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### Welcome to *Session Weekly*

To our new subscribers and those who have been loyal readers of *Session Weekly* during its 23 years, welcome to the second year of the 84th session of the Minnesota Legislature.

Each week during session, we pride ourselves in bringing to you a nonpartisan look at the issues before the House. We also hope to educate you on the process, and give you a closer look at the people who will be spending a good share of their time at the State Capitol the next few months.

Several pages of the first issue of *Session Weekly* are dedicated to bill introductions. For those who are new to the magazine, you should know that our annual survey shows that bill intros are among the most read sections of the magazine — and for good reason. This is the beginning of the process of turning an idea into law. The language might be cumbersome, but these are the issues that may be talked about during session.

For instance, this week's bill introductions include one restricting the use of Social Security numbers and another mandating that legislators' and governor's compensation be forfeited if budget provisions aren't passed in a timely manner. Because it is a bonding year, many communities will find bills relating to local projects they may like to see accomplished.

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**On the cover: House Speaker Steve Sviggum, center, watches as Blaine Olivero, right, a member of the Northfield Youth Choirs-Governors Choir, ceremonially gavels the House back into session March 1. Chief Clerk Al Mathiowetz, left, moves to his podium to begin the session.**

—Photo by: Tom Olmscheid

# Money wanted

## Governor offers nearly \$900 million bonding plan

By **MIKE COOK**

**I**t could be the bill that makes or breaks the 2006 session.

And it's the one that could decide if the session ends early or goes to the constitutional deadline.

"I think it would be fair to assume that when we have an agreement on the bonding bill — whenever that is — whether that's April 30 or May 10, the legislative session will be adjourned," [House Speaker Steve Sviggum](#) (R-Kenyon) said Feb. 7.

Traditionally, the second year of a biennium is focused on the bonding, or capital investment, bill for projects that are funded by selling state bonds.

However, that was not the case in the previous biennium.

A \$944.9 million measure was passed last year after members failed to agree on a proposal in 2004. Of that law, \$885.9 million was in general obligation bonds.

According to the [Department of Finance](#), "The state sells general obligation bonds into

the marketplace. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds are used to pay the cost of building the capital projects that are approved by the Legislature."

Assuming a capital investment bill is passed this year, this biennium will have more general obligation investment than any other.

[Gov. Tim Pawlenty](#) offered an \$897.2 million [capital budget](#) Jan. 17, including \$811 million in general obligation bonds. The remainder would come from user financing, trunk highway fund bonds and general funds. Sixty percent of his proposals are directed towards Greater Minnesota and 40 percent to the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area.

"By any but the most grotesque standards of some recent years, that's a big-size bonding bill," he said.

The \$983.6 million [bill](#) passed by the Legislature in 2002, the last traditional year a capital investment law was passed, contained \$881.1 million in general obligation funding. However, after vetoes by Gov. Jesse Ventura, the number was reduced to \$626.9 million

and \$551 million, respectively. The [2000 law](#) contained \$636.8 million overall and \$467.6 million in general obligation bonds.

Among Pawlenty's proposals are: \$270.1 million for higher education (\$142.5 million for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and \$127.6 million for the University of Minnesota); \$209.3 million for environment and agriculture, including \$65.3 million for water management and pollution control; \$141 million for transportation, including \$60 million to complete funding for the Northstar commuter rail line; \$80.3 million for health and human services, including a 400-bed sex offender facility in Moose Lake; and \$70.4 million for criminal justice. View the request at <http://www.budget.state.mn.us/budget/capital/index.shtml>.

[Rep. Gene Pelowski, Jr.](#) (DFL-Winona) expressed concern that MnSCU requested \$110 million in asset preservation, for things like fixing leaky roofs or replacing outdated boilers, and the governor is requesting just \$20 million. "The governor's plan means 39 of 53 campuses will get no money," he said.

Overall, more than \$2 billion in requests were submitted from state agencies and local governments.

As the bill moves through the process, the project list and dollar amount could change.

Sviggum expects the final House bill to be similar to the governor's, while [Rep. Dan Dor-man](#) (R-Albert Lea), chair of the House Capital Investment Committee, wouldn't be surprised if it's closer to a halfway point between the final House and Senate bills. If the House and Senate bills differ in dollars or projects, a conference committee would be needed to work out any potential differences. The Senate bill is traditionally closer to the maximum permitted to stay within state guidelines, which indicate that no more than 3 percent of non-dedicated general fund revenues go toward debt repayment.

"This is to guide us and provide discipline to the process," said Finance Commissioner Peggy Ingison.

In November, the state's debt capacity indicated that a bonding bill could top out at \$965 million and still stay within guidelines. However, following the release of the economic forecast on Feb. 28, Ingison said the amount is now \$990 million.

According to Pawlenty, current fiscal year debt service payments will be \$352 million



PHOTO BY TOM OLMSCHIED

Cindy Swanson, a marine mammal trainer at Como Zoo, works with Neil, a 10-year-old polar bear, during a Feb. 6 training session. The zoo has put forth a \$10 million bonding request to make improvements. Gov. Tim Pawlenty has nothing in his proposal for Como Zoo, but \$13 million for new exhibits and facilities at the Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley.

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PHOTO BY TOM OLSCHIED

Members of the House Capital Investment and Higher Education Finance committees listen to Matt Mescher, director of the University of Minnesota Center for Immunology, on one floor, top, as a class meets and students study on other floors of Hasselmo Hall. The committees toured facilities on the Minneapolis campus Feb. 21 to review the university's \$206.1 million bonding request.

for \$3.6 billion in outstanding bonds. Plus, another \$1 billion in previously authorized bonding has yet to be sold.

Many committees reviewed requests during the interim, and more will complete their recommendations early in the session. For example, the [House Jobs and Economic Opportunity Policy and Finance Committee](#) and the [Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division](#) of the [Senate Finance Committee](#) heard more than 60 proposals Feb. 21-23. Each request is under consideration for the final committee bonding requests.

Dorman has requested all finance committees submit their recommendations to his committee by March 17.

"I want to try and get this thing out of here early so we get out and go home," he said. Sviggum expects the House bill to be ready sometime in late-March or early-April.

[Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson](#) (DFL-Willmar) did not give a total number, but said at a Feb. 21 legislative forum that a good bonding bill has "geographic balance and program balance."

At the same forum, [Sen. Thomas Neuville](#) (R-Northfield) said he expects the final bill will be in the \$900 million to \$950 million range. He also expects it to pass both bodies early in session and then be in a conference committee until May so other bills can be finalized.

Sviggum said the bill would not be held up so other issues can be addressed.

Members of the respective capital investment committees have spent part of the interim touring the state from border to border. "We've seen more than 200 sites around


Minnesota looking at projects," Johnson said. Dorman said his committee, with a smaller budget, has seen around 100.

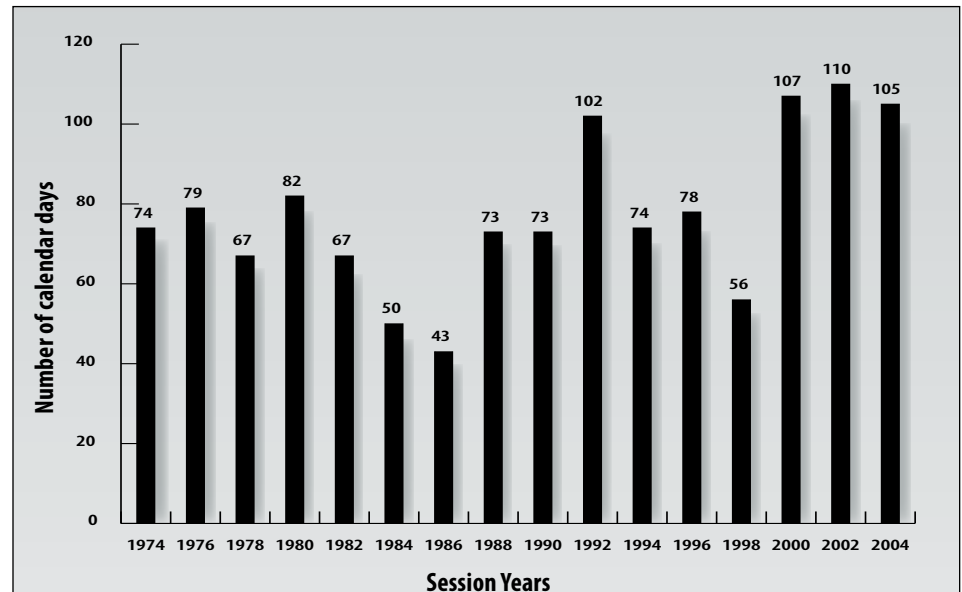
Some members say a hands-on experience is far more educational than just seeing a proposal on a sheet of paper.

"You get a feel for them," [Rep. Denny McNamara](#) (R-Hastings) said after touring the University of Minnesota's Minneapolis cam-

pus. "You don't get that in a hearing room."

In addition to seeing things he would not likely otherwise see, first-term [Rep. Neil Peterson](#) (R-Bloomington) said it was also an opportunity to learn from longer serving members. He often rode with [Reps. Phyllis Kahn](#) (DFL-Mpls) and [Alice Hausman](#) (DFL-St. Paul).

"I had the two deans, and I could just say, 'Tell me about this,'" Peterson said. 



Latest start dates: 1984-March 6, 1990-February 12, 1994-February 22.

## Why so short and so late?

Legislators will have to hit the ground running if they want to get a lot of work done in 2006 — they face one of the shortest and latest regular sessions in recent memory.

March 1 marked the latest regular-session start date for the Legislature since 1984, and only the second latest since 1973, when legislators began meeting in both years of the biennium. This session will also be the shortest in at least eight years — assuming the Legislature adjourns by its May 22 deadline.

### Odd vs. Even

Why is this year's session so short and so late? To answer that question, one must look at the differences between the first, or odd-numbered, year of a biennium, and the second, or even-numbered, year.

The most important bill passed during odd-numbered years is always the state budget. Indeed, the state cannot function unless a budget is passed — hence last July's historic eight-day partial government shutdown.

During the second year of the biennium, the focus is usually on capital investment commonly known as the omnibus bonding bill.

This year, for example, leaders of both House caucuses have expressed their desire to pass a bill that would fund nearly \$1 billion in capital investment projects. But sometimes, as in 2004, the House and Senate cannot agree on a bonding

package, and no bill is passed.

Historically, even-year sessions are significantly shorter and tend to start later than odd-year sessions. As a rule of thumb, odd-numbered sessions begin in early January and end in the second half of May, while even-numbered sessions typically begin in late January or early February and end in March or April.

The last three even-year sessions, however, have been exceptions to this rule, lasting much longer. The 2000, 2002 and 2004 sessions each lasted between 105-110 calendar days, compared to the state's even-year average of 77.5 days. In 2006, the Legislature will be able to remain in session a maximum of 83 calendar days.

Another factor appears to have influenced this year's start dates: the Feb. 28 release of the Minnesota Department of Finance's February economic forecast.

House Minority Leader Rep. Matt Entenza (DFL-St. Paul) wrote in an e-mail that legislators want to see what the budget outlook is before going to work on the bonding bill.

"It's simply more efficient to wait for the forecast than to start a month beforehand."

House Speaker Steve Sviggum (R-Kenyon) has publicly stated that he expects the Legislature to adjourn once the bonding bill is passed.

Only time will tell, however, if this year's session will be a sweet one as well as a short one.

(N. BUSSE)



**Editor's note: The following Highlights are coverage of selected bills heard in House committees held Feb. 27 - March 2.**

## ★ CRIME

### Funeral disruptions

Rep. Jim Abeler (R-Anoka) said his city was shocked when a group of anti-gay demonstrators from Kansas made their appearance at an Anoka church during the funeral services of Cpl. Andrew Kemple, who was killed in Iraq Feb. 14.

"I never knew Andrew Kemple, but he represents all kinds of our boys. I think it's important work that you're doing today," he told the House Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs Committee March 1.

Sponsored by Rep. Marty Seifert (R-Marshall), HF2923 would make it a crime to "knowingly and willfully disrupt or attempt to disrupt" funeral and memorial services or their processions.

Approved by the committee, the bill now moves to the House Public Safety Policy and Finance Committee.

