ensure that districts with local referendum levies are repaid.

Without the law change, the state would have to withhold $51 million; the measure allows the state to distribute the full $172 million.

According to Vellenga, the bill would affect the two-thirds of the school districts in the state whose taxpayers have voted to give them extra money.

The state sends schools several aid payments a year and most are on time. Some, however, are intentionally delayed until the next year. That accounting policy began in the early 1980s when the state experienced budget shortfalls. It wanted to hold onto whatever money it could a little longer. That way the state could earn some extra interest on it and keep its cash flow healthy.

Between 1982 and 1993, the state has...
borrowed $664 million from school districts by "shifting." Although it helps the state's cash balances, it lowers a district's cash reserves — sometimes causing cash flow problems and forcing school districts to borrow money to cover their expenses.

Legislation passed in 1984 and amended in 1993 mandates that any time the state's general budget reserve exceeds $500 million, the excess goes toward paying districts back.

In January, the Department of Finance determined that $172 million was available in 1994 to reduce the debt, and at least another $118 would be available for 1995. According to Gov. Arne Carlson's March forecast, however, the state surplus will reach $311 million in 1995 (above the $500 million minimum). Unless current law is changed, that entire sum would go to the districts.

House Speaker Irv Anderson (DFL-Int'l Falls) has indicated that the $664 million owed to Minnesota school districts is part of the state's "hidden deficit."

Vellenga said the money owed school districts should be seen as a debt, and not an optional expense.

"Until we have paid $664 million back to the districts, we don't have a surplus," she said. HF1925 now moves to the Taxes Committee.

Local control for schools

Minnesota schools may soon have more authority to rearrange their classroom staffs, giving students more individual attention and freeing up teachers to spend more time preparing lessons.

Loosening state control over how districts staff their public schools is the idea behind a new proposal aimed at helping schools run more efficiently while improving the student-adult ratio in Minnesota classrooms.

A House Education Finance Division subcommittee on education reform unanimously approved the proposal Feb. 25. The measure, (HF2291) now moves to the full Education Committee.

Under the proposal, co-authored by Rep. Mindy Greiling (DFL-Roseville) and Rep. Alice Seagren (IR-Bloomington), school districts would have more flexibility in how they use their veteran teachers, beginning teachers, educational specialists, student teachers, and teacher aides in the classroom.

The main classroom teacher would instruct, but all adults in the classroom would reinforce the lessons. Additionally, teacher aides could help relieve some of non-instructional duties classroom teachers face such as correcting tests and cleaning blackboards.

For example, the proposal would boost from 80 percent to 90 percent the amount of time a first-year intern or resident teacher could spend supervising students in the classroom. The remaining time is set aside for development and training. Increasing a resident teacher's classroom time to 90 percent would be optional for districts.

Greiling, a former teacher, said more districts may hire first-year teacher residents if a resident could be in the classroom longer.

The bill also clarifies the salary for resident teachers. It states they will earn 75 percent of what a beginning teacher in the same district makes, not the statewide average for a beginning teacher.

The proposal requires districts to set up school site decision-making teams to oversee any new staffing arrangements. It would accomplish some of its goals by giving districts more flexibility in how they spend portions of their budgets.

ELECTIONS

Uniform November elections

Minnesota city council and school district elections should be held the first Tuesday in November, just like other national and state political races, a House committee agreed Feb. 28.

Currently, city and school elections are held at different times of the year.

To assure maximum participation in elections, something has to be done about "jumbled up election times," said Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul), House sponsor of SF1512, which was approved by the House General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee.

The bill would also set a September primary election date.

"We have discussed uniform election dates for something like 15 years," Secretary of State Joan Growe told the committee.

Grove noted that her office's research has found that a significantly larger percentage of the electorate fails to vote when elections are held any time other than November.

For example, in the 1992 state general election — a presidential election year — almost 72 percent of qualified voters went to the polls. In various township and school district elections held in March and May of that year, participation ranged from 11 percent to 21 percent.

The bill would require school districts to change their board terms from three to four years to match the new election cycle.

Township elections in Greater Minnesota would not be affected by the proposal and could retain their March elections. But township elections in the Twin Cities metro area could switch to a November election schedule.

Bob Meeks of the Minnesota School Board Association objected to changes in the law that would affect votes on school bond issues.

He said that elections in odd-numbered years would encounter the same problem of low turnout, and that the timing of the construction season makes votes on bond issues in November impractical.

Meeks said that his group will try to offer alternatives to the legislation, which now goes to the House floor.

FAMILY

Postnuptial marriage contracts

While we've heard about prenuptial agreements signed by the rich and famous and soon to wed, a few wealthy Minnesotans may soon be able to enter into postnuptial contracts.

A bill (HF1788) sponsored by Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester) would allow spouses — who each hold more than $1.2 million in assets — to create a contract defining property matters.

The bill specifies that these agreements cannot deal with child support. Each spouse must have separate legal counsel, and the postnuptial contract is voided if either spouse files for separation or divorce within two years of signing it. The postnuptial contract could be used for changing or revoking a prenuptial contract.

The impetus for the bill comes from a prospective University of Minnesota donor who wants to donate a large amount of money. He wants to make sure he and his wife's assets are clearly defined so that in the case of a death, for example, his wife couldn't contest his will.

The House Judiciary Committee approved the bill Feb. 25. It now goes to the House floor.
A gambling tug-of-war

A House subcommittee charged with charting the direction of legal gambling in Minnesota heard a verbal tug-of-war between the state's liquor industry and American Indian casino owners Feb. 25.

On one end, bar and restaurant owners, lamenting what they call a slow death of their neighborhood businesses, placed blame on the lure of the state's American Indian-owned casinos.

"I have customers coming into my bar saying they're getting 10 people together to go to the casinos over the weekend. Even if two go, that's business I've lost," said Peggy McStock, who runs the Oasis Bar in St. Augusta.

She's part of a coalition called Revenue for Main Street Minnesota, whose members want lawmakers to approve a bill allowing video slot machines in bars. The machines could offer games such as video pulltabs, poker, keno, blackjack, and others.

On the other end, members of the Indian Gaming Association, who told the House Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee's Gambling Subcommittee that an expansion of gambling into bars and restaurants would harm reservations only now recovering from a century of harsh political treatment.

Melanie Benjamin, commissioner of administration for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians, listed for legislators the improvements that profits from the tribe's casinos have funded.

"They've put revenue back in the infrastructure," she said. "Before, we were living in poverty."

Now, the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation boasts two new ceremonial buildings, a new medical facility, new housing, a new waste water treatment plant, and improved roads, she said.

"We've been able to correct the unemployment and social ills on Mille Lacs Reservation, but we still have a long way to go," she said. "I would like to plead that the action taken is not done in haste, that the opportunity given to us isn't taken away until we've had an opportunity to correct the social ills done to us."

At issue are video gambling machines. Current law prohibits them in bars and restaurants. So far, the gambling subcommittee's omnibus draft bill is silent on the issue. Revenue for Main Street Minnesota hopes to change that.

For the past three years, bars and restaurants have lobbied for the right to offer video gambling. But several legislative leaders and the governor have been opposed to any expansion of the gambling industry.

John Berglund, executive director of the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association, asked legislators to allow "everyone in the hospitality industry" to use video slot machines whether they are bar owners, restaurateurs, or some combination.

"Our biggest concern with the casinos is not the casinos themselves, but that they've seen fit to get into the food, banquet, and lodging industry, and they're practically giving it away," Berglund said.

Subcommittee members will hear further public testimony on the draft omnibus gambling bill March 4.

GOVERNMENT

Term limits

Talk of imposing term limits on Minnesota's politicians made its way closer to the state Capitol March 2, as lawmakers listened to Minnesotans plead their cases for and against the proposal.

The meeting held at the State Office Building in St. Paul was the fifth and final public hearing of an eight-member task force appointed to address the issue.

Chaired by Rep. Loren Jennings (DFL-Harris), the group has held similar hearings in Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, and Rochester during the last two weeks.

The task force was designed to gather public input from around the state and to recommend whether a term limit question should be placed on the November ballot. And if so, what form it should take.

Some term limit proposals include city council and school board members while others target only state and federal officeholders. (Imposing term limits for constitutional officers such as the governor and legislators would require a constitutional amendment, while limits for local government offices could be set in statute. The legality of a state imposing term limits for its U.S. representatives and senators remains in question.)

Proponents of term limits came in two forms; some would like to see elected officials limited in the number of years they serve (most proposals suggest 10 years), and others say they're neutral but want to see the issue on the ballot for voters to decide.

Tom Weaver, representing Gov. Arne Carlson, reiterated the governor's support of term limits. Weaver said the governor finds "lack of any compelling reason why [term limits] shouldn't be put on the ballot."

While opponents said term limits are being advocated by those who think it would cure all the state's political ailments, those in favor said the measure would be a good start.

"It is our belief that other [government] reforms are much more likely to happen if we enforce term limits," said Ben Whitney, co-chair of Minnesotans for Term Limits, a group formed specifically to promote the issue.

Jim Ketcham, a board member of Common Cause, Minnesota, cited the most well-known argument against term limits.

"We have term limits already," Ketcham said, "They're called elections. Term limits would not have prevented 'phonograph.' And term limits will never force incumbents to give up the perks they enjoy from their first day in office."

Ann Higgins, from the League of Minnesota Cities, said her organization is against term limits. She said her group's emphasis is against imposing term limits on local officials, but it extends to state and federal representatives as well.

"There's no logic that says a new representative will be more effective, more representative [of the people] or more honest than the one replaced," Higgins said.

At least 60 citizens attended the March 2 meeting and two dozen spoke to the panel of lawmakers. Many of those in attendance were representing special interest groups, and a handful were private citizens who wished to voice their opinions on the matter.
Jennings said the task force will meet either March 9 or 10 to discuss its recommendation. It will then go to House Speaker Irv Anderson (DFL-Int'l Falls) and then to the House Ways and Means Committee.


