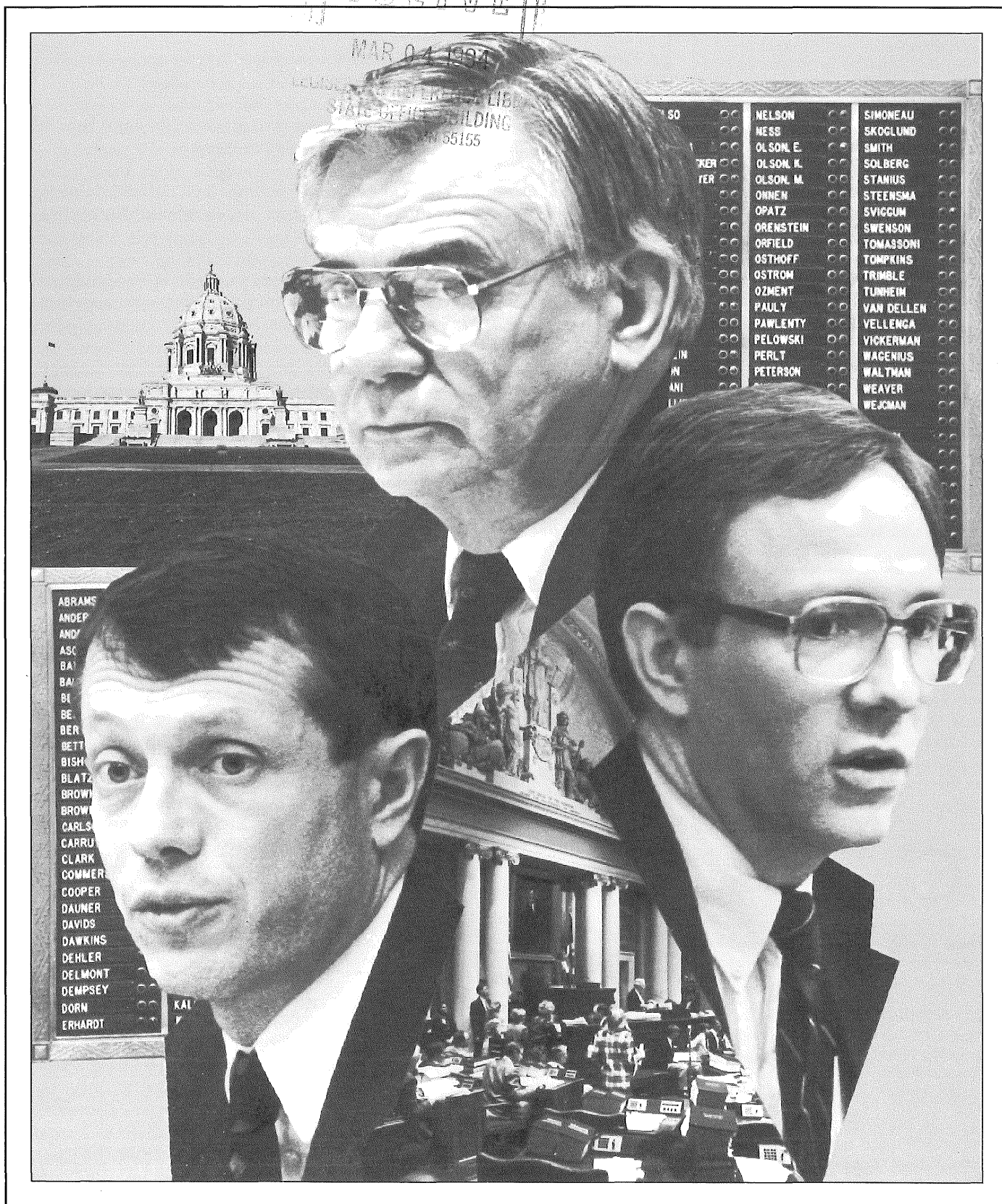


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Highlights

NSP's nuclear storage plan fuels mixed emotions

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 Com-

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

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.

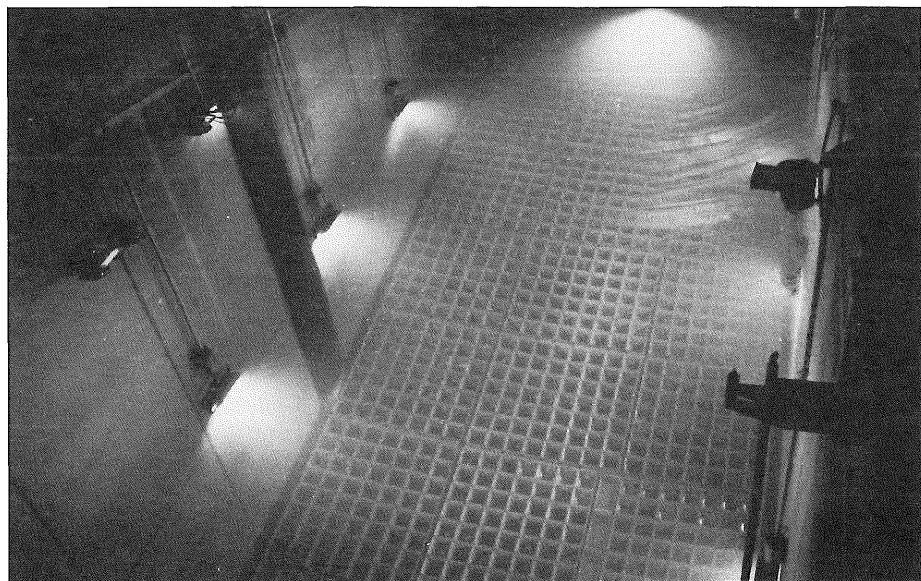
"The tribal government is insulted by that provision," said Anzelc. He added that no amount of money could compensate tribe members for the increased health risks they might face if NSP's plans are approved.

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 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.

mittee 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.

Proponents of the plan say the casks are the

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

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.



Chris Voelz, women's athletic director at the University of Minnesota, explained the department's bonding request to members of two House committees March 3 as they toured the women's sports pavilion. The Capital Investment and Governmental Operations and Gambling committees also visited the speedskating rink in Roseville and the National Sports Center in Blaine.

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 "hoofstock" — 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.

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 fi-

nance 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.



