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On the cover: Chuck Knandel, audit team leader for the Office of the State Auditor, climbs the stairs on the west side of the State Capitol following a Jan. 9 snowfall.

— Photo by Laura Phillips

# Highlights

## Electoral reform commission seeks 'system shakeup'

Minnesotans are accustomed to primary elections falling on a Tuesday in September and to lots of names appearing on the primary ballot.

But that ought to change, Secretary of State Joan Growe told the House General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee Jan. 9.

The Growe Commission on Electoral Reform wants to shorten the political infighting season by moving the primary to August, better control who appears on a primary ballot, and hopefully increase voter participation.

The 18-member commission focused on the primary election — where members of the same political party face off to determine who advances to meet candidates from an opposing party or parties in the November general election.

Primary elections have traditionally had low voter turnout. One faction holds that the political infighting which pits IR against IR or DFLer against DFLer turns voters off.

The Growe commission wants to hold the primary election earlier in the campaign season to give candidates more time to debate issues and voters time to explore the differences between general election candidates.

The commission, in a draft report, recommends that the Legislature pass laws in time for the 1996 state elections that would:

- Move primary election day to sometime during the first two weeks of August, on

either a Tuesday or a Saturday. Rep. Jim Rhodes (IR-St. Louis Park) suggested that Saturday would be a bad day for his constituents, many of whom are Jewish.

- Require major party candidates for state and federal offices to receive at least 20 percent of the vote on any ballot for that office at the party endorsing convention before their name could be placed on a state primary election ballot. If a candidate didn't receive the 20 percent, he or she could still make the ballot by submitting a petition signed by the number of eligible voters equal to 10 percent of persons voting on the nomination for that office at the last state primary.
- Rename the primary election the "party nominating election" so the public would better understand just what a primary election does.
- Produce a voters' guide for the public with information on where and how to vote, the candidates running for office, and constitutional amendments up for public vote. (A similar proposal failed in 1993.)
- Permit corporations to make tax deductible donations to the Office of the Secretary of State to promote voter participation in precinct caucuses and elections on a non-partisan basis.
- Move the date of precinct caucuses to the first weekend in April instead of in March and hold them during daytime hours so more people can participate.

The recommendations partially come out of concern for the decreasing — some would say dismal — number of people participating in Minnesota's grassroots precinct caucuses and district and state nominating conventions. Citizens involved in those processes decide which candidates receive the party endorsement and appear on the ballot.

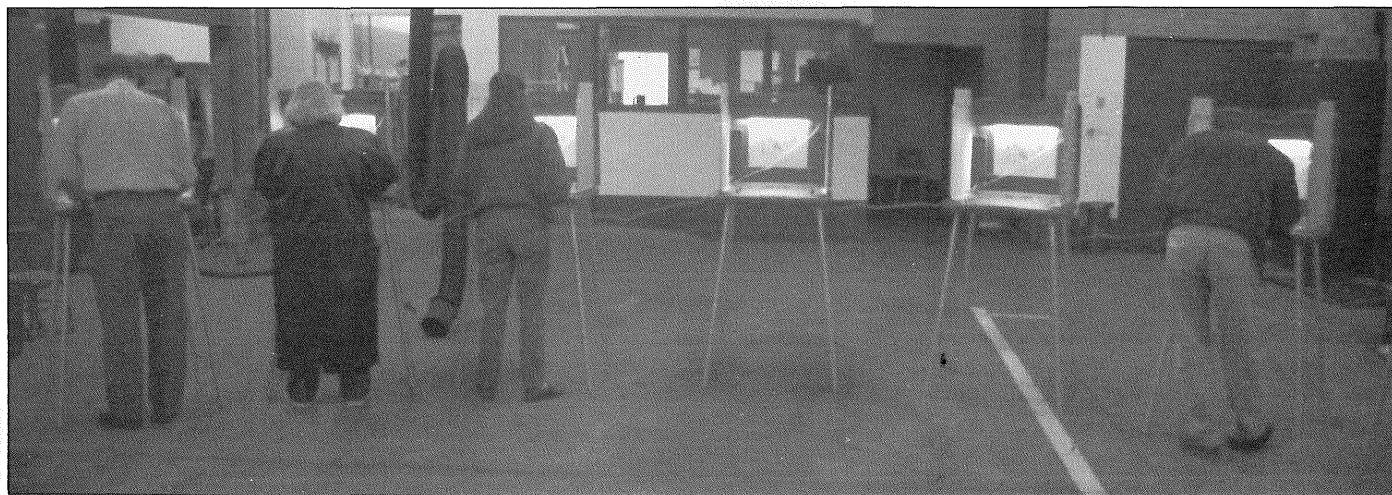
Growe said she believes if candidates know they must garner 20 percent at the endorsing conventions, they'll encourage people to go to the precinct caucuses to root for them.

She pointed out that the commission is "not locked into anything," and that a June or July primary date might work as well as an August date. "We decided there was something wrong with every single month and every single day." But, she added, "we can't do a whole lot worse than where we're at now," referring to the September primary.

The commission was looking for a way to "shake up the system," Growe said. And during the process, "strengthen political parties." She pointed out that the recommendations do not touch any current laws regarding general elections.

Committee chair Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) and Rep. Loren Solberg (DFL-Bovey) both pointed out that precinct caucuses present a problem because most people have no desire to participate.

"Extreme groups are stacking each precinct," making it difficult for regular folks to offer ideas, Solberg said. "People have been



Voters cast their ballots at Fire Station No. 15 in Northeast Minneapolis during the 1994 general election.

turned off by who is showing up at [precinct caucuses and conventions] and what their agenda is."

Osthoff suggested that in odd years caucuses could be held to decide each party's platform, leaving the election year caucuses just to deal with candidate selection.

The Growe commission suggestions are expected to be drafted into a bill and referred to the Elections Division of the House General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee.

— K. Darcy Hanzlik

## Primary election voter turnout

Year	Percentage of eligible voters voting
1950 .....	32.86
1952 .....	35.70
1954 .....	34.22
1956 .....	31.78
1958 .....	31.96
1960 .....	29.33
1962 .....	28.47
1964 .....	20.78
1966 .....	38.28
1968 .....	18.36
1970 .....	31.59
1972 .....	19.22
1974 .....	20.66
1976 .....	20.52
1978 .....	29.35
1980 .....	13.73
1982 .....	30.63
1984 .....	17.65
1986 .....	25.37
1988 .....	9.84
1990 .....	23.94
1992 .....	17.10
1994 .....	26.80

Source: Office of the Secretary of State



## CRIME

### No lawyers for kids

A crisis is rapidly developing in the juvenile courts, say public defenders.

A 1994 law created a new category of young offender, the "extended jurisdiction juvenile." Fourteen- to 17-year-olds who are repeat offenders or have committed serious crimes are now entitled to legal counsel and a jury trial. If found guilty, they could face adult sanctions — including prison — if they violate the conditions of a juvenile penalty.

A \$2.6 million appropriation to hire more public defenders to address an anticipated increase in juvenile caseloads was vetoed by Gov. Arne Carlson. Public defenders say this

situation could shut down the juvenile court system.

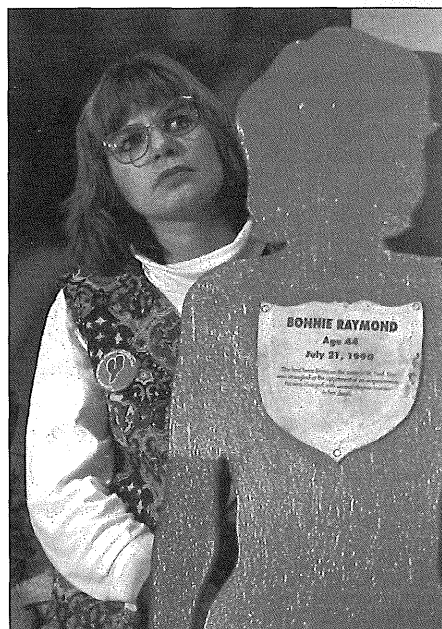
Amid introductions at the first House Judiciary Finance Committee meeting Jan. 12, John Stuart, state public defender, and Richard Scherman, chief administrator of the Board of Public Defense, made an urgent appeal for help.

"We are in very, very serious trouble throughout the state handling public defender cases in the juvenile area," said Scherman. His agency has met with judges and court administrators and determined that by March 1 a "crisis will begin to occur."

Stuart said that public defenders have begun doing legal "triage" — providing services to juveniles in detention and ranking other cases on a priority basis. He said the public defenders have been researching the legality of asking courts for continuances and postponements of cases. (Juvenile offenders, by law, are entitled to a jury trial within 30 days after they are arrested.)

Rep. Jim Farrell (DFL-St. Paul), who is on leave as a public defender in Ramsey County, said, "The system will just stop if there are not enough lawyers to defend people." He explained that adults can often be persuaded to plead guilty to a crime and accept a lesser sentence, but "with juveniles it's a lot more difficult because they're scared, and you have parents involved. I can't imagine what it's going to be like now, saying, 'Well, you have the right to a jury trial.'"

Both Farrell and Scherman said that a



Lisa Gaviglio of Brainerd, Minn., watched the 1994 memorial service for victims of domestic violence from behind a silhouette cutout of a woman who was killed in 1990. The rally, held in the Capitol rotunda Jan. 11, was sponsored by the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women.

backlog of cases will soon clog the system. The worst alternative, according to Scherman, is that "we can't provide the service." He said that a court could order the Department of Finance to appropriate the vetoed \$2.6 million in order to get the juvenile justice system back in working order.



## GOVERNMENT

### Reinventing performance

After nearly two years of preparation, 21 state departments and agencies are now ready to have their performance reports examined by members of the State Government Finance Division of the House Governmental Operations Committee. A 1993 Minnesota law requires the agencies to file annual performance reports detailing their purpose and goals.

Division members will spend January discussing the documents.

Lawmakers called for the performance reports in hopes of using them for information when passing laws and budgets pertaining to the agencies, said Deputy Legislative Auditor Robert Brooks. He addressed division members Jan. 11.

Lawmakers can look at the documents to find an agency's goals, plans for how to reach those goals, and statements on how the agency is progressing toward them, Brooks said.

The 21 agencies range from the Minnesota Historical Society to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. At 416 pages, the Department of Human Services issued the longest report, Brooks said. The Office of the Legislative Auditor is currently reviewing the reports to ensure they're in acceptable form and to tell agencies how they could improve them.

Last year, the division approved a \$250,000 expenditure for the Department of Finance to write a computer program that will help standardize the reports, Brooks said.

The performance reports are available to the public, he added.





## HEALTH

### MinnesotaCare review

Sometimes Minnesota Department of Human Services employees feel like they work at an insurance company, Helen Yates, the agency's assistant commissioner, told members of the MinnesotaCare Finance Division of the House Health and Human Services Committee Jan. 12.

Yates' agency coordinates and administers the complex MinnesotaCare program, which provides state-subsidized health insurance for "the working poor," as she called them.

So agency staff people are left to determine which low-income Minnesotans are eligible for Medical Assistance and General Assistance Medical Care, and which are eligible for MinnesotaCare.

Yates gave division members an overview of the program, which lawmakers will again revisit this year. The MinnesotaCare law has been amended each year since the program began in 1992.

Current law promises universal health coverage for all uninsured Minnesotans by July 1, 1997, but does not provide funding to meet the goal.