HEALTH

Gloves or no gloves

It may seem, at first glance, that food handlers already are required to wear gloves. But upon further examination, such a requirement may not be as good as it sounds.

The House Health and Human Services Committee March 3 discussed HF 1975, a bill sponsored by Rep. Connie Morrison (IR-Burnsville) that would require food handlers to wear gloves.

However, officials with the Minnesota Department of Health oppose this "across-the-board" regulation.

Gloves can offer a false sense of security, they said. People need to recognize that gloves are just as susceptible to contamination as bare hands and must be viewed as an extension of the hands. Gloves should not replace hand washing, the key to safe food handling.

Rep. Gary Worke (IR-Waseca) suggested that gloves may not always be necessary. Instead, better education, and/or enforcement of strict handwashing rules, are needed.

The committee took no action on the proposal.

Undergraduate resident tuition and required fees per school year in current dollars by system, 1971-1993

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HUMAN SERVICES

Collecting child support

A bill that calls for the revocation of the occupational licenses of parents who are behind in their child support payments was approved by the House Judiciary Committee Feb. 25.

The measure (HF 2055), sponsored by Rep. Jim Farrell (DFL-St. Paul), would also simplify child support hearings and reinstate the felony penalty for some parents who are behind in their payments.

State Department of Human Services (DHS) officials hope a new streamlined administrative process for establishing child support obligations will reduce court costs and human stress.

The bill would allow a simpler administrative hearing before a DHS child support officer in uncontested cases. Following notification at the beginning of a case, either parent can request a conference with a child support officer.

Currently, in most Minnesota counties, child support matters come before a district court judge or a court referee. These hear-

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ings, in addition to being slow and costly, often are adversarial.

To address safety issues, the bill would require a courtroom or a conference room to have two separate entrances. It also would require a bailiff to be present or available in case of an emergency.

In the event that no child support agreement is reached, or in a case contested from the outset, counties would have the option of referring the case to an administrative law judge, or a district court judge or referee.

This bill comes as the result of a 1993 law that directed the DHS Advisory Committee for Child Support Enforcement to design and implement a statewide process for establishing child support obligations.

Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester) successfully amended the bill to restore felony penalties in cases of seriously delinquent child support payments. Two years ago, the penalty for parents behind more than 180 days was reduced to a gross misdemeanor.

The felony penalty would make it easier to locate delinquent mothers or fathers. The Federal Bureau of Investigation will help locate someone on a felony warrant — but won't search for those wanted for lesser offenses.

Another amendment would allow the DHS to direct state licensing boards to begin the process of revoking the occupational license of a person behind on child support payments. Currently, a court order is needed.

While a person who lost his or her bartending license, for example, would be less able to pay child support, human services officials believe the threat of such an action would prod people to meet their obligations.

HF2055 now goes to the House Health and Human Services Committee.

**LAW**

Burning the flag

Americans overwhelmingly disagree with a 1989 U.S. Supreme Court decision that overturned a Texas man's misdemeanor conviction for burning the American flag during a political protest, said Rep. Brian Bergson (DFL-Osseo).

He told fellow members of the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee that a Gallop poll found 91 percent of Americans opposed the notion that flag burning is protected political expression.

Bergson spoke on behalf of his bill (HF1880) that calls on the U.S. Congress to pass a constitutional amendment allowing states to prohibit the "physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

Bergson explained that 48 states, including Minnesota, currently have such laws on the books.

The committee approved the bill Feb. 28. It now moves to the House floor. Similar legislation passed the Senate in 1992, but stalled in the House.

American Legion members in their uniform caps showed up en masse for the meeting. They listened intently as Raymond Galazen of Duluth, state commander of the American Legion, explained that 37 states have passed this resolution; if 38 states do, then Congress can be petitioned to offer the constitutional amendment.

To survive, the proposed amendment must pass by a two-thirds majority in both the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate. Furthermore, three-fourths of the states would need to ratify the amendment within seven years.

Galazen mentioned that the national American Legion convention will be held in Minneapolis Sept. 2-8. He said he hoped he could tell the 25,000 expected Legion delegates that Minnesota had joined the states opposed to flag burning.

"The flag is a symbol of liberty," said Joseph O'Neill, legislative counsel for the state American Legion. He compared flag desecration to vandalizing the Lincoln Memorial or the State Capitol. "This symbol should not be defaced or desecrated in any manner," he said.

Charles Lindberg, the last survivor of the first flag raising at Iwo Jima, was one of the many United States veterans attending a Feb. 28 hearing on a proposed federal constitutional amendment banning flag desecration. A resolution on the matter passed through the House General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee.

**TAXES**

Tax break for Fingerhut

In a close vote, the House Taxes Committee has agreed that Fingerhut Companies should receive special tax breaks to build a $19.2 million expansion in St. Cloud, creating about 400 new jobs.

The bill (HF2213) narrowly passed 16 to 11 on March 3. It specifically asks that Fingerhut and St. Cloud be exempt from some Minnesota laws regarding government tax breaks. The measure, which now goes to the House floor, is sponsored by Rep. Joe Opatz (DFL-St. Cloud).

Fingerhut, a large national mail order retailer, already employs about 4,000 people year round in St. Cloud and several thousand others in Minnesota. It is headquartered in Minnetonka and earned about $75 million in profits in 1993.

The company has told St. Cloud city officials it will take its new expansion and 400 jobs paying $8 to $12 an hour to Kansas City, Mo., if the city and state do not meet its requests.

The company wants $1 million in grants from the state and tax breaks from the city of St. Cloud.

City officials are ready to give Fingerhut $4.8 million in tax breaks if the Legislature approves of the deal. The tax breaks would be spread out over up to 25 years and could eventually cost the city $13 million in property taxes.

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Under Minnesota law, cities can offer tax breaks to companies to help create jobs in their community. Normally the agreement, called a Tax Increment Financing District, involves a company expanding and creating new jobs in exchange for the city forgiving property taxes for a set number of years.

State law allows the job-creating districts to last 11 years. St. Cloud and Fingerhut have asked the Legislature that theirs last up to 25 years.

The bill also asks that the penalty normally assessed against cities that set up these districts be forgiven. Cities lose a portion of their state aid when they offer a business tax breaks. In St. Cloud's case, the city could lose about $4.5 million.

City officials already have said they can't afford to lose that much money and will bow out of any deal unless the Legislature forgives that penalty.

Opatz's bill is controversial because it asks that only St. Cloud and Fingerhut be given special exemptions under law, while other communities wouldn't receive them.

"We will have a busy tax committee ... if this legislation passes," said Rep. Don Oststrom (DFL-St. Peter), who voted against the bill.

Every community and lots of companies will want the same tax break terms for their plant expansions, he said.

House Minority Leader Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) agreed but supported the bill anyway. He asked why legislation wasn't drafted to make exemptions available to all communities.

Opatz explained that Fingerhut is under a tight construction schedule and needs the bill passed in the next week or so to continue looking seriously at expanding in Minnesota.

The measure has some bipartisan support in the Legislature and is backed by Gov. Arne Carlson. Speaker Irv Anderson is a co-sponsor of the House bill and Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe is a co-sponsor of the Senate version.

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A bill approved by a House panel would prohibit anglers from bringing fish into Minnesota that were caught in Ontario, Canada.

The measure (HF1835) aims to threaten Canada's tourism industry enough to bring officials from the country's Ontario province to the bargaining table.

It easily navigated its way through the Tourism and Small Business Division of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee March 2.

Last year, Ontario officials passed a law that northwestern Minnesota resort owners say puts them at a competitive disadvantage. The Ontario measure prohibits anglers who lodge in Minnesota and fish the Canadian side of Lake of the Woods, from bringing back more than two fish to the United States.

It also prohibits them from bringing back any fish from the Canadian side of Rainy Lake (Minnesota-based anglers are under a catch-and-release-only policy on Rainy Lake).

If Minnesotans stay in Canadian resorts, however, Ontario law allows them the same limit Canadians have — six walleye on Lake of the Woods and three on Rainy Lake.

According to both lawmakers and resort owners, this is not a war over fish, but a battle for tourist dollars. Anglers who want to bring home the maximum amount of fish from the Canadian side of the waters would have to find lodging in Canada.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Jim Tunheim (DFL-Kennedy), says anglers staying on either side could only bring into Minnesota the lowest limit allowed by Ontario guidelines, which is currently zero because of the Rainy Lake policy.

"We hope to use this as a lever so we can encourage [Ontario officials] to negotiate with us ... and try to promote the whole area," said Tunheim.

Rep. John Sarna (DFL-Mpls) said the bill appears to be the only way to create a level playing field for resorts.

"What [Ontario officials] are trying to do is put [Minnesota resort owners] out of business and get the jobs on their side," he said. "We have to bring them to their senses, and I think this bill will do it."

According to Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Rod Sando, Canada sells 80,000 fishing licenses each year to Minnesotans alone. In addition to licenses, Minnesota fishermen are required to buy special permits to fish Ontario waters.

The bill now goes to the full Commerce and Economic Development Committee.

Anyone caught speeding through a highway work zone would pay up to $200, double the current maximum fine, if a House bill now under consideration becomes law.

The fine would be at least $25 and the bill (HF1458) specifies any money generated by the higher fines be used for public education and to enforce the speed laws in highway work zones.

Currently, Minnesota has a scale of fines depending on how fast a driver is moving through a work zone and what county he or she is driving in. Fines range from $0 to $100 and are considered petty misdemeanors.

Highway work zones are one of the most hazardous work sites for Department of Transportation road crews, according to chief House author Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley), who presented his bill at a Feb. 25 meeting of the House Transportation and Transit Committee.