The bill broadly defines "disruption" as protesting or picketing on the day of and within 300 feet of the location of the service, the procession, and the home or homes of the deceased. In addition, demonstrations within 300 feet of the homes or place of employment of the deceased's immediate family construed as intended to disrupt the surviving members' grieving process would also be criminalized. Such disruptors could be charged with a misdemeanor for a first violation and a gross misdemeanor for a repeat violation. The bill also gives members of the deceased's family the right to pursue compensation from violators.

Seifert said the bill had been filed after he heard of the Kansas group demonstrating at a military funeral in South Dakota, but prior to the Anoka demonstration.

Addressing the First Amendment concerns committee members might have about the bill, Seifert said there already exist certain situations when freedom of speech is limited.

"For example, you cannot campaign within 100 feet of a polling place on an election day, you can't scream 'Fire!' in a crowded movie theater," he said.

"My preference is that we wouldn't need a bill and that we wouldn't need a law," Seifert said. "The honorable and decent and dignified

thing is that you allow a family to mourn and not be yelling at them, whether it is a military funeral or whether it's just a funeral in general. It's certainly not something that reflects Minnesota values."

A companion bill, SF2613, sponsored by Sen. Don Betzold (DFL-Fridley), was scheduled to be heard March 2 by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

## ★ DEVELOPMENT

### New Duluth arena

It's not quite the same in size or cost of what the Minnesota Twins or Minnesota Vikings are hoping for, but to the city of Duluth it means just as much.

The House Jobs and Economic Opportunity Policy and Finance Committee listened to testimony March 2 on HF2764, which would provide state funding for a new Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC). The committee will consider the proposal in its bonding recommendations.

Rep. Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth) said if the state agrees to contribute \$33.5 million of the total \$67 million cost, DECC and the University of Minnesota-Duluth would pay the remaining cost. A .75 percent increase on the food and beverage tax would also be imposed to fund the new center. Duluth voters approved the proposed increase Feb. 28.

### On the docket

#### March 6-7

No legislative business will take place because of precinct caucuses.

#### March 8

House convenes at noon.

#### March 9

House to convene at 11:30 a.m.

Joint session begins at noon to hear State of the State address by Gov. Tim Pawlenty.

After address, House to recess until 3 p.m.

For an up-to-date recorded message on committee meeting times and agendas call, (651) 296-9283 or go to [www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/hinfosched.asp](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/hinfosched.asp). For general information about the Minnesota House of Representatives, call (651) 296-2146 or 1-800-657-3550, and (651) 296-9896 (TTY).

Duluth Mayor Herb W. Bergson said a new DECC would enhance the city's economic development. "We received strong support from top-to-bottom," said Bergson.

The center would facilitate hockey games, concerts, trade shows and conferences. Dan Russell, DECC executive director, said the convention center is "our economic bloodline." Bergson added that an improved convention would add to Duluth's economic vitality.

Rep. Andrew Westerberg (R-Blaine) had



PHOTO BY ANDREW VONBANK

**Larry Haws is applauded on the House floor March 1 after being introduced as the newest member of the House of Representatives. Haws won a Dec. 27 special election to replace former Rep. Joe Opatz.**

questions about naming the center and whether a sunset provision would be set for the tax hike. Bergson said the name of the center is unknown and that as other taxes expire in coming years, the proposed food and beverage tax would have less impact.

The new arena, which would be built in downtown Duluth along Lake Superior, could open as early as October 2008. It would include 6,630 seats for hockey and more than 8,200 for concerts.

A companion bill (SF2547), sponsored by Sen. Yvonne Prettner Solon (DFL-Duluth), awaits action by the Senate Finance Committee.

## ★ EDUCATION

### Designated funding

Schools might be required to increase the percentage of their operating funds designated for classroom expenses.

[HF2874](#), sponsored by [Rep. Karen Klinzing](#) (R-Woodbury), would require school districts spend 70 percent of their operating funds on direct classroom expenses beginning in the 2006-07 school year. The initiative is also supported by Gov. Tim Pawlenty. It has no Senate companion.

A long line of school officials, parents and others testified before the [House Education Policy and Reform Committee](#) March 2. Approved 15-14 by the committee, the bill now goes to the House floor.

The bill was criticized by the school officials as part of a heavy-handed effort, originating in other states, to take operating control from local school districts, even though most are doing a good job.

However, parents who testified were more supportive of the measure, saying it brought needed accountability to the system.

Districts unable to meet the standard could, under the bill, apply to the education commissioner for a three-year waiver, and it exempts districts.

Gary Prest, superintendent of the Bloomington Public Schools, said that a November analysis by Standard and Poor's, one of the world's preeminent providers of credit ratings, found that "no minimum spending allocation is a silver bullet for raising student achievement."

He said Minnesota is already known for educational excellence. "We would ask that you don't do anything to denigrate that excellence."

Andy Chen, a Woodbury parent, supports the bill. He's frustrated that his district does not have a simpler way of accounting

for its spending. For example, his school district office gave him one number for its total spending and state officials gave him another.

Ward Eames, a Golden Valley businessman, said that issue — public transparency — is more important than Klinzing's issue.

Eames and other volunteers have drafted a simplified way for schools to do their financial statements so they are more understandable to the public. So far, about 50 Minnesota districts have tried his approach. He said that almost all of them spend more than 90 percent of their funds on direct educational expenses.

## ★ GOVERNMENT

### Eminent domain discussion

Eminent domain, quickly becoming one of the session's high profile issues, received its first official hearing on the Legislature's opening day, March 1.

[Rep. Jeff Johnson](#) (R-Plymouth), sponsor of [HF2846](#), told the House Civil Law and Elections Committee, which he chairs, that the bill is a work in progress. First introduced during the 2005 special session, Johnson's is now one of at least 10 bills on the subject that have been introduced this session. It has no companion.

Johnson said that as the bill continues through the process, he hopes the two principles will remain: it should be very difficult for governments to use the power of eminent domain for economic development (one private business to another); and that owners are given just compensation when their property is taken for a public purpose,

such as a school or roads.

Throughout the summer, the issue played to packed town hall meetings across the state held by various House committees. Wednesday's hearing was no different.

Nearly 20 testifiers, most representing local governments, spoke in opposition to the bill.

"I urge the committee to go slow on this before simply passing it on," said Jeff Jacobs, mayor of St. Louis Park. "I understand that there have been some abuses to eminent domain in the past ... but please, please don't legislate general solutions to a specific problem."

Several committee members also had concerns about the bill's language.

[Rep. Keith Ellison](#) (DFL-Mpls) proposed, and then withdrew, an amendment addressing the provision calling for governments to provide "clear and convincing evidence" in the taking of property under certain instances. "I think there are some good things about this bill, but this is simply one of the things that will grind development to a halt."

"I don't think the bill is quite there yet," said [Rep. Laura Brod](#) (R-New Prague). She would like to see the appraisal process addressed in the bill. In eminent domain cases, she said the private party is compensated for an appraisal, but it is not enough to cover the cost. "It seems a little crazy to me that a unit of government is paying \$15,000 for an appraisal, that they are only going to give the private property owner \$1,500 for that same appraisal."

With Ellison dissenting, the bill was approved by the committee and referred to the [House Public Safety Policy and Finance Committee](#) where it was scheduled to be heard March 3.

## Stepping Down

Caucus night, March 7, is the traditional beginning of the campaign season for the November general election. This year both the House and the Senate are up for election, as well as the major state offices.

### House members who have formally announced they will not be seeking re-election are:

Rep. Fran Bradley (R-Rochester)  
Rep. Jerry Dempsey (R-Red Wing)  
Rep. Barb Goodwin (DFL-Columbia Heights)  
Rep. Ruth Johnson (DFL-St. Peter)  
Rep. Scott Newman (R-Hutchinson)  
Rep. Andy Westerberg (R-Blaine)

### Eyes on senate seats:

Rep. Dan Larson (DFL-Bloomington) – has established a campaign committee.

Several House members have announced their intentions to run for a different office, while others have announced their retirement, clearing the way for new candidates to seek their seats. More announcements are expected.

Rep. Katie Sieben (DFL-Newport) – has formally announced plans to run.

### Four others are seeking party endorsement for a different office:

Attorney General:  
House Minority Leader Matt Entenza (DFL-St. Paul)  
Rep. Jeff Johnson (R-Plymouth)

Sixth Congressional District  
Rep. Jim Knoblach (R-St. Cloud)  
Rep. Phil Krinkie (R-Lino Lakes)

## ★ HEALTH

### Employee health insurance

Proposed solutions to provide better and more cost-efficient health insurance for employees across Minnesota are many. But the key question has always been which direction to go.

The [House Health Care Cost Containment Division](#) of the [House Health Policy and Finance Committee](#) held an informational hearing March 1 on several bills regarding health coverage for employees but took no action.

One bill, [HF2831](#), sponsored by committee chair [Rep. Jim Abeler](#) (R-Anoka), would make various changes to the Public Employees Insurance Program and Minnesota Employees Insurance Program including making life insurance as an offering optional for the Public Employees Insurance Program and having the Minnesota Employees Insurance Program administered by a board instead of the [Department of Employee Relations](#).

Lee F. Johansen, a negotiations specialist for Education Minnesota, proposed creating one statewide insurance pool for all school employees. Johansen said such a plan would stabilize insurance premiums and benefits for school districts and their employees. "We need a plan that is not only cost-effective but also meaningful," Johansen said.

[Reps. Duke Powell](#) (R-Burnsville) and [Mary Ellen Otremba](#) (DFL-Long Prairie) questioned such a plan. Otremba asked whether such a plan would be financially feasible for smaller schools, such as those in her district.

Another bill ([HF2832](#)), also sponsored by Abeler, would create a new health coverage reinsurance plan, which would give employers a safety net from the blow of large health insurance claims.

## ★ IMMIGRATION

### Authority cooperation

A bill to prohibit local governments from adopting ordinances that prevent their employees from cooperating with federal immigration officials received committee approval March 1.

The [House Local Government Committee](#) approved [HF2576](#) on a vote of 15-3. The bill, which has no Senate companion, was referred to the [House Civil Law and Elections Committee](#).

[Rep. Jim Knoblach](#) (R-St. Cloud), chief sponsor of the bill, said both Minneapolis and St. Paul have ordinances in place that prevent their law enforcement officers from

collecting and sharing information with the federal government on residents' immigration status.

Knoblach called the ordinances "sanctuary ordinances," and argued they are a violation of federal law. He added that his bill does not mandate that officers collect information; it merely gives them the right to do so.

Mark Cangemi, U.S. Immigration and Enforcement Agency special agent in charge, testified in support of the bill. He said immigration laws can be used as a tool to help prosecute criminals, and that federal officials are not necessarily concerned with prosecuting every immigrant who enters the country illegally.

"My interest and my marching orders, if you will, are to use this statute for criminal enforcement," Cangemi said.

Bill opponents included St. Paul Police Chief John Harrington and Minneapolis Police Chief William McManus, both of whom predicted the bill would have a "chilling effect" on immigrant communities by discouraging them from calling the police to report crime.

"When we start knocking on doors and people believe that we're going to start checking on their immigration status as a matter of course, they stop answering those doors," Harrington said.

McManus concurred, saying the effect of the bill would be to "drive immigrant communities underground."

Lonna Stevens, public policy and legislative coordinator for the Minnesota Coalition of Battered Women, called the bill a "deterrent" for victims of domestic abuse to come forward to report domestic violence. She said immigrant women often fear that informing the police would get them, their husbands or their families deported.

Some members argued that the bill had no purpose.

Responding to a comment by [Rep. Morrie Lanning](#) (R-Moorhead), who said that nothing in the bill would force police departments to change their current policies on illegal immigration, [Rep. Debra Hillstrom](#) (DFL-Brooklyn Center) asked, "Then what is the purpose of the bill?"

## ★ INSURANCE

### No-fault law

Legislators aren't sure who to blame.

During a Feb. 28 joint meeting of the [House Commerce and Financial Institutions Committee](#) and the [Senate Commerce Committee](#), members listened to testimony on no-fault auto insurance, but took no action. Lobbyists, doctors, nurses, researchers and a couple involved in an auto accident voiced their opinions on possible elimination or reform to the law.

Minnesotans owning a car, like citizens in eight other states, are required to carry insurance to cover their own medical expenses, wage losses and other automobile accident-related expenses. The state enacted the no-fault law in 1974.

