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## THU

April 5 (meetings after 2 p.m.)

● The bill reforming HMO practices in Minnesota went to the Appropriations Committee on a 73-36 vote in House floor action, April 5, which means it probably won't be back this legislative session.

The bill would prohibit HMOs from charging different rates for coverage within client groups and require HMO officials to tell what role they play in the HMO's operation and the finances of the company. HMOs would also have to provide the same benefits to pregnant women, whether or not they're married, and cover children from the time of birth.

## FRI

April 6

● The capital improvements appropriations bill is on its way to the full House. The Appropriations Committee recommended it to pass, as amended, April 6. The bill, which appropriates funds for state building, emphasizes education projects.

The largest appropriation, \$56.3 million, would go to the University of Minnesota, \$20 million of it for renovation of Smith Hall, the chemistry building on the Minneapolis campus.

Community colleges would get \$26.5 million; the State University System, \$16.7 million. The bill also contains a \$28 million appropriation for the Transportation Department.

● If you are an artist, you may be able to show your work at the

State Capitol under a new Minnesota Artist of the Month Program. The program is part of the governor's efforts to increase artistic growth in the state. On an on-going basis, a committee of artists and art organizations would select an artist whose work would be on display in the Capitol for one month.

Expected cost of the program is about \$50,000, which the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division of Appropriations approved, April 6. The money's part of the governor's supplemental budget requests, yet to go to the full Legislature.

● A bill to ask voters whether to consolidate the offices of state treasurer, secretary of state, and state auditor into a single, elected office had a hearing in the Governmental Operations Committee, April 6, when the committee voted to lay the bill over.

House author, Rep. Rick Krueger, says his proposal, HF2264, is a good-government and accountability bill and that studies, since 1948, support his position.

● With praise for its delicacy, members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee recommended the morel, also known as the sponge mushroom, or honeycomb morel, as the official state mushroom, April 6.

"Not only does it (morel) symbolize the exquisiteness of our woods, but it also symbolizes our quality of life. It's a great delicacy," said Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls).

The bill passed in the Senate, March 21. Rep. Connie Levi (R-Dellwood) is author of the House bill, HF1053, which goes next onto the Consent Calendar in the House.

The committee also recommended to pass HF1577 (Long, DFL-Mpls),

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a Waste Management Act bill, which would change some of the provisions governing dump-site selection. A landfill abatement provision in the bill would levy a 50-cent fee on metropolitan county landfill operators for each cubic yard of trash going into their dumps.

Other bills the committee recommended to pass include HF1945 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls), which would require the airport commission to report to the Pollution Control Agency, by the end of 1989, the yearly changes in noise level from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport; HF688 (Larsen, DFL-Anoka), which would set up a state waste tire recycling account; and HF1048 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors), which would add regulations to the transporting of wild animals.

The committee postponed action on HF865 (Clark, K., DFL-Mpls), a toxic substance disclosure bill.

● **Adjusted market values that reflect farmland productivity** should determine its valuation for tax purposes, according to a proposal the Taxes Committee recommended to pass, April 6.

The bill is one of numerous property tax measures the committee discussed and included in the Omnibus Tax bill, HF2016 (Tomlinson, DFL-St. Paul).

Rep. Linda Scheid, (DFL-Brooklyn Park), author of the proposal, said no one method seems to work in determining the value of farm property. The market value tends to overstate the value, and the production method is inaccurate. "The best yardstick seems to be the marketplace," which is a reflection of the farm's productivity, Scheid said.

Scheid's proposal would use productivity and market value. The revenue commissioner would report to the Legislature, by Jan. 15,

1985, on how the state should adjust market values for use in 1985 assessments.

● **Tenants will get a larger return on their damage deposits** from landlords if HF2078 (Otis, DFL-Mpls) becomes law. The bill, which the Energy Committee recommended to pass, April 6, would raise the interest rate landlords would have to refund on deposits from five to six percent.

Supporters of the bill say that landlords are reinvesting damage deposits for yields well beyond the current five-percent rate in the law. They say that even banks have passbook savings accounts commonly in the 5.5 percent range and higher.

Opponents agree that the interest figure should be in line with banks but not as high as six-percent. Although the committee voted to recommend the bill for passage, some members said that landlords obeying the six-percent figure, should it become law, would compensate their losses by raising rents.

## MON

April 9

● **The equal-pay-for-comparable work issue** would come close to home for public employees under a bill the Local and Urban Affairs Committee recommended to pass as amended April 9. The legislation would call for local governments to review their salary systems and include "comparable work value" as a major factor in pay consideration.

Oct. 1, 1985, local governments would have to report their methods of job evaluation to the commissioner of employee relations and report results to employee representatives.

The report to the commissioner would give figures on how many types of jobs have unequal pay for similar work, how and when the government plans to set up pay equity, and the cost to do so.

According to the bill, "comparable

work value" shall measure the skill, effort, and responsibility a job requires, and its working conditions.

● **If the police stop you for suspected drunk driving, you'll lose your license** for a year if you refuse to take an alcohol concentration test. The test, now an option in Minnesota, would become mandatory under HF1400, (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul), a bill the House Judiciary Committee approved April 9.

The committee also approved a bill that attempts to crack down on drinking and driving among the under-19 age group. It would revoke the license of the under-19 driver who violates the state's open-bottle law or drives with an alcohol concentration of .05 or more.

A 60-day license revocation would apply to under 19-year-olds who drive with an unopened bottle on a public highway, without the company of an adult. Those under 19 who buy, or try to buy liquor, using a driver's license, would lose their licenses for 30 days.

The revocations for driving with an open or unopened bottle, or with a .05 alcohol concentration would double for drivers with two or more offenses.