Current law allows the Department of Transportation to set speed limits between 20 and 40 miles per hour on roads when repair or maintenance crews are present.

The Senate passed an identical version of the bill on Feb. 24 by a 53-to-9 margin. The House bill now goes to the House floor for debate.

During a Feb. 28 hearing on nuclear waste storage before the House Regulated Industries and Energy Committee, discussion turned toward alternative fuel sources. The discussion soon focused on which sites in Minnesota were ideal for generating electricity by windmills. That was all it took for Rep. Ron Erhardt (IR-Edina) to quip: "I would be remiss if I didn't point out that there is an enormous amount of wind in the Capitol area."

He is described as strict but not rigid, deliberate, a hard worker, a detail man, but most of all hard to peg.

"I'm a reasonably quiet person. I'm not a backslapper... type," the new DFL majority leader from Brooklyn Center says.

Perhaps Carruthers, 40, may not come across as gregarious but you wouldn't know it from the bills that carry his name. They focus on the underdog, rarely high-powered special interest groups or big business.

He is a prosecutor by trade, which may explain, in part, his admittedly impatient and quite matter-of-fact personality.

"I'm offended by crime," he said. "People need to be responsible for their conduct."

But this bird watcher and father of two isn't always so tough. Last year, he and two other lawmakers managed to increase money for state arts groups by $4.6 million.

"He is much warmer than most people think him capable of being," said Steve Tallen, a prosecutor who shares an office with Carruthers in Minneapolis.

The two met several years ago in a Minnetonka court room when they were on opposite sides — Tallen was prosecuting and Carruthers was the defense attorney.

Although Carruthers has both a public and a private persona, "he is not a phony. He is pretty straightforward," Tallen said.

"He has always got a lot going on. The last time we had a Christmas party here, he had to come late because he was on Almanac (a public television political talk show)."

Carruthers doesn't plan on changing much now that he is the House majority leader. His new responsibilities — helping set the party legislative agenda and House administration — won't keep him from introducing the people-protector bills for which he is known.

In his eight years in the House, Carruthers said roughly 60 of his bills and amendments have become law. And there's a pattern to be found in many of them.

Some in recent memory include:
• A law to improve Minnesota's open meeting law and make government more open to the public. While attending the University of Minnesota, he pursued an interest in journalism working for the Minnesota Daily, the campus newspaper.
• A law to better protect foster children. It permanently bars people convicted of crimes such as criminal sexual assault, murder, felony punishment of a child, incest or prostitution from obtaining a foster care or child-care license.
• And a law to better protect consumers from fly-by-night roofers. It requires roofers to be licensed by the state and to eventually take a competency exam.

Carruthers has a few more bills he wants to introduce this session. One would modify the state constitution's right to bail. If approved by voters, release-on-bail could be denied to those who present a violent risk to a victim.

Another would require Christian Scientists and others who practice spiritual healing to obtain medical care for their children.

The majority leader, however, must spend time on his party's legislative agenda as well. This session that amounts to focusing on tougher criminal laws, reducing property taxes, providing relief to victims of last spring's floods, and reforming state government.

The DFLers have a lot riding on this session. With the political turmoil in the House last year and elections only a few months away, they need a strong showing.

Majority Leader Phil Carruthers

Carruthers said the DFL won't know for sure if they have regained the public trust until election day. But, he thinks they have, especially with their efforts to tighten House management.

He'll focus on recruiting good DFL candidates, proposing needed legislation and pointing out IR weaknesses.

Despite the Independent-Republican Party bashing that goes with the job, Carruthers is well respected by many IRs, said Rep. Charlie Weaver (IR-Anoka).

Weaver, also a prosecutor, has teamed up with Carruthers to co-sponsor many bills.

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### Ethics

517 State Office Building ............... 296-4265

**Meets:** Call of the chair in Room 400N*

**Members:** 11
Chair: Olson, E.-DFL
Vice Chair: Pauly-IR

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### Financial Institutions & Insurance

537 State Office Building ............... 296-4193

**Meets:** Wed., 10 a.m. in Room 5*

**Members:** 20
Chair: Reding-DFL
Vice Chair: Bertram-DFL

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### General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections

515 State Office Building ............... 296-5091

**Meets:** Mon., 12:30 p.m. in 300N*

**Members:** 20
Chair: Lieder-DFL
Vice Chair: Pelowski-DFL

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### Governmental Operations & Gambling

367 State Office Building ............... 296-4257

**Meets:** Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m. in Room 10*

**Members:** 22
Chair: Kahn-DFL
Vice Chair: Johnson, B.-DFL

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### Governmental Operations & Gambling Subcommittees

**Administrative Rules**
Chair: Greiling-DFL

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Assignments as of 2/28/94. Changes possible. * Rooms in State Office Building ** Ex officio member
**Government Structures & Reorganization**

- Chair: Opatz-DFL
  - Beard-DFL
  - Dehler-IR
  - Dempsey-IR
  - Johnson, B.-DFL

**Gambling**

- Chair: Kahn-DFL
  - Bergson-DFL
  - Greiling-DFL
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**State Government Finance Division**

- 357 State Office Building............ 296-3201
- Meets: Mon., Wed., 10 a.m. in Room 300N*
- Members: 15
  - Chair: Krueger-DFL
  - Vice Chair: Jefferson-DFL
  - Beard-DFL
  - Evans-IR
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  - Kim A. Cousin ............. 372 ........ 296-4177

**Health & Human Services**

- 365 State Office Building............ 296-4331
- Meets: Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m. in Room 5*
- Members: 25
  - Chair: Simonton-DFL
  - Vice Chair: Cooper-DFL
  - Anderson, B.-DFL
  - Asch-DFL
  - Brown, K.-DFL
  - Clark-DFL
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**Health & Housing Finance Division**

- 437 State Office Building............ 296-4946
- Meets: Tues., Thurs., 8 a.m. in Room 4005*
- Members: 15
  - Chair: Anderson, B.-DFL
  - Vice Chair: Lourey-DFL
  - Asch-DFL
  - Brown, K.-DFL
  - Clark-DFL
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**Human Services Finance Division**

- 375 State Office Building............ 296-0173
- Meets: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m. in Room 10*
- Members: 17
  - Chair: Greenfield-DFL
  - Vice Chair: Jennings-DFL
  - Anderson, B.-DFL
  - Cooper-DFL
  - Davids-IR
  - Garcia-DFL
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**Housing**

- 503 State Office Building............ 296-0294
- Meets: Mon., 12:30 p.m. in Room 500S*
- Members: 20
  - Chair: Clark-DFL
  - Vice Chair: Dawkins-DFL
- Fiscal Analyst
  - Mary Pat Speltz ......... 477 ......... 296-6178

**Judiciary**

- 477 State Office Building............ 296-4330
- Meets: Mon., Wed., 10 a.m. in Basement Hearing Room*
- Members: 24
  - Chair: Skoglund-DFL
  - Vice Chair: Orenstein-DFL
  - Bergson-DFL
  - Bishop-IR
  - Davids-IR
  - Garcia-DFL
  - Gruenes-IR
  - Guankcht-IR
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  - Kalis-DFL
  - Staff
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    - Committee Legislative Assistant
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**Judiciary Subcommittees**

**Criminal Justice & Family Law**

- Chair:
  - Brown, C.-DFL
  - Bishop-IR
  - Davids-DFL
  - Delmont-DFL
  - Limmer-IR
  - Macklin-IR
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**Civil Law**

- Chair: Pugh-DFL
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  - Lynch-IR
  - Macklin-IR
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Judiciary Finance Division
389 State Office Building .......... 296-2676
Meets: Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m. in Room 300S*

Members: 17
Chair: Murphy-DFL
Vice Chair: Pugh-DFL
Johnson, A.-DFL
Perlt-DFL
Pugh-DFL

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
597 State Office Building .......... 296-4929
Meets: Tues., Thurs., 12:30 p.m. in Room 200*

Members: 26
Chair: Brown, C.-DFL
Vice Chair: Delmont-DFL
Bergson-DFL
Cooper-DFL
Dorn-DFL
Finseth-IR
Greiling-DFL
Johnson, V.-IR
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Klinzing-DFL
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Labor-Management Relations
565 State Office Building .......... 296-3135
Meets: Mon., 12:30 p.m. in Room 200*

Members: 20
Chair: Beard-DFL
Vice Chair: Rukavina-DFL
Battaglia-DFL
Perlt-DFL
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Rhodes-IR
Farrell-DFL
Rice-DFL
Goodno-IR
Sama-DFL
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Labor-Management Relations Subcommittee
Unemployment & Workers' Compensation
Chair: Farrell-DFL
Vice Chair: Perlt-DFL
Beard-DFL
Perlt-DFL
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Local Government Relations
Subcommittee
Regulated Industries & Energy
485 State Office Building .......... 296-4231
Meets: Mon., 10 a.m. in Room 10*

Members: 22
Chair: Jacobs-DFL
Vice Chair: Kelo-DFL
Anderson, B.-DFL
Dempsey-IR
Erhardt-IR
Goodno-IR
Gruenes-IR
Hausman-DFL
Jennings-DFL
Kelley-DFL
Kendrick-IR
Lindner-IR
Mahon-DFL

Rules & Legislative Administration
459 State Office Building .......... 296-3709
Meets: Call of the chair in Room 400N*

Members: 26
Chair: Carruthers-DFL
Vice Chair: Greenfield-DFL
Abrams-IR
Milbert-DFL
Anderson, L.-DFL
Munger-DFL
Bauerly-DFL
Olson, K.-DFL
Carlson-DFL
Paul-IR
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Hugoson-IR
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Jacobs-DFL
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Knickerbocker-IR
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Taxes
443 State Office Building 296-4176
Meets: Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8 a.m. in Room 5*
Members: 29
Chair: Rest-DFL Vice Chair: Winter-DFL
Abrams-IR Macklin-IR
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Dauner-DFL Orfield-DFL
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Transportation & Transit
585 State Office Building 296-4224
Meets: Wed., 12:30 p.m. & Fri., 10 a.m. in Room 10*
Members: 27
Chair: Osthoff-DFL Vice Chair: Lasley-DFL
Brown, K.-DFL McCollum-DFL
Dauner-DFL Morrison-IR
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Transit Subcommittee
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Brown-DFL Paul-IR
Freichs-IR Rhodes-IR
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Ways & Means
343 State Office Building 296-2365
Meets: Call of the chair in Room 400N*
Members: 27
Chair: Solberg-DFL Vice Chair: Jacobs-DFL
Abrams-IR Long-DFL
Anderson, I.-DFL Murphy-DFL
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HF2079—Johnson, A. (DFL) Education American sign language (ASL)/English Judiciary school interpreters provided educational and licensure requirements.

