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HIGHLIGHTS

Higher education dollars

The Education Division of the Appropriations Committee, April 25, recommended \$936.8 million for the University of Minnesota, \$38 million less than the governor requested.

Included in the proposal is \$12 million for a super computer institute, \$5.5 million for intercollegiate athletics, and \$320,000 for a talented youth program. This allocation should allow the University to hold tuition increases to under five percent. The proposal does not include additional funding for faculty salaries which the University said was a priority.

The proposal would grant \$345 million to the State University System, \$283 million to the Area Vocational-Technical Institutes' budget, and \$445 million to the Community College System. The Department of Education would get \$44 million; the Higher Education Coordinating Board, \$132 million.

The measure now goes to the full Appropriations Committee.

Credit interest rate

A bill that would eliminate the split interest rate ceiling for retail stores got final approval from the House on April 24 and is on its way to the governor for his approval.

The bill HF183 (Himle, IR-Bloomington) would allow all retailers to charge credit card users an annual interest rate of up to 18 percent. Presently, stores with annual gross sales over \$25 million can charge a rate of 16 percent, while small retailers may charge up to 18 percent.

Senate amendments to the bill would require retailers to give adequate notice of any interest increase and wouldn't allow the two percent increase to oil companies like Amoco and Exxon, and others whose national sales exceed \$10 billion dollars. These companies would retain the present 16 percent.

School after Labor Day

Legislation that would prohibit school districts from starting the school year before Labor Day, beginning in 1986, is now officially through the Legislature and has gone on to the governor's desk.

The bill, HF151 (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes), passed in the House for the second time April 24, this time adopting some Senate changes. The controversy that surrounded the bill since its introduction included proponents arguing that it would generate millions of dollars in sales tax revenue from Labor Day vacationers, and opponents who argued that the state shouldn't take from individual school districts the decision as to when to start the school year.

With the governor's signature, the bill becomes law.

Waste disposal

It could be the beginning of the end for metro area landfills if a bill the Local and Urban Affairs Committee recommended to pass April 24 becomes state policy.

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Rep. John Rose (IR-Roseville) is author of HF939 which would prohibit landfill disposal of solid waste, beginning in 1990.

Instead, the 5,000 tons of solid waste the metro area generates each day would go to refuse-derived fuel facilities (RDFs) for processing and burning.

Although it's a dramatic step forward, the bill sets up only rudimentary guidelines for moving into the 1990s, says Rep. Daniel Knuth (DFL-New Brighton).

"This is just another round in the hazardous waste battle," says Knuth, "and I fully suspect that there will be amendments to the Waste Management Act for the next 10 to 15 years."

The bill now moves on to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee before going to the House floor for final action.

Omnibus tax bill

After working over 16 hours on an omnibus tax bill, the Taxes Committee on April 24 approved and sent to the floor of the House a \$1.3 billion tax-relief package — the largest in state history.

The measure would provide: \$849 million in individual income tax relief, \$350 million in sales tax cuts, including a reduction from 6 percent to 5-1/2 percent in the tax general sales tax, and over \$118 million in property tax relief.

Income tax relief

The \$849 million in income tax relief would provide a cut in individual income taxes by 16 percent and an average of \$181 for more than two million taxpayers. It would lower the 16 percent top rate to 14 percent. Over 431,700 taxpayers would pay an average of \$152 more in income taxes while over 425,000 would have no change.

The House income tax package retains a number of current credits and deductions, including: deductions for federal income taxes, military pay, dependent education expenses, and adoption expenses; and credits for political contributions, and child care expenses.

The bill, HF756 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park) would eliminate the current pension income subtraction (up to \$11,000 per person), but would replace it with a subtraction available to all taxpayers, 65 years or older, of up to \$3,000 per taxpayer. Other changes from current law would include: making unemployment compensation and social security taxable for taxpayers with incomes over a certain amount; eliminating the addition to Minnesota income of contributions to IRAs and other pension plans, the deduction for two wage earning married couples, and employee contributions to public pension plans.

Certain taxpayers would benefit under three new subtractions from their Minnesota income. One would allow a two-wage-earner married couple to subtract one-half of the federal deduction. Another would give taxpayers who care for an elderly person in their home up to a \$3,000 deduction. The third would allow non-itemizers to deduct up to one-half of the federal charitable deduction.

Under the bill, married couples would pay their tax on a joint filing basis, if they filed a joint return for federal income tax purposes. Under current law, a married couple calculates their tax based on each spouse's individual income and a single rate schedule.

Corporations would see an end to the so-called "unitary" tax under the proposal. Under the unitary system, national corporations must apportion a share of their total earnings in determining their Minnesota tax liability. HF756



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would allow corporations to calculate their taxes on their Minnesota profits only if that results in a decrease. Or they could continue to use the unitary tax if that is more beneficial.

Sales tax relief

Beginning July 1, 1986, the state's general sales tax rate would go from 6 percent to 5-1/2 percent, providing \$106.9 million in tax relief. The sales tax on motor vehicles would also go from 6 to 5-1/2 percent, providing over \$17 million in relief.

Farmers who purchase new and used farm machinery and repair/replacement parts would pay no sales tax under the proposal. They currently pay 4 percent for new and used machinery and 6 percent for repair/replacement parts.