Bob Johnson, president of the Insurance Federation of Minnesota, said the law is intended to eliminate litigation for minor accidents but has done the opposite. Johnson added that Minnesota's auto insurance system is costly due to expensive health care coverage and repealing the no-fault law would lower premiums for drivers. "With the law unchanged, costs will only go up," Johnson said.

Opponents of eliminating or reforming the status quo argue that it could shift costs to an already financially strapped health care system. Doctors and nurses said if no-fault is eliminated an increase of patients at their facilities would strain the quality of patient care; emergency departments are required to tend to all patients regardless of their insurance status.

Buck McAlpin, president of the Minnesota Ambulance Association, said money from the no-fault law is vital for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system. When no-fault insurance carriers are treated, their bills are more likely to be paid in full and on time.

[Rep. Paul Kohls](#) (R-Victoria) and [Sen. Linda Scheid](#) (DFL-Brooklyn Park) sponsor [HF1399/SF1094](#), which proposes modifications to the no-fault law. The House bill awaits action by the [House Commerce and Financial Institutions Committee](#). The Senate bill failed in the [Senate Commerce Committee](#) last year.

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# Doing better

February forecast shows \$88 million surplus to start session



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The revised February forecast is released by the Department of Finance at a Feb. 28 news conference.

BY IRENE VOTH

**T**his week's financial forecast for the 2006-07 biennium released Feb. 28 might show only modest improvement to some, but for the state's public schools, it has the makings of very good news.

Finance Commissioner Peggy Ingison termed a \$181 million projected surplus in the state's general fund for the 2006-07 biennium a "relatively modest improvement" over the November forecast. She added the "really good news" is that \$93 million of that will comprise the final payback of the education accounting shift.

Enacted in 2001, the accounting shift allowed the state to temporarily withhold more than \$1 billion from school districts. Since the November 2004 forecast, nearly \$1.1 billion has been used to fund such buybacks. The final buyback will leave an \$88 million surplus.

Speaking at a Capitol press conference, Ingison said the February forecast's surplus is due to a \$57 million reduction in state spending and a \$124 million increase in state revenues. She also said the forecast assumes the general fund will receive \$400 million over the course of the biennium from the health impact fee on tobacco products enacted by

the Legislature last year.

This law is being challenged in court, and if ruled unconstitutional the general fund balance could be reduced by \$370 million. Ingison said the forecast continues to show the projected tobacco dollars "as a plus as in the past."

State Economist Tom Stinson said corporate tax receipts are projected to increase by \$161 million, and taxes on estates, mortgages, investment earnings and non-tax revenues will provide an additional \$116 million. However, tax revenue from individual income, sales and motor vehicle sales is down by \$151 million from November's estimates.

"We are still very concerned about slow job growth," Stinson said, explaining that the total amount being paid in wages in the state is increasing at a slower rate than the national average.

This statistic prompted state DFL leaders to take a dim view of the forecast.

Stating that Minnesota is "lagging far behind" comparable states in budget surplus and job growth, Rep. Loren Solberg (DFL-Grand Rapids) said any positive aspects in the forecast were "thin ice."

Adding that 75 percent of the general revenue should consist of income and sales


tax, Solberg said the forecast was "clearly only an inch deep" in terms of a positive outlook.

Citing the uncertain outcome of the health impact-fee lawsuit, House Minority Leader Matt Entenza (DFL-St. Paul) said, "We don't have a surplus."

In a press release, Entenza wrote that the good news in the forecast is the education shift buyback, but "the real news is that while the state budget may be improving, the budgets for most Minnesota families are not."

Meanwhile, House Speaker Steve Sviggum (R-Kenyon) said in a press release that the forecast is good news for Minnesota and proof that "the plan of management is working." He added that the final payback of the educational accounting shift is an indication "the turnaround is complete."

Responding to the fiscal forecast via a media conference call, Gov. Tim Pawlenty, who was attending a meeting of the National Governors Association, in Washington, D.C., said, "I can't think of a time when the state has been in better shape."

Citing his proposed \$897 million bonding bill, Pawlenty said the surplus makes "more room" for bonding but also added that the current bonding bill "is big enough." 



## 2005 Minnesota State Fair poll results

# More than 8,800 fairgoers sound off



During the 12-day run of the 2005 Minnesota State Fair, 8,822 fairgoers took a poll conducted by the nonpartisan House Public Information Services office. It is an informal, unscientific survey on a number of issues discussed in prior legislative sessions and that may again be topics of discussion during this session.

### 1. Should the governor call a special session this year for stadium issues?

Yes	25.6%	(2,244)
No	69.3%	(6,082)
Undecided/No Opinion	5.1%	(449)

### 2. Should a city or county be able to increase its local sales tax for whatever purpose without voter approval?

Yes	14.5%	(1,268)
No	81.1%	(7,113)
Undecided/No Opinion	4.5%	(392)

### 3. Should Minnesota dedicate up to one-half of 1 percent in state sales taxes to cleaning up polluted waters?

Yes	73.8%	(6,466)
No	16.4%	(1,436)
Undecided/No Opinion	9.8%	(854)

### 4. In general, do you support increasing the gas tax to fund road and bridge projects?

Yes	53.6%	(4,698)
No	38.8%	(3,397)
Undecided/No Opinion	7.6%	(662)

### 5. Should capital punishment be reinstated in Minnesota?

Yes	36.7%	(3,211)
No	56.5%	(4,947)
Undecided/No Opinion	6.8%	(595)

### 6. Should ticket scalping — reselling an event admission at more than face value — be legalized?

Yes	31.3%	(2,745)
No	57.5%	(5,038)
Undecided/No Opinion	11.1%	(975)



The House of Representatives State Fair Poll was once again a popular attraction for fairgoers.

### 7. Do you support a state-operated casino at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport with admittance limited to ticketed passengers at least 18 years old?

Yes	31.6%	(2,770)
No	62.8%	(5,503)
Undecided/No Opinion	5.5%	(485)

### 8. Should lawmakers approve the so-called "racino" at Canterbury Park if the state receives a portion of the profits?

Yes	44.8%	(3,913)
No	47.4%	(4,143)
Undecided/No Opinion	7.8%	(686)

### 9. Should the responsibilities for the non-curricular athletic and fine arts activities of high school students be transferred from school districts to local governments in order to allow school districts to focus on delivering academic services?

Yes	21.2%	(1,851)
No	63.4%	(5,523)
Undecided/No Opinion	15.3%	(1,337)

### 10. Would you be willing to pay a fee on electronics purchases that would be used to fund a statewide recycling system for electronics components?

Yes	58.9%	(5,142)
No	33.4%	(2,915)
Undecided/No Opinion	7.8%	(678)

### 11. When no legal directive is provided, should it be presumed under state law that a person wants a feeding tube inserted to sustain life?

Yes	22.5%	(1,957)
No	64.5%	(5,619)
Undecided/No Opinion	13.0%	(1,137)

### 12. Should House and Senate terms be staggered so that at least one-half the members of each body are up for election every two years?

Yes	68.0%	(5,926)
No	16.6%	(1,452)
Undecided/No Opinion	15.3%	(1,331)

### 13. What is your favorite state fair attraction?

Animal barns	12.9%	(1,064)
Food	36.6%	(3,023)
Grandstand shows	1.9%	(153)
Machinery Hill	4.2%	(345)
Midway	1.4%	(113)
People-watching	31.6%	(2,607)
This poll	11.5%	(950)

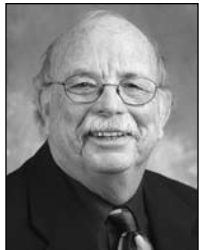
Note: All percentages are rounded to the nearest one-tenth. Totals are for those that actually voted on the question. The Minnesota House of Representatives' survey is informal and unscientific. It is simply a measurement of the opinions expressed by those who took the time to complete the poll while visiting our booth at the State Fair Aug. 25-Sept. 5. Our main purpose in conducting this opinion poll was to familiarize fairgoers with some of the issues that have recently been discussed by the Legislature and issues that may be debated during the 2006 legislative session.

# Never slowing down

Newest member has wealth of experience

By Mike Cook

Rep. Larry Haws (DFL-St. Cloud) figures that he knows 80 percent of the people when he walks through the downtown of his hometown.



Rep. Larry Haws

He probably should.

The newest House member has a long list of involvement in the area. It might be easier to ask Haws what he hasn't done.

An affable guy, Haws won a Dec. 27 special election to replace former Rep. Joe Opatz, whom he coached in wrestling.

That is one of four sports Haws has coached at the high school or collegiate level. He has coached national or state championship teams in cross country, soccer, track and wrestling, and still hopes to help coach one youth sports team each season, but not in a place he once coached.

"My claim to fame was I coached the reformatory wrestling team for three years," he said. "I said we weren't very good but we had a killer instinct."

Additionally, he spent 32 years in the St. Cloud Parks and Recreation Department, including 17 as director; spent the past seven years on the Stearns County Board of Commissioners; and hosted a talk radio show. Plus, he has served on more than two dozen boards and helps out weekly at a mission.

He says his past is an asset because what he's learned cannot be bought or blessed upon someone. "I know a lot of things that other people don't know because I've earned my experience," he said, before laughing and adding, "It's just an advantage of getting old."

Throughout his career, Haws has been a consensus builder.

"We created a parks system on community spirit," he said. "We raised \$8.3 million in a 32-year period with donations. At the end,

## DISTRICT 15B

2002 population: 36,675

Largest city: St. Cloud

Counties: Benton, Sherburne, Stearns

Top concerns: education, seniors and veterans

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— Rep. Larry Haws

we had 75 organizations and 2,000 volunteers doing something nice for the parks system on a yearly basis. What it taught me was the power of synergetic explosions."

Haws, who views life as a vacation, serves on the House Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs and Higher Education Finance committees.

"Veterans services is a major portion of the area I serve because we have a VA, and higher ed is good because we have wonderful college systems, private and public, and our Vo-Tech is really hot."

## BILL INTRODUCTIONS \*\*\*

MARCH 1 - 2, 2006

HOUSE FILES 2563 - 3142

### Wednesday, March 1

#### HF2563-Gunther (R)

##### Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance

Workforce center capital budget requests required to be presented by the commissioner of employment and economic development.

#### HF2564-Erickson (R)

##### Health Policy & Finance

MinnesotaCare income definition clarified to exclude veterans' aid and attendance benefits from the definition of income for other household members.

#### HF2565-Brod (R)

##### Health Policy & Finance

Health impact fee sunset provision enacted.

#### HF2566-Welti (DFL)

##### Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance

Leaves of absence authorized for employees to spend time with an immediate family member who has been mobilized for active military service.

#### HF2567-Welti (DFL)

##### Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance

Leaves of absence authorized for employees to attend military send-off or homecoming ceremonies for immediate family members.

#### HF2568-Welti (DFL)

##### Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance

Leave of absence; employers required to grant unpaid leave of absence for an employee to attend memorial services on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

#### HF2569-Mullery (DFL)

##### Civil Law & Elections

Use of trust instruments to shield resources that could otherwise be used to pay for the cost of long-term care services regulated.

#### HF2570-Paulsen (R)

##### Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs

Teacher retirement plan service credit provided for teachers on active military service.

#### HF2571-Dill (DFL)

##### Commerce & Financial Institutions

Petroleum tank fee collection time periods modified.

#### HF2572-Nelson, M. (DFL)

##### Health Policy & Finance

Food Code rule amendment required.

#### HF2573-Mullery (DFL)

##### Health Policy & Finance

Fair share health care act adopted, fund established, employer payments required and criminal penalties imposed.

#### HF2574-Howes (R)

##### Health Policy & Finance

Cass County hospital construction moratorium exemption provided.

#### HF2575-Mullery (DFL)

##### Civil Law & Elections

Voting rights notice required to certain felons upon termination of probation or supervised release.

#### HF2576-Knoblach (R)

##### Local Government

Local governments prohibited from adopting ordinances which prevent employees from cooperating with federal immigration authorities.

**HF2577-Mullery (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Minneapolis Police Relief Association successor trust fund terms defined, salary limits and compensation of board members and officers adjusted and additional investment authority provided.

**HF2578-Mullery (DFL)**  
**Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
Consumer credit scores and history use prohibited by insurers underwriting automobile insurance policies.

**HF2579-Mullery (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Corporate franchise taxation throwback sales rule provided.