● **A sobering-up period for drinkers** moved a step closer to becoming law, April 9, when the House Regulated Industries Committee recommended to pass, as amended, HF1750 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls). The bill would let municipalities issue extended-hour permits to bars, allowing them to stay open past one a.m. They couldn't serve liquor after one, but they could sell soft drinks and food to

help patrons sober up before driving.

● **Three bills moved through the Health, Welfare and Corrections Division of Appropriations** to the full Appropriations Committee with recommendations to pass, as amended, April 9:

- HF100 (Swanson, DFL-Richfield)—catastrophic health expense protection bill
- HF1588 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—clarification of eligibility for general assistance bill
- HF2098 (Clawson, DFL-Lindstrom)—nursing home rate changes bill

The division reconsidered HF2020 (Swanson, DFL-Richfield), a bill to place a moratorium on hospital capacity expansion. The division voted to include HF2020's language, as amended, in the division's portion of the Omnibus Supplemental Appropriations Bill. The amendment moves the moratorium date from 1987 to 1986 and increases the limit on expenditures from \$1 million to \$1.3 million.

● **Unemployment compensation had a hearing at a late night meeting** of the Governmental Operations Committee, April 9.

In what labor and business groups are calling a compromise package, the committee approved a proposal to make eligibility, tax, benefit, and administrative changes to Minnesota's unemployment compensation system.

According to the bill's author, Rep. Phil Riveness (DFL-Bloomington), the proposal would keep our taxes, as a percentage of total wages, below the national average; speed up the payment of \$148 million in federal taxes and interest to save \$360 million in federal flat-rate taxes and interest payments; eliminate federal taxes by 1986, and restore solvency to the fund.

Provisions would turn the state's

unemployment system into a quarterly reporting system under which employers would make regular quarterly reports on employee wages to the Department of Economic Security, and an increased work force attachment would be necessary for benefit eligibility.

Employer taxes would, for the most part, be higher under HF2263, but once the fund reaches solvency, taxes would automatically go down.

● **In 1986, Minnesotan's may have to replace "life-time" motor vehicle license plates** with new plates that would require a change every six years.

Rep. James Metzen (DFL-South St. Paul) sponsor of HF1607, a bill that would require issuing license plates for cars, motorcycles, mopeds, and motor scooters for a six-year period at \$3 per pair of plates.

The bill, which calls for the first general plate issuance to take place in 1986, went from the Transportation Committee, with a recommendation to pass, to the Agriculture, Transportation Semi-State Division. On April 9, the division voted to approve some \$4 million to cover expenditures in HF1607.

The state would get this money back under a provision in the bill that would create a license plate revolving fund in the state treasury. License plate fees the state collects would go into this fund, and whenever the account exceeds \$1 million, the excess amount would transfer into the highway user tax distribution fund.

● **A move to transfer motor vehicle excise taxes to highway and transit funds** got favorable response from the House Taxes Committee at a late night meeting April 9. Legislators, however, turned down a governor-backed proposal to repeal the unitary tax. (A tax on foreign corporate earnings.)

Both measures are part of the Omnibus Tax Bill, HF2016 (Tomlinson, DFL-St. Paul), the committee recommended to pass, as amended. The bill contains numerous proposals, varying from the repeal of

the surtax, to an increase in the budget reserve, to targeting for 1985 property tax relief.

Rep. John Tomlinson, committee chair, authored a measure to move up, by one year, the transfer of motor vehicle excise taxes to a highway fund and a transit fund, from July 1, 1985, to July 1 this year.

Other adopted proposals include repealing the estate tax; exempting electricity for agricultural production from sales tax; targeting 1985 property taxes on increases of more than 15 percent; and giving a credit to conservation tillage farm equipment.

## TUE

April 10

● **Problems with energy costs in the St. Peter area** were before the Energy Committee at an April 10 informational meeting.

Dr. John Kendall, president of Gustavus Adolphus College, told the committee energy costs for the college may rise 38 percent by May 1985, costing Gustavus over \$150,000. Kendall, and others from St. Peter, say part of the problem lies with Southern Municipal Power Agency's (SMMPA) handling of original contracts that lock consumers in for 50 years.

Wendell Bradley, former Gustavus Adolphus professor, testified that energy prices would be lower if consumers hadn't contracted with SMMPA and had bought directly from NSP, who now sells energy to the power agency.

Former Fairmont PUC Director Doug Cameron said he'd like to see legislative intervention into the problem, especially where violations of open meeting laws occur.

● **State agencies would have to pay interest on overdue bills** under proposed legislation the Taxes Committee recommended to pass, April 10.

Rep. Paul Ogren said his bill, HF1373, would give Minnesota a law that 28 other states already have. While the state's bill-paying record is not "dismal," it could improve, the Aitkin legislator said.

The state community college system, for example, delays paying 40 percent of its bills to 60 days after receiving them, and some offices of the Department of Natural Resources also make late payments, Ogren said.

The bill would require state agencies to pay for services and goods within 30 days after getting an invoice. Those who miss this deadline would pay a minimum monthly interest rate of \$10 on balances of at least \$100. If a disagreement about the bill holds up payment, the penalty wouldn't apply.

In other action, the committee recommended to pass, as amended, a bill that would reduce the sales tax from six to four percent on new logging equipment. The reduction would apply only to machinery for the harvesting, not the processing of timber, said Rep. Bob Neuenschwander, International Falls, author of the bill.

● **Jobs programs and general assistance would get the most dollars** under the supplemental appropriations bill the Appropriations Committee recommended to pass, as amended, April 10.

The committee recommends \$30 million to continue the Minnesota Emergency Employment Development Program (MEED) which received \$70 million last year. Under the bill, \$20 million would fund general assistance grants for qualified, needy people who are unlikely to get a job through the Emergency Employment Program.