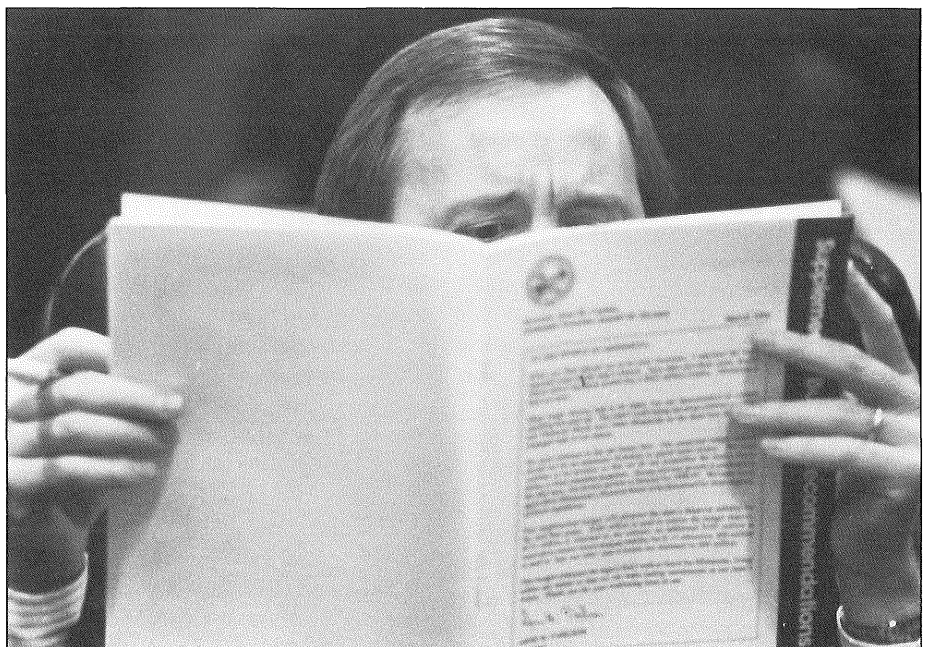
BUDGET

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



Rep. Charlie Weaver and other members of the House Ways and Means Committee got their first look at Gov. Arne Carlson's supplemental budget recommendations during a March 2 hearing. The March revenue forecast is more than \$200 million above the November revenue forecast.

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 "courthouses 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 bill, approved by the Judiciary Committee, now goes to the Judiciary Finance Division.

Committing psychopaths

A 1939 law originally put on the books to treat sex offenders rather than send them to prison is now used to send them to the Minnesota Security Hospital — after they've completed their prison stay.

That is one of the findings of a report by the Office of the Legislative Auditor. Last year members of the Legislative Audit Commission asked for a study of state-sponsored programs for sex offenders.

Use of the law to confine offenders after they've completed prison terms has risen sharply since 1991. Since then, 46 people have been committed to the security hospital in St. Peter under the psychopathic personality commitment law. The only way to confine sex offenders past their prison term is by using that law, Auditor Marlys McPherson told members of the commission Feb. 25.

Those 46 offenders had served an average 6.8 years in prison before they were sent to the security hospital, McPherson said. Most of them were considered dangerous and had three prior convictions.

The Minnesota Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the 55-year-old law in January.

But the law was never meant to further confine offenders after prison, she added.

"Using the law this way presents several problems," McPherson said.

Much of the evidence presented at commitment hearings comes from the Department of Corrections inmates' prison files. But those files weren't meant to be used at such hearings and are frequently inadequate, McPherson said.

Civil commitment procedures under the law provide for fewer due process protections and a lower burden of proof, the report stated.

And such use of the law is expensive, according to the report.

"If commitments continue at the present rate, state institutions housing psychopathic personality commitments will be filled to capacity within a few years, even though the Legislature has authorized the construction of a new facility at Moose Lake," the auditors office stated in the report. "Confinement in mental health facilities is at least twice as expensive as in state prisons."

McPherson expects use of the law to decline somewhat because prison sentences for sexual offenders have been longer since 1989. But her office made a number of recommen-



Rep. Wes Skoglund handed Minneapolis resident Helen Rudman a resolution on the House floor Feb. 28, commending her for her spirit and commitment to her neighborhood. Through the years, she has been what Skoglund called the crime prevention eyes and ears in her neighborhood, despite the fact she's been a victim of robbery, arson, and vandalism attempts. During a recent assault, she was shot in the face.

dations to the commission on what to do about the psychopathic personality commitment law.

The Legislature could continue to rely on the law, but the Conference of Chief Judges should study the appropriateness of the way it's used, the report found.

The Legislature could replace the law with one that mirrors Washington state's, which provides for due process protections and for mental health treatment within prisons. Or, the Legislature could adopt flexible sentencing of sex offenders.

More prison guards

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.



EDUCATION

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 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-instruc-

tional 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.

Growe 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 1.1 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.



GAMBLING

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



Wayne Bidwell, who owns a bowling alley in Big Lake, told members of the Gambling Subcommittee of the House Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee Feb. 25 that casino gambling was hurting his business. He asked lawmakers to support video gambling in bowling alleys and bars.

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 'phonegate.' 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.

House membership 1994	
Number of terms served	Number of House members
1	37
2	17
3	11
4	26
5	9
6	11
7	4
8	4
9	4
10	3
11	6
12	1
14	1

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.

The other seven members of the task force are: Rep. Ron Abrams (IR-Minnetonka); Rep. Carol Molnau (IR-Chaska); Rep. Tim Pawlenty (IR-Eagan); Rep. Edwina Garcia (DFL-Richfield); Rep. Mindy Greiling (DFL-Roseville); Rep. Anthony Kinkel (DFL-Park Rapids); and Rep. Jim Rice (DFL- Mpls).



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 **HF1975**, 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.



HIGHER EDUCATION

Tuition increases

Tuition at Minnesota's colleges and universities was fairly affordable in the 1970s, but public policies adopted in the 1980s and 1990s changed that, a legislative auditor told members of the Legislative Audit Commission (LAC) Feb. 25.

From 1981 to 1993, tuition increased 183 percent at the University of Minnesota, 214 percent at state universities, 165 percent at community colleges, 334 percent at technical colleges, 212 percent at private colleges, and 118 percent at private vocational schools.

Tuition at the technical colleges jumped so sharply because those schools didn't charge tuition to Minnesotans under 21 until 1979.

During that time of acute tuition increases, consumer prices rose only 64 percent, according to Legislative Auditor James Nobles. Also, per capita income in Minnesota increased just 87 percent throughout that period.

In an effort to determine why tuition at Minnesota colleges and universities costs almost two-thirds more than the national average, members of the LAC asked the Office of the Legislative Auditor last year for the study.

At public and private schools throughout the past 15 years, administrators relied more heavily on tuition to fund instructional spending, the study found. Inflation was another major reason for increased tuition at both public and private institutions.

Due to the recession of the early 1980s, the state gradually began to scale back its higher education appropriations. Tuition increased to help fill the gap, according to the report.

Before 1980, tuition covered less than 30 percent of instructional expenses at public colleges and universities. But now that num-

ber is more than 40 percent at the University of Minnesota and just under that figure at state universities and community colleges, according to Nobles' report.