**HF2580-Knoblach (R)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
St. Cloud State University Robert A. Wick Science Building funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2581-Dill (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Gitchi Gummi State Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2582-Dill (DFL)**  
**Education Finance**  
Independent School District No. 707, Nett Lake, school construction loan authorized, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2583-Dill (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Boundary Waters connection of the Mesabi Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2584-Dill (DFL)**  
**Transportation**  
Farm truck definition clarified to include vehicles owned by persons transporting wood products on behalf of farmers or loggers.

**HF2585-Holberg (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
CIBRS (Comprehensive Incident-Based Reporting System) access authorized for the Department of Corrections' Fugitive Apprehension Unit.

**HF2586-Holberg (R)**  
**Civil Law & Elections**  
Eminent domain public use defined.

**HF2587-Lillie (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Maplewood; Bruentrup Farm restoration funding provided, bonds issued and money provided.

**HF2588-Dittrich (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**  
Public Employees Retirement Association joint and survivor benefit authorized.

**HF2589-Simpson (R)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Otter Tail River restoration funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2590-Simpson (R)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Perham resource recovery facility funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2591-Hilty (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
St. Louis River Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2592-Hilty (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Askov wastewater treatment facility funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2593-Hilty (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Wrenshall elevated water storage facility funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2594-Hilty (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Carlton elevated water storage tower funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2595-Hilty (DFL)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Moose Lake sex offender treatment program service facilities expansion funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2596-Eken (DFL)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Long-term care provider rate adjustments provided, and foreign operating corporation's income tax treatment modified.

**HF2597-Emmer (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Pharmacists authorized to refuse to dispense medication they find morally objectionable.

**HF2598-Hosch (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Richmond sewer facilities expansion funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2599-Mullery (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Environmental justice act adopted.

**HF2600-Johnson, J. (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Sex offenders required to wear tracking and monitoring bracelets after release from prison and money appropriated.

**HF2601-Moe (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Paul Bunyan Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2602-Kahn (DFL)**  
**State Government Finance**  
Starbase Minnesota facility pre-design and design funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2603-Kahn (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Cosmetic procedures subjected to sales tax.

**HF2604-Kahn (DFL)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
Wisconsin resident tuition at the University of Minnesota required to be at least equal to that of Minnesota residents.

**HF2605-Kahn (DFL)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
Wisconsin resident tuition at the University of Minnesota required to be at least equal to that of Minnesota residents.

**HF2606-Liebling (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Olmsted County ice arena construction materials and equipment sales tax exemption provided.

**HF2607-Hackbarth (R)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Anoka County exempted from certain land use reporting requirements.

**HF2608-Heidgerken (R)**  
**Civil Law & Elections**  
Voting systems for individuals with disabilities requirements modified.

**HF2609-Sailer (DFL)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Emergency training administration center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2610-Sailer (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Big Bog State Recreation Area development funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2611-Abeler (R)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Mississippi West Regional Park funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2612-Ellison (DFL)**  
**Civil Law & Elections**  
Pollution Control Agency disclosures clarified.

**HF2613-Newman (R)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
Athletic scholarship repayment required under certain conditions.

**HF2614-Newman (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Predatory offender registration requirements established for certain predatory offenders who reside on Indian reservations.

**HF2615-Newman (R)**  
**Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
No-fault automobile insurance clarified relating to the meaning of "arising out of the maintenance or use of a motor vehicle."

**HF2616-Dempsey (R)**  
**Education Finance**  
Independent School District No. 256, Red Wing, levy authorized for building the community ice arena.

**HF2617-Davids (R)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**  
Legislative appropriations continued in effect until amended or eliminated by law.

**HF2618-Lieder (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Red Lake River Corridor improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2619-Davids (R)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Deer hunting license surcharge imposed to offset the cost of processing deer donated for charitable purposes and money appropriated.

**HF2620-Davids (R)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Bluffland Trail system Root River segment funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.



**HF2621-Rukavina (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Eveleth water treatment facility renovation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2622-Rukavina (DFL)**  
**Regulated Industries**  
Mountain Iron renewable energy industrial park funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2623-Dorman (R)**  
**Capital Investment**  
Previous redevelopment account appropriation modified relating to the city of Mounds View, and Ramsey and Anoka counties.

**HF2624-Juhnke (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
New London Dam repair funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2625-Gunther (R)**  
**Education Finance**  
Fairmont; Southern Minnesota Educational Campus funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2626-Gunther (R)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Winnebago museum of Native American artifacts funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2627-Penas (R)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Lost River State Forest private lease continuation provided.

**HF2628-Juhnke (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Glacial Lakes Trail and Lake Koronis Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2629-Dempsey (R)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**  
Legislative appropriations continued in effect until amended or eliminated by law.

**HF2630-Rukavina (DFL)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Virginia Regional Medical Center helipad funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2631-Rukavina (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
East Range Joint Powers Board wastewater collection and treatment system funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2632-Lanning (R)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Wild Rice Watershed District flood hazard mitigation project funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2633-Moe (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Bemidji regional events center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2634-Moe (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Bemidji; Paul Bunyan Train bridge over marked Trunk Highway 197 funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2635-Moe (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Bemidji; Paul Bunyan Trail Land acquisition funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2636-Moe (DFL)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
Bemidji State University Sattgast Hall science facility funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2637-Moe (DFL)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities land purchase funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2638-Moe (DFL)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
Bemidji State University land acquisition funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2639-Kahn (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**  
Legislative appropriations continued until amended or eliminated by law.

**HF2640-Thissen (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Richfield athletic fields funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2641-Larson (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Richfield arterial street construction funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2642-Knoblach (R)**  
**Taxes**  
Education finance levies modified, operating capital levy reduced, marriage penalties reduced, K-12 tuition education credits authorized, credit phaseout modified and June accelerated tax payments reduced.

**HF2643-Magnus (R)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Lewis and Clark Rural Water System connections funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2644-Scalze (DFL)**  
**Transportation Finance**  
Rice Street bridge over Highway 36 in Ramsey County funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2645-Peterson, A. (DFL)**  
**Agriculture & Rural Development**  
Swift County rural development finance authority board membership increased.

**HF2646-Peterson, A. (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Dawson; community swimming pool funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2647-Peterson, A. (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Minnesota River Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2648-Koenen (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Minnesota River Trail development funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2649-Koenen (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**  
Minnesota River Trail design funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2650-Fritz (DFL)**  
**Education Finance**  
Minnesota state academies capital improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2651-Soderstrom (R)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Wildlife management area rules amended relating to docks and boat storage.

**HF2652-Magnus (R)**  
**Taxes**  
Luverne; sales and motor vehicle excise taxes authorized and funds usages specified.

**HF2653-Lanning (R)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
Minnesota State University Moorhead and Minnesota Community and Technical College, Moorhead, capital improvements funding provided; bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2654-Huntley (DFL)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
Labovitz School of Business and Economics in Duluth capital improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2655-Huntley (DFL)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Body art procedures, technicians and establishments regulated.

**HF2656-Smith (R)**  
**Civil Law & Elections**  
Fourth Judicial District Family Court referee orders appeal provided directly to the Court of Appeals.

**HF2657-Urdahl (R)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Watkins; infrastructure reconstruction funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2658-Urdahl (R)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**  
Dassel; Lakeside Community Home pension benefits provided upon privatization.

**HF2659-Atkins (DFL)**  
**Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
Health care providers and health plan companies required to disclose the amount of outstanding medical bills to patients or their representatives without charge.

**HF2660-Nelson, M. (DFL)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
Metropolitan State University and Minneapolis Community and Technical College regional law enforcement training center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2661-Nelson, M. (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
North Hennepin Community College capital improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2662-Lanning (R)**  
**Education Finance**  
Debt service equalization aid program equalizing factor increased.

**HF2663-Lanning (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Minnesota Public Facilities Authority funding provided for maximum daily load grants relating to wastewater treatment, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2664-Johnson, S. (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

St. Paul; National Great River Park improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2665-Johnson, S. (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

St. Paul; Union Depot infrastructure improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2666-Hilty (DFL)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

State contracts prohibited with tax -haven countries.

**HF2667-Dempsey (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Cannon Falls Hospital pension benefits provided upon privatization.

**HF2668-Bradley (R)****State Government Finance**

Rochester; National Volleyball Center phase II expansion funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2669-Ozment (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

State and local trails funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2670-McNamara (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

State parks funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2671-Grailing (DFL)****Taxes**

Volunteer income tax credit provided for parents volunteering at child's school or child care.

**HF2672-Davids (R)****Regulated Industries**

Alcoholic beverage on-sales after 1 a.m. permit fee portion refund authorized.

**HF2673-Kahn (DFL)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Organ donation; public safety officers required to notify designated organ procurement organization when a deceased organ donor is discovered.

**HF2674-Anderson, B. (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Firearm transferee permit standardized form made available to local law enforcement agencies.

**HF2675-Sailer (DFL)****Health Policy & Finance**

Nursing facilities grants provided for increased fuel and heating costs and tax treatment modified of foreign operating corporations income.

**HF2676-Slawik (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Ramsey County; Lower Afton Trail construction funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2677-Erickson (R)****Local Government**

Towns authorized to contract for roads without competitive bidding in certain circumstances.

**HF2678-Lesch (DFL)****Commerce & Financial Institutions**

Unemployment insurance one-week waiting period eliminated.

**HF2679-Sieben (DFL)****Taxes**

Local government aid city aid base modified for certain cities.

**HF2680-Erickson (R)****Education Policy & Reform**

Teacher training program for qualified professionals provided.

**HF2681-Ellison (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Minneapolis; Heritage Park Development funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2682-Dempsey (R)****Transportation Finance**

Port development assistance program funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2683-Vandevor (R)****Taxes**

City annexation payments to towns provided.

**HF2684-Vandevor (R)****Transportation Finance**

I-35 and County State-Aid Highway 23 interchange construction funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2685-Cornish (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Wells; city hall renovation grant provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2686-Westrom (R)****Higher Education Finance**

University of Minnesota - Morris, West Central Research and Outreach Center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2687-Westrom (R)****Higher Education Finance**

University of Minnesota - Morris, West Central Research and Outreach Center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2688-Westrom (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

War dog and handler plaque authorized on Capitol grounds.

**HF2689-Erickson (R)****Education Policy & Reform**

Board of Teaching directed to adopt rules to issue licenses to teach multiple science fields or levels.

**HF2690-Kahn (DFL)****Ways & Means**

Referendum on specified spending issues provided and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF2691-Sieben (DFL)****Health Policy & Finance**

State health coverage offered to individuals and small employers at their own expense, and MinnesotaCare coverage offered at full cost.

**HF2692-Mullery (DFL)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Assault on animal control officers penalties increased.

**HF2693-Dill (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

International Wolf Center renovation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2694-Solberg (DFL)****Ways & Means**

State budget reports and recommendations required to be in compliance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles, and impact of inflation disclosure required.

**HF2695-Fritz (DFL)****Transportation Finance**

Faribault; local road improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2696-Fritz (DFL)****State Government Finance**

Faribault; National Guard and Army Reserve Armory land acquisition funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2697-Bradley (R)****Transportation**

Firefighters authorized to use communication headsets while operating a fire truck during an emergency.

**HF2698-Erickson (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Legislative Coordinating Commission required to study issues relating to men.

**HF2699-Sailer (DFL)****Education Finance**

Independent School District No. 38, Red Lake, school construction funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2700-Atkins (DFL)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Risk-level assessments required for predatory offenders who are not in custody, sharing of information with potential victims increased and money appropriated.

**HF2701-Smith (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Public Employees Retirement Association administrative modifications provided.

**HF2702-Smith (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Public Employees Retirement Associations privatizations augmentation rates provided to employees revised.

**HF2703-Koenen (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Bird Island; sewer separation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2704-Erickson (R)****Education Policy & Reform**

K-12 supervisory personnel and support staff required to provide four hours of direct classroom instruction in a subject matter in which they are qualified.

**HF2705-Howes (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Health impact fee references changed to health impact tax, and tax repealed.