Education programs were next in line, including \$5 million to handle a student grant shortfall and \$3.2 million for the Super Computer Institute at the University of Minnesota.

The Department of Energy and Economic Development's economic recovery fund would get \$3 million; public television, \$2.6 million; and Indian housing programs, \$2.5 million, if the bill becomes law.

● **Capital improvements span the alphabet of state agencies and operations** from the Administration Department to the Zoo. And, on April 10, the House voted to pass the bill that appropriates \$171.5 million for capital improvements and allows the state to issue bonds for state building and land acquisition.

Higher education would get \$110.3 million, the bulk of the total appropriation, to fund special projects in the state's university, community college, and vo-tec systems. Twenty-eight million would go to transportation projects and \$6.7 million for health, welfare, and corrections needs. Most allocations were for maintenance on state institutions, including everything from roof replacements to new carpeting.

Two of the larger building projects now in the early stages of funding include new judiciary and Historical Society buildings. The Appropriations Committee recommended that the judiciary take over the Historical Society building. The Society will get a new building one block north of the Capitol if the Senate agrees to the bill in its present form.

● **A bill restricting insurance companies from refusing to renew property owners' policies** gained preliminary approval in the House, April 10.

The bill would not allow reasons for non-renewal, such as property location or age, or claims due to natural causes. Seeking support of the full House, the bill's author, Rep. Phil Riveness (DFL-Bloom-

ington), said that companies are refusing to renew policies in cases where damage has occurred but the property owner has not put in a claim or received insurance compensation.

Riveness said the bill, which also applies to commercial dwellings, had strong committee support. Opponents say they're afraid the bill will raise insurance rates, especially for small apartment owners, and hurt insurance business in the state.

● **The mandatory seat-belt bill, for the second time, failed to get that first vote of approval** it needs in the House. April 10, House members voted down several amendments to the bill to provide an exemption sticker or participation exemption card for people that don't want to wear belts.

But they approved two others, one that would require drivers, when driving in reverse, to wear a seat belt and another that would exempt persons from seat-belt requirements who are unable to wear them because of medical or psychological unfitness or physical disability—including a fear of entrapment.

# WED

April 11

● **A sincere, dedicated man, willing to listen** were words Rep. Robert Vanasek used to describe fellow Rep. Dwayne Hoberg in a farewell tribute to the six-year veteran of the House. Vanasek spoke for DFL members during the April 11 session of the House when members unanimously passed Resolution 29, commending Hoberg for his service to the Legislature and the people of Minnesota.



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# Advance committee schedule & bill introductions

## Minnesota House of Representatives

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## Committee Schedule for the Week of April 16 - 20, 1984

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## Bill introductions

### Monday, Apr 9

**HF2310—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare**

Occupations and professions; providing for licensing of electrotechnologists; providing penalties; proposing new law.

**HF2311—Piper (DFL)—Taxes**

Taxation; providing an income tax credit for employers who invest in certain rehabilitation facilities and personnel; amending statutes.

**HF2312—Graba (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration**

A resolution memorializing the United State Congress to allow greater flexibility in the use of federal funds for veterans care facilities and programs.

**HF2313—Segal (DFL)—Taxes**

Taxation; income; providing an itemized deduction for post-secondary tuition payments; amending statutes.

**HF2314—Rice (DFL)—Appropriations**

Capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and to better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature with certain conditions; reducing and canceling certain appropriations; authorizing issuance of state bonds; appropriating money; amending statutes; repealing laws.

### Tuesday, Apr. 10

**HF2315—Haukoos (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources**

Natural resources and agriculture; allowing compensation to owners of crops damaged by deer; amending statutes.

**HF2316—Rodriguez, F. (DFL)—Governmental Operations**

State departments and agencies; requiring agencies to provide services and materials in languages other than English; proposing new law.

**HF2317—Rice (DFL)—Appropriations**

Organization and operation of state government; clarifying, providing for deficiencies in, and supplementing appropriations for the expenses of state government with certain conditions; creating and modifying agencies and functions; fixing and limiting fees; requiring studies and reports; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

### Wednesday, Apr 11

**HF2318—Clark, J. (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance**

Health; prohibiting discrimination by health maintenance organizations against optometrists; providing penalties; amending statutes.

**HF2319—Sviggum (IR)—Health/Welfare**

Public welfare; limiting the income contribution of parents of children in out-of-home placement; amending laws.

**HF2320—Kelly (DFL)—Judiciary**

Alcoholic beverages; increasing the age for licensing, sale, consumption, possession and furnishing; amending statutes.

**HF2321—Osthoff (DFL)—Judiciary**

Alcoholic beverages; increasing the age for licensing, sale, consumption, possession and furnishing; amending statutes.

### Thursday, Apr 12

**HF2322—Dimler (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources**

Game and fish; directing compensation of landowners for damages done by big game animals; appropriating money; proposing new law.

**HF2323—Kelly (DFL)—Judiciary**

Highway traffic regulations; requiring driver's license revocation of any person under the age of 19 who is found driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of any measurable amount of alcohol; amending statutes.

**HF2324—Wenzel (DFL)—Agriculture**

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to design the 1985 farm bill so as to protect the family farm system.

**HF2325—Vanasek (DFL)—Taxes**

Taxation; income; conforming to federal law for treatment of contributions to individual retirement plans and other pension plans; amending statutes.

**HF2326—Kvam (IR)—Taxes**

Taxation; income; conforming to federal treatment of picked up contributions to a government pension plan; amending statutes.

**HF2327—Kvam (IR)—Taxes**

Taxation; income; conforming to federal law for treatment of contributions to individual retirement plans and other pension plans; amending statutes.