Those percentages accounted for nearly half the tuition increase in the past decade; inflation accounted for about 40 percent of the increase and increased spending on instruction came to about 16 percent, the report stated.

"State policy explains the public tuition increase," explained John Yunker of the Office of the Legislative Auditor.



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 (**HF2055**), 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-

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

Fiscal Year	U of M	State universities	Community colleges	Technical colleges	Private 4-yr. colleges	Private voc. schools
1971	\$522	\$379	\$353	\$0	\$1,671	NA
1976	\$772	\$519	\$461	\$0	\$2,382	NA
1981	\$1,132	\$726	\$637	\$373	\$3,674	\$1,851
1986	\$1,943	\$1,543	\$1,170	\$1,070	\$6,385	\$3,097
1991	\$2,630	\$1,997	\$1,474	\$1,496	\$10,044	\$3,560
1993	\$3,200	\$2,276	\$1,687	\$1,618	\$11,467	\$4,033
1971-93*	513%	500.5%	377.9%	NA	586.2%	NA

* Tuition and fee increases in percent

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



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.

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.



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.

Taxes Committee Chair Rep. Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope) joined many Twin Cities lawmakers to oppose the measure.

"You understand this is a major exception. . . . One we didn't even give to Northwest Airlines," Rest said.

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 Ostrom (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.



TOURISM

Border fishing dispute

Legislators are baiting their hooks in hopes of reeling in something much more powerful than a walleye or northern. They're fishing for cooperation from the Canadian government.

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.



TRANSPORTATION

Speeding fines

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 worksites 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.



NOTES

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."

DFL Majority Leader . . .

● 'People-protector' theme marks Carruthers' tenure

Rep. Phil Carruthers has annoyed all the right people. Rip-off artists. Drunk drivers. Closed-door public officials. Less than Ward and June Cleaver-like foster parents. And criminals of all types.

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.

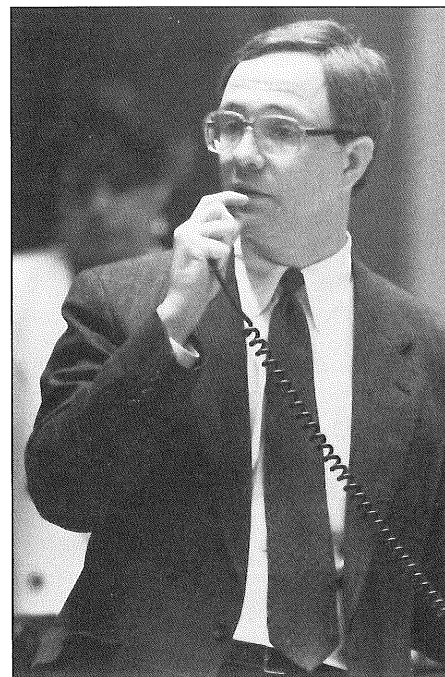
Carruthers has a few more bills he wants to introduce this session. One would modify the state constitution's right to bail. If approved by voters, release-on-bail could be denied to those who present a violent risk to a victim

or society.

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.

"He is an honorable man to work with. He will tell you if he disagrees with you. I respect him as an adversary," Weaver said.

"He is a guy who you can fight with but when it is over you can still have a beer with."

Carruthers can certainly be partisan when he wants to be, Weaver said. And he believes the majority leader position will "force Phil to be more partisan than he is accustomed to."

— K. Darcy Hanzlik

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559 State Office Building 296-4246

Meets: Wed., 12:30 p.m. in Room 500S*

Members: 13

Chair: Jaros-DFL

Vice Chair: Milbert-DFL

Asch-DFL	Lourey-DFL
Bishop-IR	Luther-DFL
Clark-DFL	Rice-DFL
Commers-IR	Sarna-DFL
Erhardt-IR	Smith-IR
Haukoos-IR	

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Tourism & Small Business

Division

351 State Office Building 296-9635

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

Members: 13

Chair: Tunheim-DFL

Vice Chair: Hasskamp-DFL

Anderson, B.-DFL Knickerbocker-IR

Evans-DFL Lindner-IR

Farrell-DFL Olson, M.-IR

Holsten-IR Perl-DFL

Johnson, B.-DFL Sarna-DFL

Kinkel-DFL

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Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulation Finance

381 State Office Building 296-4262

Meets: Mon.- Thurs., 8 a.m. in Room 300N*

Members: 15

Chair: Rice-DFL

Vice Chair: Mariani-DFL

Dempsey-IR Mosel-DFL

Farrell-DFL Sarna-DFL

Frerichs-IR Solberg-DFL**

Kalis-DFL Steensma-DFL

Lieder-DFL Waltman-IR

Mahon-DFL Wolf-IR

Molnau-IR

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Education

379 State Office Building 296-4255

Meets: Tues., Thurs., 8 a.m. in Room 200*

Members: 33

Chair: Carlson-DFL

Vice Chair: Olson, K.-DFL

Bauerly-DFL

Bertram-DFL

Bettermann-IR

Brown, C.-DFL

Dehler-IR

Dorn-DFL

Greiling-DFL

Hausman-DFL

Johnson, A.-DFL

Kahn-DFL

Kelley-DFL

Kelso-DFL

Kinkel-DFL

Koppendraye-IR

Leppik-IR

Limmer-IR

McCollum-DFL

Morrison-IR

Murphy-DFL

Ness-IR

Orenstein-DFL

Ozment-IR

Pawlenty-IR

Pelowski-DFL

Rodosovich-DFL

Seagren-IR

Skoglund-DFL

Tomassoni-DFL

Tunheim-DFL

Vellenga-DFL

Weaver-IR

Staff

Committee Administrator

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Committee Legislative Assistant

Dori Vaughan 379 296-3367

Education Subcommittees

Education Standards

Chair: Johnson, A.-DFL

Greiling-DFL

Koppendraye-IR

Leppik-IR

Olson, K.-DFL

Ozment-IR

Pelowski-DFL

Tomassoni-DFL

Tunheim-DFL

Higher Education Policy

Co-Chair: Dorn-DFL

Co-Chair: Orenstein-DFL

Bettermann-IR

Kelley-DFL

Kinkel-DFL

Limmer-IR

McCollum-DFL

Morrison-IR

Pawlenty-IR

Higher Education Finance Division

445 State Office Building 296-8237

TDD (612) 297-5723

Meets: Mon., Wed., 8 a.m. in Room 5*;

Fri., 8 a.m. in Basement Hearing Room*

Members: 18

Chair: Rodosovich-DFL

Vice Chair: Kinkel-DFL

Bertram-DFL

Brown-DFL

Bettermann-IR

Carlson-DFL

Dehler-IR

Dorn-DFL

Kahn-DFL

Kalis-DFL**

Kelley-DFL

Limmer-IR

McCollum-DFL

Morrison-IR

Orenstein-DFL

Pawlenty-IR

Pelowski-DFL

Solberg-DFL**

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K-12 Education Finance Division