Current funding for MinnesotaCare comes from a 2 percent tax on health care providers, hospitals, pharmacies, and wholesale drug distributors which is funneled to a dedicated state fund. Additional revenue will come in January 1996, when health plan companies such as health maintenance organizations and Blue Cross-Blue Shield will begin to pay a 1 percent tax on the premiums they receive.

Program enrollees must have lived in the state at least 180 days and have been uninsured four months before receiving MinnesotaCare. They also have to prove they're not eligible for employer-subsidized insurance, Yates said.

Beginning last October, single people and members of families without children (with incomes less than 125 percent of federal poverty guidelines) became eligible for the program.

Currently, about 75,000 Minnesotans use the program, Yates said. Most enrollees pay a sliding-fee premium based on a percentage of their income. For example, a family of three with a monthly income of \$1,500 would pay a \$57 monthly premium. Co-payments are also charged for certain services.

Rep. Kris Hasskamp (DFL-Crosby) suggested increasing the number of health services requiring a co-payment.

But sometimes small co-payments, such as \$5, cost more than \$5 to process, said Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), who helped draft the original MinnesotaCare legislation. Low-income people may not even be able to make such a small co-payment, he added.

Rep. Betty McCollum (DFL-North St. Paul), said she may support co-payments made on a sliding scale, though many of those co-payments would be small.

"A single person earning \$4.50 per hour isn't even eligible for MinnesotaCare, so people with lower incomes than that would have a hard time paying," she said.

A single person working full-time at such a wage would exceed the income limitation for program eligibility.

### Health care 'freeloaders'

Minnesotans will pay more to smoke their cigarettes, cigars, and pipes if a recommendation of the Minnesota Health Care Commission is adopted.

Increasing the tax on cigarettes by 40 cents per pack — and a comparable tax increase on other tobacco products — would reduce smoking by 10 percent (much more among adolescent smokers), and would pay for expanding MinnesotaCare health coverage, supporters said.

The summary of the commission's MinnesotaCare financing recommendations was presented at a Jan. 11 meeting of the Legislative Commission on Health Care Access.

The financing study suggestions coincided with the release of a report by the state Department of Health that found that health care costs associated with smoking came to \$470 million in 1992. That represents a 32 percent increase from the \$355 million in smokers' medical bills in 1990.

MinnesotaCare, the state's subsidized medical insurance program for low-income workers, calls for all Minnesotans to have some form of health insurance by July 1, 1997.

To help achieve that goal, the study also recommends penalties for some people — primarily young men — who presumably could afford health insurance but choose not to carry it.

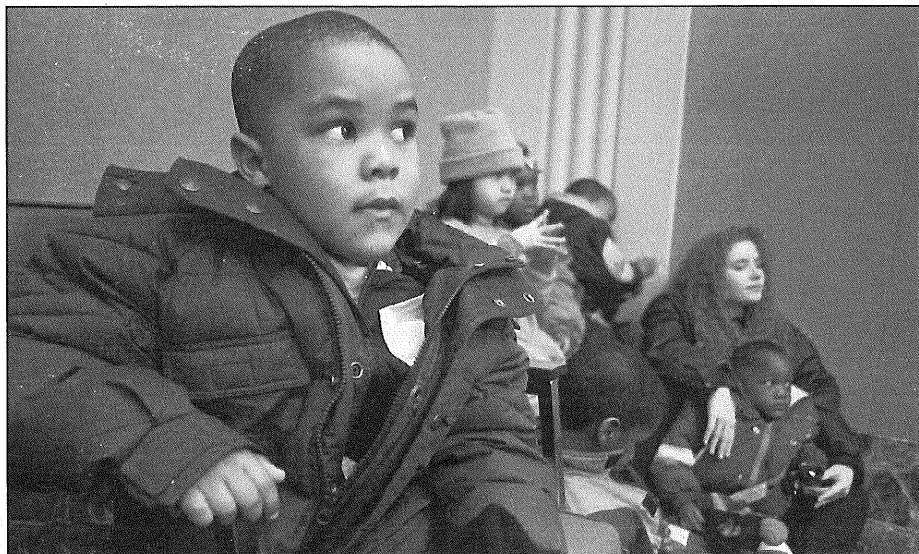
A "freeloader penalty" (\$500 for an individual or \$600 for a couple) is recommended as an incentive to encourage these people to obtain coverage, which would reduce premiums for those who already have health insurance.

Tom Swain, chair of the Minnesota Health Care Commission, said there are about 124,000 people in the state who are "voluntarily uninsured" — those who make more than 275 percent of the federal poverty guideline but choose not to purchase health insurance. People with insurance unwittingly subsidize the "voluntarily uninsured."

Money from the freeloader penalty would go to a community health insurance pool, which would then be used to pay health care providers for the costs of treating uninsured people.

A workable, affordable, state-subsidized health insurance program "boils down to the fact that everyone must be in the system and paying in," said David Haugen, acting interim director of the Minnesota Health Care Commission.

Swain explained that in 1997 people will



Four-year-old Davonte and his classmates from the Pica McKnight Head Start Program attended a press conference sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund Jan. 10. The group was voicing its opposition to cuts in children's programs such as Head Start and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program. Some congressional leaders have called for such cuts.

have to show proof that they have health insurance or face a fine.

While the 1994 MinnesotaCare law promised universal health coverage to all uninsured Minnesotans by July 1, 1997, the financing study recommends extending that deadline by two years.

The 1994 MinnesotaCare law mandated that the Minnesota Health Care Commission examine health care financing and tax systems, and make recommendations to the Legislature for development of a "stable, long-term funding system."



## HOUSING

### Regional housing policy

The Legislature should give the Metropolitan Council the authority for developing a regional housing policy in the metropolitan area, according to a Citizens League report unveiled before the Housing Committee Jan. 9.

Since the Twin Cities housing market spans the metro area, a process should be created by the Metropolitan Council "for devising the regional solutions that are so urgently needed," stated the report.

A precedent for the regional approach is the Metropolitan Land Use Planning Act of 1976, which empowered the Metropolitan Council to draw up a regional growth management strategy. Local units of government were required to devise their own compatible plans.

The report also suggested a number of goals to reduce poverty and to make housing more available across the metro region for low-income people.

Among ways to achieve the housing goal is the recommendation that "income and property tax policies that penalize low-income people and subsidize sprawl should be revised."

In the interest of economic equity, Minnesota should "phase out the preference for homestead property in the property tax code," and state income tax deductions for interest on home mortgages should be capped. The revenue gained from these measures would go to other forms of housing assistance based on financial need. The report urges the state to lobby Washington to likewise reduce tax benefits for home ownership and increase housing subsidies for the poor.

Current government housing policies "contribute to the concentration of poverty in the inner portions of the metropolitan area," according to the report.

Racial discrimination, city development

policies, federal income tax benefits for homeowners, and state property tax policy that "favors homestead property and penalizes rental property" have led to a shortage of affordable housing in the inner city.

"Public policies set the rules of the game," said Mary Anderson of the Citizens League. "The Twin Cities are feeling some of the ill effects of these policies now."

"What happens in Burnsville is related to what happens at Franklin and Chicago [avenues] in Minneapolis."

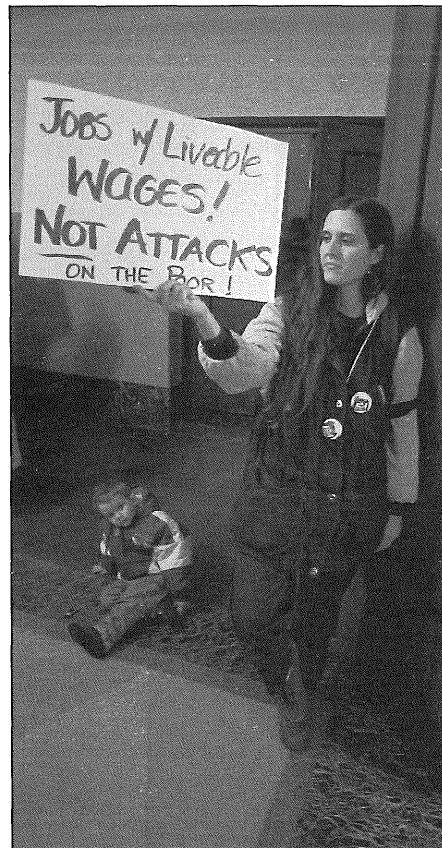


## HUMAN SERVICES

### Working on welfare

A welfare reform bill that would require some new Minnesota welfare recipients to take part in a tough new jobs program and mandate that all teenage moms on welfare live at home, was heard in the House Health and Human Services Committee Jan. 12.

About 200 people attended the hearing, many of whom objected to what they considered the punitive tone of the bill and its



With sign in hand, and son, Dylan, at foot, Kari Sprung of the Welfare Rights Committee waited outside the hearing room where the House Health and Human Services Committee was meeting Jan. 12 for the opportunity to testify on HF1, a bill calling for welfare reform.

underlying assumption that people on welfare are lazy.

People "will take initiative when given the opportunity," said K.J. Jakobson of Winona, Minn., a single mother.

Patricia Gradine, a former welfare recipient who went to school and worked her way off public assistance, explained why she needed government help in the first place. She explained how her husband announced he was leaving her as she lay in a hospital bed shortly after giving birth to her second child. Since then she said she has received no child support.

"Make males who walk out responsible," Gradine said.

A major component of HF1 would establish a Work First pilot program. The new program would set out tough penalties, such as losing benefits, if participants don't stick to a contract to search for a job and accept work. The bill does not specify which counties could operate the program.

Only people not receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) or other welfare could participate. They would receive medical assistance, child care assistance, and help in enforcing child support orders.

The new program would require participants to begin a job search within seven days, and require that they spend at least 32 hours per week (for up to eight weeks) searching for a job.

Participants could not refuse any job offer that met their physical or mental abilities so long as the job pays minimum wage and meets government health and safety standards.

After eight weeks searching for a job, individuals who fail to land work (for at least 32 hours per week), or fail to earn a net income equal to their traditional welfare benefits, would be required to work in a public service job for up to four months.

Participants who fail to attend the Work First orientation or fail to develop a job search plan within seven days would be terminated from the program. But it is not clear whether they could still receive other traditional public assistance benefits.

Participants who are terminated from any of the jobs would not be eligible to apply for public assistance for at least six months, under the bill. Individuals who quit a job on the Work First program would immediately be assigned to a temporary public service job.

Rep. Bob Anderson (DFL-Ottertail), sponsor of HF1 and chair of the House Health and Human Services Committee, said the committee's finance division will decide how much money to spend on the programs in his

bill. Money is expected to be appropriated to subsidize childcare costs for low- to moderate income families.

Some of the other highlights in the measure would:

- Require all teenage parents on welfare to live at home with their parents or supervising adult, except in special circumstances, such as an abusive home. A waiver of federal rules would be required.
- Allow individuals on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) to work more than 99 hours per month and remain eligible for public assistance. A waiver of federal rules would be required.
- Request the elimination of other federal rules that some argue discourage welfare recipients from finding work. One waiver request would allow the state to offer an additional year of medical assistance and child care benefits for families working their way off AFDC. Currently, they receive just one year of those benefits. Another waiver request would allow welfare recipients to spend more for an automobile, giving them more reliable transportation to and from work. The bill asks that the limit be raised to \$4,500—up from the current \$1,500 limit.
- Repeal the state's Work Readiness jobs training program and require families on general assistance to participate in a food stamp employment and training program.