**HF2328—Gustafson (DFL)—Taxes**

Port authorities; fixing the amount of the property tax levy for them; amending statutes.

**SF1656—Dieterich (DFL)—Regulated Industries**

Communications; providing conditions for extension of cable communications service outside the boundaries of a core service unit; amending statutes.

**SF1843—Freeman (DFL)—Appropriations**

Courts; providing for the appointment of chief judge and assistant chief judge for each judicial district; clarifying the administrative authority of the chief judge; amending statutes.

**SF2016—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Office of the secretary of state; providing for the simplification of various filings with that office; eliminating or transferring certain filings; eliminating the requirement of publication after incorporation; amending statutes.

**SF2083—Wegscheid (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration**

A resolution memorializing the Administrator of General Services of the United States of the development of a permanent operation plan for the distribution of federal surplus property.

**SF2148—Knaak (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Local government; permitting a land transfer between Ramsey County and the city of Shoreview.

**SF2145—Brataas (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources**

Olmsted County; allowing contracts for solid waste management property, facilities, and services to be let without advertisement for bids.

**Wednesday, Apr 11****SF1559—Dieterich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Public utilities; permitting the public utilities commission to order reimbursement payments to intervenors in telephone rate proceedings; amending statutes.

**SF1913—Frank (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

State departments; providing statutory changes requested by commissioner of administration required by reorganization orders; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

**SF1365—Freeman (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Crimes and criminals; specifying the crime of theft of telecommunications service; amending statutes.

**SF1435—Moe, R. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Motor vehicles; authorizing operation of farm truck with class C drivers' license by employee operating truck during harvest; amending statutes.

**SF1495—Diessner (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Labor; providing for occupational safety and health; regulating infectious agents; amending statutes.

**SF1784—Pehler (DFL)—Transportation**

Traffic regulations; defining term; setting speed limit for alleyway; amending statutes; proposing new law.

**SF1398—Bertram (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Arrests; providing for the arrest of a person charged with a misdemeanor on Sundays or between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on any other day if the person is found on a public highway or street, or in a public place; amending statutes.

**SF1526—Vega (DFL)—Appropriations**

Energy; directing the legislative commission on energy to prepare a policy statement on the expenditure of federal money for energy programs; requiring review of state plans to spend federal energy money; amending statutes.

**SF1654—Dieterich (DFL)—Regulated Industries**

City of Roseville; authorizing additional on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses.

**SF1659—Solon (DFL)—Regulated Industries**

City of Duluth; authorizing the Duluth city council to permit on-sale of liquor at the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center by on-sale licensees in the city of Duluth.

**SF1768—Freeman (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Public utilities; amending the definition of public utility; amending statutes.

**SF1823—Peterson, C. (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs**

County humane societies; allowing for an increase in the appropriation a county may give to a county humane society in any year; amending statutes.

## House Advisories

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**Tuesday, Apr 10****HA58—Kvam (IR)—Governmental Operations**

A proposal for state agencies to prefile legislative requests 30 days before session.

**HA59—Peterson (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development**

A proposal to study the selling of camping club memberships.

**Thursday, Apr 12****HA60—Boo (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources**

A proposal to study the adequacy of Minnesota water diversion laws.

## First Readings of Senate Bills

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**Monday, Apr 9****SF97—Davis (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources**

Environment; requiring notice of intent to develop uranium; creating a uranium policy and regulation development committee; requiring an environmental analysis and reports to the legislature; requiring meetings and public participation; imposing a penalty; proposing new law.

**SF1750—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Commerce; providing for the classification of crime reports of the department of commerce; including certain financial institutions within the definition of broker-dealer of securities; broadening the securities transaction exemption for corporate transactions; providing for the receipt of applications for renewal of real estate broker and salesperson licenses; establishing certain fees relating to the regulation of real estate brokers and salespersons; providing for real estate salesperson licensing requirements after examination; clarifying a certain definition relating to recovery from the real estate education, research, and recovery fund; limiting recovery to cases involving judgments against licensed individuals; providing for the depositing of funds under the unclaimed property statutes; regulating sales of unclaimed property; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

**SF1520—Purfeerst (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Motor vehicles; defining terms; increasing certain gross vehicle weight tax to comply with international registration plan; authorizing repair and servicing permit for commercial zone trucks; providing time limitation for applying for quarterly registration of farm trucks; increasing certain fees; clarifying display and use of drive-away, in-transit plates; clarifying requirement to submit forms to registrar of motor vehicles; prohibiting transfer of certain plates; providing for transfer of amateur radio and citizen band plates; prescribing uniform fee for issuance of duplicate plates except for exempt vehicles; eliminating certain provisions relating motor vehicle brokers; increasing minimum tax requirements for qualification for installment payments and prescribing a fee; increasing penalty fees for late installment payments; clarifying certain duties of deputy registrars relating to reports and deposits of taxes and fees; requiring payment of one month's registration tax before issuance of certificate of title; allowing certain vehicles to operate with an extended bug deflector; requiring protective headgear to comply with standards established by the commissioner of public safety; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

**SF1759—Reichgott (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Motor vehicles; changing display period for license plates on certain motor vehicles; changing period of time when registration tax is payable for certain motor vehicles; abolishing the penalty for late or delayed registration or payment of the registration tax; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

**SF1832—Spear (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Corrections; clarifying the effect of punitive segregation confinement on the scheduled release date of certain inmates; amending statutes.

**Thursday, Apr 12**

**SF1112—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Drainage; eliminating the bond required for appeal of benefits or damages in a drainage assessment proceeding; amending statutes.