509 State Office Building 296-8799

Meets: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m. in Room 200*

Members: 21

Chair: Vellenga-DFL

Vice Chair: Bauerly-DFL

Carlson-DFL

Greiling-DFL

Hausman-DFL

Johnson, A.-DFL

Kalis-DFL**

Kelso-DFL

Koppendraye-IR

Lasley-DFL

Leppik-IR

Ness-IR

Olson, K.-DFL

Osthoff-DFL

Ozment-IR

Seagren-IR

Skoglund-DFL

Solberg-DFL**

Tomassoni-DFL

Tunheim-DFL

Weaver-IR

Staff

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K-12 Education Finance Division Subcommittees

Facilities

Chair: Kelso-DFL

Bauerly-DFL

Hausman-DFL

Lasley-DFL

Ness-IR

Ozment-IR

Seagren-IR

Tomassoni-DFL

Weaver-IR

Education Reform

Co-Chair: Greiling-DFL

Co-Chair: Seagren-IR

Carlson-DFL

Kelso-DFL

Koppendraye-IR

Lasley-DFL

Leppik-IR

Olson, K.-DFL

Vellenga-DFL

Weaver-IR

Secondary Vocational

Chair: Lasley-DFL

Leppik-IR

Ness-IR

Olson, K.-DFL

Ozment-IR

Skoglund-DFL

Environment & Natural Resources

479 State Office Building 296-4282

Meets: Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m. in Room 200*

Members: 26

Chair: Munger-DFL

Vice Chair: Hausman-DFL

Battaglia-DFL	Orfield-DFL
Dawkins-DFL	Ozment-IR
Dorn-DFL	Pauly-IR
Frerichs-IR	Peterson-DFL
Hasskamp-DFL	Rukavina-DFL
Johnson, V.-IR	Sekhon-DFL
Knight-IR	Trimble-DFL
Leppik-IR	Wagenius-DFL
Limmer-IR	Waltman-IR
McCollum-DFL	Weaver-IR
Milbert-DFL	Winter-DFL
Morrison-IR	Wolf-IR

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Committee Legislative Assistant

Norma S. Christensen .. 479 296-7175

Environment & Natural Resources Finance

377 State Office Building 296-2190

Meets: Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m. in Basement Hearing Room*

Members: 16

Chair: Battaglia-DFL

Vice Chair: McGuire-DFL

Commers-IR	Peterson-DFL
Hasskamp-DFL	Pugh-DFL
Johnson, V.-IR	Sekhon-DFL
Kalis-DFL**	Solberg-DFL**
Lynch-IR	Swenson-IR
Munger-DFL	Trimble-DFL
Pauly-IR	Wenzel-DFL

Staff

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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

Asch-DFL	Leppik-IR
Bettermann-IR	Orfield-DFL
Bishop-IR	Pugh-DFL
Clark-DFL	Tunheim-DFL
Kelso-DFL	

Member Conduct Division

Chair: Olson, E.-DFL

Vice Chair: Pauly-IR

Bishop-IR	Leppik-IR
Kelso-DFL	Tunheim-DFL

Staff

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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

Abrams-IR	Jennings-DFL
Asch-DFL	Lourey-DFL
Carlson-DFL	Onnen-IR
Dauids-IR	Osthoff-DFL
Farrell-DFL	Peterson-DFL
Girard-IR	Stanius-IR
Greenfield-DFL	Wenzel-DFL
Gruenes-IR	Winter-DFL
Huntley-DFL	Worke-IR

Staff

Committee Administrator

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Financial Institutions & Insurance Subcommittees

Banking

Chair: Jennings-DFL

Abrams-IR	Osthoff-DFL
Bertram-DFL	Peterson-DFL
Girard-IR	Reding-DFL
Gruenes-IR	Stanius-IR

Insurance

Chair: Winter-DFL

Asch-DFL	Huntley-DFL
Bertram-DFL	Lourey-DFL
Carlson-DFL	Onnen-IR
Dauids-IR	Reding-DFL
Farrell-DFL	Worke-IR
Greenfield-DFL	Wenzel-DFL

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

Abrams-IR	Johnson, B.-DFL
Bergson-DFL	Knight-IR
Bertram-DFL	Lasley-DFL
Commers-IR	McCollum-DFL
Cooper-DFL	Opatz-DFL
Delmont-DFL	Orfield-DFL
Gutknecht-IR	Ostrom-DFL
Hasskamp-DFL	Seagren-IR
Haukoos-IR	Waltman-IR

Staff

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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

Beard-DFL	Krinkie-IR
Bergson-DFL	Krueger-DFL
Dehler-IR	Mosel-DFL
Dempsey-IR	Olson, M.-IR
Evans-DFL	Opatz-DFL
Greiling-DFL	Osthoff-DFL
Haukoos-IR	Reding-DFL
Jefferson-DFL	Seagren-IR
Kinkel-DFL	Tomassoni-DFL
Knickerbocker-IR	Van Dellen-IR

Staff

Committee Administrator

Jacquelyn B. Rosholt 304C 296-4112

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Governmental Operations & Gambling Subcommittees

Administrative Rules

Chair: Greiling-DFL

Evans-DFL	Mosel-DFL
Kahn-DFL	Reding-DFL
Kinkel-DFL	Van Dellen-IR
Krinkie-IR	

Government Structures & Reorganization

Chair: Opatz-DFL

Beard-DFL	Kahn-DFL
Dehler-IR	Krueger-DFL
Dempsey-IR	Seagren-IR
Johnson, B.-DFL	

Gambling

Chair: Kahn-DFL

Bergson-DFL	Olson, M.-IR
Greiling-DFL	Osthoft-DFL
Haukoos-IR	Tomassoni-DFL
Knickerbocker-IR	

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	Knickerbocker-IR
Evans-DFL	Krinkie-IR
Haukoos-IR	Olson, M.-IR
Johnson, B.-DFL	Opatz-DFL
Kahn-DFL	Solberg-DFL**
Kalis-DFL**	Van Dellen-IR
Kinkel-DFL	

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Health & Human Services

365 State Office Building 296-4331

Meets: Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m. in Room 5*

Members: 25

Chair: Simoneau-DFL

Vice Chair: Cooper-DFL

Anderson, B.-DFL	Lindner-IR
Asch-DFL	Lourey-DFL
Brown, K.-DFL	Luther-DFL
Clark-DFL	Neary-DFL
Dauids-IR	Nelson-DFL
Garcia-DFL	Onnen-IR
Greenfield-DFL	Stanius-IR
Gruenes-IR	Tompkins-IR
Gutknecht-IR	Van Engen-IR
Huntley-DFL	Vickerman-IR
Jennings-DFL	Worke-IR
Klinzing-DFL	