**HF2706-Knoblach (R)****Higher Education Finance**

St. Cloud Technical College land purchase funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2707-Poppe (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Shooting Star Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2708-Solberg (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

McGregor; wastewater treatment funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2709-Solberg (DFL)**

**Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
Shamrock Township detached banking facility authorized.

**HF2710-Greiling (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Roseville; John Rose Minnesota Oval renovation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2711-Smith (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, State Arts Board and Minnesota Humanities Commission individual retirement account plans modified.

**HF2712-Solberg (DFL)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Grand Rapids; fire hall funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2713-Powell (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Burnsville; water treatment facility funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2714-Cornish (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2715-Solberg (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Grand Rapids; research and technology center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2716-Cornish (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Blue Earth County; Rapidan Dam study funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2717-Jaros (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Lake Superior watershed native fish and wildlife species and habitat protection provided.

**HF2718-Jaros (DFL)****Taxes**

Military pay and housing allowances excluded from household income relating to property tax refunds.

**HF2719-Erickson (R)****Regulated Industries**

Card club table limitations eliminated.

**HF2720-Davids (R)****Civil Law & Elections**

Eminent domain use prohibited in certain circumstances.

**HF2721-Davids (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Individual sewage treatment system pilot program extended.

**HF2722-Solberg (DFL)****Commerce & Financial Institutions**

Home-based adult foster care services insurance coverage regulated.

**HF2723-Howes (R)****Taxes**

Cass County; town of Sylvan gravel tax authorized.

**HF2724-Juhnke (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Grass Lake restoration funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2725-Larson (DFL)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

National Guard and other veterans provided assistance in obtaining health screening and services related to depleted uranium exposure.

**HF2726-Erickson (R)****Transportation Finance**

Mille Lacs County; Trunk Highway 169 Soo Line multiuse recreational bridge state's match funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2727-Johnson, J. (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Richfield Police Relief Association prior service credit transfer authorized and financial obligations specified.

**HF2728-Moe (DFL)****Education Finance**

Independent School District No. 118, Northland Community Schools, fund transfer authorized.

**HF2729-Hansen (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Pilot Knob Historical Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2730-Erickson (R)****Local Government**

Special districts required to file information with the state auditor.

**HF2731-Powell (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

EMT training programs required to meet an average yearly pass rate.

**HF2732-Nelson, P. (R)****Local Government**

Alternative annexation process provided.

**HF2733-Juhnke (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Dental clinic serving southwest and west central Minnesota funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2734-Juhnke (DFL)****Transportation**

Low-speed vehicles regulated.

**HF2735-Howes (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Walker Area Community Center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2736-Thissen (DFL)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Retirement allocation requirements modified.

**HF2737-Meslow (R)****Commerce & Financial Institutions**

Social Security number disclosure prohibited as a condition of receiving a product or service.

**HF2738-Meslow (R)****Education Finance**

School districts belonging to an intermediate school district authorized to levy for school safety activities.

**HF2739-Haws (DFL)****Higher Education Finance**

St. Cloud Technical College property acquisition funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2740-Haws (DFL)****Higher Education Finance**

St. Cloud State University; Riverview Hall renovation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2741-Poppe (DFL)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

National Guard and other veterans provided assistance in obtaining health screening and services related to depleted uranium exposure.

**HF2742-Haws (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Central Minnesota regional parks and trails projects funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2743-Mullery (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Minneapolis; Lowry Avenue corridor Phase II funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2744-Penas (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Lake Township wastewater treatment funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2745-Abeler (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Medical license provisions modified.

**HF2746-Wilkin (R)****Civil Law & Elections**

Certificate of custodianship provided for conveyance of real property.

**HF2747-Blaine (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Randall Firemen's Relief Association increased surviving spouse benefit provided.

**HF2748-Peterson, N. (R)****Local Government**

Uniform Municipal Contracting law modified.

**HF2749-Erickson (R)****Transportation Finance**

Morrison County; park-and-ride lot funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2750-Jaros (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Lake Superior Zoo improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2751-Murphy (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Thomson; light industrial park funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.



**HF2752-Murphy (DFL)****Jobs & Economic  
Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Midway Township; sewer reconstruction funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2753-Heidgerken (R)****Agriculture, Environment &  
Natural Resources Finance**

Glacial Lakes State Park and Sibley State Park camper cabins funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2754-Sieben (DFL)****Transportation Finance**

Trunk Highway 10/61 corridor vista enhancement project funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2755-Howes (R)****Agriculture, Environment &  
Natural Resources Finance**

Cuyuna Lakes Trail funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

**HF2756-Howes (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Ah-Gwah-Ching Regional Treatment Center redevelopment funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2757-Hilty (DFL)****Taxes**

Cloquet; sales tax authorized and funds use specified.

**HF2758-Huntley (DFL)****Health Policy & Finance**

Temporary nursing facility energy cost rate increase authorized, energy cost data required and money appropriated.

**HF2759-Davids (R)****Agriculture, Environment &  
Natural Resources Finance**

Blufflands Trail development funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2760-Davids (R)****Taxes**

Chatfield and Preston tax increment financing districts authorized to capture the state general sales tax.

**HF2761-Emmer (R)****Agriculture, Environment &  
Natural Resources Finance**

Delano; flood hazard mitigation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2762-Fritz (DFL)****Jobs & Economic  
Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Blooming Prairie; street and sewer improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2763-Fritz (DFL)****Jobs & Economic  
Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Ellendale; sewer and water infrastructure funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2764-Jaros (DFL)****Higher Education Finance**

Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2765-Huntley (DFL)****Education Finance**

Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, construction grant provided for Grant Magnet School; bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2766-Hilty (DFL)****Jobs & Economic  
Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Cloquet business park project funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2767-Solberg (DFL)****Jobs & Economic  
Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Itasca County power plant funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2768-Solberg (DFL)****Jobs & Economic  
Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Itasca County steel plant funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2769-Dean (R)****Agriculture, Environment &  
Natural Resources Finance**

Gateway Trail development funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2770-Fritz (DFL)****Jobs & Economic  
Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Faribault water reclamation plant funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2771-Fritz (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment &  
Natural Resources Finance**

Mill Towns Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2772-Fritz (DFL)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Minnesota Correctional Facility - Faribault; Phase II expansion funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2773-Erickson (R)****Transportation**

Curt Eastlund Memorial Bridge designated.

**HF2774-Abeler (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Chiropractors annual renewal of inactive acupuncture registration and acupuncture reinstatement fees provided.

**HF2775-Cornish (R)****Commerce & Financial Institutions**

Public safety peer counseling and debriefing provisions modified.

**HF2776-Abeler (R)****Higher Education Finance**

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities surplus property adjacent to a school district disposition provided.

**HF2777-Scalze (DFL)****Governmental Operations &  
Veterans Affairs**

Legislative appropriations continued in odd-numbered years unless amended or eliminated.

**HF2778-Gazelka (R)****Education Finance**

Schools mentoring schools program grants provided and money appropriated.

**HF2779-Gazelka (R)****Agriculture, Environment &  
Natural Resources Finance**

Cuyuna Lakes Trail development funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2780-Mariani (DFL)****Regulated Industries**

Mercury emissions limited for coal-fired electric generating facilities, reporting requirements modified and reduction-rider modified.

**HF2781-Davids (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

National center for biofuels research at the University of Minnesota design funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2782-Hilty (DFL)****Higher Education Finance**

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College renovation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2783-Sertich (DFL)****Jobs & Economic  
Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District wastewater treatment facilities funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2784-Rukavina (DFL)****Governmental Operations &  
Veterans Affairs**

State supplemental benefit increased for survivors of deceased active volunteer firefighters.

**HF2785-Rukavina (DFL)**

**Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
Vehicle forfeitures and fees for information releases provisions modified.

**HF2786-Rukavina (DFL)****Commerce & Financial Institutions**

Large employers required to report information on employee health insurance costs, assessments required and funds deposited into the Health Care Access Fund.

**HF2787-Rukavina (DFL)****Transportation Finance**

White; connecting road and recreational trail project funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2788-Rukavina (DFL)****Commerce & Financial Institutions**

Volunteer firefighter duty unpaid leave required from employers.

**HF2789-Anderson, I. (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment &  
Natural Resources Finance**

Koochiching County clean air project funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2790-Rukavina (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Disabled hunter provisions modified.

**HF2791-Rukavina (DFL)****Jobs & Economic  
Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Minnesota minerals 21st century fund transfer authorized and money appropriated.

**HF2792-Lieder (DFL)****Taxes**

Polk County Justice Center construction materials sales tax exemption provided.

**HF2793-Thissen (DFL)****Higher Education Finance**

Biomass energy facility funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2794-Gazelka (R)**

**Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
Uninsured motorists remedies limited.

**HF2795-Bradley (R)**

**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Rochester; bioscience development center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2796-Jaros (DFL)**

**Taxes**  
Income tax rates modified.

**HF2797-Jaros (DFL)**

**Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
Ojibwe and Dakota language place names required where appropriate and money appropriated.

**HF2798-Heidgerken (R)**  
**Higher Education Finance**

English pronunciation policy required as a condition of instructing students at public postsecondary institutions.

**HF2799-Abeler (R)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Public Employees Retirement Association service credit purchase authorized.

**HF2800-Paulsen (R)**  
**Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

State wildlife management bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2801-Heidgerken (R)**  
**Education Policy & Reform**  
Basic skills data reporting requirements by school superintendents to education commissioner eliminated.

**HF2802-Heidgerken (R)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Brooklyn and St. Martin wastewater system bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2803-Ruth (R)**  
**Transportation Finance**  
Local bridges and local road improvement fund proceeds bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2804-Lanning (R)**  
**Taxes**  
Marriage penalty relief conformity in standard deduction Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004 provided.

**HF2805-Wilkin (R)**  
**Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
Insurance regulation modernized, mutual holding company laws amended, interstate insurance product regulation compact enacted and other changes provided.

**HF2806-Abeler (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Licensed professional counselor reimbursement provided.

**HF2807-Abeler (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Variance or set-aside notification exception provided.

**HF2808-Abeler (R)**  
**Taxes**  
K-12 education subtraction and credit modified to cover extracurricular activity fees.

**HF2809-Sviggum (R)**  
**Transportation Finance**  
Goodhue Pioneer Trail bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2810-Powell (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Radiation therapy facility construction limitation expiration date removed.

**HF2811-Murphy (DFL)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
Lake Superior College bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2812-Cornish (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Blood testing requirements for individuals whose bodily fluids contact peace officers established.

**HF2813-Welti (DFL)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Case-mix classification assessment frequency modified.

**HF2814-Liebling (DFL)**  
**Civil Law & Elections**  
Debtor creditor attachment, garnishment or sale exemption for state earned income tax credits provided.

**HF2815-Johnson, R. (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Charter school leased or rented property tax exemption provided.

**HF2816-Demmer (R)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Workforce center land and building development bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2817-Demmer (R)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
"Resident student" definition under state financial aid programs modified.

**HF2818-Demmer (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Southeast Minnesota Regional Public Safety Training Center bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2819-Lanning (R)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Northern Connections pilot project money appropriated.

**HF2820-Sailer (DFL)**  
**Local Government**  
Hubbard County; Rockwood Township eminent domain exercise to acquire certain trust fund land authorized.

**HF2821-Lillie (DFL)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
MinnesotaCare premiums for military personnel and their families eliminated.

**HF2822-Bradley (R)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Rochester; bioscience development center bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2823-Latz (DFL)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
University of Minnesota supplemental funding provided and money appropriated.

**HF2824-Latz (DFL)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
University of Minnesota capital project bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2825-McNamara (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Hastings veterans supportive housing bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2826-Bradley (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Nursing facility medical assistance rate equalization requirement eliminated.

**HF2827-Kohls (R)**  
**Regulated Industries**  
On-sale wine and beer license issuance for culinary or cooking classes authorized.

**HF2828-Eastlund (R)**  
**Civil Law & Elections**  
Child support reduction upon emancipation of child established and support orders to specify support amounts provided.

**HF2829-Johnson, J. (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Child pornography offense penalties increased and ranked on offense severity table.

**HF2830-Greiling (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Retired pensioners income tax subtraction created.

**HF2831-Abeler (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Employer health coverage pooling programs reformed and recodified and money appropriated.

**HF2832-Abeler (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Business and political subdivision employee health coverage reinsurance pool created and money appropriated.