- Require several state agencies to work together to design a system that allows welfare recipients who are working to receive their federal and state tax credits in monthly installments instead of in one lump sum at the end of the year. The money could be used to supplement their regular pay checks.
- Require welfare recipients participating in the state STRIDE jobs training program, who also are going to vocational school or college, to work a minimum of 16 hours a week at either a paying job or volunteering with a public or nonprofit agency. They must agree to search for and accept any offer of suitable employment after completing their education or training. Volunteer work includes taking parenting classes. Failure to comply would bring about penalties, such as an individual losing control of their cash benefits. The state could instead issue vouchers specifically tied to rent, utilities, and other payments. In some cases, the benefits could be cut.

Sharon Rolenc, a single mother on welfare taking classes and studying 60-70 hours a week to graduate within four years (before her child care assistance ends), challenged lawmakers to put themselves in her shoes and "see if you could handle an extra 16 hours a week."

- Require welfare recipients participating in the state STRIDE jobs training program and

seeking their high school equivalency, to work at least 16 hours a week in either a paying job or volunteering. "Volunteer work" would include attendance in parenting classes. They also must be in class at least six hours a week and meet attendance and progress requirements as outlined by their caseworker. Failure to comply with these requirements would result in penalties, such as those listed above.

- Expand the Minnesota Family Investment Plan program to Ramsey, Nobles, and Aitkin counties. This public assistance program began in April and is currently a five-year pilot project in seven counties (Hennepin, Anoka, Dakota, Sherburne, Mille Lacs, Todd, and Morrison). The program allows families to accept lower paying jobs while receiving some public assistance. This helps them gain work experience. It also requires the family to sign an agreement on what steps they'll take toward employment and self-sufficiency. If they don't abide by the agreement, they could lose part of their public assistance. Finally, the program eliminates some of the welfare rules that discourage marriage. Eligibility depends on economic factors and income, not on whether a parent is absent or unemployed.

The Health and Human Services Committee will continue hearing public testimony on HF1 Jan. 17.



### House Concurrent Resolution Number

**Two** seemed a fairly innocent two-paragraph measure when it came before the House Jan. 12. But the vote wasn't without lighthearted controversy.

Senators needed House approval to skip their Jan. 19 session. The Senate planned to meet the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of that week, take Thursday off, and not reconvene until the following Monday.

But the Minnesota State Constitution says that each legislative body must agree to the other's intent to adjourn for more than three days, excluding Sundays. The provision keeps lawmakers from packing their bags, heading home, and refusing to negotiate with the other body.

Normally, the Senate meets Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, but senators and representatives plan to gather Wednesday, Jan. 18 to hear the governor's State of the State address. Senators weren't keen on meeting for a

fourth day on Thursday, so the resolution was required.

Just before the House vote on the resolution, Minority Leader Steve Sviggum asked Carruthers what would happen if legislators didn't approve it.



Kris Sanda, commissioner of the Department of Public Service, provided a departmental overview for members of the House Regulated Industries and Energy Committee Jan. 9.

"We'd have an unhappy and unruly Senate," Carruthers answered, "But perhaps they always are."

By voice vote, legislators granted the Senate's request.

**So who checks to be sure** a full gallon is what you get at your local gas station pump? The Weights and Measures Division of the Department of Public Service, that's who.

Public Service Commissioner Kris Sanda told members of the House Regulated Industries and Energy Committee Jan. 9 that the division checks the accuracy of each of the state's 34,000 gas pumps.

They also monitor the state's 12,000 retail scales, 225 livestock scales, 3,400 vehicle scales, 110 railroad track scales, and more.

The division's 40 employees issue either a yellow or a red tag to pumps and scales that are out of compliance. Yellow tags give the owner 30 days to fix the faulty equipment; red tags immediately halt the use of the equipment until it can be fixed or replaced to meet department standards.



## Youth in Government

# Students explore complex business of government

Nearly 1,100 high school students came to the Capitol Jan. 5 - 8 to participate in the Youth in Government Program sponsored by the YMCA.

The students gave speeches, crafted legislation, and held debates on the floor of the House, often sounding like the lawmakers who usually occupy the mahogany desks.

The program exposes students to the nuts and bolts operations of all three branches of state government — legislative, judicial, and executive.

By electing legislative officers, attending committee hearings, and drafting and passing bills, the students got a hands-on view to help them better understand the lawmaking process.

They also took part in mock Supreme Court proceedings to learn the nuances of the judicial branch.

Representing each of the state's cabinet-level state agencies helped students develop an understanding of the executive branch.

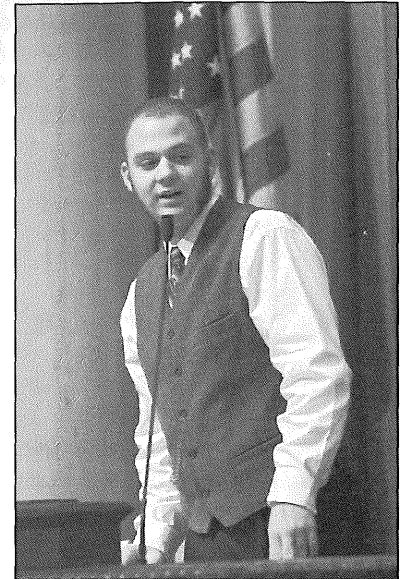
When the Youth in Government Program

first began in Minnesota 49 years ago, it was simply a model legislature and a youth governor was chosen to represent the executive branch. The program, then known as Youth and Government, was held every two years. In 1965, it became an annual event.

A Youth in Law program, begun in 1975, added a model Supreme Court. A year later, the first full Executive Cabinet Program came along. Eventually, the Secretary of State and Attorney General programs were added.

Other programs have since been added to give the program a more "true to life" flavor, including a press corps (both video and newspaper) and a lobbying program.

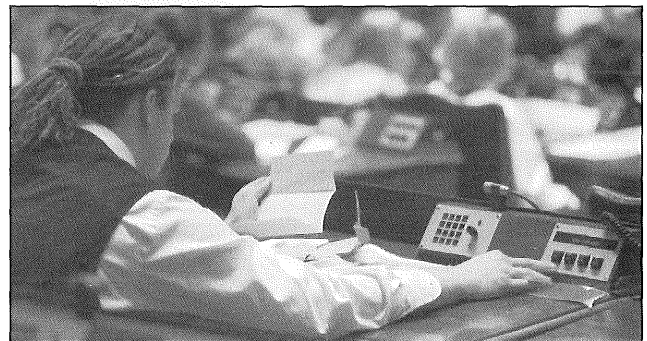
Youth in Government participants also have had the opportunity to participate in model sessions in other states. Alabama, Illinois, Texas and Wisconsin each have received Minnesota students in their programs and, with the exception of Texas, each have sent student delegates to Minnesota.



Youth in Government's House Speaker Jeremy Ross of Hopkins.



Youth in Government Assistant Floor Leader Kelly Ceynowa, Fridley, right, and Molly Sheehan, St. Paul, presented their bill to the House during a Jan. 6 floor session.



Scott Jenkins, Burnsville, casts his vote during a Jan. 6 roll call vote.



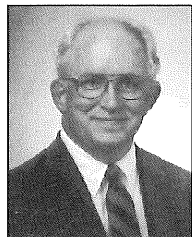
Angie VanHeuveln, Fridley, reacts to an amendment that would change the word "hog" to "dog" during a Youth in Government debate concerning a bill that focused on hog manure.



New members . . .

## McElroy focuses on workers' comp, affordable housing, transportation

He plays bridge on the Internet and considers himself a bleacher bum with his nephews at basketball games. He transformed a three-employee travel business with \$1 million in sales into a business with 85 employees and \$35 million in sales, which he later sold.



Rep. Dan McElroy

Rep. Dan McElroy, a first-term Independent-Republican lawmaker from Burnsville, has a wide array of experiences he plans to bring to the House. The history major from the University of Notre Dame has been the mayor of Burnsville for about eight years and served on the city council before that.

His transition into politics was accidental.

About 14 years ago, the Burnsville city government annoyed some local people when it was about to split its public safety department into separate police and fire departments.

One of those people, McElroy, attended the city council meeting, his first direct experience in Minnesota politics. He was bothered by the way the city administration was pushing through the idea with little public input.

"The process was the problem," he said, not necessarily that some city leaders wanted to split the department.

McElroy, 46, now owns a travel agency management consulting firm and said his business experience helps in the Legislature. "Government is a business owned by its customers."

The difference, he said, is that government doesn't have competition so it also needs to serve a marketplace function and put the brakes on spending and programs people may want but can't afford.

McElroy said he doesn't plan to introduce a lot of his own legislation this year. He said he wants to learn the House system first.

His interests include workers' compensa-

tion, affordable housing, and transit issues.

The administration of workers' compensation is something that can be streamlined without reducing benefits to injured workers. If you cut costs, you can lower the premiums, he said.

He points to the owner of a roofing business in Minnesota paying \$1.09 for every \$1 of payroll for workers' compensation and a roofer in North Carolina paying 20 cents for every \$1 of payroll.

He has served on the governor's council on affordable housing and said he plans to oppose any House bill mandating local governments offer specific levels of affordable housing.

Instead of mandates he prefers local governments offer incentives to encourage developers to build affordable housing in their community.

Regarding transportation, McElroy is concerned about Minnesota's involvement with Light Rail Transit. "Light Rail Transit is not a magic panacea." Buses and carpooling are necessary and LRT must be concentrated in an area where lots of people go to and from the same place to be effective and affordable.

McElroy said he is excited about the legislative session but added: "I liken it to a dog chasing a school bus. What do you do when you catch it? I'm working hard to learn the answer to that."

— K. Darcy Hanzlik

### District 36B

**Population:** 32,679  
**Distribution:** 100 percent urban  
**County:** Dakota  
**Largest city:** Burnsville  
**Location:** southcentral Metro  
**Unemployment rate:** 2.96 percent  
**Residents living below poverty level:** 3.64 percent  
**1992 presidential election results:**  
Bush/Quayle ..... 36.26 percent  
Clinton/Gore ..... 36.88 percent  
Perot/Stockdale ..... 26.13 percent  
Other: ..... 0.73 percent

## It's a fact!

Recent changes in Minnesota's ethics and campaign finance laws have made it clear to the public that state lawmakers are not beholden to special interests.

But few remember that a similar wave of public opinion concerning legislative ethics led to radical changes in state law in 1912.

"Taking government away from the 'interests' and returning it to the people became the slogan of the times" — so it was written in *Minnesota: Political Maverick* by the Minnesota Historical Society.

It was the peak of the Progressive movement in 1912, the same year that Theodore Roosevelt abandoned the Republican Party and ran for president as an Independent. Although he lost the election, he carried the state of Minnesota.

"In the disillusionment of the early 1900s . . . the badge 'independent' began to stand for virtue and high principle, while a vote 'for the man and not the party' came to mean a vote for honesty in government," according to the historical society book.

And so during a 13-day special session, Minnesota lawmakers enacted sweeping changes to state law: a statewide political primary election, direct election of U.S. senators (previously chosen by legislators), and campaign spending limits. The session also brought us the law which prohibits the distribution of campaign materials on election day.

"In thirteen days the legislature completely revolutionized the state's present political system," wrote the *Minneapolis Journal* on June 18, 1912.