**SF1332—Wegscheid (DFL)—Education**

Education; authorizing a school board to expend district funds to establish and operate a nonprofit corporation; requiring the corporation to assist and cooperate with the school board; providing certain limitations on the amount of district funds; requiring district reports to the commissioner of education; requiring a report to the legislature; amending statutes.

**SF1474—Reichgott (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources**

Natural resources; expanding the trout stamp program to include trout lakes and Lake Superior; reducing the age requirement for obtaining a trout stamp; amending statutes.

**SF1466—Lessard (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Veterans; changing the eligibility for veteran's preference for civil service employment; amending statutes.

**SF1589—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Natural resources; authorizing hunters and trappers to wear blaze orange camouflage; amending statutes.

**SF1590—Merriam (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources**

Natural resources; increasing the penalty on owners and keepers of certain dogs; authorizing peace officers to take certain action; prohibiting damages against peace officers who take those actions; amending statutes.

**SF1546—Peterson, Donna (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Elections; improving the accessibility of the election process to certain elderly and handicapped persons; amending statutes; proposing new law.

**SF1772—Spear (DFL)—Judiciary**

Crimes; defining sports bookmaking; amending statutes.

**SF1867—Dicklich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Occupations and professions; authorizing the board to accept foreign pharmacy graduates for examination as pharmacists; amending statutes.

**SF1973—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Persons handicapped in communications; requiring the arresting officer to immediately obtain a qualified interpreter for a person handicapped in communications who has been arrested; amending statutes.

**SF2077—Willet (DFL)—Regulated Industries**

Intoxicating liquor; allowing Shingobee township to issue and renew certain off-sale licenses; validating certain liquor licenses.

**SF1576—Jude (DFL)—Judiciary**

Military justice; modifying the appeal of court-martial proceedings; clarifying when a military judge may issue search warrants; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

**SF1588—Merriam (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources**

Environment; clarifying a definition in the Environmental Response and Liability Act; amending statutes.

**SF1702—Schmitz (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Counties; changing certain county powers; fixing expenditure authority for various county activities; changing penalties; revising the language of the text of chapters governing county powers and county boards; amending statutes.

**SF1669—Peterson, R. (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources**

Natural resources; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to sell lands and interests in land acquired for trail purposes which are no longer needed for trail purposes and which are located in certain cities.

**SF1789—Peterson, R. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

State land; modifying certain procedures relating to sale of surplus state land; amending statutes.

**SF1790—Peterson, R. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Natural resources; eliminating duplicative appraisal reviews in land acquisition procedures; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

**SF1794—Stumpf (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Waters; legislative approval to provide water to Emerson, Manitoba by the North Kittson Rural Water District.

**SF1825—Peterson, C. (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs**

Otter Tail County; authorizing the county board to adopt an ordinance for the control of dogs and cats.

**SF1931—Lantry (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

City of St. Paul; permitting the city to adopt certain regulations for smoke detection devices.

**SF2076—Solon (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Transportation; authorizing extension of I-35 in Duluth; amending statutes.

**1628—Berglin (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Public welfare; setting licensing, planning and zoning provisions with respect to licensed residential and day care facilities; providing that certain facilities are permitted multi-family uses; allowing municipalities to require conditional use permits for certain other facilities; requiring counties to engage in planning to promote dispersal of residential facilities; providing that certain facilities are permitted single family uses; amending statutes.

**SF1351—Peterson, C. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Commerce; providing an alternative distribution of assets following voluntary dissolution of a cooperative association; amending statutes.

**SF1504—Novak (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Commerce; providing various definitions applicable to the regulation of sales of subdivided lands; providing for the registration of subdivided lands; requiring the use of public offering statements; providing certain exemptions to the subdivided land statutes; providing for the rescission of subdivided land sales contracts; regulating the filing of subdivided land documents; prohibiting the publishing of false, misleading, or deceptive advertising regarding subdivided lands; providing the filing of annual reports; regulating supplemental subdivided land reports; providing for the revocation or suspension of a subdivided land registration; regulating service of process on subdivided land registration applicants; establishing prohibited practices; prescribing penalties; amending statutes; proposing new laws; repealing statutes.

**SF1511—Petty (DFL)—Taxes**

Taxes; property; modifying the exemption for property held by political subdivisions; amending statutes.

**SF1477—Chmielewski (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Workers' compensation; clarifying the law concerning ridesharing; providing for miscellaneous changes in the workers' compensation process; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.