HF2080—Dehler (IR) Agriculture Food laws provided uniformity with certain federal regulations.

HF2081—Weisman (DFL) Judiciary Motor vehicle registration information provided to probation and parole agencies and child support enforcement agencies.

HF2082—Weisman (DFL) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Minneapolis provided clarified procedures in assessing special assessments.

HF2083—Cooper (DFL) Health & Human Services Dentist rural education loan program established, dental service pilot program authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2084—Cooper (DFL) Commerce & Economic Development Minnesota Technology, Inc., to establish a southwest regional technology pilot project to provide technical business assistance; Fort Bigley and Upper Sioux Agency state park improvements provided bond issuance, and money appropriated.

HF2085—Lourey (DFL) Health & Human Services Developmental achievement centers provided clarified standards for payment rates, and vendor appeals authorized.

HF2086—Girard (IR) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Judicial ditch number 57 abandoned in Redwood and Lyon counties.

HF2087—Davids (IR) Environment & Natural Resources Fence erection provided across trout streams.

HF2088—Dawkins (DFL) Judiciary Civil commitment; mental health intrusive treatment administering procedures modified for persons committed as mentally ill and dangerous under the Civil Commitment Act.

HF2089—Olson, K. (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections Square dance adopted as the state folk dance.

HF2090—Lieder (DFL) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Tree removal procedure exemption provided to trees removed from town roads dedicated by plat.

HF2091—Bauverly (DFL) Education Referendum revenue allowance reduction modified.

HF2092—Bauverly (DFL) Education Staff development revenue created as a separate general education component, and money appropriated.

HF2093—Lourey (DFL) Health & Human Services Day training facility employees provided a cost-of-living salary adjustment.

HF2094—Bauverly (DFL) Transportation & Transit Missing Children's Bridge of Hope designated over the Mississippi River at St. Cloud on constitutional route No. 24.

HF2095—Bauverly (DFL) Education Referendum levy authority expiration date modified for school districts.

HF2096—Limiem (DFL) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Lakefield allowed to expanded its public utilities commission to five members.

HF2097—Dehler (IR) Education Independent School District No. 738, Holdingford, allowed to transfer money from its debt redemption fund to its general fund.

HF2098—Dawkins (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections Flag desecration; Congress to propose a constitutional amendment prohibiting the physical desecration of the flag.

HF2099—Pugh (DFL) Judiciary Name change applications verified and to include affidavits from two witnesses.

HF2100—Bauverly (DFL) Education Kindergarten pupil unit weighting increased and money appropriated.

HF2101—Olson, M. (IR) Education Independent School District No. 882, Monticello, authorized to transfer money from its capital expenditure fund to its transportation fund.

HF2102—Greenfield (DFL) Health & Human Services Civil commitment laws and procedures studied by the Supreme Court and money appropriated.

HF2103—Lasley (DFL) Transportation & Transit Automatic mileage recorder equipment requirements provided for motor vehicles, and highway user taxes on motor fuel and motor vehicle licenses studied for replacement by a highway user revenue system.

HF2104—Commer (IR) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Eagan allowed to establish a special service district on Cedarvale retail area property.

HF2105—Trimble (DFL) Transportation & Transit Motor vehicle veterans' special license plate eligibility extended to foreign war allied veterans.

HF2106—Dawkins (DFL) Regulated Industries & Energy Liquor advertising rules to include brand labels and registration refusal provided for certain brand labels.

HF2107—Sviggum (IR) Agriculture Rural Finance Authority authorized participation increased in certain restructured loans.

HF2108—Cooper (DFL) Education Referendum revenue reduction modified for combining districts.

HF2109—Limmer (IR) Judiciary Crime prevention provided, penalties imposed and increased, and money appropriated.

HF2110—Orfield (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections Elections; judges, secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor, and attorney general appointments by governor provided in lieu of election, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2111—Swenson (DFL) Judiciary Criminal trial final argument order changed, violent crime prosecutions to include evidence of similar prior conduct, and statement or confession written transcript requirements repealed.

HF2112—Swenson (DFL) Judiciary DWI; consecutive sentences allowed and required for certain multiple offenses, and for driving without insurance or a driver's license, bail limit increased, sentencing guideline modification required, and money appropriated.

HF2113—Swenson (DFL) Regulated Industries & Energy Liquor sale practices restricted between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. to prohibit discounted prices, multiple drinks, and increased alcohol volume or percentage.

HF2114—Swenson (IR) Judiciary Felonies committed while possessing a firearm provided increased mandatory minimum sentences.

HF2115—Ostrom (DFL) Transportation & Transit Accident prevention course refresher required for persons age 55 or over to remain eligible for a private passenger vehicle insurance rate reduction.

HF2116—Orfield (DFL) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Metropolitan area special boards and county officials provided appointment.
HF2117—Neary (DFL)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Committee and division chair rotation
required in the House and Senate.

HF2118—Workman (IR)
Taxes
Dependent care income tax credit
changed.

HF2119—Hausman (DFL)
Ethics
Ethical Practices Board advisory opin­
ions considered binding and a defense
in a criminal proceeding, and ethical
conduct code created for local and pub­
lic officials and employees.

HF2120—Kelley (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Health-related boards allowed to es­
establish a program to protect the public
from impaired regulated persons.

HF2121—Kahn (DFL)
Gen Legislation, Veterans Affairs &
Elections
Parliamentary government provided
and constitutional amendment pro­
posed.

HF2122—Skelton (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Electric energy state policy re-estab­
lished and money appropriated.

HF2123—Sviggum (IR)
Education
Referendum reduction; cooperation and
combination revenue excluded from
fund balance determination for refer­
endum reduction.

HF2124—Kahn (DFL)
Governmental Operations &
Gambling
State university and community col­
lege individual retirement account plan
provisions clarified, technical college
teachers provided coverage plan, op­
tional plan coverage election provided,
and plan recodification required.

HF2125—Stensmo (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Lewis and Clark rural water system
authorized planning, design, and engi­
neering work, federal financial partici­
pation negotiations provided, and
money appropriated.

HF2126—Orfield (DFL)
Local Government &
Metropolitan Affairs
Land statewide comprehensive use
planning coordination and sustainable
development provided and money ap­
propriated.

HF2127—Neary (DFL)
Judiciary
Victims informed as sentencing of right
to notice of correctional facility offender
release.

HF2128—Neary (DFL)
Judiciary
Juvenile court authorized to require
the presence of a minor’s parent or
guardian during delinquency proceed­
ing hearings.

HF2129—Jefferson (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Cultural dynamic training of child-care
providers appropriated money.

HF2130—Tomassoni (DFL)
Local Government &
Metropolitan Affairs
Meadowlands; former town of Payne
assigned to the 7th commissioner dis­
trict in St. Louis County.

HF2131—Sviggum (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Term limits; legislative, governor and
lieutenant governor, and U. S. House of
Representatives and Senate service limi­
ted and constitutional amendment pro­
posed.

HF2132—Trumble (DFL)
Agriculture
Salvaged food labeling, licensing, dis­
tributor, and identification require­
ments provided.

HF2133—Carlson (DFL)
Education
Librarians of color program established
and money appropriated.

HF2134—Olson, K. (DFL)
Education
Farm business management program
appropriated money for short-term
counseling services and tuition
buydown for farmers in federally certi­
fied flood damaged counties.

HF2135—Jefferson (DFL)
Housing
Manufactured home parks not to pro­
hibit senior citizens from keeping pet
dogs, cats, and birds on park premises.

HF2136—Erhardt (IR)
Education
Intermediate school districts restored,
staff development earmark modified,
class size reduction requirements modi­
fied, and referendum revenue limits
repealed.

HF2137—Johnson, A. (DFL)
Education
Breakfast pilot program established to
provide free breakfasts to elementary
school children and money appropri­
ated.

HF2138—Evans (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Electronic fund transfers regulated and
penalties provided.

HF2139—Knickerbocker (IR)
Commerce & Economic Development
Real estate broker trust accounts regu­
lated and residential real property and
estate definitions clarified.

HF2140—Osthoff (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Prairie Island nuclear generating plant
provided legislative authorization to
purchase dry-cask storage facility con­
struction, Monticello and Prairie Island
pool storage continued, wind power
developed, and money appropriated.

HF2141—Olson, K. (DFL)
Education
Summer program requirements pro­
vided for school districts having resi­
dential facilities.

HF2142—Luther (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Brooklyn Park Economic Development
Authority authorized to make small
business loans.

HF2143—Jacobs (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Telephone competitive services and
incentive plans regulated and regulato­
ry provisions provided technical
changes.

HF2144—Jennings (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Day training and residential services
provided mandated competitive bid­
ing process, information disclosure
required, and advisory committee es­
tablished.

HF2145—Cooper (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Semi-independent living services pro­
vided modified annual inflation adjust­
ment provisions.

HF2146—Lourey (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Motor vehicle emissions provided bi­
nennial inspections.