# COMMITTEE INFORMATION

1995-96 Minnesota House of Representatives

## Agriculture

487 State Office Building ..... 296-4247

**Meets:** Mon., 10 a.m. in Room 200\*

**Members:** 18

**Chair:** Wenzel-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Peterson-DFL

Cooper-DFL	Kraus-IR
Dauner-DFL	Lourey-DFL
Davids-IR	Molnau-IR
Finseth-IR	Otremba-DFL
Harder-IR	Sarna-DFL
Hugoson-IR	Schumacher-DFL
Jaros-DFL	Swenson, H.-IR
Koppendraye-IR	Winter-DFL

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Patrick J. Plonski ..... 296-4172

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Mary Hollenbeck ..... 296-6860

## Capital Investment

543 State Office Building ..... 296-4240

**Meets:** Tues., Thurs., 12:30 p.m. in Room 500N\*

**Members:** 17

**Chair:** Kalis-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Trimble-DFL

Bishop-IR	McElroy-IR
Brown-DFL	Ostrom-DFL
Clark-DFL	Rhodes-IR
Davids-IR	Simoneau-DFL
Dawkins-DFL	Skoglund-DFL
Dempsey-IR	Solberg-DFL
Knoblach-IR	Van Dellen-IR
Lieder-DFL	

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Pat Lindgren ..... 296-5398

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Kathleen K. Bruss ..... 296-4271

## Claims

565 State Office Building ..... 296-4265

**Meets:** Call of the chair

**Members:**

**Chair:** Olson, E.-DFL

Dauner-DFL  
Ozment-IR

### Staff

**Committee Administrator/**

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Dorothy M. Sawyer ..... 296-7427

## Commerce, Tourism & Consumer Affairs

563 State Office Building ..... 296-4219

**Meets:** Tues., Thurs., 12:30 p.m. in Room 10\*

**Members:** 28

**Chair:** Sarna-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Hasskamp-DFL

Bradley-IR	Milbert-DFL
Daggett-IR	Mulder-IR
Entenza-DFL	Murphy-DFL
Erhardt-IR	Ness-IR
Farrell-DFL	Pellow-IR
Goodno-IR	Perlt-DFL
Holsten-IR	Peterson-DFL
Jennings-DFL	Pugh-DFL
Kelso-DFL	Rice-DFL
Kinkel-DFL	Smith-IR
Kraus-IR	Swenson, D.-IR
Luther-DFL	Swenson, H.-IR
Lynch-IR	Tomassoni-DFL

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Elizabeth A. Cozatt ..... 296-5318

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Dianne Ruppert ..... 296-4279

## Business Regulation Division

537 State Office Building ..... 296-0518

**Meets:** Mon., Wed., 12:30 p.m. in Room 500N\*

**Members:** 14

**Chair:** Jennings-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Entenza-DFL

Farrell-DFL	Pellow-IR
Holsten-IR	Peterson-DFL
Luther-DFL	Rice-DFL
Milbert-DFL	Sarna-DFL
Mulder-IR	Swenson, D.-IR
Ness-IR	Swenson, H.-IR

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**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Dianne Ruppert ..... 296-4279

## Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulation Finance

381 State Office Building ..... 296-4262

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

**Members:** 14

**Chair:** Rice-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Mahon-DFL

Clark-DFL	Leighton-DFL
Frerichs-IR	Lieder-DFL
Garcia-DFL	Molnau-IR
Harder-IR	Ozment-IR
Johnson, B.-DFL	Wolf-IR
Kalis-DFL	Workman-IR

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Jennifer B. Saliture ..... 297-2869

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Mary Pat Speltz ..... 296-4178



## Transportation Finance Division

517 State Office Building..... 296-5091

**Meets:** Tues., Fri., 8 a.m. in Room 500S\*

**Members:** 10

**Chair:** Lieder-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Garcia-DFL

Clark-DFL	Leighton-DFL
Frerichs-IR	Molnau-IR
Harder-IR	Rice-DFL
Kalis-DFL	Wolf-IR

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Todd Iverson..... 296-5528

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Mary Pat Speltz ..... 296-4178

## Education

379 State Office Building..... 296-4255

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

**Members:** 33

**Chair:** Carlson-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Bertram-DFL

Bettermann-IR	Ness-IR
Dauner-DFL	Olson, M.-IR
Dehler-IR	Opatz-DFL
Dorn-DFL	Orenstein-DFL
Entenza-DFL	Orfield-DFL
Greiling-DFL	Paulsen-IR
Johnson, A.-DFL	Pelowski-DFL
Kelley-DFL	Schumacher-DFL
Kelso-DFL	Seagren-IR
Kinkel-DFL	Swenson, H.-IR
Koppendraye-IR	Sykora-IR
Kraus-IR	Tomassoni-DFL
Leppik-IR	Tuma-IR
Limmer-IR	Tunheim-DFL
Mares-IR	Weaver-IR
Mariani-DFL	

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Nancy K. Conley ..... 296-4374

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Dori Vaughan ..... 296-3367

## K-12 Education Finance Division

539 State Office Building..... 296-5510

**Meets:** Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m. in Room 500N\*

**Members:** 13

**Chair:** Johnson, A.-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Schumacher-DFL

Bertram-DFL	Orfield-DFL
Carlson-DFL	Seagren-IR
Entenza-DFL	Tomassoni-DFL
Koppendraye-IR	Tunheim-DFL
Mares-IR	Weaver-IR
Mariani*-DFL	*Ex-officio member
Ness-IR	

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Ray Frost ..... 296-5508

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Joan M. Sweeney ..... 296-1340

## Higher Education Finance Division

453 State Office Building..... 296-2451

**Meets:** Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m. in Room 400N\*

**Members:** 9

**Chair:** Kinkel-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Pelowski-DFL

Bettermann-IR	Orenstein-DFL
Carlson-DFL	Paulsen-IR
Dehler-IR	Tuma-IR
Dorn-DFL	

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Susan M. Burns ..... 296-4091

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Jan C. Horner ..... 296-5496

## University of Minnesota Finance Division

415 State Office Building..... 296-1072

**Meets:** Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m. in Room 400S\*

**Members:** 9

**Chair:** Kelso-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Opatz-DFL

Carlson-DFL	Limmer-IR
Kelley-DFL	Mariani-DFL
Kraus-IR	Sykora-IR
Leppik-IR	

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Susan M. Burns ..... 296-4091

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Urszula M. Gryska ..... 296-5492

## Environment & Natural Resources

479 State Office Building..... 296-4282

**Meets:** Wed., Fri., 10 a.m. in Room 200\*

**Members:** 24

**Chair:** Munger-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Wagenius-DFL

Bakk-DFL	Leppik-IR
Boudreau-IR	Lindner-IR
Dempsey-IR	McCollum-DFL
Finseth-IR	Milbert-DFL
Garcia-DFL	Orfield-DFL
Haas-IR	Otremba-DFL
Hackbarth-IR	Ozment-IR
Hausman-DFL	Pellow-IR
Jacobs-DFL	Peterson-DFL
Johnson, V.-IR	Trimble-DFL
Leighton-DFL	Tuma-IR

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Elizabeth R. Goehl ..... 296-8879

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Norma S. Christensen ..... 296-7175

## Environment & Natural Resources Finance

597 State Office Building..... 296-4929

**Meets:** Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m. in Bsmnt. Hrg. Rm.\*

**Members:** 14

**Chair:** Brown-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Hausman-DFL

Finseth-IR	Munger-DFL
Hackbarth-IR	Osthoff-DFL
Holsten-IR	Peterson-DFL
Johnson, V.-IR	Sarna-DFL
Larsen-IR	Trimble-DFL
Lynch-IR	Wenzel-DFL

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Scott G. Croonquist ..... 296-7185

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Teri T. Edison ..... 296-7171

## Ethics

565 State Office Building..... 296-4265

**Meets:** Call of the chair

**Members:** 10

**Chair:** Olson, E.-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Smith-IR

Bettermann-IR

Davids-IR

Greiling-DFL

Mahon-DFL

Orenstein-DFL

Pugh-DFL

Van Engen-IR

Workman-IR

McGuire\*-DFL

Tompkins\*-IR

\*Alternates to the Ethics  
Committee

### Staff

**Committee Administrator/  
Committee Legislative Assistant**

Dorothy M. Sawyer ..... 296-7427

## Financial Institutions & Insurance

365 State Office Building..... 296-4331

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

**Members:** 18

**Chair:** Simoneau-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Lourey-DFL

Abrams-IR

Bertram-DFL

Carlson-DFL

Davids-IR

Delmont-DFL

Dorn-DFL

Girard-IR

Greenfield-DFL

Huntley-DFL

Mares-IR

Molnau-IR

Onnen-IR

Ostrom-DFL

Paulsen-IR

Tomassoni-DFL

Worke-IR

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Carol A. Kummer ..... 296-4281

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Paula J. Hoover ..... 296-9194

## General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections

585 State Office Building..... 296-4224

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

**Members:** 18

**Chair:** Osthoff-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Opatz-DFL

Anderson, Bruce-IR

Boudreau-IR

Commers-IR

Davids-IR

Greiling-DFL

Jefferson-DFL

Knight-IR

McCollum-DFL

Munger-DFL

Orfield-DFL

Pawlenty-IR

Pelowski-DFL

Rhodes-IR

Rostberg-IR

Simoneau-DFL

Solberg-DFL

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Virginia E. Lanegran ..... 296-2909

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Kristine M. Henry ..... 296-5342

## Elections Division

577 State Office Building..... 296-8659

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

**Members:** 10

**Chair:** Jefferson-DFL

**Vice Chair:** McCollum-DFL

Anderson, Bruce-IR

Boudreau-IR

Commers-IR

Greiling-DFL

Osthoff-DFL

Pawlenty-IR

Pelowski-DFL

Solberg-DFL

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Virginia Lanegran ..... 296-2909

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Kristine M. Henry ..... 296-5342

## Governmental Operations

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

**Meets:** Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m. in  
Bsmnt. Hrg. Rm.\*

**Members:** 22

**Chair:** Kahn-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Tomassoni-DFL

Anderson, Bruce-IR

Dehler-IR

Dempsey-IR

Dorn-DFL

Farrell-DFL

Greiling-DFL

Jefferson-DFL

Johnson, B.-DFL

Kinkel-DFL

Knight-IR

Knoblach-IR

Mares-IR

Olson, M.-IR

Osskopp-IR

Osthoff-DFL

Pawlenty-IR

Perlt-DFL

Pugh-DFL

Rostberg-IR

Rukavina-DFL

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Jacquelyn B. Rosholt ..... 296-4112

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Judith Richardson ..... 296-7173

## Gambling Division

533 State Office Building..... 296-3248

**Meets:** Fri., 10 a.m. in Room 500N\*

**Members:** 9

**Chair:** Dorn-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Perlt-DFL

Dehler-IR

Kahn-DFL

Knoblach-IR

Mares-IR

Olson, M.-IR

Pugh-DFL

Tomassoni-DFL

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Brad Lehto ..... 296-5367

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Judith Richardson ..... 296-7173