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28A Anderson, Buzz (DFL)	169	296-2068	5B Minne, Lona (DFL)	345	296-0172
20A Anderson, Glen (DFL)	292	296-4228	7A Munger, Willard (DFL)	297	296-4282
6A Battaglia, David (DFL)	248	296-2190	8A Murphy, Mary (DFL)	223	296-2676
56B Beard, Pat (DFL)	295	296-3135	49A Nelson, Darby (DFL)	349	296-1729
6B Begich, Joe (DFL)	228	296-5063	62A Nelson, Tom (DFL)	163	296-4244
53A Bennett, Tony (IR)	316	296-2907	3A Neuenschwander, Bob (DFL)	171	296-1188
18B Bergstrom, Don (DFL)	251	296-7038	65A Norton, Fred (DFL)	222	296-5158
33B Bishop, David (IR)	358	296-0573	66B O'Connor, Rich (DFL)	217	296-7807
41B Blatz, Kathy (IR)	394	296-4218	14A Ogren, Paul (DFL)	220	296-7808
8B Boo, Ben (IR)	360	296-2228	44A Olsen, Sally (IR)	312	296-3964
62B Brandl, John (DFL)	285	296-4837	16A Omann, Ben (IR)	362	296-6612
16B Brinkman, Bernard (DFL)	296	296-4373	22B Onnen, Tony (IR)	383	296-1534
43A Burger, John (IR)	367	296-9188	66A Osthoff, Tom (DFL)	335	296-4224
14B Carlson, Doug (IR)	368	296-4308	59B Otis, Todd (DFL)	338	296-9281
46B Carlson, Lyndon (DFL)	240	296-4255	42A Pauly, Sidney (IR)	376	296-7449
60B Clark, Janet (DFL)	237	296-4354	18A Peterson, Jerome (DFL)	173	296-6746
60A Clark, Karen (DFL)	255	296-0294	24A Piepho, Mark (IR)	328	296-3248
19B Clawson, John (DFL)	287	296-4358	31B Piper, Pat (DFL)	346	296-9248
64B Cohen, Dick (DFL)	291	296-5931	56A Price, Len (DFL)	162½	296-3018
51A Coleman, Sharon (DFL)	261	296-2721	50B Quinn, Joe (DFL)	215	296-2439
23A Dempsey, Terry (IR)	311	296-9303	23B Quist, Allen (IR)	365	296-7065
21B Den Ouden, Gaylin (IR)	385	296-4346	32B Redalen, Elton (IR)	381	296-9278
36A Dimler, Chuck (IR)	388	296-1072	53B Reif, Robert (IR)	384	296-8858
2B Eken, Willis (DFL)	273	296-4256	57A Rice, Jim (DFL)	245	296-4262
5A Elioff, Dominic (DFL)	219	296-0170	40B Riveness, Phil (DFL)	329	296-7158
47B Ellingson, Bob (DFL)	230	296-3709	25B Rodosovich, Peter (DFL)	267	296-8237
27B Erickson, Wendell (IR)	370	296-4336	37A Rodriguez, Carolyn (DFL)	289	296-8632
10A Evans, Jim (IR)	318	296-4341	65B Rodriguez, Frank (DFL)	162	296-6456
11A Findlay, Gary (IR)	398	296-2817	63A Rose, John (IR)	386	296-4342
11B Fjoslien, Dave (IR)	387	296-4317	58A Sarna, John (DFL)	299D	296-4219
42B Forsythe, Mary (IR)	371	296-4363	35A Schafer, Gary (IR)	399	296-8634
32A Frerichs, Don (IR)	382	296-4378	47A Scheid, Linda (DFL)	330	296-3751
12A Graba, Jerome (DFL)	262	296-3139	30B Schoenfeld, Jerry (DFL)	331	296-8635
61A Greenfield, Lee (DFL)	238	296-0173	48B Schreiber, William (IR)	393	296-4128
17B Gruenes, Dave (IR)	364	296-6316	38B Seaberg, Art (IR)	357	296-3533
7B Gustafson, Ben (DFL)	332	296-7527	44B Segal, Gloria (DFL)	172	296-9889
33A Gutknecht, Gil (IR)	399A	296-9249	45A Shaver, Craig (IR)	353	296-9934
38A Halberg, Chuck (IR)	395	296-4212	30A Shea, Tom (DFL)	161	296-8636
31A Haukoos, Bob (IR)	327	296-8216	34B Sherman, Tim (IR)	355	296-8637
45B Heap, Jim (IR)	348	296-7026	37B Sieben, Harry (DFL)	276	296-4227
48A Heinritz, O J (Lon) (IR)	389	296-4320	51B Simoneau, Wayne (DFL)	299C	296-4331
41A Himle, John (IR)	375	296-7803	61B Skoglund, Wes (DFL)	294	296-4330
9A Hoberg, Dwaine (IR)	352	296-4066	3B Solberg, Loren (DFL)	179	296-2365
55B Hoffman, Charles (DFL)	266	296-2999	1B Sparby, Wallace (DFL)	263	296-9918
46A Hokr, Dorothy (IR)	354	296-7804	4A St Onge, Doug (DFL)	216	296-4263
49B Jacobs, Joel (DFL)	229	296-4231	2A Stadum, Tony (IR)	319	296-8874
29A Jennings, David (IR)	390	296-3240	57B Staten, Randy (DFL)	270	296-8659
36B Jensen, Bob (DFL)	167	296-0527	26A Sviggum, Steve (IR)	379	296-2273
34A Johnson, Virgil (IR)	374	296-1069	40A Swanson, Jim (DFL)	226	296-4885
58B Kahn, Phyllis (DFL)	235	296-4257	13A Thiede, Paul (IR)	359	296-4333
29B Kalis, Henry (DFL)	243	296-4240	67B Tomlinson, John (DFL)	340	296-4259
67A Kelly, Randy (DFL)	343	296-4277	1A Tunheim, Jim (DFL)	351	296-9635
43B Knickerbocker, Gerald (IR)	347	296-4315	15A Uphus, Sylvester (IR)	356	296-5185
52B Knuth, Dan (DFL)	254	296-0141	9B Valan, Marilyn (IR)	366	296-6829
54B Kostohryz, Dick (DFL)	336	296-4936	54A Valento, Don (IR)	378	296-7153
12B Krueger, Rick (DFL)	293	296-3201	25A Vanasek, Robert (DFL)	299B	296-4229
21A Kvam, Adolph (IR)	369	296-4344	64A Vellenga, Kathleen (DFL)	288	296-8799
50A Larsen, Ernest (DFL)	350	296-2209	52A Voss, Gordon (DFL)	174	296-4226
55A Levi, Connie (IR)	317	296-4124	26B Waltman, Bob (IR)	397	296-9236
59A Long, Dee (DFL)	232	296-0171	19A Welch, Richard (DFL)	218	296-3821
27A Ludeman, Cal (IR)	372	296-3825	20B Welker, Ray (IR)	377	296-8082
28B Mann, George (DFL)	165	296-4292	15B Welle, Alan (DFL)	179½	296-6206
17A Marsh, Marcus (IR)	313	296-7806	13B Wenzel, Steve (DFL)	333	296-4247
35B McDonald, Kenneth (IR)	326	296-8872	24B Wigley, Dick (IR)	315	296-4355
22A McEachern, Bob (DFL)	170	296-4237	63B Wynia, Ann (DFL)	249	296-3824
39A McKasy, Bert (IR)	380	296-6828	4B Zaffke, Maurice (IR)	399C	296-2451

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Hoberg, an Independent Republican, who has fought a two-year battle against brain cancer, will return to private life in Moorhead.