Staff

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Health & Housing Finance Division

437 State Office Building 296-4946

Meets: Tues., Thurs., 8 a.m. in Room 400S*

Members: 15

Chair: Anderson, B.-DFL

Vice Chair: Lourey-DFL

Asch-DFL	Nelson-DFL
Brown, K.-DFL	Onnen-IR
Clark-DFL	Simoneau-DFL
Greenfield-DFL	Solberg-DFL**
Kalis-DFL**	Tompkins-IR
Klinzing-DFL	Worke-IR
Lindner-IR	

Staff

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Fiscal Analyst

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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	Luther-DFL
Cooper-DFL	Neary-DFL
Dauids-IR	Simoneau-DFL
Garcia-DFL	Solberg-DFL**
Gruenes-IR	Stanius-IR
Gutknecht-IR	Van Engen-IR
Huntley-DFL	Vickerman-IR
Kalis-DFL**	

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Fiscal Analyst

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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

Brown, K.-DFL	Koppendraye-IR
Dauner-DFL	Luther-DFL
Dauids-IR	Mariani-DFL
Evans-DFL	Olson, K.-DFL
Finseth-IR	Olson, M.-IR
Garcia-DFL	Pawlenty-IR
Klinzing-DFL	Rest-DFL

Smith-IR
Tomassoni-DFL

Wejcman-DFL
Workman-IR

Staff

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Kevin J. Morgel 503 296-6586

Housing Subcommittee

Manufactured Housing

Chair: Brown, K.-DFL

Vice Chair: Evans-DFL

Clark-DFL
Dauids-IR
Luther-DFL

Mariani-DFL
Smith-IR
Wejcman-DFL

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	McGuire-DFL
Bishop-IR	Murphy-DFL
Brown, C.-DFL	Perlt-DFL
Carruthers-DFL**	Pugh-DFL
Dawkins-DFL	Rhodes-IR
Delmont-DFL	Smith-IR
Finseth-IR	Solberg-DFL
Holsten-IR	Swenson-IR
Limmer-IR	Van Engen-IR
Lynch-IR	Wejcman-DFL
Macklin-IR	
Mariani-DFL	

Staff

Committee Administrator

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Judiciary Subcommittees

Criminal Justice & Family Law

Chair:

Brown C.-DFL	McGuire-DFL
Bishop-IR	Murphy-DFL**
Dawkins-DFL	Skoglund-DFL
Delmont-DFL	Smith-IR
Limmer-IR	Swenson-IR
Mariani-DFL	

Civil Law

Chair: Pugh-DFL

Holsten-IR	Perlt-DFL
Lynch-IR	Rhodes-IR
Macklin-IR	Skoglund-DFL
Murphy-DFL**	Solberg-DFL
Orenstein-DFL	Wejcman-DFL

Data Privacy

Chair: McGuire-DFL

Macklin-IR	Skoglund-DFL
Perlt-DFL	Swenson-IR
Pugh-DFL	

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

Bishop-IR	Perlt-DFL
Delmont-DFL	Rhodes-IR
Finseth-IR	Skoglund-DFL
Holsten-IR	Smith-IR
Kalis-DFL **	Solberg-DFL
Macklin-IR	Swenson-IR
McGuire-DFL	Wejzman-DFL
Orenstein-DFL	

Staff

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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
Bettermann-IR	Rhodes-IR
Farrell-DFL	Rice-DFL
Goodno-IR	Sarna-DFL
Huntley-DFL	Sekhon-DFL
Johnson, A.-DFL	Vickerman-IR
Leppik-IR	Wenzel-DFL
Murphy-DFL	Wolf-IR
Ness-IR	

Staff

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Labor-Management Relations Subcommittee

Unemployment & Workers' Compensation

Chair: Farrell-DFL
Vice Chair: Perlt-DFL

Beard-DFL	Johnson, A.-DFL
Bettermann-IR	Rukavina-DFL
Goodno-IR	

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	Molnau-IR
Cooper-DFL	Nelson-DFL
Dorn-DFL	Orenstein-DFL
Finseth-IR	Orfield-DFL
Greiling-DFL	Pawlenty-IR
Johnson, V.-IR	Pugh-DFL
Kelley-DFL	Swenson-IR
Klinzing-DFL	Tompkins-IR
Lynch-IR	Van Engen-IR
Macklin-IR	Wagenius-DFL
Mahon-DFL	Weaver-IR
Mariani-DFL	Wejzman-DFL

Staff

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Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Subcommittees

Metropolitan Council

Chair: Orfield-DFL
Vice Chair: Carruthers-DFL

Brown-DFL	Molnau-IR
Greiling-DFL	Orenstein-DFL
Macklin-IR	Weaver-IR

Metropolitan Government

Chair: Wejzman-DFL
Vice Chair: Bergson-DFL

Kelley-DFL	Orfield-DFL
Krinkle-IR	Pawlenty-IR

Transit

Chair: Pugh-DFL
Vice Chair: Mahon-DFL

Mariani-DFL	Tompkins-IR
Swenson-IR	Wagenius-DFL

Local Government Relations

Chair: Nelson, S.-DFL
Vice Chair: Klinzing-DFL

Cooper-DFL	Johnson, V.-IR
Dorn-DFL	Lynch-IR

Regulated Industries & Energy

485 State Office Building 296-4231

Meets: Mon., 10 a.m. in Room 10*

Members: 22

Chair: Jacobs-DFL

Vice Chair: Kelso-DFL

Anderson, B.-DFL	Neary-DFL
Dempsey-IR	Olson, E.-DFL
Erhardt-IR	Onnen-IR
Goodno-IR	Osthoff-DFL
Gruenes-IR	Ozment-IR
Hausman-DFL	Pelowski-DFL
Jennings-DFL	Sarna-DFL
Kelley-DFL	Tunheim-DFL
Lindner-IR	Vickerman-IR
Mahon-DFL	Worke-IR

Staff

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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, I.-DFL	Munger-DFL
Bauerly-DFL	Olson, K.-DFL
Carlson-DFL	Pauly-IR
Delmont-DFL	Pugh-DFL
Gutknecht-IR	Rest-DFL
Hugoson-IR	Rice-DFL
Jacobs-DFL	Simoneau-DFL
Knickerbocker-IR	Solberg-DFL
Koppendrayner-IR	Sviggum-IR
Lynch-IR	Trimble-DFL
McGuire-DFL	Vellenga-DFL

Staff

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Rules & Legislative Administration Subcommittee