**HF2833-Seifert (R)**  
**State Government Finance**  
Inclusion of full-time equivalent positions by state agencies in detailed budget required.

**HF2834-Welti (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**  
Employee energy savings suggestion incentives provided.

**HF2835-Cox (R)**  
**Regulated Industries**  
Mercury emissions limits for coal-fired electric generating facilities imposed, emissions report requirements and reduction-rate rider modified.

**HF2836-Welti (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Great River Ridge State Trail designated.

**HF2837-Hilstrom (DFL)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Child pornography offender conditional release term imposed.

**HF2838-Abeler (R)**  
**Education Finance**  
Debt service equalization aid and referendum equalization aid program equalizing factors increased and indexed.

**HF2839-Tingelstad (R)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Straight-pipe sewage disposal system replacement or discontinued operation required.

**HF2840-Tingelstad (R)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**  
Continued effect of certain appropriations provided.

<b>HF2841-Tingelstad (R)</b> <b>Education Policy &amp; Reform</b> Schoolsafetyemphasized,emergency/disaster preparedness planning encouraged, secondary school law enforcement teachers required to be licensed as a peace officer and school safety procedures and fire drills integrated.	<b>HF2852-Smith (R)</b> <b>Governmental Operations &amp; Veterans Affairs</b> Surviving spouse of deceased judge retirement option provided.	<b>HF2864-Tingelstad (R)</b> <b>Agriculture, Environment &amp; Natural Resources Finance</b> Metropolitan regional park acquisition and betterment bonds issued and money appropriated.	<b>HF2876-Severson (R)</b> <b>Commerce &amp; Financial Institutions</b> Property insurance restriction exception for second class cities clarified.
<b>HF2842-Poppe (DFL)</b> <b>Higher Education Finance</b> Riverland Community College bonds issued and money appropriated.	<b>HF2853-Sieben (DFL)</b> <b>Ways &amp; Means</b> Revenue forecast account for inflation provided.	<b>HF2865-Lillie (DFL)</b> <b>Agriculture, Environment &amp; Natural Resources Finance</b> Ramsey and Washington counties; Lake Links Trail appropriation limited.	<b>HF2877-Emmer (R)</b> <b>Health Policy &amp; Finance</b> State health program coverage of services eliminated for all except labor and delivery for undocumented, pregnant non-citizens.
<b>HF2843-Kohls (R)</b> <b>Commerce &amp; Financial Institutions</b> Identity theft victims assisted and penalties provided.	<b>HF2854-Nornes (R)</b> <b>Health Policy &amp; Finance</b> Hospital restricted construction or modification exception provided.	<b>HF2866-Liebling (DFL)</b> <b>Health Policy &amp; Finance</b> Health Care Access Fund purpose clarified, MinnesotaCare provider tax contingent reduction provided and health care access fund transfers eliminated.	<b>HF2878-Gazelka (R)</b> <b>Health Policy &amp; Finance</b> Life insurance policy retention by Medical Assistance applicants authorized in certain instances.
<b>HF2844-Peterson, A. (DFL)</b> <b>Agriculture, Environment &amp; Natural Resources Finance</b> Monson Lake State Park bonds issued and money appropriated.	<b>HF2855-Poppe (DFL)</b> <b>Jobs &amp; Economic Opportunity Policy &amp; Finance</b> Child care employer cooperative program licensure provided.	<b>HF2867-Vandever (R)</b> <b>Local Government</b> Incorporation provided and annexation prohibited in certain circumstances.	<b>HF2879-Urdahl (R)</b> <b>Taxes</b> Dairy operation qualifying investment income and corporation franchise tax credit provided.
<b>HF2845-Ruth (R)</b> <b>Taxes</b> Owatonna; local sales and use tax imposition authorized.	<b>HF2856-Wilkin (R)</b> <b>Commerce &amp; Financial Institutions</b> Senior citizens protected from financial exploitation and annuity transactions regulated.	<b>HF2868-Greiling (DFL)</b> <b>Public Safety Policy &amp; Finance</b> Adult consultation prior to juvenile waiving guaranteed rights required.	<b>HF2880-Urdahl (R)</b> <b>Agriculture, Environment &amp; Natural Resources Finance</b> State park needs bonds issued and money appropriated.
<b>HF2846-Johnson, J. (R)</b> <b>Civil Law &amp; Elections</b> Eminent domain public use or purpose defined and modified, evidence for certain takings required, attorney fees provided and other changes provided.	<b>HF2857-Eastlund (R)</b> <b>Taxes</b> Disabled military veterans homestead property valuation exclusion provided.	<b>HF2869-Lesch (DFL)</b> <b>Health Policy &amp; Finance</b> Clinical trial registration and civil penalties provided.	<b>HF2881-Urdahl (R)</b> <b>Education Finance</b> Superintendent sharing financial incentive for school districts created.
<b>HF2847-Ozment (R)</b> <b>Governmental Operations &amp; Veterans Affairs</b> Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association and Teachers Retirement Association merged, contribution rates adjusted, benefit increase provided, technical changes provided and money appropriated.	<b>HF2858-Tingelstad (R)</b> <b>Civil Law &amp; Elections</b> International marriage brokers regulated.	<b>HF2870-Sieben (DFL)</b> <b>Transportation Finance</b> Red Rock Corridor transitway bonds issued and money appropriated.	<b>HF2882-Urdahl (R)</b> <b>Transportation</b> "Combat drug abuse" license plates authorized.
<b>HF2848-Huntley (DFL)</b> <b>Health Policy &amp; Finance</b> Case management and other social services report required.	<b>HF2859-Tingelstad (R)</b> <b>Civil Law &amp; Elections</b> Sex tourism facilitation prohibited and civil and criminal penalties provided.	<b>HF2871-Sieben (DFL)</b> <b>Transportation Finance</b> High speed rail line between St. Paul and Chicago bonds issued and money appropriated.	<b>HF2883-Dorman (R)</b> <b>Taxes</b> Agricultural land eligible for the homestead classification maximum market value increased.
<b>HF2849-Lenczewski (DFL)</b> <b>Transportation Finance</b> Bloomington; Old Cedar Avenue Bridge maintenance for hikers and bikers bonds issued and money appropriated.	<b>HF2860-Eastlund (R)</b> <b>Civil Law &amp; Elections</b> Standard for removal of child's residence from the state modified, joint physical custody presumption created, parenting plans required and hearing requirement timelines modified.	<b>HF2872-Erickson (R)</b> <b>Governmental Operations &amp; Veterans Affairs</b> Political subdivision defined relating to state auditor and provisions applied.	<b>HF2884-Dorman (R)</b> <b>Taxes</b> Special agricultural classification eligibility extended.
<b>HF2850-Lenczewski (DFL)</b> <b>Taxes</b> Alternative minimum tax exemption amounts and phaseout thresholds increased.	<b>HF2861-Krinkie (R)</b> <b>Transportation</b> Driver's license written examination in any language but English prohibited.	<b>HF2873-Lenczewski (DFL)</b> <b>Ways &amp; Means</b> Inflation accounted for in revenue forecast.	<b>HF2885-Erickson (R)</b> <b>Education Finance</b> Library accessibility and improvement grants bonds issued and money appropriated.
<b>HF2851-Lenczewski (DFL)</b> <b>Taxes</b> Alternative minimum taxable income modified.	<b>HF2862-Brod (R)</b> <b>Civil Law &amp; Elections</b> State primary moved from September to August and conforming changes provided.	<b>HF2874-Klinzing (R)</b> <b>Education Finance</b> School district operating expenditures directed towards classroom expenditures.	<b>HF2886-Hosch (DFL)</b> <b>Agriculture, Environment &amp; Natural Resources Finance</b> Avon air quality study of xylene money appropriated.
	<b>HF2863-Sviggum (R)</b> <b>Agriculture, Environment &amp; Natural Resources Finance</b> Kenyon; embankment removal project bonds issued and money appropriated.	<b>HF2875-Scalze (DFL)</b> <b>Taxes</b> Property tax market value credit reimbursement cuts from 2006 restored.	<b>HF2887-Hosch (DFL)</b> <b>Health Policy &amp; Finance</b> MinnesotaCare income exclusions for certain medical expenses authorized.



**HF2888-Hosch (DFL)****Health Policy & Finance**

MinnesotaCare excess income spend down for persons with life-threatening medical conditions authorized.

**HF2889-Hosch (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Glacial Lakes State Trail bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2890-Sykora (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Staggered terms of office for senators and staggered four-year terms of office for representatives provided, Legislature size reduced, and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF2891-Gunther (R)****Transportation Finance**

Mankato district headquarters building trunk highway bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2892-Dorn (DFL)****Higher Education Finance**

Mankato academic building construction authorized.

**HF2893-Dorn (DFL)****Higher Education Finance**

Minnesota State University, Mankato; Trafton Hall bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2894-Urdahl (R)****Education Finance**

State aid destablization of certain school district finances created.

**HF2895-Nelson, P. (R)****Civil Law & Elections**

Use, notice, hearing, appeal and procedure of eminent domain clarified, attorney fees authorized and technical changes provided.

**HF2896-Knoblach (R)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Total maximum daily load developments relating to the Clean Water Act provided and money appropriated.

**HF2897-Hackbarth (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Northshore Trail bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2898-Juhnke (DFL)****Higher Education Finance**

Ridgewater College bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2899-Krinkie (R)****Taxes**

Bloomington directed to repay trunk highway fund bonds and metropolitan fiscal disparities law abolished.

**HF2900-Krinkie (R)****Taxes**

State general levy growth factor eliminated.

**HF2901-Heidgerken (R)****Civil Law & Elections**

Ski area operators and skiers responsibilities, rights and liabilities defined; and actions for injuries resulting from the inherent dangers of skiing prohibited.

**HF2902-Eastlund (R)****Civil Law & Elections**

Presumption in favor of joint physical custody established.

**HF2903-Seifert (R)****Taxes**

Agricultural homestead property classification tier structure basis on acreage rather than market value provided.

**HF2904-Seifert (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Statewide hospitality fee exemption for schools provided.

**HF2905-Seifert (R)****Civil Law & Elections**

Contributions and solicitations during special legislative sessions prohibited in certain cases.

**HF2906-Seifert (R)****Transportation Finance**

Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority railroad track rehabilitation grant created, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2907-Seifert (R)****Taxes**

Adoption income tax credit authorized and fund transfer provided.

**HF2908-Seifert (R)****Regulated Industries**

Allowable gambling expenses restrictions modified and technical changes provided.

**HF2909-Seifert (R)****Education Finance**

Independent School District No. 635, Milroy, fund transfer authorized.

**HF2910-Seifert (R)****Higher Education Finance**

Southwest Minnesota State University bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2911-Seifert (R)****Higher Education Finance**

Southwest Minnesota State University bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2912-Seifert (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Court collection of information from defendants for debt collection purposes required, penalties for false information established and Supreme Court directed to adopt rules.

**HF2913-Hansen (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

South St. Paul landfill reclamation and conversion to parkland bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2914-Dorman (R)****Taxes**

Local government aid formula for cities modified.

**HF2915-Gunther (R)****Transportation Finance**

Motor vehicle tax apportionment specified through constitutional amendment and referendum.

**HF2916-Smith (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Fire safety account established from fire premium and assessment revenue, fire insurance tax abolished and money appropriated.

**HF2917-Severson (R)****Civil Law & Elections**

Funeral, burial or memorial service disruption prohibited and penalties created.

**HF2918-Dill (DFL)****Higher Education Finance**

Vermillion Community College bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2919-Lanning (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Oakport Township; flood hazard mitigation bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2920-Gazelka (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Brainerd Regional Treatment Center methamphetamine treatment center for women development bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2921-Severson (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Leaves of absence for family members of seriously injured or killed member of the armed forces required, veterans programs provided and funded, military pension tax subtraction created, educational fairness required and money appropriated.

**HF2922-Olson (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Commitment law for felony sentence repealed.

**HF2923-Seifert (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Disruption of funeral, burial or memorial service prohibited and penalties created.

**HF2924-Johnson, R. (DFL)****Taxes**

Property tax bracket indexed for agricultural homestead property.

**HF2925-Johnson, R. (DFL)****Taxes**

Home care credit provided and money appropriated.

**HF2926-Dean (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Legislators prohibited from receiving compensation after May in odd-numbered years unless all major budget bills have been passed.