● **More than three hours of debate and an unanimous vote in the House, April 11**, sent the Omnibus Tax bill on its way to the Senate with some amendments. Those additions included a sales tax exemption for charitable groups and help for county auditors to pay for the cost of reissuing some tax statements as a result of the bill.

Two major provisions of HF2016 (Tomlinson, DFL-St. Paul) are the repeal of the 10 percent surtax and increase of the budget reserve by \$125 million. The surtax repeal, retroactive to Jan. 1, would save Minnesota taxpayers \$325 million this biennium.

The bill also contains several measures to encourage business expansion, including a sales tax reduction, from 6 to 4 percent, on equipment for building or expansion of manufacturing facilities and exemption of foreign dividends and foreign royalties from corporate income tax.

A second effort to repeal the unitary tax system failed.

● **Four bills became provisions in HF1966** (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls) as the Health, Welfare, and Corrections Division of Appropriations readied the bill for the full Appropriations Committee, adding the language of these bills to HF1966:

• HF2050 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—authorization for reim-

bursement for hearing aids, prosthetic devices, laboratory and x-ray services

• HF1949 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—collection of statistical data on dissolution or annulment of marriages

• HF1996 (Gustafson, DFL-Duluth) as amended—personal needs allowance relating to the Medical Assistance Program

• HF2052 (Reif, IR-White Bear Lake)—General Assistance overpayment recovery bill

The bill recommends allocation of \$1.26 million from the General Fund to the Department of Public Welfare for the Medical Assistance account, \$70,000 for the General Assistance Medical Care account; and \$10,000 for the Department of Health for the Medical Assistance account. The HF2052 portion has a recommended recoupment of \$19,000 from the General Assistance account.

HF1966 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls) an informational bill on health care cost, the division recommended to pass, as amended and re-referred it to the full Appropriations Committee.

● **Three-wheel vehicle registration, energy-related programs, hazardous waste, landfill fees, and the White Earth Indian Reservation** were some of the issues that had the attention of the State Departments Division of Appropriations, April 11. The division appropriated \$223,000 for a three-wheel vehicle registration program that has the backing of many three-wheel users because the registration fees would create a set-aside fund for land acquisition for their use.

The division also allocated funds for a multi-faceted energy bill that establishes a legislative energy commission, a community energy council program, a grants program for specific energy projects in the private and public sector, and a program to adopt standards for fiber fuels.

A hazardous waste bill would get \$1.2 million. The bill includes two \$550,000 allocations for hazardous waste collection and processing grants. Another \$100,000 for technical and research assistance programs to deal with the problems of hazardous waste. The bill also allows the metro area and its contiguous counties to charge operators of landfills, within their counties, a 25-cent per cubic yard disposal fee. The fees would go for landfill abatement purposes.

The division made an initial step to resolve a legally complex issue by appropriating \$600,000 towards clearing up title disputes over the ownership of White Earth Indian Reservation land. By appropriating the money, the state hopes to show the United States government its concern for what the state considers a federal problem.

The state hopes the federal government will match the \$600,000 10-fold so legal research will begin to clear disputed titles that have evolved during the century because of federal legislation and inadequate probating procedures. Members from the Reservation were dissatisfied with the allocation. They say it represents only a small amount of the estimated legal costs it will take to resolve the issue.

# THU

April 12 (meetings before 2 p.m.)

● It will cost you another \$2 when you renew your drivers license, every four years, if a bill in the House becomes law.

The Appropriations Committee recommended the bill, and many others to pass, April 12. The \$2 increase will raise the present fee to \$12, and the new revenue will establish a traffic safety education program for schools.

In an effort to combat sudden infant death syndrome, the committee recommended to pass, as amended, a bill that empowers the commissioner of health to promote programs for parents and families of victims. It would require the reporting of such deaths for statistical purposes and would encourage parents of suspected victims to request autopsies.

The committee sent on to the full House a bill that establishes a state-wide policy for the annual celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday, beginning in January, 1986. Government offices would close on the holiday and state colleges could not conduct classes as they legally can on such holidays as Veterans or Columbus day.

The holiday will cost the state about \$62,000, annually, because of overtime costs for essential state services, such as the highway patrol.

The committee extended a friendly hand to South Dakota by recommending to pass a bill that will allow South Dakota high school graduates to attend Minnesota's vocational-technical schools at Minnesota resident rates.

A number of vo-tecs are near the borders of the two states, and South Dakota has been charging Minnesotans the same rate they offer their own citizens.

● The state needs approximately \$1.1 billion in municipal sewage construction, according to Rep. Williard Munger (DFL-Duluth). Munger testified before the State Departments Division of Appropriations, April 12, on a bill that would establish a state grants program for the construction of municipal sewage plants to stem the tide of water pollution.

As many as 500 Minnesota municipalities need new or improved waste-water treatment facilities, and for some there isn't much time, Munger said; because the municipalities must meet federal water quality standards by July 1988.

The state and its municipalities will have to pay out \$500 million over the upcoming years, while the federal government will pick up the remaining costs. This means that the state has to come up with \$50 million in each of the five fiscal years from 1986 to 1990.