HF2147—Gruenes (IR)
Health & Human Services
Day training and habilitation service
programs authorized vendor limitation
exceptions.

HF2148—Brown, K. (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Residential services projects authorized
in homes owned by persons with de­
velopmental disabilities and money
appropriated.

HF2149—Gruenes (IR)
Health & Human Services
Day training and habilitation service
programs authorized vendor limitation
exceptions.

HF2150—Gruenes (IR)
Health & Human Services
Day training and habilitation service
programs authorized vendor limitation
exceptions.

HF2151—Hausman (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Public utilities commissioners provided
election, commission chair selection
provided, and proceedings recorded.

HF2152—Orfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Hennepin and Ramsey county work
readiness programs replaced with a
metropolitan public works training
program.

HF2153—Morrison (IR)
Education
Gun Control Act violation penalties
expanded; weapon-related offense sen­
tencing practices reporting provided,
mandatory minimum sentence waivers
prohibited for repeat offenders, and
firearm transfer violations imposed
penalties.

HF2155—Pugh (DFL)
Judiciary
Sheriff’s certificate of sales exempted
from state deced tax.

HF2156—Farrell (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Arbitration; public employment inter­
est arbitration selection required be­
tween the final offer or the other party.

HF2157—Molnau (IR)
Environmental & Natural Resources
Motor vehicle emissions provided bi­
nennial inspections.

HF2158—Bishop (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Sewage treatment system city and
county ordinances required compli­
anence provided and sewage treatment
professionals licensed.

HF2159—Reidt (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Limited liability companies provided
application of workers’ compensation
and unemployment laws.

HF2160—Kelso (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers’ compensation insurance regu­
lation provided, benefits regulated, and
money appropriated.
HF2161—Kelso (DFL)  
**Education**  
Carver and Scott county school districts provided eligibility for interactive television revenue.

HF2162—Kelso (DFL)  
**Education**  
Capital expenditure equipment revenue program formula allowance increased and money appropriated.

HF2163—Kelso (DFL)  
**Education**  
General education formula allowance and learning and development program funding increased, staff development revenue component established, and retiree health insurance benefit levy modified.

HF2164—Gutknecht (IR)  
**Judiciary**  
Custodial parent provided procedures and standards for moving a child's residence to another state.

HF2165—Gutknecht (IR)  
**Judiciary**  
Noncustodial parents provided compensatory visitation.

HF2166—Smith (IR)  
**Judiciary**  
Custody order modification grounds provided upon interference with or denial of visitation.

HF2167—Smith (IR)  
**Judiciary**  
Custodial parents provided child support or assistance accounting requirements.

HF2168—Orenstein (DFL)  
**Taxes**  
Homestead exemption increased for creditors' remedies.

HF2169—Clark (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Hennepin County authorized a group residential housing bed moratorium exception to provide housing to chronic stage chemically dependent American Indians.

HF2170—Farrell (DFL)  
**Commerce & Economic Development**  
Elevator mechanics regulated, inspections required, minimum code standards set, and advisory committee created.

HF2171—Orfield (DFL)  
**Housing**  
Metropolitan Council to adopt rules allocating comprehensive choice housing among metropolitan area cities and towns, review provided, and penalties provided.

HF2172—Orfield (DFL)  
**Transportation & Transit**  
Metropolitan area included in state transportation plan and development guide, federal block grant fund uses restricted, and comprehensive choice housing requirement compliance required before highway project or plan approval.

HF2173—Orfield (DFL)  
**Transportation & Transit**  
Highways and highway purposes defined, highway user tax distribution funds authorized for general transportation purposes, transportation plan requirements imposed, motor fuel taxes increased, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2174—Orfield (DFL)  
**Housing**  
Metropolitan reinvestment fund account created in the Housing Development Fund for comprehensive choice housing goals, and homestead properties subject to the areawide tax rate.

HF2175—Hausman (DFL)  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
St. Paul authorized a lead pipe replacement program, assessment charges allowed, and bond issuance provided.

HF2176—Weisman (DFL)  
**Judiciary**  
Foster care and adoption provisions modified related to the best interests of the child and relative preference and heritage or background protection.

HF2177—Weisman (DFL)  
**Judiciary**  
Correctional facility personnel provided participation in educational programs relating to inmate mental health.

HF2178—Cooper (DFL)  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Meeker County to sell certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water in Hidden View Woods.

HF2179—Osthoff (DFL)  
**Taxes**  
St. Paul appropriated money for unpaid special assessments for property owned by the state, the state agricultural society, and other public and quasi-public entities.

HF2180—Leppik (IR)  
**Judiciary**  
Guardian ad litem and attorney appointments provided for children, child advocacy board established, state child advocate and district child advocates created, best interests of the child clarified, and money appropriated.

HF2181—Van Dellen (IR)  
**Judiciary**  
Paternity determinations and child support administration and enforcement provisions modified and penalties imposed.

HF2182—Hugoson (IR)  
**Agriculture**  
Agricultural property tax deferral program established in counties declared as disaster areas and certain other counties, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF2183—Ozment (IR)  
**Transportation & Transit**  
Highways and highway purposes defined, highway user tax distribution funds authorized for general transportation purposes, transportation plan requirements imposed, motor fuel taxes increased, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2184—Clark (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Pesticide poisoning treatment included in general assistance medical care emergency service eligibility, pesticide poisoning and reporting and education provided, and money appropriated.

HF2185—Orfield (DFL)  
**Regulated Industries & Energy**  
Electric energy state policy re-established and money appropriated.

HF2186—Anderson, I. (DFL)  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Deer River authorized a grant for White Oak Pur Post tourism and education facility improvements, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF2187—Koppendrayer (IR)  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Mille Lacs County tax-forfeited land and Rum River State Forest land sale authorized to resolve a trespass.

HF2188—Holsten (IR)  
**Judiciary**  
Safe schools program adopted and money appropriated.

HF2189—Vellenga (DFL)  
**Education**  
Education programs and policies provided technical changes.

HF2190—Morrison (IR)  
**Judiciary**  
Safe schools program adopted and money appropriated.

HF2191—Girard (IR)  
**Agriculture**  
Water; nonpoint source pollution financial assistance programs created, drinking water revolving fund established, public facilities authority membership changed and bonding authority increased, and money appropriated.

HF2192—Johnson, R. (DFL)  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Correctional employees retirement plan coverage provided for various positions in the Department of Corrections and the Department of Human Services.

HF2193—Anderson, R. (DFL)  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Finance Fergus Falls appropriated money and provided bond issuance to establish the North American prairie wetlands learning center.

HF2194—Anderson, R. (DFL)  
**Education**  
Fergus Falls Community College capital asset preservation provided bond issuance and money appropriated.

HF2195—Erhardt (IR)  
**Financial Institutions & Insurance**  
Short-term health and accident insurance coverage plans allowed.

HF2196—Simoneau (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Child Care Fund appropriated money for the basic sliding fee program.

HF2197—Weisman (DFL)  
**Judiciary**  
Escapes while held in lawful custody to include absconding from electronic monitoring or absconding after removing an electronic monitoring device from the leg.

HF2198—Clark (DFL)  
**Housing**  
Metropolitan Council provided a housing bond credit enhancement program.

HF2199—Kelso (DFL)  
**Education**  
Library accessibility projects provided a capital bonding program, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF2200—Evans (DFL)  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Deer licenses for hunting on a game refuge preference provided to elderly or disabled hunters.

HF2201—Evans (DFL)  
**Commerce & Economic Development**  
Department of Commerce department enforcement authority expanded and data access and disclosure provided.

HF2202—Dempsey (IR)  
**Judiciary**  
Safe schools program adopted and money appropriated.

HF2203—Weisman (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Healing; independent professional examiners list and examinations provided.
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HF2204—Johnson, A. (DFL) Transportation & Transit
Personal service transportation laws reinstated and amended.

HF2205—Jefferson (DFL) Commerce & Economic Development Neighborhood Revitalization Program requirements modified and resident advisory council established.

HF2206—Kalis (DFL) Regulated Industries & Energy Utility customer deposit interest rate requirements modified and resident advisory council established.

HF2207—Bauerly (DFL) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Benton County allowed to establish an economic development authority.

HF2208—Kappendrayer (IR) Education Community Service Employee Fund transfer expanded for payment of retirement and FICA costs.

HF2209—Pugh (DFL) Judiciary Emergency telephone service call data provided private data classification.

HF2210—Asch (DFL) Commerce & Economic Development Department of Commerce data provided classification and release.

HF2211—Pugh (DFL) Judiciary Wells property sale fee modification restricted.

HF2212—Kahn (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Genetically engineered agriculturally related organism release restriction exemption provided for federally monitored releases, and rules and exemptions provided.

HF2213—Opatz (DFL) Taxes St. Cloud Housing and Redevelopment Authority allowed to establish an economic development tax increment financing district for a national mail order sales retailer major distribution facility.

HF2214—Warke (IR) Judiciary Obligors; both parents considered child support obligors and child support formulas established.

HF2215—Warke (IR) Judiciary Cooperative parenting and mandatory mediation provided in joint custody proceedings.

HF2216—Wejcman (DFL) Regulated Industries & Energy Electric energy state policy reestablished and money appropriated.

HF2217—Jacobs (DFL) Taxes Firefighting personal protective equipment provided exemption from sales and use taxes.

HF2218—Laurey (DFL) Commerce & Economic Development Micro business loan pilot program established for community development corporations and money appropriated.

HF2219—Finseh (IR) Rules & Legislative Administration Term limits; legislative and executive service limited to 12 years and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2220—Battaglio (DFL) Taxes Two Harbors allowed to use lodging tax for preservation, display, and interpretion of the tugboat Edna G.

HF2221—Anderson, R. (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections Flag desecration; Congress to propose a constitutional amendment prohibiting the physical desecration of the flag.