**HF2927-Abeler (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Sick leave benefits use modified, Internet-based caregiver support system established and money appropriated.

**HF2928-Dorman (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Albert Lea storm sewer lift station upgrades funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2929-Lenczewski (DFL)****Taxes**

Alternative minimum taxable income modified and exemption amounts and phase-out thresholds increased.

**HF2930-Lenczewski (DFL)****Taxes**

Alternative minimum taxable income modified.

**HF2931-Dempsey (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Goodhue Pioneer Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2932-Davids (R)****Taxes**

Military pension income tax deduction provided.

**HF2933-Bradley (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Health case mix classification quarterly assessments required for reimbursement purposes.

**HF2934-Bradley (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Integration plan for state-administered health care programs required.

**HF2935-Bradley (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
MinnesotaCare provider tax  
contingent reduction provided.

**HF2936-Knoblach (R)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
St. Cloud State University; Wick  
Science Building addition funding  
provided, bonds issued and money  
appropriated.

**HF2937-Abeler (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
MinnesotaCare vision services  
coverage provided under limited  
benefit set.

**HF2938-Klinzing (R)**  
**Transportation Finance**  
I-94 and Radio Drive interchange  
funding provided, bonds issued and  
money appropriated.

**HF2939-Hansen (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Deer stand recalls notification  
required.

**HF2940-Otremba (DFL)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
MinnesotaCare gross income  
definition modified.

**HF2941-Otremba (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations &  
Veterans Affairs**  
Minnesota State Correctional  
Facility - St. Cloud correctional state  
employees retirement plan coverages  
clarified and service credit purchase  
authorized.

**HF2942-Juhnke (DFL)**  
**Transportation Finance**  
Willmar airport repayment to  
state airports fund requirement  
prohibited, future funding from  
state airports reduction prohibited,  
and funds use for other airport  
improvements specified.

**HF2943-Sieben (DFL)**  
**Transportation Finance**  
Newport motor vehicle excise tax  
authorized.

**HF2944-Sieben (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations &  
Veterans Affairs**  
Credit and debit card task force  
established relating to payment of  
taxes, licenses, permits and other  
fees.

**HF2945-Olson (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Best practice guidelines, quality  
measurements requirement,  
performance reporting and quality  
improvement system requirements  
repealed for health care providers  
serving certain public programs.

**HF2946-Howes (R)**  
**Local Government**  
County office appointment and  
consolidation provided subject  
to notice, hearing and reverse  
referendum.

**HF2947-Juhnke (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Spearfishing season modified.

**HF2948-Juhnke (DFL)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Corrections contracts exceeding two  
years authorized relating to chemical  
dependency treatment programs.

**HF2949-Simpson (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Wadena County regional justice  
center funding provided, bonds issued  
and money appropriated.

**HF2950-Wagenius (DFL)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Hazardous substance release  
prevention, preparedness and  
response provided.

**HF2951-Ellison (DFL)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
False information relating to police  
misconduct criminal provision  
repealed.

**HF2952-Westerberg (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Youth intervention programs funding  
provided and money appropriated.

**HF2953-Smith (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Courts funding provided to better  
address alcohol and drug-addicted  
offenders.

**HF2954-Smith (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Cell phone use by drivers under  
age 18 petty misdemeanor offense  
provided.

**HF2955-Howes (R)**  
**Tourism Division**  
Alternative shoreland management  
provided.

**HF2956-Solberg (DFL)**  
**Ways & Means**  
State budget compliance with  
accepted accounting principles  
required, emergency appropriation  
provided, inflation impact on state  
expenditures disclosed, continued  
appropriations provided, bud-  
get reserve increased and money  
appropriated.

**HF2957-Ruud (DFL)**  
**Education Finance**  
Special education federal funding  
urged by resolution to the president  
and Congress.

**HF2958-Greiling (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations &  
Veterans Affairs**  
Lobbyist disclosure requirements  
increased, certain conference  
committee communications required  
to be open to the public, former  
legislators and employees prohibited  
from lobbying for two years and  
contributions limited.

**HF2959-Dorman (R)**  
**Capital Investment**  
Capital improvements bill providing  
funding for various public projects,  
issuing bonds and appropriating  
money.

**HF2960-Hilstrom (DFL)**  
**Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
Social Security number use  
restricted.

**HF2961-Dean (R)**  
**Governmental Operations &  
Veterans Affairs**  
Legislators' and governor's  
compensation forfeited upon failure  
to pass specified budget provisions in  
a timely manner.

**HF2962-Dorman (R)**  
**Taxes**  
Property tax 4d classification  
extended.

**HF2963-Liebling (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
California low emission vehicle  
standards adopted and federal Clean  
Air Act updates provided.

**HF2964-Vandever (R)**  
**Civil Law & Elections**  
Communication or contact  
agreements clarified relating to  
family law.

**HF2965-Vandever (R)**  
**Local Government**  
Local government requirements for  
use of non-conforming lots limited.

**HF2966-Latz (DFL)**  
**Education Finance**  
Perpich Center for the Arts renovation  
funding provided, bonds issued and  
money appropriated.

**HF2967-Solberg (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Itasca County survey requirements  
modified, tax-forfeited land  
sale authorized and proceeds  
apportionment modified.

**HF2968-Abeler (R)**  
**Governmental Operations &  
Veterans Affairs**  
Public Employees Retirement  
Association service credit purchase  
authorized.

**HF2969-Kahn (DFL)**  
**Agriculture, Environment &  
Natural Resources Finance**  
Hennepin County; emergency  
building stabilization at Fort  
Snelling Upper Bluff funding  
provided, bonds issued and money  
appropriated.

**HF2970-Liebling (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic  
Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Manufactured home parks con-  
ditional use zoning requirement  
repealed.

**HF2971-Dorman (R)**  
**Agriculture, Environment &  
Natural Resources Finance**  
Shell Rock River Watershed District  
storm water retention and flood  
mitigation grants provided, bonds  
issued and money appropriated.

**HF2972-Tingelstad (R)**  
**Governmental Operations &  
Veterans Affairs**  
Legislative Commission on Minnesota  
Resources renamed and modified  
to include citizens and money  
appropriated.

**HF2973-Eastlund (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Human Services campus security  
upgrades provided, bonds issued and  
money appropriated.

**HF2974-Eastlund (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Correctional facilities capital  
improvements funding provided,  
bonds issued and money  
appropriated.

**HF2975-Greiling (DFL)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Mental health parity required in  
group disability income insurance  
policies.

**HF2976-Poppe (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic  
Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Family child care licensure  
classification groups expanded.

**HF2977-Poppe (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic  
Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Child care licensing provisions  
modified.

**HF2978-Solberg (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Sustainable forest incentive program  
land exchange authorized.

**HF2979-Hausman (DFL)**  
**Transportation Finance**  
Central Corridor transitway funding  
provided, bonds issued and money  
appropriated.

**HF2980-Welti (DFL)****Taxes**

Dover, Eyota, St. Charles Sanitary Sewer District sewer treatment facility construction materials sales tax exemption provided.

**HF2981-Soderstrom (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Minnesota sex offender treatment program at Moose Lake funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2982-Simon (DFL)****Transportation Finance**

McLeod County railroad switching yard funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2983-Vandever (R)****Regulated Industries**

Wireless telecommunications consumer protections provided.

**HF2984-Abeler (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Minnesota Correctional Facility - Lino Lakes; medical building improvements provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2985-Smith (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Funeral and burial service disruption prohibited and penalties imposed.

**HF2986-Brod (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

St. Peter Regional Treatment Center capital improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2987-Abrams (R)****Education Finance**

Minneapolis; MacPhail Center for Music funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2988-Peterson, A. (DFL)****Education Finance**

Cooperative secondary facilities program eligibility expanded.

**HF2989-Poppe (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Austin flood damage rehabilitation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2990-Poppe (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Austin flood mitigation grant provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2991-Magnus (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Slayton regional event center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2992-Greiling (DFL)****Health Policy & Finance**

Prescriptions; notice required when a prescription drug is removed from the formulary due to the failure of the manufacturer to sign a rebate agreement.

**HF2993-Latz (DFL)****Education Policy & Reform**

Perpich Center for Arts Education authorized to participate in the alternative teacher professional pay system.

**HF2994-Dill (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Watercraft storage structure repair authorized on public waters.

**HF2995-Vandever (R)****Taxes**

Law enforcement and firefighter survivors income tax check-off provided, memorials maintenance provided and advisory council established.

**HF2996-Vandever (R)****Taxes**

Local option disaster relief abatements modified.

**HF2997-Ellison (DFL)****State Government Finance**

Blaine; National Sports Center track resurfacing funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF2998-Hoppe (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Firefighter labor arbitration provision sunset repealed.

**HF2999-Penas (R)****Transportation Finance**

Kittson County local road improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3000-Cox (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Mill Towns State Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3001-Gunther (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Contamination cleanup grant program funds directed and commissioner's discretion clarified.

**HF3002-Emmer (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Minnesota Family Investment Program and general assistance provisions modified.

**HF3003-Dorman (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Albert Lea; North Edgewater Park contamination cleanup grant provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3004-Smith (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

State and local jail and prison inmates required to be housed in publicly owned and operated facilities, private contracting prohibited and Prairie Correctional Facility purchase authorized.

**HF3005-Smith (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Sex offender assessment reimbursement grant appropriation technical correction provided.

**HF3006-Smith (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Law enforcement officers required to record the country of citizenship and immigration status of felon arrestees and reporting required.

**HF3007-Smith (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Law enforcement officers required to record the country of citizenship and immigration status of felon arrestees and reporting required.

**HF3008-Smith (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Level III sex offenders required to wear GPS tracking devices and money appropriated.

**HF3009-Smith (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Domestic assault committed in the presence of a child enhanced penalties provided.

**HF3010-Smith (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Photographic evidence-based traffic citations prohibited.

**HF3011-Johnson, R. (DFL)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

St. Peter Regional Treatment Center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3012-Ozment (R)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Temporary state park permits provided for towed vehicles.

**HF3013-Smith (R)****Transportation**

Motor vehicle existence of event recording device disclosure required.

**HF3014-Smith (R)****Civil Law & Elections**

Driver's license, permit and identification permits regulation provided and federal conformity provided.

**HF3015-Bradley (R)****Ways & Means**

Pharmacy and pharmacy-related costs human services funding provided and money appropriated.

**HF3016-Mullery (DFL)****Education Policy & Reform**

K-12 physical education standard elements clarified.

**HF3017-Howes (R)****Local Government**

Emergency medical services special taxing districts alternative establishment method provided, levy authority increased and sunset removed.

**HF3018-Wagenius (DFL)****Civil Law & Elections**

Absentee ballot voting provisions modified relating to public health circumstances.

**HF3019-Dorman (R)****Jobs & Economic****Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Albert Lea; Katherine Island bridge funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3020-Solberg (DFL)****Taxes**

Electric utility generation facility personal property tax exemption modified.

**HF3021-Ellison (DFL)****Civil Law & Elections**

Voter challenges based on certain mailings by political parties prohibited.

**HF3022-Ellison (DFL)****Civil Law & Elections**

Voter challenges based on certain mailings by political parties prohibited.

**HF3023-Newman (R)****Education Finance**

Independent School District No. 424, Lester Prairie, fund transfers authorized.

**HF3024-Hilty (DFL)****Education Finance**

Independent School District No. 577, Willow River authorized to recertify its school levy for taxes payable in 2006.



**HF3025-Lesch (DFL)****Health Policy & Finance**

Fair Share health care fund established, large employers required to report health care costs and payments and subsidies established.

**HF3026-Pelowski (DFL)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Health screening benefit for eligible members of the armed forces provided and money appropriated.

**HF3027-Charron (R)****Local Government**

Nonconforming county land use provisions modified.

**HF3028-Kelliher (DFL)****Regulated Industries**

Liquor license restrictions technical provision modified relating to Metropolitan State University.

**HF3029-Powell (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Essential community provider designation modified.

**HF3030-Samuelson (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Health care providers prohibited from refusing to contract with government health plans and county-based purchasing organizations under certain circumstances.

**HF3031-Erickson (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Garrison, Kathio, West Mille Lacs Sanitary Sewer District wastewater treatment grant provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3032-Emmer (R)****Health Policy and Finance**

Pharmacists prohibited from refusing to dispense a prescription drug or device except under certain circumstances.