## State Government

### Finance Division

471 State Office Building..... 296-0170

**Meets:** Mon., Wed., 10 a.m. in Room 400S\*

**Members:** 14

**Chair:** Rukavina-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Greiling-DFL

Anderson, Bruce-IR

Farrell-DFL

Jefferson-DFL

Johnson, B.-DFL

Kahn-DFL

Knight-IR

Knoblach-IR

Osskopp-IR

Osthoff-DFL

Pawlenty-IR

Perlt-DFL

Rostberg-IR

### Staff

**Committee Administrator**

Brad Lehto ..... 296-5367

**Committee Legislative Assistant**

Debra M. Fastner ..... 296-8857

## Health & Human Services

437 State Office Building..... 296-4946

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

**Members:** 22

**Chair:** Anderson, Bob-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Wejcman-DFL

Boudreau-IR

Bradley-IR

Cooper-DFL

Delmont-DFL

Greenfield-DFL

Haas-IR

Hasskamp-DFL

Huntley-DFL

Jennings-DFL

Lindner-IR

Lourey-DFL

Marko-DFL

McCollum-DFL

Mulder-IR

Onnen-IR

Otremba-DFL

Tompkins-IR

Van Engen-IR

Vickerman-IR

Worke-IR



### Staff

#### Committee Administrator

Timothy C. Adams ..... 297-1934

#### Committee Legislative Assistant

Barbara A. Klossner ..... 296-9463

## Health & Human Services

### Finance Division

375 State Office Building ..... 296-0173

**Meets:** Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m. in Room 10\*

**Members:** 14

**Chair:** Greenfield-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Otremba-DFL

Anderson, Bob-DFL	Marko-DFL
Boudreau-IR	Mulder-IR
Delmont-DFL	Onnen-IR
Jennings-DFL	Tompkins-IR
Lindner-IR	Vickerman-IR
Lourey-DFL	Wejcman-DFL

### Staff

#### Committee Administrator

Victor A. Thorstenson ..... 296-2317

#### Committee Legislative Assistant

Marguerite Maloney ..... 296-7189

## MinnesotaCare Finance Division

549 State Office Building ..... 296-4346

**Meets:** Tues., Thurs., 8 a.m. in Room 10\*

**Members:** 10

**Chair:** Cooper-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Huntley-DFL

Anderson, Bob-DFL	Lourey-DFL
Bradley-IR	McCollum-DFL
Haas-IR	Van Engen-IR
Hasskamp-DFL	Worke-IR

### Staff

#### Committee Administrator

Victor A. Thorstenson ..... 296-2317

#### Committee Legislative Assistant

Shirley M. Covert ..... 296-5322

## Housing

503 State Office Building ..... 296-0294

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

**Members:** 16

**Chair:** Clark-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Mariani-DFL

Dauner-DFL	Harder-IR
Dawkins-DFL	Kinkel-DFL
Greenfield-DFL	Lindner-IR

McElroy-IR  
Olson, M.-IR  
Seagren-IR  
Skoglund-DFL

Sykora-IR  
Trimble-DFL  
Tuma-IR  
Wejcman-DFL

### Staff

#### Committee Administrator

Cathy A. Strobel ..... 296-1540

#### Committee Legislative Assistant

Kevin J. Morgel ..... 296-6586

## International Trade & Economic Development

559 State Office Building ..... 296-4246

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

**Members:** 20

**Chair:** Jaros-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Hasskamp-DFL

Bakk-DFL	Long-DFL
Girard-IR	Molnau-IR
Hackbarth-IR	Osskopp-IR
Hausman-DFL	Pawlenty-IR
Jefferson-DFL	Rukavina-DFL
Johnson, A.-DFL	Simoneau-DFL
Koppendrayer-IR	Sykora-IR
Larsen-IR	Van Dellen-IR
Leighton-DFL	Wagenius-DFL

### Staff

#### Committee Administrator

Joseph H. Dodge ..... 296-4283

#### Committee Legislative Assistant

Susan J. Maher ..... 296-4180

## Judiciary

477 State Office Building ..... 296-4330

**Meets:** Mon., Wed., 10 a.m. in  
Bsmnt. Hrg. Rm.\*

**Members:** 20

**Chair:** Skoglund-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Pugh-DFL

Bishop-IR	Murphy-DFL
Brown-DFL	Orenstein-DFL
Dawkins-DFL	Pelowski-DFL
Entenza-DFL	Rhodes-IR
Limmer-IR	Seagren-IR
Luther-DFL	Smith-IR
Lynch-IR	Solberg-DFL
Macklin-IR	Swenson, D.-IR
McGuire-DFL	Van Engen-IR

### Staff

#### Committee Administrator

Greg. W. Bergstrom ..... 296-5396

#### Committee Legislative Assistant

Laurie M. Nistl ..... 296-5497

## Judiciary Finance

557 State Office Building ..... 296-2676

**Meets:** Tues., Thurs., 8 a.m. in Room 500N\*

**Members:** 14

**Chair:** Murphy-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Farrell-DFL

Bishop-IR	Pellow-IR
Broecker-IR	Pugh-DFL
Luther-DFL	Skoglund-DFL
Macklin-IR	Smith-IR
McGuire-DFL	Swenson, D.-IR
Olson, E.-DFL	Wejcman-DFL

### Staff

#### Committee Administrator

John P. Curry ..... 296-5533

#### Committee Legislative Assistant

Mary Ann Goschy ..... 296-7191

## Labor-Management Relations

551 State Office Building ..... 296-5516

**Meets:** Mon., 12:30 p.m. in Room 200\*

**Members:** 18

**Chair:** Johnson, B.-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Leighton-DFL

Bakk-DFL	Murphy-DFL
Bettermann-IR	Paulsen-IR
Daggett-IR	Perlt-DFL
Goodno-IR	Rukavina-DFL
Haas-IR	Vickerman-IR
Johnson, A.-DFL	Wenzel-DFL
Mahon-DFL	Wolf-IR
McGuire-DFL	Worke-IR

### Staff

#### Committee Administrator

Mary E. Faust ..... 297-8168

#### Committee Legislative Assistant

Nancy K. Anderson ..... 296-1544

## Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

591 State Office Building ..... 296-0171

**Meets:** Tues., Thurs., 12:30 p.m. in Room 200\*

**Members:** 22

**Chair:** Long-DFL

**Vice Chair:** McGuire-DFL

Bertram-DFL	Johnson, V.-IR
Broecker-IR	Kelley-DFL
Finseth-IR	Krinkie-IR
Garcia-DFL	Larsen-IR

Mahon-DFL  
Mariani-DFL  
Opatz-DFL  
Orfield-DFL  
Osskopp-IR  
Otremba-DFL

Rostberg-IR  
Schumacher-DFL  
Tompkins-IR  
Weaver-IR  
Wenzel-DFL  
Worke-IR

#### Staff

##### Committee Administrator

John Skare ..... 296-8880

##### Committee Legislative Assistant

Elizabeth L. Murphey ..... 296-5402

## Regulated Industries & Energy

485 State Office Building ..... 296-4231

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

**Members:** 20

**Chair:** Jacobs-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Kelley-DFL

Anderson, Bob-DFL	Mahon-DFL
Delmont-DFL	Olson, E.-DFL
Dempsey-IR	Olson, M.-IR
Erhardt-IR	Onnen-IR
Hausman-DFL	Ozment-IR
Holsten-IR	Tunheim-DFL
Huntley-DFL	Vickerman-IR
Jennings-DFL	Wolf-IR
Kelso-DFL	Workman-IR

#### Staff

##### Committee Administrator

Grania E. McKiernan ..... 296-8826

##### Committee Legislative Assistant

Laura M. DeRose ..... 296-2955

## Rules & Legislative Administration

459 State Office Building ..... 296-3709

**Meets:** Call of the chair

**Members:** 17

**Chair:** Carruthers-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Lynch-IR

Abrams-IR	Pawlenty-IR
Anderson, I.-DFL	Rest-DFL
Bettermann-IR	Sarna-DFL
Delmont-DFL	Sviggum-IR
Jacobs-DFL	Trimble-DFL
Koppendrayer-IR	Weaver-IR
McCollum-DFL	Winter-DFL
Munger-DFL	

#### Staff

##### Committee Administrator

Todd B. Rapp ..... 296-1023

##### Committee Legislative Assistant

Mary Ellen Langenberger ..... 296-5356

## Taxes

443 State Office Building ..... 296-4176

**Meets:** Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m. and Fri., 8 a.m. in Room 200\*

**Members:** 25

**Chair:** Rest-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Dawkins-DFL

Abrams-IR	Jaros-DFL
Anderson, I.-DFL	Krinkie-IR
Bakk-DFL	Long-DFL
Carruthers-DFL	Macklin-IR
Commers-IR	Milbert-DFL
Daggett-IR	Olson, E.-DFL
Dauner-DFL	Ostrom-DFL
Erhardt-IR	Sviggum-IR
Girard-IR	Van Dellen-IR
Goodno-IR	Wagenius-DFL
Hugoson-IR	Winter-DFL
Jacobs-DFL	

#### Staff

##### Committee Administrator

P. Joshua Downham ..... 296-8875

##### Committee Legislative Assistant

Lillian A. Pohlkamp ..... 296-9552

## Property Tax & Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Division

407 State Office Building ..... 296-5505

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

**Members:** 13

**Chair:** Winter-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Dauner-DFL

Abrams-IR	Long-DFL
Anderson, I.-DFL	Macklin-IR
Daggett-IR	Olson, E.-DFL
Girard-IR	Ostrom-DFL
Goodno-IR	Rest-DFL
Jacobs-DFL	

#### Staff

##### Committee Administrator

Robert D. DeBoer ..... 296-5376

##### Committee Legislative Assistant

Lillian A. Pohlkamp ..... 296-9552

## Sales & Income Tax Division

579 State Office Building ..... 296-4192

**Meets:** Mon., Wed., 8 a.m. in Room 500S\*

**Members:** 13

**Chair:** Milbert-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Bakk-DFL

Carruthers-DFL  
Commers-IR  
Dawkins-DFL  
Erhardt-IR  
Hugoson-IR  
Jaros-DFL

Krinkie-IR  
Rest-DFL  
Sviggum-IR  
Van Dellen-IR  
Wagenius-DFL

#### Staff

##### Committee Administrator

Robert D. DeBoer ..... 296-5376

##### Committee Legislative Assistant

Lillian A. Pohlkamp ..... 296-9552

## Transportation & Transit

509 State Office Building ..... 296-9635

**Meets:** Wed., 12:30 p.m. & Fri., 10 a.m. in Room 10\*

**Members:** 22

**Chair:** Tunheim-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Marko-DFL

Bradley-IR	Mahon-DFL
Broecker-IR	Mariani-DFL
Cooper-DFL	McElroy-IR
Frerichs-IR	Osthoff-DFL
Hugoson-IR	Rhodes-IR
Kalis-DFL	Schumacher-DFL
Kelso-DFL	Tompkins-IR
Knight-IR	Wagenius-DFL
Krinkie-IR	Winter-DFL
Lieder-DFL	Workman-IR

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##### Committee Administrator

Lois J. Knutson ..... 296-8893

##### Committee Legislative Assistant

Barbara Moehrle ..... 296-4171

## Ways & Means

445 State Office Building ..... 296-2365

**Meets:** Call of the chair

**Members:** 20

**Chair:** Solberg-DFL

**Vice Chair:** Luther-DFL

Abrams-IR	Kahn-DFL
Anderson, Bob-DFL	Kalis-DFL
Anderson, I.-DFL	Krinkie-IR
Bishop-IR	Orenstein-DFL
Brown-DFL	Ozment-IR
Carlson-DFL	Rest-DFL
Carruthers-DFL	Rice-DFL
Frerichs-IR	Sviggum-IR
Girard-IR	Weaver-IR

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Dan Kane ..... 296-6970

##### Committee Legislative Assistant

Maxine J. Wiech ..... 296-4371



## **Government Efficiency & Oversight Division**

529 State Office Building ..... 296-4199

Meets: Call of the chair

Members: 14

Chair: Orenstein-DFL

Vice Chair: Delmont-DFL

Abrams-IR  
Brown-DFL  
Davids-IR  
Entenza-DFL  
Girard-IR  
Krinkie-IR

Marko-DFL  
Opatz-DFL  
Ozment-IR  
Rukavina-DFL  
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# **Finance Committees and Divisions**