HF2222—Ostrom (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections Precinct single polling place provided for cities with territory in more than one county.

HF2223—Krueger (DFL) Health & Human Services Fingerprinting provided in human services public assistance compliance system.

HF2224—Smith (IR) Education Independent School District No. 879, Delano, authorized a referendum revenue special election and fund transfer from its capital expenditure fund to its general fund.

HF2225—Krueger (DFL) Education Motley-Staples Independent School District permitted to recognize referendum levy revenue in the capital expenditure fund.

HF2226—Krueger (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling Project Innovation, Inc., employees permitted certain state employee benefit program participation.

HF2227—Krueger (DFL) Regulated Industries & Energy Electricity, stray voltage, and electromagnetic field conduct by Earth studied; complaint procedures and remedies provided, and money appropriated.

HF2228—Carruthers (DFL) Labor-Management Relations Union representatives afforded time off by public employers.

HF2229—Krueger (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling Electronic data interchange UN/ EDIFACT standards implemented.

HF2230—Kinkel (DFL) Transportation & Transit Mail rural carrier delivery vehicles authorized removable revolving amber safety lights.

HF2231—Clark (DFL) Health & Human Services Indian elders coordinator position created by Aging Board.

HF2232—Tomassoni (DFL) Education Male responsibility and fathering grants provided to youth or parenting programs and money appropriated.

HF2233—Pauly (IR) Judiciary Female genital mutilation penalties imposed and education, prevention, and outreach activities provided in communities that traditionally engage in female genital mutilation practices.

HF2234—Kahn (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Finance Future resources fund, environment and natural resources trust fund, and oil overcharge money projects authorized use of classified employees, and terms and conditions provided for previous appropriations.

HF2235—Dawkins (DFL) Housing Housing program review by Metropolitan Council requirement exemptions provided to metropolitan area cities of the first class, and entitlement bond allocation deduction requirement deleted.

HF2236—Dawkins (DFL) Judiciary Bail procedures provided for criminal offenses.

HF2237—Peterson (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Canada goose informational meetings and open season required in the west central goose zone before the regular season opens.

HF2238—Warke (IR) Judiciary Commercial mailing list or telephone solicitation use prohibited of government data.

HF2239—Carruthers (DFL) Transportation & Transit Motor vehicle registration plate number included on automobile insurance identification cards, escape from custody or petty misdemeanor traffic violation maximum penalties increased, and nonvalid driver license offenses clarified.

HF2240—Peterson (DFL) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Swift County authorized to establish a rural development finance authority.

HF2241—Carruthers (DFL) Judiciary Criminal trial final argument order changed.

HF2242—Peterson (DFL) Agriculture Wheat scab (vomitory) and soybean improvement research appropriated money.

HF2243—Rukavina (DFL) Labor-Management Relations Minimum wage increased and adjustment provided based on the consumer price index.

HF2244—Tunheim (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Roseau County authorized to sell taxed forfeited land bordering public water in Greenbush.

HF2245—Tunheim (DFL) Health & Human Services Health care provider equal access required in medical assistance provider networks.
Transportation & Transit
Charter carriers provided limited authority to pick up and let off passengers when providing special transportation services.

Agriculture
Milk solids-not-fat percentages changed for milk prepared for market.

Agriculture
Pesticide posting requirements changed.

Women's health center established and money appropriated.

HF2247-Bertram (DFL)
Agriculture
Farm disaster property tax relief payments program created, emergency employment programs provided supplemental funding, crop disaster insurance established, farm programs funding increased, research expanded, and money appropriated.

HF2249—Wenzel (DFL)
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HF2291—Grelling (DFL)  
**Education**  
Instruction and educational accountability improved; preparation time increased; adult to student ratios reduced; staff development revenue use allowed to develop alternative staffing patterns; kindergarten pupil unit weighting increased; adult to student ratios reduced; ability improved; preparation time increased; Instruction and educational account increased; adult to student ratios reduced; ability improved; preparation time increased.  

HF2292—Selkon (DFL)  
**Labor-Management Relations**  
Whistle-blower protection act adopted.  

HF2293—Siggum (IR)  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Extracurricular activity management compensation benefit coverage amounts adjusted.  

HF2294—McGuire (DFL)  
**Judiciary**  
Investigative data classification provided during pending legal actions.  

HF2295—McGuire (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Fetal, infant, and maternal death studies provided for medical, health, and welfare service systems.  

HF2296—McGuire (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Ramsey Health Care, Inc., authorized to incorporate as a nonprofit corporation and termination provided as a public corporation, and care of indigent persons provided.  

HF2297—Tunheim (DFL)  
**Education**  
Consolidation timelines changed, consolidation transition revenue created, early retirement incentives provided in districts reorganizing, and money appropriated.  

HF2298—Kelso (DFL)  
**Education**  
Metropolitan magnet school grant program established, bonds issued, and money appropriated.  

HF2299—Hunley (DFL)  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Duluth Firefighters Relief Association bylaws provided clarified pension benefit calculation.  

HF2300—Erhardt (IR)  
**Education**  
School year allowed to begin before Labor Day when a religious holiday is observed the day following Labor Day.  

HF2301—Jefferson (DFL)  
**Economic Development, Infrastructure, & Regulation Finance**  
Minneapolis Convention Center capital expansion provided bond issuance and money appropriated.  

HF2302—Winter (DFL)  
**Commerce & Economic Development**  
Contracts for the improvement of land provided prohibited provisions.  

HF2303—Swenson (IR)  
**Education**  
General education formula allowance increased, supplemental revenue repealed, referendum levy expiration removed, class size reduction program modified, and referendum revenue reduction eliminated.  

HF2304—Rukavina (DFL)  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Wood assessments imposed on wood acquired by wood mills, sustainable forestry account established, loggers and foresters certified, and money appropriated.  

HF2305—Jefferson (DFL)  
**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**  
Junkyards: automobile junkyard covering requirement authority provided to cities of the first class.  

HF2306—Rest (DFL)  
**Taxes**  
Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association levy considered a special taxing district levy for property tax purposes.  

HF2307—Mariotti (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Family ombudspersons functions and groups restructured.  

HF2308—Dawkins (DFL)  
**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**  
St. Paul rental tax equity pilot project established.  

HF2309—Lasley (DFL)  
**Transportation & Transit**  
Trunk Highway Route No. 293 in Cambridge description changed.  

HF2310—Krueger (DFL)  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Debt collections act adopted and money appropriated.  

HF2311—Winter (DFL)  
**Taxes**  
Levy limitations abolished for local government.  

HF2312—Delmont (DFL)  
**General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections**  
Motor vehicle retired veterans special license plates authorized.  

HF2313—Farrell (DFL)  
**Judiciary**  
Child custody medical support insurer responsibilities clarified, child care costs modified, and cause of action clarified for support from an absent parent.  

HF2314—Seagren (IR)  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Legislator report and material distribution requirements codified.  

HF2315—Winter (DFL)  
**Judiciary**  
Livestock activities provided limited injuries liability.  

HF2316—Greenfield (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Home care services provisions modified.  

HF2317—Anderson, R. (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Health Care Commission to include a pharmacist.  

HF2318—Cooper (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Physician assistants and advanced practice nurses extended authority for dispensing drugs and medical devices.  

HF2319—Board (DFL)  
**General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections**  
University of Minnesota required to follow the State Veterans Preference Law.  

HF2320—Clark (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Public improvement bond issuance provided for jobs and training, housing, and trade and economic development projects, and money appropriated.  

HF2321—Dauner (DFL)  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Clay County authorized to sell tax-forfeited land bordering public water in Elkton, and Wilkin County authorized to sell tax-forfeited land bordering public water in Moorhead and Breckenridge.  

HF2322—Haskamp (DFL)  
**Transportation & Transit**  
Drivers' license issuance prohibited to persons under age 18 unless graduated from or attending a secondary school, and license suspension provided upon withdrawal, dismissal, or truancy or juvenile offense.  

HF2323—Olson, M. (IR)  
**Taxes**  
Dependent care income tax credit changed.  

HF2324—Kelso (DFL)  
**Judiciary**  
Assault; fourth degree assault expanded to include assaults against physicians, nurses, and other health care service providers in a hospital emergency department.  

HF2325—Evans (DFL)  
**Judiciary**  
Bias-motivated crimes provided enhanced penalties.  

HF2326—Kalis (DFL)  
**Education**  
Capital asset preservation and replacement account allocation eligibility extended to the Higher Education Board and University of Minnesota.  

HF2327—Simoneau (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Therapy service providers provided hearing appeals, state agency hearing provisions modified, and medical assistance prior authorization requirements modified.  

HF2328—Simoneau (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Mentally ill and dangerous patient recommendations by the special review board provided deadlines, patients provided right to court-appointed attorney and independent examination, and patient voluntary return time period modified.  

HF2329—Neary (DFL)  
**Health & Human Services**  
Child care facility staff retention and recruitment grant program established and money appropriated.  

HF2330—Simoneau (DFL)  
**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**  
Tax-forfeited land sales authorized by sealed bid.  

HF2331—Kelley (DFL)  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Hopkins provided a grant for a performing arts center, bonds issued, and money appropriated.  

HF2332—Luther (DFL)  
**Education**  
General revenue additional component created for funding at-risk student programs, learning and development revenue uses expanded, capital expenditure equipment and facility account flexibility made permanent, and money appropriated.  

HF2333—Pugh (DFL)  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Municipal board authority and duties transferred to the Strategic and Long-Range Planning Office.  

HF2334—Anderson, I. (DFL)  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Fees setting and adjustments restricted for state departments and agencies.
Cass County, established in 1851, is named for a statesman and explorer who thought he discovered the “true source of the Mississippi River” in 1820. He was wrong.

