Inside: Bonding it all together, members making a move, ideas to bills, more
**Welcome to Session Weekly**

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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 Sviggen, 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
It 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 Svigum (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 law 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.

Svigum expects the final House bill to be similar to the governor’s, while Rep. Dan Dorman (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 and $352 million.

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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 campus. “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.

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)
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 proceedings.

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.

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

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.

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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 Knoblauch (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.

Knoblauch 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

BY IRENE VOTH

This 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)

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: 38.9% (3,142)
    - 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)

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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.

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, 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.”

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

Bill Introductions

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) 
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 Finance 
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) 
Higher Education Finance 
State Government Finance 
Red Lake River Corridor improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2607-Hackbart (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  
Louvere; sales and motor vehicle excise taxes authorized and funds usage 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  
Healthcare providers and healthplan 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.


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-Greiling (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 Oragnonation; 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-Vandeveer (R) Taxes City annexation payments to towns provided.

HF2684-Vandeveer (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 Finance  
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-Ericsson (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) Commerce & Financial Institutions 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 Koochiching County air project 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 air project funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2790-Rukavina (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources Disabled hunter provisions modified.


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  
Brookston and St. Martin wastewater system bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2803 - Ruth (R)  
Transportation Finance  
Local bridges and local road improvement fund proceed 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 capital project bonds issued 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 reimbursement 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.
HF2841-Tingelstad (R) Education Policy & Reform
School safety emphasized, 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.

HF2842-Poppe (DFL) Higher Education Finance
Riverland Community College bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2843-Kohls (R) Commerce & Financial Institutions
Identity theft victims assisted and penalties provided.

HF2844-Peterson, A. (DFL) Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance
Monson Lake State Park bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2845-Ruth (R) Taxes
Owatonna; local sales and use tax imposition authorized.

HF2846-Johnson, J. (R) Civil Law & Elections
Eminent domain public use or purpose defined and modified, evidence for certain takings required, attorney fees provided and other changes provided.

HF2847-Ozment (R) Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs
Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association and Teachers Retirement Association merged, contribution rates adjusted, benefit increase provided, technical changes provided and money appropriated.

HF2848-Huntley (DFL) Health Policy & Finance
Case management and other social services report required.

HF2849-Lenczewski (DFL) Transportation Finance
Bloomington; Old Cedar Avenue Bridge maintenance for hikers and bikers bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2850-Lenczewski (DFL) Taxes
Alternative minimum tax exemption amounts and phaseout thresholds increased.

HF2851-Lenczewski (DFL) Taxes
Alternative minimum taxable income modified.

HF2852-Smith (R) Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs
Surviving spouse of deceased judge retirement option provided.

HF2853-Sieben (DFL) Ways & Means
Revenue forecast account for inflation provided.

HF2854-Nornes (R) Health Policy & Finance
Hospital restricted construction or modification exception provided.

HF2855-Poppe (DFL) Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance
Child care employer cooperative program licensure provided.

HF2856-Wilkin (R) Commerce & Financial Institutions
Senior citizens protected from financial exploitation and annuity transactions regulated.

HF2857-Eastlund (R) Taxes
Disabled military veteran homestead property valuation exclusion provided.

HF2858-Tingelstad (R) Civil Law & Elections
International marriage brokers regulated.

HF2859-Tingelstad (R) Civil Law & Elections
Sex tourism facilitation prohibited and civil and criminal penalties provided.

HF2860-Eastlund (R) Civil Law & Elections
Standard for removal of child’s residence from the state modified, joint physical custody presumption created, parenting plans required and hearing requirement timelines modified.

HF2861-Krinkie (R) Transportation
Driver’s license written examination in any language but English prohibited.

HF2862-Brod (R) Civil Law & Elections
State primary moved from September to August and conforming changes provided.

HF2863-Sviggen (R) Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance
Kenyon; embankment removal project bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2864-Tingelstad (R) Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance
Metropolitan regional park acquisition and betterment bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2865-Lillie (DFL) Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance
Ramsey and Washington counties; Lake Links Trail appropriation limited.

HF2866-Liebling (DFL) Health Policy & Finance
Health Care Access Fund purpose clarified, MinnesotaCare provider tax contingent reduction provided and health care access fund transfers eliminated.

HF2867-Vandeveer (R) Local Government
Incorporation provided and annexation prohibited in certain circumstances.

HF2868-Greiling (DFL) Public Safety Policy & Finance
Adult consultation prior to juvenile waiving guaranteed rights required.

HF2869-Lesch (DFL) Health Policy & Finance
Clinical trial registration and civil penalties provided.