*Departments, agencies and programs are listed under the finance committee or division that will consider their funding this session.*

## **State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

Administrative Hearings Office  
Department of Administration  
Amateur Sports Commission  
Attorney General  
CAAPB Board  
Contingent Accounts  
Disabled American Vets  
Department of Employee Relations  
Department of Finance  
Governor and Lt. Governor  
Department of Human Rights  
Investment Board  
Legislative Commissions  
Legislature  
Lawful Gambling Control Board  
Lottery Board  
Department of Military Affairs  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning  
PERA  
Racing Commission  
Department of Revenue  
Salary Supplement  
State Auditor  
Tort Claims  
Treasurer  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans of Foreign Wars

## **Health & Human Services Finance Division/**

### **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Council on Disabilities  
Department of Health  
Health Boards  
Department of Human Services  
Ombudsman for Families  
Ombudsman for Mental Health & Mental Retardation  
Veterans Homes

## **MinnesotaCare Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

MinnesotaCare

## **ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE**

Academy of Science  
Department of Agriculture  
Ag. Utilization Research Institute  
Board of Animal Health  
Ethanol Development  
Environmental Assistance Office  
Hazardous Substances Injury Compensation Board  
Horticultural Society  
LCMR  
Mn-Wisc. Boundary Commission  
Minnesota Zoo  
Department of Natural Resources  
Pollution Control Agency  
Science Museum  
Water and Soil Resources  
Voyagers National Park

## **K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION**

Center for Arts Education  
Department of Education  
Education Finance (School Aids)  
Permanent School Fund  
Public Libraries  
Faribault Academies

## **Higher Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION**

Community Colleges  
Higher Education Board  
Higher Ed. Coordinating Board  
Higher Ed. Facilities Authority  
State University System  
Technical Colleges

## **University of Minnesota Finance Division/EDUCATION**

Mayo Medical School  
University of Minnesota

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE**

Arts Board  
Department of Commerce  
Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans  
Council on Black Minnesotans

Council on Spanish Speaking Affairs  
Department of Economic Security  
Ethical Practices Board  
Historical Society  
Housing Finance Agency  
Humanities Commission  
Indian Affairs Council  
IRRRB  
Department of Labor and Industry  
Labor Interpretive Center  
Mediation Services  
Minnesota Municipal Board  
Minnesota Technology Inc.  
Non-Health Boards  
Department of Public Service  
Public Utilities Commission  
Safety Council  
Secretary of State  
Department of Trade & Economic Development  
Uniform Laws Commission  
Workers Compensation Court  
World Trade Center

## **Transportation Finance Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATION FINANCE**

Met. Council Transit Operations  
Department of Public Safety (transp. issues)  
Department of Transportation  
Transportation Regulation Board

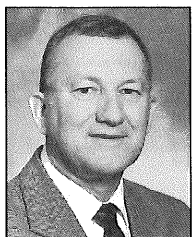
## **JUDICIARY FINANCE**

Board of Judicial Standards  
Department of Corrections  
Court of Appeals  
District Courts  
Ombudsman for Corrections  
Peace Officer Standards & Training Bd.  
Private Detectives Board  
Public Defense Board  
Department of Public Safety (including the BCA)  
Sentencing Guidelines Commission  
Supreme Court  
Tax Court

New members . . .

## 'Political life' came unexpectedly for former White Bear mayor

The Legislature and its players will offer newly elected Rep. Harry Mares the perfect setting to apply all sorts of psychological theories.



Rep. Harry Mares

For years he has taught White Bear Lake High School students social psychology — the study of how the attitudes, motivations, and behavior of an individual influence, and are influenced by, groups.

"It'll be an interesting study," the first-term Independent-Republican from White Bear Lake said.

The 56-year-old football and gymnastics coach evolved into political life.

He was born and raised in Racine, Wis., one of seven children. "The first two boys were named Tom and Dick. My father named the boys. Then I came along and he had to name me Harry."

He began teaching in Rochester, Minn., then taught in California for a while. He returned to Minnesota to teach in White Bear Lake in 1966.

While his first wife was pregnant with their fourth child, it was discovered she had cancer. She died in 1975 and Mares later married a high school friend who was widowed and had three children of her own.

"All I can say is my wife is a saint," he said, explaining that at one time she was raising seven children under the age of nine.

The family was united by its size. Mares fondly remembers Sundays when he and his wife would line up the kids, cut their nails, and wash their hair. One of his children has cystic fibrosis, and it took a family effort to take care of her.

With the kids pretty much grown in 1985, Mares was looking for a change and an announcement in the White Bear Press caught his eye — the city was looking for volunteers to serve on policy committees.

That's where it all started and his political career has quickly snowballed.

In January 1986, he was appointed to the White Bear Lake Planning Commission. "I had no idea of political life," he said.

In November 1989, he was appointed to an uncompleted term on the White Bear Lake City Council. In March 1990, he won a full council term. In March 1991, he was elected mayor with 70 percent of the vote.

In November 1993, he was elected mayor again. "There were only seven votes against me and five of them were for Barney," he said.

"I was happy as mayor, but this opportunity presented itself," Mares said, referring to his House campaign. "I never intended to be on the council. I never intended to be mayor. I never intended [to be in] the Legislature."

"I don't know if anything prepares you for the Legislature." But, he added: "I'm glad for the experience I've had at the local government level."

Mares' legislative agenda will focus on his areas of expertise: education and local government.

"Education is a big item on my agenda. . . . We've asked the school to assume a lot of responsibility in the social issues. . . . The question has to be asked: 'What role do we want education to play?'"

If it is to be a social institution, then define its social roles and assign it a proper budget. If it is to be an educational institution, then define that and fund it properly."

If he gets his wish, he will sponsor and pass a bill in his first term to eliminate unfunded mandates imposed by state government on school districts. Those are programs and services state government requires school districts to offer but doesn't fund. He already has introduced a bill on the topic this session.

On state funding for local governments, Mares said he understands local governments are a target. Many, he said, are run efficiently, but some are not.

Local governments need to share resources, plan ahead, set goals, and save for the future. As mayor of White Bear Lake, he developed a strategic plan before drafting a budget, the priorities of which were outlined by 35 citizens and leaders in the community.

"My local government experience should be a big help as a legislator. 'I've been there,' Mares said.

—K. Darcy Hanzlik

### District 55A

**Population:** 32,921

**Distribution:** 98.44 percent urban; 1.56 percent rural

**Counties:** Ramsey, Washington

**Largest city:** White Bear Lake

**Location:** northeastern Metro

**Unemployment rate:** 3.26 percent

**Residents living below poverty level:** 4.26 percent

**1992 presidential election results:**

Bush/Quayle ..... 30.88 percent

Clinton/Gore ..... 43 percent

Perot/Stockdale ..... 25.12 percent

Other: ..... 1 percent

## Do you know?

It's true lawmakers sometimes need a break after some particularly hectic legislative sessions. Fifty-five years, however, is a little extreme.

That's what Thomas Smullen, a former lawmaker from Le Sueur County, took between his terms in the Legislature.

When Smullen began in the Minnesota House in 1875, the state was still a teenager — railroads had expanded rapidly, farms numbered 46,500, and lumber and flour mills were big employers.

Smullen left only to return about 55 years later, serving in the Senate during the 1931 and 1933 sessions, an era of the Great Depression. At the time there were multiple Minnesota bank failures, farm prices were in a slump, and 70 percent of Minnesota iron range workers were without jobs.

Smullen was born in New York City on April 14, 1852, and came to Le Sueur County in 1863, according to the *Minnesota Legislative Manual*. He was 22 when he began his legislative career and when he returned, 78.

It is unclear why Smullen left the Legislature after 1875, but he did continue his work in government. Over a period of 20 years, he was mayor of Le Sueur, registrar of deeds, and city assessor. He was a municipal judge for 12 years. He also was deputy bank examiner under Gov. John A. Johnson, and during World War I, a county food administrator and county director of the public safety commission.



Thomas Smullen



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## 1995 Minnesota House of Representatives

Abrams, Ron		Jefferson, Richard H.		Osskopp, Mike	(OZ-cop)
Anderson, Bob		Jennings, Loren		Osthoff, Tom	(AHST-hoff)
Anderson, Bruce		Johnson, Alice M.		Ostrom, Don	(OH-strom)
Anderson, Irv		Johnson, Bob		Otremba, Ken	(oh-TREM-ba)
Bakk, Thomas	(BOCK)	Johnson, Virgil J.		Ozment, Dennis	(AHZ-ment)
Bertram, Jeff		Kahn, Phyllis		Paulsen, Erik	
Bettermann, Hilda		Kalis, Henry J.	(KAH-liss)	Pawlenty, Tim	(paw-LENTY)
Bishop, Dave		Kelley, Steve		Pellow, Richard	
Boudreau, Lynda	(Boo-DROH)	Kelso, Becky		Pelowski Jr., Gene	
Bradley, Fran		Kinkel, Anthony G. "Tony"		Perlt, Walter E.	
Broecker, Sherry	(BRO-ker)	Knight, Kevin		Peterson, Doug	
Brown, Chuck		Knoblach, Jim	(NOB-lock)	Pugh, Thomas	(PEW)
Carlson, Lyndon R.		Koppendraye, LeRoy	(COPE-en-dryer)	Rest, Ann H.	
Carruthers, Phil	(ka-RUH-thers)	Kraus, Ron	(CROUSE)	Rhodes, Jim	
Clark, Karen		Krinkie, Phil		Rice, James I.	
Commers, Tim	(COMM-erz)	Larsen, Peg		Rostberg, Jim	
Cooper, Roger		Leighton Jr., Robert	(LAY-ton)	Rukavina, Tom	(roo-ka-VEENA)
Daggett, Roxann	(DAG-et)	Leppik, Peggy		Sarna, John J.	
Dauner, Marvin	(DOWN-er)	Lieder, Bernie	(LEED-er)	Schumacher, Leslie	(SHOE-mocker)
Dauids, Gregory M.		Limmer, Warren		Seagren, Alice	
Dawkins, Andy		Lindner, Arlon		Simoneau, Wayne	(SIM-en-oh)
Dehler, Steve	(DAY-ler)	Long, Dee		Skoglund, Wesley J. "Wes"	(SKOHG-lund)
Delmont, Mike		Lourey, Becky	(LOR-ee)	Smith, Steve	
Dempsey, Jerry		Luther, Darlene		Solberg, Loren	
Dorn, John		Lynch, Teresa		Sviggum, Steven A.	(SWIG-um)
Entenza, Matt		Macklin, Bill		Swenson, Doug	
Erhardt, Ron	(AIR-hart)	Mahon, Mark P.	(MAY-on)	Swenson, Howard	
Farrell, Jim		Mares, Harry	(MAIRS)	Sykora, Barbara	(sick-OR-ah)
Finseth, Tim		Mariani, Carlos	(mar-ee-ON-ee)	Tomassoni, David	(tom-a-SONY)
Frerichs, Don L.	(FRAIR-icks)	Marko, Sharon		Tompkins, Eileen	
Garcia, Edwina	(gar-SEE-a)	McCollum, Betty	(mah-CALL-um)	Trimble, Steve	
Girard, Jim		McElroy, Dan	(MACK-el-roy)	Tuma, John	
Goodno, Kevin		McGuire, Mary Jo		Tunheim, Jim	(TON-hyme)
Greenfield, Lee		Milbert, Bob		Van Dellen, H. Todd	
Greiling, Mindy	(GRY-ling)	Molnau, Carol	(MOLE-now)	Van Engen, Tom	
Haas, Bill	(HAHZ)	Mulder, Richard		Vickerman, Barb	
Hackbarth, Tom		Munger, Willard	(MUNG-er)	Wagenius, Jean	(wa-GEEN-yus)
Harder, Elaine		Murphy, Mary		Weaver, Charlie	
Hasskamp, Kris		Ness, Robert "Bob"		Wejzman, Linda	(WAITS-man)
Hausman, Alice		Olson, Edgar		Wenzel, Stephen G.	(WEN-zel)
Holsten, Mark		Olson, Mark		Winter, Ted	
Hugoson, Gene	(HUE-go-son)	Onnen, Tony	(AH-nen)	Wolf, Ken	
Huntley, Thomas		Opatz, Joe	(OH-patz)	Worke, Gary D.	(WORK-ee)
Jacobs, Joel		Orenstein, Howard	(OR-en-steen)	Workman, Tom	
Jaros, Mike	(Yahr-ohs)	Orfield, Myron			