**HF3033-Erickson (R)****Education Policy & Reform**

Pre-kindergarten through grade 12 academic reform created, teacher preparation reformed, state council established, grants provided and money appropriated.

**HF3034-Hornstein (DFL)****Health Policy & Finance**

Mental health fatality review team established and money appropriated.

**HF3035-Penas (R)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Roseau County tax-forfeited land sale authorized.

**HF3036-Solberg (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Long Lake Conservation Center Marcum House renovation bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3037-Penas (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Kittson County; St. Vincent dike improvement bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3038-Peterson, A. (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge bike trail bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3039-Blaine (R)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Timber permit extension in event of adverse climatic conditions provided.

**HF3040-Fritz (DFL)****Education Policy & Reform**

Deaf student interpreter requirements modified.

**HF3041-Erickson (R)****Education Finance**

Debt service equalization aid program equalizing factors increased and indexed.

**HF3042-Erickson (R)****Education Finance**

Limited market value sales ratio adjustment calculation corrected.

**HF3043-Erickson (R)****Education Finance**

Debt service equalization aid equalizing factors increased and indexed and sales ratio calculation corrected.

**HF3044-Howes (R)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Fish spearing season extended.

**HF3045-Knoblach (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Non-public school exemption for timely wage payment requirements provided.

**HF3046-Haws (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

St. Cloud Civic Center expansion and renovation bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3047-Haws (DFL)****Transportation Finance**

St. Cloud Regional Airport land acquisition bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3048-Lanning (R)****Transportation Finance**

Motor vehicle sales tax revenue dedicated to transportation and allocated between public transit assistance and highway user tax distribution fund and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF3049-Davids (R)****Commerce & Financial Institutions**

Ambulance purchase and lease regulated and manufacturer's duty to repair, refund or replace defective ambulances established.

**HF3050-Nelson, P. (R)****Transportation**

Provisional driver's license motor vehicle operation requirements modified.

**HF3051-Lieder (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Polk County; 10-ton road construction bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3052-Ellison (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Legal non-licensed family child care providers technical provision modified.

**HF3053-Hornstein (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Minneapolis parkway improvement bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3054-Latz (DFL)****Transportation Finance**

St. Louis Park intersection reconstruction bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3055-Davnie (DFL)****Commerce & Financial Institutions**

Pressure-treated lumber containing chromated copper arsenate structure removal from schools, parks and child care facilities required.

**HF3056-Blaine (R)****Environment & Natural Resources**

State Timber Act modified, land donor appraisal reimbursement and acquisition of land provided, state forest user fees established, forest resource management plan requirement eliminated, criminal penalties provided and money appropriated.

**HF3057-Beard (R)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District acquisition, maintenance, operation, and improvement of dredge material site authorized, fees imposed and bonds issued.

**HF3058-Penas (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board fund expenditure approval process clarified.

**HF3059-Penas (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Giants Ridge Recreation Area definition updated and Douglas J. Johnson economic protection trust fund technical reference corrected.

**HF3060-Howes (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Forestland acquisition bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3061-Huntley (DFL)****Transportation Finance**

Northeast Minnesota rail initiative bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3062-Hamilton (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Jackson County; trail connections bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3063-Buesgens (R)****Education Policy & Reform**

Structurally balanced school district budget requirements clarified.

**HF3064-Smith (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Minnesota Correctional Facility - Shakopee bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3065-Charron (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Minnesota Correctional Facility - Stillwater bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3066-Pelowski (DFL)****Agriculture & Rural Development**

Nursery stock retail sale consumer education provided and report required.

**HF3067-Davids (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Houston County Historical Society grant money appropriated.

**HF3068-Davids (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Houston County Historical Society grant bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3069-Smith (R)****Civil Law & Elections**

Eminent domain exercise for economic development prohibited, public use and other terms defined.

**HF3070-Hamilton (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Windom wastewater line project bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3071-Severson (R)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Watershed district manager elections provided.

**HF3072-Severson (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Policy statement supportive of military service established.

**HF3073-Thissen (DFL)****Civil Law & Elections**

Minnesota Common Interest Ownership Act technical and conforming changes provided, and certain probate, trust and mechanic's lien provisions modified.

**HF3074-Moe (DFL)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Disruption of funeral services, funeral ceremonies, graveside services and memorial services prohibited and penalties provided.

**HF3075-Peterson, A. (DFL)****Education Finance**

Lincoln County school project involving renewable energy bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3076-Emmer (R)****Civil Law & Elections**

Business corporations regulated, terms clarified and updated, limited liability companies regulated and references to limited liability companies provided.

**HF3077-Thissen (DFL)****Health Policy & Finance**

Human services commissioner presentation of detailed budget information for state-operated services required.

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**HF3078-Penas (R)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board composition and member selection provided.

**HF3079-Abrams (R)****Local Government**

Liability on claims brought against a municipality participating in a joint venture or enterprise limited.

**HF3080-Haws (DFL)****Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**

County reimbursement required for housing state's short-term offenders.

**HF3081-Eken (DFL)****Environment & Natural Resources**

Otter Tail River canoe and boating route designated and funding provided, other routes and river accesses marked, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3082-Lenczewski (DFL)****Taxes**

Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004 marriage penalty relief conformity provided.

**HF3083-Lenczewski (DFL)****Taxes**

Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004 marriage penalty relief conformity provided and tax relief made permanent.

**HF3084-Lenczewski (DFL)****Taxes**

Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004 retroactive marriage penalty relief conformity provided.

**HF3085-Erickson (R)****Transportation**

Reconveying surplus transportation land requirements provided.

**HF3086-Powell (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Reporting of maltreatment of vulnerable adults data sharing with local medical examiner of reports of suspicious deaths required.

**HF3087-Eken (DFL)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Counties authorized to withdraw from regional jail systems.

**HF3088-Nelson, P. (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Limited disclosure of verbatim grand jury record authorized in the specified interests of justice.

**HF3089-Ruth (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Minnesota Correctional Facility - Faribault; Phase II expansion funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3090-Westrom (R)****Regulated Industries**

Uniform regulatory treatment of telecommunications services for business customers provided.

**HF3091-Meslow (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

Domestic abuse no contact order violations added to list of qualified domestic violence-related offenses.

**HF3092-Meslow (R)****Transportation Finance**

White Bear Lake; Lake Avenue Regional Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3093-Gunther (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Unemployment insurance law policy, housekeeping, and style changes provided; administrative rules incorporated into statute; and fraud penalties modified.

**HF3094-Powell (R)****Public Safety Policy & Finance**

State Patrol vehicles provided with automatic external defibrillators and money appropriated.

**HF3095-Hornstein (DFL)****Local Government**

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and city council authorized to impose a park dedication fee on new housing units.

**HF3096-Dill (DFL)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Lake Superior safe harbors funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3097-Walker (DFL)****Health Policy & Finance**

Fee-for-service health care delivery expanded under Medical Assistance, general assistance, and MinnesotaCare; and delivery of services to state health care program enrollees by prepaid health plans eliminated.

**HF3098-Kelliher (DFL)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Supportive housing funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3099-Westerberg (R)****Regulated Industries**

Electronic horse race wagering authorized and card club provisions modified.

**HF3100-Beard (R)****Regulated Industries**

Card club provisions modified.

**HF3101-Buesgens (R)****Regulated Industries**

Gambling other than pari-mutuel betting authorized at licensed racetrack and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF3102-Nornes (R)****Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance**

Otter Tail County surplus land conveyance authorized.

**HF3103-Nornes (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Veterans Home Board projects funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3104-Goodwin (DFL)****Health Policy & Finance**

Failure to dispense prescription drugs penalties provided.

**HF3105-Hackbarth (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

East Bethel; zero-discharge wastewater treatment plant construction funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3106-Walker (DFL)****Health Policy & Finance**

Universal health care system provided, preventive care focus required, comprehensive benefits and cost reduction provided and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF3107-Samuelson (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Ramsey County nursing facility rate increase determination provided.

**HF3108-Sailer (DFL)****Health Policy & Finance**

Renewable and conservation energy grants for nursing facilities provided and money appropriated.

**HF3109-Samuelson (R)****Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**

Ramsey County teen parents child care pilot project authorized.

**HF3110-Westrom (R)****Civil Law & Elections**

Voting system criteria established.

**HF3111-Dean (R)****Health Policy & Finance**

Interstate contracts for chemical health services provided.

**HF3112-Liebling (DFL)****Transportation Finance**

Rochester truck station grant provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

**HF3113-Krinkie (R)****Civil Law & Elections**

Homeowner compensation increased in eminent domain actions, eminent domain use restricted and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF3114-DeLaForest (R)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**  
Labor agreements and compensation plans for various public employees ratified.

**HF3115-Welti (DFL)**  
**Transportation Finance**  
Airport fund transfer offset provided and fund transfer from the tax relief account to the general fund provided.

**HF3116-McNamara (R)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Game and fish provisions modified.

**HF3117-Larson (DFL)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
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**HF3118-Samuelson (R)**  
**Taxes**  
Senior property tax deferral program qualifications modified.

**HF3119-Hoppe (R)**  
**Public Safety Policy & Finance**  
Regulated animal possession and ownership restrictions modified.

**HF3120-Clark (DFL)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Unemployment and dislocated worker eligibility regulation provided.

**HF3121-Sykora (R)**  
**Education Finance**  
Charter school start-up paid for certain charter schools restored.

**HF3122-Johnson, R. (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
North Mankato local sales tax authorized, bonds issued and funds use specified.

**HF3123-Tingelstad (R)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Post-adoption search services training requirements developed.

**HF3124-Tingelstad (R)**  
**Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance**  
Adoption advisory task force established.

**HF3125-Severson (R)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**  
Leave for immediate family members of military personnel injured or killed in active service required.

**HF3126-Vandever (R)**  
**Taxes**  
Contractor payment withholding rules modified.

**HF3127-Abrams (R)**  
**Taxes**  
Motor vehicle lease sales tax revenue deposit modified.

**HF3128-Cornish (R)**  
**Regulated Industries**  
Renewable energy measure funding under energy conservation investment loan program authorized.

**HF3129-Hortman (DFL)**  
**Education Finance**  
Minnesota Early Learning Foundation money appropriated.

**HF3130-Bradley (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
ICF/MR plan to develop a plan for unspecified future services development required.

**HF3131-Sykora (R)**  
**Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
Health reinsurance program provision by service cooperatives and local government participation in programs authorized.

**HF3132-Bradley (R)**  
**Health Policy & Finance**  
Credentials verification service use by foreign medical school graduates authorized.

**HF3133-Gazelka (R)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**  
Employment and Economic Development Department technical and housekeeping changes provided, department assistance provision to small businesses regarding federal funds required, fees imposed and revenue appropriated.

**HF3134-Wagenius (DFL)**  
**Regulated Industries**  
Energy project entitlement removed to facilitate energy sales contract entrance and technical changes provided.

**HF3135-Abrams (R)**  
**Local Government**  
Hennepin and Ramsey counties mortgage registry and deed tax imposition expiration date removed.

**HF3136-Abrams (R)**  
**Higher Education Finance**  
University of Minnesota and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities president search and selection process modified.

**HF3137-Ellison (DFL)**  
**Rules & Legislative Administration**  
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**HF3138-Powell (R)**  
**Taxes**  
Burnsville tax increment financing district creation authorized, time deadlines extended and certain related authority repealed.

**HF3139-Johnson, S. (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs**  
State building projects funded with state bonds climate neutral policy established.

**HF3140-Haws (DFL)**  
**Local Government**  
Financial statement publication requirements of counties modified.

**HF3141-Cornish (R)**  
**Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
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**HF3142-Hoppe (R)**  
**Local Government**  
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In 2002.....	2
New House members since the end of last session.....	1 (Larry Haws)
Republican House members.....	68
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Bonding proposal submitted Jan. 17 by Gov. Tim Pawlenty (in millions).....	\$897
Millions that are proposed in general obligation bonding.....	\$811
Respective requests in 2004, in millions.....	\$760, \$689
Percent of governor's proposal that is for projects in Greater Minnesota.....	60
Millions in 2005 bonding law passed by Legislature.....	\$944.9
Amount in general obligation bonds.....	\$885.9
Millions in total bonding law in 2004.....	\$0
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