HF2870-Sieben (DFL) Transportation Finance
Red Rock Corridor transitway bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2871-Sieben (DFL) Transportation Finance
High speed rail line between St. Paul and Chicago bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2872-Erickson (R) Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs
Superintendent sharing financial incentive for school districts created.

HF2873-Lenczewski (DFL) Ways & Means
Inflation accounted for in revenue forecast.

HF2874-Urdahl (R) Education Finance
Superintendent sharing financial incentive for school districts created.

HF2875-Scalze (DFL) Health Policy & Finance
Property insurance restriction exception for second class cities clarified.

HF2876-Severson (R) Commerce & Financial Institutions
Property insurance restriction exception for second class cities clarified.

HF2877-Emmer (R) Health Policy & Finance
State health program coverage of services eliminated for all except labor and delivery for undocumented, pregnant non-citizens.

HF2878-Gazelka (R) Health Policy & Finance
Life insurance policy retention by Medical Assistance applicants authorized in certain instances.

HF2879-Urdahl (R) Taxes
Dairy operation qualifying investment income and corporation franchise tax credit provided.

HF2880-Urdahl (R) Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance
State park bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2881-Urdahl (R) Education Finance
Superintendent sharing financial incentive for school districts created.

HF2882-Urdahl (R) Transportation
“Combat drug abuse” license plates authorized.

HF2883-Dorman (R) Taxes
Agricultural land eligible for the homestead classification maximum market value increased.

HF2884-Dorman (R) Taxes
Special agricultural classification eligibility extended.

HF2885-Erickson (R) Education Finance
Library accessibility and improvement grants bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2886-Hosch (DFL) Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance
Avon air quality study of xylene money appropriated.

HF2887-Hosch (DFL) Health Policy & Finance
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 destabilization 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)  
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  
Homecare 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
1-94 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 program 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, budget 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 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-Vandeveer (R) Civil Law & Elections
Communication or contact agreements clarified relating to family law.

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

HF2966-Latz (DFL) Education Finance
Pepich 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 conditional 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 insurance programs.

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 Finance
Sustainable forest incentive program land exchange authorized.

HF2979-Hausman (DFL) Transportation Finance
Central Corridor transitway funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.
HF2980-Weitl (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-Vandeveer (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  
Austind flood damage rehabilitation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF2990-Poppe (DFL)  
Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Finance  
Austind 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-Grelling (DFL)  
Health Policy & Finance  
Prescriptions; notice required when a prescription drug is removed from the formulation 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-Vandeveer (R)  
Taxes  
Law enforcement and firefighter survivors income tax check-off provided, memorials maintenance provided and advisory council established.

HF2996-Vandeveer (R)  
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
Gigantic 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.
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**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  
Counties 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, 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-Hackbart (R)**  
Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance  
Estonia 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 & Elections  
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  
Cell phones; moving violation committed while operating mobile phone fine doubled and affirmative defense provided for emergency use.

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 schools start-up aid for certain charter schools restored.

HF3122-Johnson, R. (DFL)  
Taxes  
North Mankato local sales tax ordinance restored.

HF3123-Tingelstad (R)  
Jobs & Economic Opportunity Policy & Finance  
Unemployment and dislocated worker eligibility regulation provided.

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.

HF3126-Vandeveer (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 underenergyconservationinvestment loan program authorized.

HF3129-Hortman (DFL)  
Education Finance  
Minnesota Early Learning Foundation established.

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.
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Number of legislative days permitted in a biennium .................................................. 120
   Number available for this year ............................................................................. 54
Legislative days used in 2004, the last bonding year ........................................... 52
   In 2002 ............................................................................................................. 56
   In 2000 ............................................................................................................. 51
Days from when the Legislature adjourned its special session July 13, 2005
   to the start of the 2006 session ........................................................................ 230
Date by which members must have their work complete ........................................ May 22
Days between May 22 and Election Day ................................................................... 169
Days before constitutional deadline in which members adjourned in 2004 .............. 1
   In 2002 ............................................................................................................. 2
New House members since the end of last session ................................................... 1 (Larry Haws)
   Republican House members ............................................................................. 68
   DFL House members ......................................................................................... 66
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
Millions in 2002 (after vetoes) ................................................................................. $626.9
Millions in 2000 ..................................................................................................... $636.8
Millions in 1998 (largest in state history) ............................................................... $999
Members in each body that must pass a bonding bill, as percent ............................ 60
House bills introduced during the 2005 regular session .................................... 2,562
   Senate bills ...................................................................................................... 2,340
Number of bills introduced during the 2005 regular session that were signed into law ... 169
Number of bills introduced during the 2005 special session that were signed into law ... 8
House bills introduced in 2004, the last bonding year ....................................... 1,554
   Senate bills ...................................................................................................... 1,497
House bills introduced in the interim and on the first day of session .................. 515

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