The State Departments Division appropriated the governor's full request of \$12 million for grants to municipalities and \$343,000 for 12 positions to administer the program. Next year's request will likely be \$50 million.

# GOV

## BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

● When a bill has passed both the House and Senate, and the governor has signed it, the secretary of state assigns the new law a chapter number (CH) in Minnesota Statutes.

Here is a list of those bills, with chapter numbers, to date:

• CH376—SF1476\*/HF1462 (Carlson, L., DFL-Crystal)—Requires that the current absentee ballot procedures for school board elections are the same as those for general elections.

• CH377—SF1475\*/HF1551 (Hokr, IR-New Hope)—Allows municipalities to designate a member to a joint cable communication commission.

• CH378—SF1453\*/HF1948 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—Establishes that the county where a person enters a detoxification facility is financially responsible, unless the person is a resident in a chemical dependency program in another county.

• CH379—SF1350\*/HF1504 (Vanasek, DFL-New Prague)—Establishes court of appeals representation on the Judicial Board of Standards and two advisory committees.

• CH380—SF1127\*/HF1153 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—Allows Anoka County to levy a tax and sell bonds to remodel and construct a county library.

(\* Indicates the House File or Senate File both houses passed and the bill the governor signed.)

# INFO

## How a bill becomes a law

● **A bill is an idea** for a new law, or an idea to abolish or change an existing law. Several thousand bills enter the legislative process in Minnesota each time the Legislature meets.

● **Minnesota has a bicameral Legislature**, or two groups of elected citizens—senators in the Senate—representatives in the House of Representatives—who study, discuss, and vote on bills, acting for the people of Minnesota.

Bills begin their legislative journey in either the House or Senate, or both. To become a law, all bills must pass both the House and Senate and go to the governor for his approval and signature.

### ● The Idea

Anyone can propose an idea for a bill—an individual, a consumer group, corporation, professional association, a governmental unit, the governor. Most ideas come from members of the Legislature. The revisor of statutes puts the ideas into proper legal form as a bill for introduction. Only legislators can introduce bills into the process.

### ● Chief Author

The legislator who sponsors and introduces the bill in the Legislature is the chief author. The chief author's name appears on the bill with the bill's file number to identify it as it moves through the legislative process. The chief author may select other authors, whose names also appear on the bill—no more than five authors on a bill.

### ● Introduction in the legislature

When the author introduces a bill in the House, it gets a House File

(HF) number (HF264, for example), indicating the chronological order of the bill's introduction. In the Senate the bill gets a Senate File (SF) (SF224, for example). Each HF usually has a companion SF in the Senate. All revenue-raising bills must begin in the House.

### ● Committee consideration

At introduction, the bill has its first reading (the Minnesota Constitution requires three readings for all bills—on three separate days). The presiding officer of the House or Senate refers it to an appropriate standing committee for committee action. All committee meetings are open to the public.

A committee may: recommend passage of a bill in its original form; recommend passage after amendment by the committee; or make no recommendation, in which case a bill may die when the session ends. After acting on a bill, the committee sends a report to the House or Senate, stating its actions and recommendations.

### ● General orders

After adoption of the committee report in the House and Senate, the bill has its second reading and goes onto General Orders of the Day. In the Committee of the Whole, legislators discuss bills on General Orders. They may debate the issues, adopt amendments, and present arguments. They may vote to recommend that a bill "do pass," recommend postponement, or recommend further committee action.

### ● Calendar

The calendar is a list of bills the Committee of the Whole recommends to pass. At this point a bill has its third reading. Amendments to the bill must have the unanimous consent of the entire body. Legislators vote on it for the final time.

By committee recommendation, non-controversial bills can by-pass General Orders and go directly onto a Consent Calendar, usually passing without debate. Every bill requires a majority vote of the full

membership of the House and Senate to pass.

### ● Conference committee

If the House and Senate do not agree on a bill, a conference committee of three to five senators, and an equal number of representatives, meets to reach an agreement. If both bodies then pass the bill in compromise form, it goes to the governor.

### ● Governor

When a bill arrives at the governor's office, he may: sign it, and the bill becomes law; veto it (return it, with a "veto message," stating his objections); pocket veto the bill (after final adjournment of the Legislature); exercise his right to line veto portions of appropriations bills.

If he does not sign or veto a bill within three days after receiving it, while the Legislature is in session, the bill becomes law.

## Common terms

● **bicameral**: legislature consisting of two groups of elected legislators

• House of Representatives —134 members, two year-terms

• Senate —67 senators, four-year terms.

● **bill**: proposal to change/abolish existing law or create a new law

● **Calendar**: list of bills awaiting final legislative action

● **chief author**: legislator who introduces and sponsors a bill

● **Committee of the Whole**: entire membership of House/Senate acting as one committee; presiding officer (Speaker of the House or President of the Senate) as chair.

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● **companion bills:** identical bills in the House/Senate

● **Conference Committee:** equal number of representatives/senators meet to come to an agreement on one bill when each body passes a different version of the same legislation

● **Consent Calendar:** list of non-controversial bills that usually pass without debate

● **General Orders:** list of bills awaiting preliminary action in the House/Senate each day during a session

● **hearing:** committee meeting to hear arguments for/against an issue

● **House File (H.F.):** bill in the House of Representatives

● **Senate File (S.F.):** bill in the Senate

● **Revisor of Statutes:** legal authority office, puts bills into legal form. Places approved amendments into language of the bill (engrosses). Updates *Minnesota Statutes* to include new laws

● **standing committee:** group of legislators to act on bills; makes recommendations to the House/Senate

● **veto:** Governor does not sign a bill so it does not become law

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