Personnel

Chair: Carlson-DFL

Anderson, I.-DFL
Carruthers-DFL
Long-DFL
Johnson, B.-DFL

Olson, K.-DFL
Solberg-DFL
Sviggum-IR
Trimble-DFL

Subcommittee Administrator

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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
Anderson, I.-DFL
Carruthers-DFL
Dauner-DFL
Dawkins-DFL
Erhardt-IR
Girard-IR
Goodno-IR
Hugoson-IR
Jacobs-DFL
Jaros-DFL
Krinkie-IR
Lasley-DFL
Long-DFL

Macklin-IR
Milbert-DFL
Olson, E.-DFL
Orfield-DFL
Osthoff-DFL
Ostrom-DFL
Peterson-DFL
Rukavina-DFL
Solberg-DFL**
Sviggum-IR
Van Dellen-IR
Wagenius-DFL
Workman-IR

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Taxes Subcommittees

Property Tax

Chair: Olson, E.-DFL

Vice Chair: Milbert-DFL

Abrams-IR
Anderson, I.-DFL
Dauner-DFL
Erhardt-IR
Girard-IR
Goodno-IR
Jaros-DFL
Long-DFL

Osthoff-DFL
Ostrom-DFL
Rest-DFL
Sviggum-IR
Van Dellen-IR
Wagenius-DFL
Winter-DFL

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State Taxes

Chair: Wagenius-DFL

Vice Chair: Orfield-DFL

Carruthers-DFL
Dawkins-DFL
Hugoson-IR
Jacobs-DFL
Macklin-IR

Olson, E.-DFL
Rest-DFL
Rukavina-DFL
Workman-IR

Subcommittee Administrator

P. Joshua Downham 296-8875

Subcommittee Legislative Assistant

Margaret Anderson Kelliher 296-8126

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
Dauner-DFL
Frerichs-IR
Garcia-DFL
Hugoson-IR
Jefferson-DFL
Johnson, A.-DFL
Johnson, V.-IR
Kelso-DFL
Krinkie-IR
Lieder-DFL
Long-DFL
Mariani-DFL

McCollum-DFL
Morrison-IR
Neary-DFL
Olson, E.-DFL
Olson, K.-DFL
Ostrom-DFL
Pauly-IR
Rhodes-IR
Steensma-DFL
Tompkins-IR
Wagenius-DFL
Workman-IR

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Transportation and Transit Subcommittee

Transit

Chair: McCollum-DFL

Vice Chair: Jefferson-DFL

Brown-DFL
Frerichs-IR
Garcia-DFL
Lieder-DFL

Pauly-IR
Rhodes-IR
Osthoff-DFL

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
Anderson, B.-DFL
Anderson, I.-DFL
Battaglia-DFL
Bishop-IR
Carlson-DFL
Carruthers-DFL
Frerichs-IR
Greenfield-DFL
Gutknecht-IR
Kahn-DFL
Kalis-DFL
Krueger-DFL

Long-DFL
Murphy-DFL
Pauly-IR
Rest-DFL
Rice-DFL
Rodosovich-DFL
Simoneau-DFL
Skoglund-DFL
Stanius-IR
Sviggum-IR
Vellenga-DFL
Weaver-IR

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Bill Introductions

HF2079-HF2362

Monday, Feb. 28

HF2079—Johnson, A. (DFL) Education

American sign language (ASL)/English interpreters or sign transliterating school interpreters provided educational and licensure requirements.

HF2080—Dehler (IR) Agriculture

Food laws provided uniformity with certain federal regulations.

HF2081—Wejcman (DFL) Judiciary

Motor vehicle registration information provided to probation and parole agencies and child support enforcement agencies.

HF2082—Wejcman (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 Ridgely 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 37 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—Bauerly (DFL) Education

Referendum revenue allowance reduction modified.

HF2092—Bauerly (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—Bauerly (DFL) Transportation & Transit

Missing Children's Bridge of Hope designated over the Mississippi River at St. Cloud on constitutional route No. 24.

HF2095—Bauerly (DFL) Education

Referendum levy authority expiration date modified for school districts.

HF2096—Olson, K. (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—Peterson (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—Bauerly (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—Commers (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 (IR) 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 (IR) 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 (IR) 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 opinions considered binding and a defense in a criminal proceeding, and ethical conduct code created for local and public officials and employees.

HF2120—Kelley (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Health-related boards allowed to 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 proposed.

HF2122—Sekhon (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Electric energy state policy re-established and money appropriated.

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

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

HF2125—Steensma (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Lewis and Clark rural water system authorized planning, design, and engineering work, federal financial participation negotiations provided, and money appropriated.

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

HF2127—Neary (DFL)
Judiciary
Victims informed at 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 proceeding 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 district 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 limited and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2132—Trimble (DFL)
Agriculture
Salvaged food labeling, licensing, distributor, and identification requirements 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 certified flood damaged counties.

HF2135—Jefferson (DFL)
Housing
Manufactured home parks not to prohibit 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 modified, and referendum revenue limits repealed.

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

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

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

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

HF2141—Olson, K. (DFL)
Education
Summer program requirements provided for school districts having residential facilities.

HF2142—Luther (DFL)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
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 regulatory provisions provided technical changes.

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

HF2145—Cooper (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Semi-independent living services provided modified annual inflation adjustment provisions.

HF2146—Lourey (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Residential services projects authorized in homes owned by persons with developmental disabilities and money appropriated.

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

HF2148—Brown, K. (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Mental health emergency and emotional crisis service requirements provided monitoring and evaluation and advisory committee established.

HF2149—Bettermann (IR)
Judiciary
Safe schools program adopted.

HF2150—Gruenes (IR)
Regulated Industries & Energy
STARS; public sector regional telecommunications statewide and central systems appropriated money.

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
Dakota County Technical College decision driving course construction provided bond issuance and money appropriated.

HF2154—Orenstein (DFL)
Judiciary
Gun Control Act violation penalties expanded, weapon-related offense sentencing 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 deed tax.

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

HF2157—Molnau (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Motor vehicle emissions provided biennial inspections.

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

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

HF2160—Kelso (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation insurance regulation 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 subjected 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—Wejcman (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—Wejcman (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

Hazardous material and waste transportation regulated.

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 Finance

Deer River authorized a grant for White Oak Fur Post tourism and education facility improvements, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF2187—Koppendrayner (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—Wejcman (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—Wejcman (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Healing; independent professional examiners list and examinations provided.

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 determined by the state court administrator.

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

HF2208—Koppendrayner (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.

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

HF2215—Worke (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—Lourey (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Micro business loan pilot program established for community development corporations and money appropriated.

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

HF2220—Battaglia (DFL)
Taxes
Two Harbors allowed to use lodging tax for preservation, display, and interpretation 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 conduction 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 exemption 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 giant geese informational meetings and open season required in the west central goose zone before the regular season opens.