Lewis Cass, a New Hampshire-born lawyer and brigadier general in the War of 1812, was appointed governor of the Michigan Territory in 1813. When, in 1818, a federal act extended the western boundary of the territory to the Mississippi River, Cass decided an expedition was in order. In 1820, Cass and 37 others left Detroit in three birch-bark canoes. Included in the party was a mineralogist named Henry Schoolcraft.

After reaching the south shore of Lake Superior and traveling inland by way of the St. Louis River, Cass and company eventually portaged to Sandy Lake and proceeded up the Mississippi River. They stopped at what Schoolcraft renamed Cassina Lake on July 21. The name was later shortened to Cass.

Schoolcraft states in his journal “this [lake] may be considered the true source of the Mississippi River.” But he writes of two inlets that feed Cass Lake.

The party only spent two hours on the lake, and then headed downstream.

Ironically, Schoolcraft would return 12 years later to discover Lake Itasca, the true source of the Mississippi River.
### Committee Schedule

This schedule is subject to change. For information updates, call House Calls at (612) 296-9283. All meetings are open to the public.

#### MONDAY, March 7

**8 a.m.**

**Higher Education Finance Division/EDUCATION**  
5 State Office Building  
Ch. Rep. Peter Rodosovich  
**Agenda:** Future Funding Task Force report: Darrell Krueger, chair, Future Funding Task Force, and president, Winona State University.

**K-12 Education Finance Division/EDUCATION**  
200 State Office Building  
Ch. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga  
**Agenda:** HF1902 (Johnson, A.) Options plus. HFXXXX (Tomassoni) Male responsibility. Report: financial conditions of school districts, Department of Education.

**8:30 a.m.**

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE**  
Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Ch. Rep. David Battaglia  
**Agenda:** Presentation of capital budget projects: Metro Parks, BOWSR.

**Human Services Finance Division/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
10 State Office Building  
Ch. Rep. Lee Greenfield  
**Agenda:** Presentation of the governor’s capital budget recommendations for human services.

**10 a.m.**

**AGRICULTURE**  
5 State Office Building  
Ch. Rep. Steve Wenzel  
**Agenda:** Disaster relief bill.

**JUDICIARY**  
Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Ch. Rep. Wes Skoglund  
**Agenda:** Any bill not completed at 3/4 meeting.  
HF1891 (Pugh) Real property technical corrections.  
HF1934 (Pugh) Organization and operations of corporations.  
HF2099 (Pugh) Altering procedural requirements for a change of name application.  
HFXXXX (Skoglund) Penalties for certain acts committed with a BB gun.  
HF2127 (Neary) Requiring court at sentencing to inform victims how to implement their right to notice of offender release from correctional facilities.  
HF1966 (Peterson) Authorizing peace officers of states adjoining Minnesota to render assistance to peace officers of this state.  
HF1820 (Delmont) Forfeited weapons.  
HF1981 (Gruenes) Possessing a dangerous weapon on school property to include the possession of replica firearms.

**REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY**  
10 State Office Building  
Ch. Rep. Joel Jacobs  
**Agenda:** HF2140 (Jennings) Legislative authorization of the construction of a facility for the temporary dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel at Prairie Island nuclear generating plant.  
HF1996 (Kelley) Extending reporting and effective dates for radio systems planning by the Metropolitan Council; extending the moratorium on applications for 800 megahertz channels.  
HF2143 (Jacobs) Regulating competitive telephone services and incentive plans; extending expiration dates and making technical changes for certain regulatory provisions.

**State Government Finance Division/GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING**  
300N State Office Building  
Ch. Rep. Rick Krueger  
**Agenda:** Administration report on contracting. Updates on public television and Department of Employee Relations initiative.

**Legislative Audit Commission**  
318 State Capitol  
Ch. Sen. Phil Riveness  
**Agenda:** Motor Vehicle Deputy Registrar’s report presentation, Program Evaluation Division.

**12 Noon**

### Miscellaneous

**12:30 p.m.**

**HOUSING**  
500S State Office Building  
Ch. Rep. Karen Clark  
**Agenda:** HF2171 (Orfield) Comprehensive choice housing.

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS**  
200 State Office Building  
Ch. Rep. Pat Beard  
**Agenda:** HF2007 (Delmont) Making clear that employee includes "at will" and "at pleasure." Additional bills may be added.

**2:30 p.m.**

The House meets in Session.

**Ramsey County Delegation**  
500N State Office Building  
Ch. Rep. Mary Jo McGuire  
**Agenda:** The hospital issue. The four points discussed from the property tax work group. Other property tax proposals approved by the Ramsey County Board but not necessarily discussed/taken up by the Joint Advisory Task Force.  
HF1932 (Orenstein) Ramsey County Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee agreement required Aug. 15 on the level of overall property tax levy.
TUESDAY, March 8

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Capital budget review, Department of Transportation.

EDUCATION
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: HF1845 (Rhodes) School year allowed to begin before Labor Day when a religious holiday is observed the day following Labor Day.

Health & Housing Finance/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson
Agenda: Supplemental budget overview.

Subcommittee to Review Proposed Special Legislation/Legislative Commission on Pensions & Retirement
3005 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: SF1818 (Stumpf); HF1927 (Tunheim) Major funds; special medicare referendum.
SF2028(Stumpf); HFXXX TRA; Elwin Leverington retirement effective date.
SF2039 (Janezich); HF1843 (Tomassoni) Major funds; partial pre-1973 retiree bonus payment.
SFXXX; HF1913 (Farrell) St. Paul Police; retroactive refund eligibility.

TAXES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ann Rest
Agenda: HF1925 (Vellenga) Lowering the property tax recognition shift.
HF1916 (Brown, K.) Requiring a delay in the implementation of future property tax changes.
HF1818 (Rest) Repealing limited market value.
HF1868 (Winter) Transfer CSSA from the Local Government Trust Fund to the General Fund.

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: Presentation of capital budget projects: environmental learning centers, Department of Natural Resources.

10 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF1682 (Munger) Packaging Act of 1993; packaging and products provided recycled content requirements, discorable packaging regulated and fee studied; beverages required reusable packaging or refundable recycling deposits, and penalties imposed.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: HF1899 (Greiling) Administrative rule adoption and review procedures revised and various technical changes made (if necessary).
HF613 (Carruthers) Open meeting law.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: HF1836 (Luther) Requiring the commissioner of health to provide information to the public regarding secondhand smoke risks to children.
HF423 (Garcia) Clean Indoor Air Act; smoking prohibited in common areas of apartments and condominiums.
HF1316 (Lourey) Dietitians and nutritionists.

Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY
3005 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: Supplemental requests of: public defenders, Attorney General, Supreme Court, court reporters, and Judicial Standards Board.
HF2074 (Skoglund) Juvenile justice bill.
(Meeting could be continued Tuesday at 7 p.m.)

12:30 p.m.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: Strategic plan for locating state agencies, Department of Administration.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: Address by James Ulland, commissioner, Department of Commerce.
HF1835 (Tunheim) Agreements on taking and possession of fish taken from Ontario boundary waters.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Chuck Brown
Agenda: HF1957 (Bishop) Relating to housing and redevelopment authorities; providing for the membership in the Olmsted County Housing and Redevelopment Authority and for dissolution of the Rochester Housing and Redevelopment Authority.
HF1965 (Bishop) Relating to counties; Olmsted; allowing the examiner of titles to be compensated as are examiners in the counties of fewer than 75,000 population.
HF2130 (Tomassoni) Meadowlands; former town of Payne assigned to the 7th commissioner district in St. Louis County.
HF2207 (Bauerly) Relating to local government; authorizing the board of county commissioners of Benton County to establish an economic development authority.
HFXXXX (Kelley) Relating to local government; permitting the establishment of a special service district in the City of Hopkins; providing taxing and other authority for the city.
HF1828 (Perl) Oakdale authorized to petition for concurrent detachment and annexation of state land for right-of-way purposes.
HF2066 (Cooper) Town financial audit requirements modified.

3 p.m.

Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules
318 State Capitol
Chr. Sen. John Hottinger
4 p.m.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT
Tour
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: Tour of crime prevention facilities in Minneapolis: Project for Pride in Living, Head Start, Phillips Community Teen Center. Dinner at Common Bread. Members, please RSVP Kathy at 296-4271, or Pat at 296-5398.

5 p.m.

EDUCATION
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Metro desegregation: public testimony (supporters and opponents each allowed one hour). To testify, call Nancy Conley at 296-4374.

6:30 p.m.

Legislative Commission on Children, Youth & Their Families
15 State Capitol
Chr. Sen. Jane Ranum

7 p.m.

AGRICULTURE
St. Peter Public Library
Corner of Nassau and Front Streets
St. Peter, Minn.
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel
Agenda: Public hearing on House natural disaster proposal. (Note: Transportation will be leaving from the east doors of the State Office Building at 3 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, March 9

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: To be announced.

9 a.m.

Higher Education Finance Division/EDUCATION
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich
Agenda: Legislative auditor’s evaluation of higher education tuition and state grants, Marilyn Jackson-Beeck, coordinator, Program Evaluation Division, John Yunker, coordinator, Program Evaluation Division.

Human Services Finance Division/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

K-12 Education Finance Division/EDUCATION
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: General education formula bills (HF numbers to be provided).

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: Presentation of capital budget projects: Department of Natural Resources.

10 a.m.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: HF1999 (Pugh) Disclosure information relating to insurance fraud. HF2061 (Cooper) Accident and health insurance; permitting short term coverage. HF1914 (Lourey) Reciprocal interstate banking. HF2138 (Evans) Financial electronic fund transfers regulated.

Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: Continuation of 3/8 agenda.

12:30 p.m.

International Trade, Technology & Economic Development Division/COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros
Agenda: Minnesota Trade Office presentation on legislative goals, and overview of Minnesota World Trade Center Corporation. HF1900 (Jaros) Establish an office of coordinator of international protocol and affairs.