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## 1995 Minnesota Senate

Anderson, Ellen R.	Kelly, Randy C.	Ourada, Mark	(or-AHD-a)
Beckman, Tracy L.	Kiscaden, Sheila M.	Pappas, Sandra L.	
Belanger, William V., Jr. (be-LAN-jer)	Kleis, Dave	Pariseau, Pat	(PARIS-oh)
Berg, Charles A.	Knutson, David L.	Piper, Pat	
Berglin, Linda	Kramer, Donald L.	Pogemiller, Lawrence J.	(PO-ga-miller)
Bertram, Joe, Sr.	Krentz, Jane	Price, Leonard R.	
Betzold, Don	Kroening, Carl W.	Ranum, Jane B.	(RAN-um)
Chandler, Kevin M.	Laidig, Gary W.	Reichgott Junge, Ember	(RYSH-got YOUNG)
Chmielewski, Florian (shim-a-LES-kee)	Langseth, Keith	Riveness, Phil J.	(RIV-ness)
Cohen, Richard J.	Larson, Cal	Robertson, Martha R.	
Day, Dick	Lesewski, Arlene J.	Runbeck, Linda	
Dille, Steve (DILL)	Lessard, Bob	Sams, Dallas	
Finn, Harold R. "Skip"	Marty, John	Samuelson, Don	
Flynn, Carol	Merriam, Gene	Scheevel, Kenric J.	(SKAY-vel)
Frederickson, Dennis R.	Metzen, James P.	Solon, Sam G.	(SOH-lun)
Hanson, Paula E.	Moe, Roger D.	Spear, Allan H.	
Hottinger, John C. (HOT-in-jer)	Mondale, Ted A.	Stevens, Dan	
Janezich, Jerry R. (JAN-a-zitch)	Morse, Steven	Stumpf, LeRoy A.	(STUMF)
Johnson, Dean E.	Murphy, Steve L.	Terwilliger, Roy W.	(ter-WILL-i-ger)
Johnson, Douglas J.	Neuville, Thomas M. (NEH-vill)	Vickerman, Jim	
Johnson, Janet B.	Novak, Steven G.	Wiener, Deanna	(WINE-er)
Johnston, Terry D.	Oliver, Edward C.		
	Olson, Gen		



**Q. Is there a legislative "Blue Book" available? What is in it? Where and how do I get one?**

**A.** *The Minnesota Legislative Manual*, more commonly called the "Blue Book," is prepared and published by the Office of the Secretary of State every two years. The book contains a brief history of the state, the state constitution, a photographic directory of the Legislature, maps of legislative districts, directories of the executive and judicial branches of state government, returns of primary and general elections, and other information regarding state government. Copies are published about six months after the beginning of the new legislative session.

To obtain a free copy, call 296-2805 or mail your request to: Office of the Secretary of State, 180 State Office Building, 100 Constitution Ave., St. Paul, MN, 55155-1299. Each lawmaker is furnished with a supply of Blue Books, so you also may contact your local lawmaker for a copy.

Separate from the Blue Book is the *Official Directory of the Minnesota Legislature*, more commonly called the "Red Book," and the *Members Directory*, more commonly called the "Green Book," both of which are published by the House Public Information Office.

The Green Book is published early in the first session of the biennium, but not before committee assignments are finalized. This sometimes doesn't occur until two or three weeks after the opening day of the session.

The Green Book includes House and Senate members' names, addresses, phone numbers, biographies, and pho-

tos, as well as information about House and Senate offices, committee schedules, committee assignments, state constitutional officers, and U.S. congressional representatives.

The Red Book is published in the middle of the first session of the biennium. It includes the contents of the Green Book with all necessary updates, as well as information about commissions, House and Senate rules, constitutional and statutory provisions, and other relevant information.

This book cannot be published until the rules in both the House and Senate are adopted; in the past, late assignments to joint legislative commissions have also delayed publication of the book. In 1993, the Senate did not approve its rules until May.

To obtain a copy of either the Green Book or the Red Book call the House Public Information Office at 296-2146.

# Bill Introductions

HF21-HF70

**HF21—Milbert (DFL)**

**Taxes**

Property tax levy increase reverse referendum allowed in counties and certain cities.

**HF22—Anderson, I. (DFL)**

**Rules & Legislative Administration**

Tenth Amendment; Conference of States memorialized to convene Council of State Governments to restore balance to federal system.

**HF23—Delmont (DFL)**

**Ways & Means**

Public contracts for consultant, professional, and technical services reported to House Ways and Means and Senate Finance committees.

**HF24—Solberg (DFL)**

**Financial Institutions & Insurance**

Homeowner's insurance claim prompt payment required.

**HF25—Johnson, A. (DFL)**

**Education**

Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 appropriation caps repealed.

**HF26—Anderson, I. (DFL)**

**Regulated Industries & Energy**

International Falls authorized to issue temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license for sales on property owned by a school district.

**HF27—Anderson, I. (DFL)**

**Transportation & Transit**

Areawide transportation partnerships or other regional entities created by the commissioner of transportation bound by open meeting law.

**HF28—Dauner (DFL)**

**Education**

Independent School District No. 548, Pelican Rapids, authorized to transfer funds from general fund to capital expenditure fund.

**HF29—Tunheim (DFL)**

**Transportation & Transit**

Recreational vehicle combination sunset provision repealed.

**HF30—Vickerman (IR)**

**Agriculture**

Wholesale food handler license fees changed.

**HF31—Munger (DFL)**

**Environment & Natural Resources**

Legislative Electric Energy Task Force initial report deadline extension provided.

**HF32—Jaros (DFL)**

**Judiciary**

Retired court administrators authorized to solemnize marriages.

**HF33—Dawkins (DFL)**

**Health & Human Services**

Neuroleptic medication administration and prescription provisions modified.

**HF34—Pawlenty (IR)**

**Judiciary**

Controlled substance offender sentencing court adjudication stay authority limited.

**HF35—Weaver (IR)**

**Transportation & Transit**

Commercial motor vehicle limited license issuance restricted for persons having committed certain offenses with private vehicles.

**HF36—Weaver (IR)**

**Judiciary**

Minnesota manager background check act adopted.

**HF37—Lourey (DFL)**

**Local Government & Metro Affairs**

Glen or Kimberly in Aitkin county allowed alternate annual meeting day.

**HF38—Johnson, V. (IR)**

**Taxes**

Veterinarians exempted from sales tax for horse and agricultural production animal care material purchases.

**HF39—Jacobs (DFL)**

**Education**

Interactive television revenue availability extended to school districts in economic development region eleven.

**HF40—Erhardt (IR)**

**Labor-Management Relations**

Workers' compensation benefits and procedures modified, and penalties provided.

**HF41—Limmer (IR)**

**Health & Human Services**

Human services public assistance eligibility provisions modified, work first program detailed and established, and money appropriated.

**HF42—Worke (IR)**

**Health & Human Services**

Human services public assistance eligibility provisions modified, work first program detailed and established, and money appropriated.

**HF43—Van Dellen (IR)**

**Health & Human Services**

Human services public assistance eligibility provisions modified, work first program detailed and established, and money appropriated.

**HF44—Ness (IR)**

**Health & Human Services**

Human services public assistance eligibility provisions modified, work first program detailed and established, and money appropriated.

**HF45—Rest (DFL)**

**Taxes**

Technical tax corrections bill, providing clarification and administrative changes.

**HF46—Perlt (DFL)**

**Commerce & Consumer Affairs**

Motor vehicle lease security deposit interest prompt payment required, and remedies provided.

**HF47—Wagenius (DFL)**

**Taxes**

Solid waste generator assessment provisions modified and terminology clarified.

**HF48—Bertram (DFL)**

**Taxes**

Firefighter state aid funding increase provided.

**HF49—Bertram (DFL)**

**Regulated Industries and Energy**

Stearns County authorized to issue an intoxicating liquor license in Farming Township.

**HF50—Schumacher (DFL)**

**Health & Human Services**

Geographic nursing home group modification provided for determination of facility reimbursement rates.



**HF51—Johnson, R. (DFL)**  
**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**  
Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Training Center non-state cost financing by local governments authorized.

**HF52—Bertram (DFL)**  
**Transportation & Transit**  
Drivers' license and state identification card holders allowed to wear headwear in drivers' license and identification card photographs in certain cases.

**HF53—Lourey (DFL)**  
**Judiciary**  
Grandparent and great-grandparent visitation rights expanded.

**HF54—Bakk (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Constitutional officers to assert the state's ownership and control over certain waters and public lands.

**HF55—Molnau (IR)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Motor vehicle temporary registration provided for the purpose of emissions inspections.

**HF56—Swenson, H. (IR)**  
**Education**  
School district noncompliance with unfunded state program mandates authorized.

**HF57—Onnen (IR)**  
**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**  
Cemetery maintenance employment relationship and local government liability provisions specified.

**HF58—Simoneau (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Motor vehicle emission inspection requirement waived for newer vehicles.

**HF59—Bertram (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Used farm machinery sales tax exemption extended permanently.

**HF60—Osthoff (DFL)**  
**Gen Legislation, Veterans Affairs, & Elections**  
School board election transition schedule error corrected.

**HF61—Onnen (IR)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Long-term care localization advisory commission established, and report and plan required.

**HF62—Onnen (IR)**  
**Rules & Legislative Administration**  
Unicameral legislature provided, and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF63—Schumacher (DFL)**  
**Education**  
Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake, provided capital loan and bond issuance, and money appropriated.

**HF64—Koppendrayner (IR)**  
**Rules & Legislative Administration**  
Term limits; legislative and executive service limited and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF65—Luther (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Dependent care income tax credit provisions modified.

**HF66—Cooper (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Licensed professional counseling board established, licensure requirements specified, rules and penalties provided, and money appropriated.

**HF67—Peterson (DFL)**  
**General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, & Elections**  
National Guard member honor guard service compensation program established, and money appropriated.

**HF68—Simoneau (DFL)**  
**Financial Institutions & Insurance**  
Group life insurance policy proceeds alternative payment methods required.

**HF69—Kelso (DFL)**  
**Labor-Management Relations**  
Workers' compensation insurance regulation and benefits modified, and money appropriated.

**HF70—Hausman (DFL)**  
**Rules & Legislative Administration**  
Unicameral legislature provided, and constitutional amendment proposed.