HF2238—Worke (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 and 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 (vomitoxin) 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 tax-forfeited land bordering public water in Greenbush.

HF2245—Tunheim (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Health care provider equal access required in medical assistance provider networks.

HF2246—Dehler (IR)**Transportation & Transit**

Charter carriers provided limited authority to pick up and let off passengers when providing special transportation services.

HF2247—Bertram (DFL)**Agriculture**

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

HF2248—Gutknecht (IR)**Agriculture**

Pesticide posting requirements changed.

HF2249—Wenzel (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.

HF2250—Leppik (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Women's health center established and money appropriated.

HF2251—Luther (DFL)**Transportation & Transit**

Class C drivers' license applicants provided option for entering their social security number.

HF2252—Dawkins (DFL)**Taxes**

St. Paul and the state provided coordination of sales tax schedules.

HF2253—Kinkel (DFL)**Education**

Independent School District No. 115, Cass Lake, allowed 42 months to enter into construction contracts for a capital loan.

HF2254—Ozment (IR)**Transportation & Transit**

Mail rural carrier delivery vehicles authorized white strobe lights.

HF2255—Lasley (DFL)**Taxes**

Omnibus tax bill providing technical corrections and administrative changes.

HF2256—Vellenga (DFL)**Education**

Transportation formulas changed for excess nonregular transportation revenue and late activity bus levy.

HF2257—Neary (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Annexation restrictions provided for municipalities having adopted a comprehensive plan.

HF2258—Sekhon (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Vocational rehabilitation service provisions modified for workers' compensation.

HF2259—Farrell (DFL)**Judiciary**

Kidnapping penalties increased for kidnapping a person under 16 years old.

HF2260—Garcia (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Community social service plan provisions modified for counties.

HF2261—Kelley (DFL)**Education**

Library information resource grant program established to enhance electronic access to information resources, and money appropriated.

HF2262—Greenfield (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Nursing home bed moratorium exceptions modified.

HF2263—Simoneau (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Residential facilities provided increased efficiency incentive payments.

HF2264—Brown, K. (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Nursing home operating costs reimbursement provisions modified related to garbage or waste removal, snow removal, lawn maintenance, elevator maintenance, and capital repairs and replacement.

HF2265—Clark (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Community mental health center eligibility provided for certain nonprofit agencies.

HF2266—Mahon (DFL)**Transportation & Transit**

Bus high-speed service pilot project established and money appropriated.

HF2267—Reding (DFL)**Governmental Operations & Gambling**

Austin Fire Department Relief Association provided modified health insurance and survivor benefit coverages.

HF2268—Simoneau (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Integrated service networks provided alternative dispute resolution pilot project, exemption required from certain federal reporting requirements, and money appropriated.

HF2269—Tunheim (DFL)**Governmental Operations & Gambling**

Elwin Leverington of Roseau provided hearing to determine his retirement annuity accrual date.

HF2270—Goodno (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Deer stand placement restricted when placed within 50 yards of adjacent property.

HF2271—Jennings (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Drainage authorities provided responsibility to maintain town road bridges and culverts constructed on a drainage system.

HF2272—Olson, K. (DFL)**Agriculture**

Animal feedlot pollution control authority transferred to the Department of Agriculture, feedlot rules and income tax credit provided, corporate farming law definitions changed, and money appropriated.

HF2273—Knickerbocker (IR)**Commerce & Economic Development**

Insurance and real property licensing terms and fees regulated.

HF2274—Worke (IR)**Labor-Management Relations**

Workers' compensation provided a new general system of law and insurance provisions, plan approval provided, workers' compensation court of appeals jurisdiction and personnel transferred, and rights, duties, and remedies provided.

HF2275—Rest (DFL)**Taxes**

Omnibus tax policy, collections, and administrative changes provided.

HF2276—Orfield (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Metropolitan Council elections provided, regional administrator and management team established, organizational requirements and duties imposed, and clarification and conforming changes made.

HF2277—Sekhon (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Waste Education Coalition and Market Development Coordinating Council expiration dates extended.

HF2278—Asch (DFL)**Governmental Operations & Gambling**

Executive offices and secretaries established and duties provided.

HF2279—Rodosovich (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Sakatah Singing Hills state trail construction provided bond issuance and money appropriated.

HF2280—Sviggum (IR)**General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections**

Budget; support expressed to Congress for passage of a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget.

HF2281—Rukavina (DFL)**Taxes**

City aid provided for calendar year 1994 and thereafter.

HF2282—Pugh (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Civil commitment of patients provided to a regional center or treatment facility.

HF2283—Kinkel (DFL)**Governmental Operations & Gambling**

Gambling Control Board appointments provided on congressional district.

HF2284—Johnson, R. (DFL)**Governmental Operations & Gambling**

Correctional employee and state trooper contribution rates and annuity formulas increased.

HF2285—Kelley (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Hopkins allowed to establish a special service district for housing improvements.

HF2286—Brown, C. (DFL)**Judiciary**

Assault; fifth-degree assault penalties increased for offenses committed in the victim's home.

HF2287—Lasley (DFL)**General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections**

Ethical Practices Board definitions clarified, enforcement powers strengthened, duties changed, lobbyist disclosures expanded, last-minute contribution reports facilitated, and public subsidy returns provided.

HF2288—Garcia (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Group residential housing for persons with mental illness or chemical dependency provided supplementary rates.

HF2289—Kelso (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Scott County allowed to appoint the auditor, recorder, and treasurer, and reorganization of county offices.

HF2290—Solberg (DFL)**Taxes**

Greenway Joint Recreation Board and Lakeview Cemetery Association provided additional levy authority.

HF2291—Greiling (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.

HF2292—Sekhon (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

Whistle-blowers protection act adopted.

HF2293—Sviggum (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—Huntley (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—Mariani (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—Beard (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—Hasskamp (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.

HF2335—Mosel (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Property rights preservation act adopted.

HF2336—Anderson, I. (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Water public land duties provided for constitutional officers.

HF2337—Rest (DFL)
Judiciary
Adoption advertising, payments and agencies regulated, nonagency adoption provided, postadoption contact agreement enforceability provided, and penalties imposed.

HF2338—Orenstein (DFL)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling
Vacation donation program fund use allowed to pay for housing and transportation accessibility costs.

HF2339—Reding (DFL)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling
Ambulance service personnel longevity award and incentive trust transferred funds from the insurance trust fund.

HF2340—Jefferson (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Water testing annual fee repealed and surplus revenues returned to cities and towns.

HF2341—Cooper (DFL)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling
Grantee state obligations required prompt payment.

HF2342—Jacobs (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Alternate fuel motor vehicles provided vehicle weight permit system.