Tourism & Small Business Division/COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Tunheim
Agenda: HF1918 (Evans) Business consolidated licensing system implemented, and citizen electronic access to state agencies provided for obtaining certain licenses and permits. HF887 (Hasskamp) Recreational activity participation liability clarified.

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: To be announced.

2 p.m.

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement
5 State Office Building
Chr. Sen. Phil Riveness
Agenda: Study of first class city teacher retirement fund associations phase-out or consolidation options: report of the technical advisory group, Ron Hackett, chair. Demonstration study on the attribution of investment performance to various levels in the investment decision-making process: Mark Dayton, state auditor, Myron Stolte, president, Asset Allocations, Inc. SF1641 (Riveness); HF1778 (Kahn) Pension fund investments; additional investment performance disclosure.
Joint ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE
200 State Office Building  
Chrs. Reps. Willard Munger, David Battaglia  
Agenda: Payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) reform.

Subcommittee on Facilities/K-12 Education Finance Division/EDUCATION  
500N State Office Building  
Agenda: K-12 bonding bill.

Subcommittee on Government Structures & Reorganization/GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING  
300N State Office Building  
Chrs. Rep. Joe Opatz  
Agenda: HF2045 (Brown, C.) Abolishment of Office of the State Treasurer.  
HFXXXX (Asch) Secretariat.  
HF1862 (Hausman) EQB structure.

4 p.m.

Subcommittee on Higher Education Policy/EDUCATION  
Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chrs. Reps. John Dorn, Howard Orenstein  
Agenda: Demographic trends, Tom Gillespy, state demographer. U2000 overview and questions, Nils Hasselmo, president, University of Minnesota. Metro State University plan overview and questions, Susan Cole, president.

7 p.m.

Joint Committee on Merging  
Post-Secondary Education Systems  
200 State Office Building  

THURSDAY, March 10

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE  
300N State Office Building  
Chrs. Rep. James Rice  
Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION  
200 State Office Building  
Chrs. Rep. Lyndon Carlson  
Agenda: HF2022 (Johnson) Continuation of graduation rule proposal.  
HFXXXX (Ozment) Overview of bill relating to changes to State Board of Education & Rulemaking. Remainder of agenda to be announced.

TAXES  
5 State Office Building  
Agenda: HFXXXXTechnical corrections bill.  
HFXXXX Abolishing certain local government levy limitations.

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE  
Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chrs. Rep. David Battaglia  
Agenda: Presentation of capital budget projects: Department of Natural Resources.

10 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES  
200 State Office Building  
Chrs. Rep. Willard Munger  
Agenda: HF2212 (Kahn) Genetically engineered agriculturally related organism release restriction exemption provided for federally monitored releases, and rules and exemptions provided.  
HF2158 (Bishop) Sewage treatment system city and county ordinances required compliance provided and sewage treatment professionals licensed.  
Additional bills may be added.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING  
10 State Office Building  
Chrs. Rep. Phyllis Kahn  
Agenda: HF321 (Kahn); SF103 (Berg) Omnibus gambling bill.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
5 State Office Building  
Chrs. Rep. Wayne Simoney  
Agenda: To be announced.

JUDICIARY  
Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Agenda: To be announced. For further information, call 296-5396.

12:30 p.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS  
200 State Office Building  
Agenda: HF 2082 (Wejcman) Relating to the city of Minneapolis; clarifying the procedures that may be used in assessing special assessments.  
HF2090 (Lieder) Relating to local government; providing that the statutory procedure for tree removal does not apply to trees removed from town roads dedicated by plat.  
HF1901 (Ness) Relating to local government; permitting the City of Hutchinson to incur debt for certain improvements; authorizing a reverse referendum on the issuance of city bonds.  
HF2142 (Luther) Relating to the City of Brooklyn Park; authorizing the city's economic development authority to make certain small business loans.

2:30 p.m.

The House meets in Session.

After Session

HOUSING  
500N State Office Building  
Agenda: HF2033 (Dawkins) Tenant/landlord bill.

6:30 p.m.

Legislative Commission on Pensions & Retirement  
15 State Capitol  
Chrs. Sen. Phil Riveness  
Agenda: SF1860 (Riveness); HF2124 (Kahn) IRAP; administrative bill.  
SF1906 (Metzen); HF2192 (Johnson, R.) MSRS corrective; plan membership expansion.  
SF1908 (Morse); HF2013 (Johnson, R.) Various plans; correction of 1993 early retirement incentive program omissions.  
SF2018 (Stumpf); HFXXXX TRA; early retirement incentive program for school consolidations.  
Bills recommended by subcommittee to review proposed special legislation from March 8, 1994, subcommittee meeting.
FRIDAY, March 11

7:30 a.m.
Joint St. Paul House/Senate Delegation
500N State Office Building
Chrs. Rep. Howard Orenstein
Sen. Randy Kelly
Agenda: Presentation by the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce.

8 a.m.
Higher Education Finance Division/EDUCATION
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich
Agenda: To be announced.

Human Services Finance Division/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Presentation of the governor’s supplemental budget recommendations for human services programs.

K-12 Education Finance Division/EDUCATION
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF1931 (Koppendrayer) Governor’s education policy bill. Remainder of agenda to be announced.

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: To be announced. For further information, call 296-5396.

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: To be announced.

1 p.m.
WAYS & MEANS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Loren Solberg
Agenda: HF2074 (Skoglund) Juvenile crime bill. Others to be announced.

Women attending the “Women Come to the Capitol” events Feb. 28 looked at photographs of the 33 women who currently serve in the House of Representatives. The display was in the Capitol rotunda.

Do you know?

So much for any missing link in northern Minnesota.

Nearly a century ago in Bloomer, Minn., two highway workers unearthed a petrified man “in far more perfect condition than any Egyptian mummy embalmed by the hands of man.”

Found more than two feet below the surface “in a bed of alkali clay,” the man was 5 feet 9 inches tall, muscular, and “well-proportioned,” according to the June 13, 1896, Minneapolis Journal.

The paper speculated that the body had been in the ground between 150 and 200 years, and might have been a French voyageur or a member of a prehistoric race.

The two ditch diggers sold their discovery to a man named Peter Bergo for a mere $175. Bergo took the stiff to Crookston, rented a storefront and charged admission to view the “petrified” man. Author Merle Potter says Bergo then sold his exhibit for $1,000, turning a tidy profit.

Meanwhile, several interested parties came forward to fight for possession of the body.

George H. McPherin, who owned the land where the body was found, decided to stake a claim. Brothers Antoine and Malve La Count claimed the petrified man was their father, whom they buried 58 years before.

A Crookston paper acknowledged “a striking resemblance” between the brothers and the body, wrote Potter. Two elderly Native American women agreed, and identified the body as the father of the brothers. The elder La Count was said to have a limp. The body had one leg shorter than the other.

The Grand Forks sheriff took the body and locked it away in a jail cell while folks debated ownership.

But before any court could hear the case, the plaster “molds in which the petrified man was manufactured” were discovered in Crookston. There would be no Egyptian secrets revealed by the “corpse.”

Potter tells us the “plasterer had made the figure when he had nothing else to do.” The identity of the man who cast the “mummy” is not revealed. Potter claims that according to the “best authority,” the plaster man was sold to a traveling showman who brought his exhibit to various parts of the country “where its true history was not known.”

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Term limits and representation

Minnesota House members in their first term, 1994 ...................................................... 37
Minnesota House turnover percentage, 1983-1993 .......................................................... 74
Nationwide, percent of state House members serving in 1979 who had left office by 1989 .......................................................... 75
States where the House turnover rate exceeded 80 percent, 1979-1989 .......................... 23
States having a greater turnover rate than the Minnesota House, 1979-1989 .................. 16
Number of states considering term limits legislation, 1991 ................................................ 45
States where term limits were imposed, 1991 .................................................................. 0
States approving term limits, 1990 .................................................................................... 3
Number of states having term limits on state legislators, congressional representatives, or both, 1993 .......................................................... 16
Number of states having term limits for office of governor .............................................. 37
Number of states, including Minnesota, that have no term limits for constitutional officers .................................................................................... 12
Amount spent by proponents in Washington state, in a failed 1991 ballot initiative to limit legislative and congressional terms .................................................. $712,000
Median donation ................................................................................................................ $10
Amount raised by opponents ............................................................................................ $330,000
Median donation ................................................................................................................ $500
Percent of surveyed Minnesotans who agree state legislators should be limited to eight years of service, April 1991 .......................................................... 73
Percent who disagree ....................................................................................................... 24
No opinion ........................................................................................................................ 3
Number of Minnesota House members, 1858 ................................................................. 80
in 1994 ......................................................................................................................... 134
Members of the New Hampshire House, 1994 ............................................................... 400
Constituents per Minnesota member, 1858 ................................................................. 1,875
in 1994 ......................................................................................................................... 32,650
Constituents per California Assembly member, 1990 census ........................................ 372,000
Number of states having fewer constituents per member than Minnesota .................... 30
Number of states entering the Union with a unicameral Legislature (Vermont) ......... 1
Current number of states with a unicameral Legislature (Nebraska) ............................. 1
Proposals introduced in 1993 to reduce the size of the Legislature ................................. 3
Additional proposals introduced in 1993 calling for a unicameral Legislature ............. 4
Last year that the Minnesota House voted to reduce the size of the Legislature ......... 1984
House vote total, (proposal died in the Senate) ................................................................. 93-38
Last year that the House voted on the unicameral issue ................................................. 1984
House vote total .............................................................................................................. 35-86

Sources: The Book of the States, Council on State Governments; Tribune of the People, Royce Hanson; Chief Clerk’s Office; Term Limits for Elective Office, House Research Department; House Public Information Office; Minnesota Issues.