The state can't build its new 800-bed prison on the selected site in Braham, Minn., because the soil there isn't solid enough to support such a massive structure, Jim Bruton, deputy commissioner of institutions for the Minnesota Department of Corrections, told Judiciary Committee members Jan. 11.

Bruton explained that other sites in Braham are now being explored. As a backup, however, soil samples are being taken from a site in Rush City, which was the state's number two choice for the prison, and in St. Cloud, which ranked third.

The prison is scheduled to open in the year 2000, Bruton said.

Minnesota telephone customers are paying an extra dime per month — in addition to the standard 14 cent-per-month 911 service fee — to help blanket the state with "enhanced" 911 service. The surcharge was authorized by the 1994 Legislature.

Enhanced 911 technology displays a caller's phone number, location, and closest ambulance location on a dispatcher's computer screen.

Jim Beutelspacher, 911 product manager for the state Department of Administration's Telecommunications Division, explained to members of the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee Jan. 9 that approximately 77 percent of the state now has enhanced 911 service.

Cellular phone customers are exempted from the additional 10 cent surcharge. It seems only fair, since "the technology doesn't exist" to provide enhanced 911 service to cellular phones, Beutelspacher said.

Minnesota's prison population is booming, Jim Bruton, deputy commissioner of institutions for the Minnesota Department of Corrections, told members of the House Judiciary Committee Jan. 11.

As of Jan. 9, the state prison population stood at 4,452.

Today, the Minnesota Correctional Facility at Stillwater holds 1,372 inmates. That's 200 more prisoners than were in the entire Minnesota state prison system in 1974.

Even though the growth is significant, the problem is an enviable one for many other states. In California, where the general population is about seven times that of Minnesota's, the prison population is 125,000 — more than 28 times that of Minnesota's.

Thirty-nine states are under federal order to expand prison space due to overcrowding and other reasons. Minnesota is not among them.

Coming Up Next Week . . . Jan. 16 - 20, 1995

# Committee Schedule

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

## MONDAY, Jan. 16

Holiday. No committee meetings scheduled.

## TUESDAY, Jan. 17

8 a.m.

### EDUCATION

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

**Agenda:** House Research report on charter schools. Discussion of Price of Government Act.

### JUDICIARY FINANCE

500N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

**Agenda:** Continuation of Jan. 12 agenda. Challenges of the Judiciary Finance Committee and effects of the federal crime bill, Gary Karger, fiscal analyst. Synopsis of interim and forthcoming reports, Emily Shapiro, House Research; Gary Karger, fiscal analyst. Summary of criminal justice bonding issues, Alan Hopeman, House Research.

### Transportation Finance Division/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

500S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Bernie Lieder

**Agenda:** Department of Public Safety, Driver and Vehicle Services.

8:30 a.m.

### ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Chuck Brown

**Agenda:** Presentation of the 1994 MPCA Annual Performance Report, Ann Glumac, deputy commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

### MinnesotaCare Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Roger Cooper

**Agenda:** Functions of the Department of Health and the Office of Rural Health in health care reform.

10 a.m.

### GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

**Agenda:** Introduction to gambling issues including a historical perspective of the subject, John Williams, House Research. Agency heads will be introduced.

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson

**Agenda:** HF1 (Anderson, R.) - Relating to welfare reform. Public testimony.

### TAXES

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ann H. Rest

**Agenda:** HFXXX (Rest) - Technical bill.

HFXXX (Wagenius) Solid waste generator assessment statute clarification.

12:30 p.m.

### CAPITAL INVESTMENT

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

**Agenda:** Follow-up of 1994 bonding bill directives, Alan Hopeman, House Research; Greg Crowe, fiscal analyst.

### COMMERCE, TOURISM & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

**Agenda:** Presentation from James Ulland, commissioner, Department of Commerce.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Dee Long

**Agenda:** Presentations by the League of Minnesota Cities, the Minnesota Association of Small Cities, and the Minnesota Association of Townships.

2:30 p.m.

The House meets in Session.

4 p.m.

Ramsey County Delegation

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mary Jo McGuire

**Agenda:** Election of delegation chair. 1995 county agenda.

7:30 p.m.

### Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

**Agenda:** Review corrected December 1994 revenue forecast involving Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund and Minnesota Future Resources Fund. Consider approval of LCMR 1995 recommendations for appropriation language as drafted and with changes offered by staff. Consider approval of Planning and Design portion of Minnesota Legislature, 1994, Chapter 643, Section 34, Subdivision 28(h).

## WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18

8 a.m.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

**Agenda:** Humanities Commission. Boxing Board. Barbers Board.

### ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

Tour

Chrs. Reps. Willard Munger, Chuck Brown

**Agenda:** Tour of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Bus will leave at 8 a.m. from in front of the State Capitol and will return to the State Office Building at 11:15 a.m.

**Higher Education Finance Division/  
EDUCATION**

300S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Tony Kinkel

**Agenda:** Presentations by faculty unions: Inter-faculty Organization (IFO); Minnesota Community College Faculty Association (MCCFA); United Technical College Employees (UTCE).

**K-12 Education Finance Division/  
EDUCATION**

500N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Alice Johnson

**Agenda:** Department of Education performance measures.

8:30 a.m.

**Health & Human Services Finance Division/  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

**Agenda:** Family Assistance Program review, Department of Human Services.

10 a.m.

**JUDICIARY**

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

**Agenda:** Criminal justice computer systems update, Dale Good, director, Informational Systems, Minnesota Supreme Court.

**State Government Finance Division/  
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

400S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Tom Rukavina

**Agenda:** Performance report reviews from Finance Department and Military Affairs.

11:30 a.m.

The House meets in Session.

11:45 a.m.

State of the State Address.

2 p.m.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson

**Agenda:** HF1 (Anderson, R.) - Relating to welfare reform. Public testimony.

2:30 p.m.

**AGRICULTURE**

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

**Agenda:** History of Minnesota Department of Agriculture and statutory authority of department, Sam Rankin, House Research. Minnesota Department of Agriculture budget, Jim Reinholdz, House fiscal analyst.

4 p.m.

**University of Minnesota Finance/  
EDUCATION**

300S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Becky Kelso

**Agenda:** University 2000 Initiative, overview and progress report.

**THURSDAY, Jan. 19**

8 a.m.

**EDUCATION**

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

**Agenda:** Report of Coalition on Education Reform and Accountability.

**JUDICIARY FINANCE**

500N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

**Agenda:** Unresolved budget issues from 1994, Gary Karger, fiscal analyst; Governors representative; Department of Finance. Public testimony. Reports on 93-94 initiatives.

**Transportation Finance Division/  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
INFRASTRUCTURE &  
REGULATION FINANCE**

500S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Bernie Lieder

**Agenda:** Department of Public Safety: Traffic Safety Division; Pipeline Safety.

8:30 a.m.

**ENVIRONMENT &  
NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE**

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Chuck Brown

**Agenda:** 1994 Department of Natural Resources Annual Performance Report, Ron Nargang, deputy commissioner.

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**MinnesotaCare Division/  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Roger Cooper

**Agenda:** MinnesotaCare and its effect on private sector purchasers of health care services.

10 a.m.

**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

**Agenda:** Presentations by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, Legislative Commission on Employee Relations, Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules, and Legislative Audit Commission.

**Joint HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES and  
Property Tax & Tax Increment Financing  
Division/TAXES**

5 State Office Building

Chrs. Reps. Bob Anderson, Ted Winter

**Agenda:** Pat Dalton, House Research. Jane Rankin, House Research. Interactive testimony from Duluth area residents. Interactive testimony from Fergus Falls area residents.

12:30 p.m.

**CAPITAL INVESTMENT**

500N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

**Agenda:** Orientation for new committee members.

**COMMERCE, TOURISM &  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. John Sarna

**Agenda:** To be announced.

**Elections Division/  
GENERAL LEGISLATION,  
VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS**

300N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Richard Jefferson

**Agenda:** Election law, Joe Mansky, Office of the Secretary of State.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Dee Long

**Agenda:** Presentations by the Minnesota Association of Counties; Association of Metropolitan Municipalities; Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities.



2:30 p.m.

The House meets in Session.

After Session

#### RULES &

#### LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

400N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers

**Agenda:** Organizational meeting. Other business.

**FRIDAY, Jan. 20**

8 a.m.

#### Joint Higher Education Finance Division & University of Minnesota Finance Division/ EDUCATION

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chrs. Reps. Tony Kinkel, Becky Kelso

**Agenda:** Overview of the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB). Report on the future HECB.

#### K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Alice Johnson

**Agenda:** Discussion of school food service funding.

10 a.m.

#### ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

**Agenda:** Update on wetlands conservation, including local water planning, Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) and the North American Waterfowl Management Plan; Board of Water and Soil Resources (BOWSR), Minnesota Wetlands Planning Project, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

#### Gambling Division/GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Dorn

**Agenda:** Presentation of report concerning pull-tab dispensing machines, report on activities and functions of the Gambling Control Board, Harry Baltzer, director, Gambling Control Board.

#### Government Efficiency & Oversight Division/WAYS & MEANS

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein

**Agenda:** Organizational meeting. Other business.

#### TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Tunheim

**Agenda:** Joint meeting of the Senate and House Metropolitan and Local Government committees, the Senate and House Finance and Appropriations committees, Senate and House leadership, and the State Advisory Council on Metropolitan Airport Planning.

12:30 p.m.

#### HOUSING

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

**Agenda:** To be announced.

1:30 p.m.

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

15 State Capitol

Chr. Sen. John Hottinger

**Agenda:** Preliminary assessment of the Pollution Control Agency administrative penalty orders for asbestos removal violations. Report from the Department of Human Services on the Interpretive memoranda study and pilot projects.

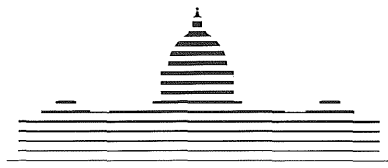
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Last year the unemployment rate was as low .....	1978
Individuals actively registered with the state Job Service .....	295,995
Number of jobs listed in 1994 by employers with the state Job Service .....	151,002
Number of those positions that were filled .....	60,310
Re-employment insurance claims approved for unemployed workers in Minnesota, 1994 .....	138,512
Additional claims by Minnesota workers now living in other states .....	7,575
Ratio of those receiving unemployment (re-employment) insurance who find work before their benefit period expires .....	2:3
Number of cases where an overpayment of re-employment insurance occurred, 1994 .....	12,900
Dollar amount of those 12,900 cases, in millions .....	\$8.6
Number of those cases involving fraud .....	2,700
Amount recovered, in millions .....	\$5.6
Claimants who appealed a denial of re-employment insurance benefits to a re-employment judge .....	9,036
Number who prevailed .....	2,127
Funds slotted for the dislocated worker program, fiscal year 1995, in millions .....	\$28.9
Number of those dollars generated by a state payroll tax, in millions .....	\$18.7
Minnesotans in the dislocated worker program, fiscal year 1994 .....	18,046
Percent of those who completed or left the program who found jobs .....	70.6
Average hourly wage upon job placement .....	\$10.79
Dollars allocated for the Minnesota Youth Program, in millions .....	\$5.4
Disadvantaged youth served by the Minnesota Youth Program .....	5,000
Unserved youth on the waiting list for services .....	7,000
Number of programs administered by the Department of Economic Security's Community Based Services Division .....	34
Minnesotans who benefit from at least one of those programs .....	1 in 5

Source: Minnesota Department of Economic Security; 1993 Annual Report, Minnesota Department of Economic Security



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