HF2343—Skoglund (DFL)
Judiciary
Community-based truancy action projects established and money appropriated.

HF2344—Skoglund (DFL)
Judiciary
Tattoo identification information collection required by law enforcement agencies on arrested and convicted persons, tattoo identification system established, and money appropriated.

HF2345—Skoglund (DFL)
Judiciary
Subpoenas; administrative subpoena use allowed only in welfare fraud cases.

HF2346—Skoglund (DFL)
Judiciary
Sentencing to service program expanded to include graffiti removal work crews, and money appropriated.

HF2347—Dorn (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Motorcycles; off-highway motorcycle use unfunded gasoline tax deposit provided in the off-highway motorcycle account.

HF2348—Farrell (DFL)
Economic Development, Infrastructure
& Regulation Finance
Science Museum of Minnesota provided capital improvement grant, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF2349—Clark (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Environmental justice task force established.

HF2350—Wenzel (DFL)
Judiciary
Firearm and dangerous weapon crimes removed for mandatory minimum sentence waiver eligibility.

HF2351—Skoglund (DFL)
Judiciary
BB gun offenses provided criminal penalties.

HF2352—Ozment (IR)
Education
Graduation rule adoption authority eliminated and education board authority modified.

HF2353—Ozment (IR)
Local Government &
Metropolitan Affairs
City financial audit requirements modified.

HF2354—Lourey (DFL)
Local Government &
Metropolitan Affairs
Moose Lake Fire Protection District considered a governmental subdivision for entering into natural resources service provision contracts.

HF2355—Rest (DFL)
Taxes
Library vehicles provided exemption from motor vehicle excise taxes.

HF2356—Wenzel (DFL)
Judiciary
Pardons board approval provided for parole or supervised release of inmates serving a life sentence, community sentiment studied, and victim notification provided.

HF2357—Pugh (DFL)
Local Government &
Metropolitan Affairs
Annexation provisions provided.

HF2358—Milbert (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Off-road vehicle use unfunded gasoline tax deposit provided in the off-road vehicle account.

HF2359—McCollum (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Department of Public Safety omnibus housekeeping bill.

HF2360—Jennings (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Wisconsin contract authorized to build and operate a truck inspection station in Wisconsin.

HF2361—Clark (DFL)
Economic Development, Infrastructure
& Regulation Finance
Minneapolis provided a public housing improvement grant, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF2362—Carlson (DFL)
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs
& Elections
Dogs; potentially dangerous dog definition expanded to include acts on private property.

It's a fact!

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 expedi-

tion 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 then 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.
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are open to the public.

MONDAY, March 7

8 a.m.

Higher Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

5 State Office Building

Chr. 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

Chr. 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

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Presentation of capital budget projects: Metro Parks, BOWSR.

Human Services Finance Division/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Presentation of the governor's capital budget recommendations for human services.

10 a.m.

AGRICULTURE

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: Disaster relief bill.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. 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

Chr. 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

Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: Administration report on contracting. Updates on public television and Department of Employee Relations initiative.

12 Noon

Legislative Audit Commission

318 State Capitol

Chr. Sen. Phil Riveness

Agenda: Motor Vehicle Deputy Registrar's report presentation, Program Evaluation Division.

12:30 p.m.

HOUSING

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

Agenda: HF2171 (Orfield) Comprehensive choice housing.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. 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.

After Session

K-12 Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Becky Kelso

Agenda: Discussion of remaining bonding requests: desegregation; Lakeview School; Maximum effort school loans; Big Lake and Nett Lake: disabled access; library accessibility.

4 p.m. or After Session

Ramsey County Delegation

500N State Office Building

Chr. 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.

8 a.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FI-
NANCE**

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.

Overview and discussion of State Board of Education proposed rule on metro desegregation. Perspectives from participants of desegregation roundtable.

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**

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: SF1818 (Stumpf); HF1927 (Tunheim) Major funds; special medicare referendum.

SF2028(Stumpf); HFXXXX TRA; Elwin Leverington retirement effective date.

SF2039 (Janezich); HF1843 (Tomassoni) Major funds; partial pre-1973 retiree bonus payment.

SFXXXX; 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.

**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, discardable packaging regulated and fee studied; beverages required reusable packaging or refundable recycling deposits, and penalties imposed.

HF892 (Munger) Toxic Air Emissions Act of 1993 adopted and money appropriated.

**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

300S 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.)**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 (Perlt) 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

Agenda: Election of vice chair. Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules (LCRAR) report on Chapter 370 Rulemaking Study: discussion and vote on final report. Other business.

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

Agenda: Legislation regarding undocumented persons, and the Office of Ombudspersons. Draft amendment to the Data Practices Act. Business: Legislative Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families (LCCYF) annual report to the Legislature, report of LCCYF and Children's Cabinet joint study and recommendations, and adoption of operating rules.

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.

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

Agenda: Presentation of funding issues for Part H services for disabled children from the Minnesota Department of Education. Budget forecast for family self-sufficiency and medical entitlement programs, and related projections for the FY 1994-1995 biennium.

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.

State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: Information Policy Office (IPO) independence report. Minnesota Public Information Network (MPIN) introduction.

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.

2:30 p.m.

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
Chr. Rep. Becky Kelso

Agenda: K-12 bonding bill.

Subcommittee on Government Structures & Reorganization/GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

300N State Office Building
Chr. 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
Chr. Rep. Gene Pelowski

Agenda: HEB legal service issue. Legislature overview. 1994 report to Legislature.

THURSDAY, March 10

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION

200 State Office Building

Chr. 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

Chr. Rep. Ann Rest

Agenda: HFXXXX Technical corrections bill.
HFXXXX Abolishing certain local government levy limitations.

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.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

200 State Office Building

Chr. 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

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: HF321 (Kahn); SF103 (Berg) Omnibus gambling bill.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

Agenda: To be announced.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

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

12:30 p.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Chuck Brown

Agenda: HF2082 (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

Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

Agenda: HF2033 (Dawkins) Tenant/landlord bill.

6:30 p.m.

Legislative Commission on Pensions & Retirement

15 State Capitol

Chr. Sen. Phil Riveness

Agenda: SF1860 (Riveness); HF2124 (Kahn) IRAP; administrative bill.

SF1906 (Metzen); HF2192 (Johnson, R.) MSRS correctional; 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 (Koppendrayner) 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.

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.

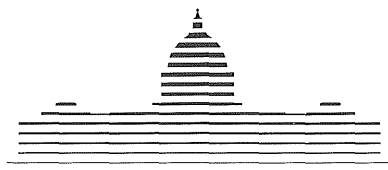
The Grand Forks sheriff took the body and locked it away in a jail cell while folks debated ownership.

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."



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.



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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.



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