Other sales tax changes include: exempting sales tax on purchases of capital equipment for new or expanded manufacturing in counties with ten percent or more unemployment or 10 percent or more agricultural employment; allowing retailers to retain a certain percentage of the sales tax they collect to reimburse them for their costs; reducing the 8 1/2 percent tax on beer and liquor to 8 percent on July 1 and eventually to 5 1/2 percent; and, reducing from 4 percent to 3 percent the sales tax on capital investment and special tooling.

Property tax relief

According to House Research estimates, property taxes would go down over \$118,700 million under the omnibus bill. But that estimate did not include changes in the school aids bill which could reduce property tax relief to \$40 million according to chief author Rep. Bill Schreiber.

Schreiber said the bill's property tax provisions are to reduce disparities among different classes of property and regions of the state. It would reduce the taxable values of four types of property: farm land; business property; high-value homes, especially in the metro area; apartments, and other types of residential real property.

Under the bill, the property tax on an average value (\$40,600) outstate home would increase 21 percent from \$378 to \$391 while the tax on an average value (\$75,900) Twin City home would go down 1.3 percent from \$1014 to \$1001.

The bill would reduce the portion of a homeowner's taxes the state pays from 54 percent to 50 percent, but it would increase the maximum homestead credit from \$650 to \$700. To protect homeowners from huge property tax increases next year, the bill provides for a "safety net" provision where the state would pay half of any increase in a homeowner's tax bill over \$100 or 12-1/2 percent, whichever is greater.

Child abuse fund

Legislation to create a child abuse trust fund passed in the House April 23.

The bill, HF450 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington), would repeal the \$2 checkoff on state income tax forms that goes toward the financing of campaigns and replace it with a \$2 checkoff for child abuse prevention programs.

Opponents of that method of funding argued that the Legislature shouldn't pit one good program (public financing of election campaigns) against another good program (child abuse prevention). They said that child abuse prevention should get funding the same way as other necessary services do — through a direct appropriation.

Author of HF450, Rep. Kathleen Blatz, said that lawmakers make tough choices every day. This choice is between using public dollars for funding campaigns or child abuse prevention programs. The latter, she said, is the "more meritorious" use of public money.

The Senate version of the bill, now in the Finance Committee, would allow the campaign checkoff to remain on tax forms and would add the trust fund checkoff.

Charitable gambling

Changes to the state's charitable gambling law are in HF1055 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen). On April 23, the measure was made part of the omnibus bill coming out of the Agriculture, Transportation, and Semi-State Division of the Appropriations Committee.

The bill would reduce the size of the gambling control board from 22 to 7 members and reduce the board's powers, assigning those powers instead to local governments.

Another change would require that the person holding the liquor license must also be the person with the gambling license which would affect use of licensed liquor places by charitable organizations. Because the bill makes some changes in taxes coming to the state and in the regulating authority, it will get further consideration as an amendment to the division's appropriations omnibus bill.

Constitutional convention

The bill that would call for a constitutional convention went back to the author from the House floor, at his request.

The purpose of the convention would be to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring a balanced federal budget. If 34 states pass such legislation, the nation would have its first constitutional convention since the founding fathers met in 1787 to draft the U.S. Constitution (ratified in 1790).

On April 18, the House voted 69 to 64 to amend the bill so that it would no longer call for a convention, but instead, would send a resolution to United States government officials stating that the President must submit to Congress a proposal for a balanced budget for fiscal year 1987, and requiring Congress to enact a balanced budget for 1987.

Upon consideration of the amended legislation on April 22, the author, Rep. Mark Piepho (IR-Mankato), made a motion to return HF9 to him, removing it from further consideration.

Education funding

On April 22, the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee approved an allotment of almost \$44 million for the State Department of Education.

The amount fell short of the governor's recommendation of \$46 million and the department's request for \$53 million. Although attempts to include inflationary effects in several fund allocations failed, the committee approved amendments to allow for inflation for the Faribault School for the Blind and Deaf, and for Indian education.

In these cases, the rates would be three percent for fiscal year 1986 and three and one-half percent for fiscal year 1987. The measure is up for inclusion in the Education Division omnibus bill.

U of M endowed chairs

The University of Minnesota will be able to keep interest from its permanent \$56 million trust fund and apply it toward the 50 or more endowed chairs the school hopes to attract under HF359 (Carlson, L., DFL-Crystal). The Education Division of the Appropriations Committee recommended the bill to pass April 22.

Stanley B. Kegler, vice-president for institutional relations for the University, says pluses for the school are that the chairs will attract senior scholars and young scholars who already have doctorates in their fields, and outstanding graduate students who will want to work with these people.

The bill is part of the division's \$936.8 million allocation to the University.

Cigarette tax

The price of smoking could go up seven cents a pack July 1 if two bills the Taxes Committee recommended for passage become law. Six cents of the tax would go to fund the Combined Sewage Overflow (CSO) bill, HF849 (Valento, IR-Little Canada).

HF849 aims to bring metro and outstate sewage treatment up to federal standards. The state Department of Revenue estimates the tax would bring in \$24 million a year for the sewage program.

The remaining one cent of the seven cent increase would bring in \$4 million annually. That money would go to school districts and the Department of Health and Human Services for smoking prevention programs, under HF810 (Quist, IR-St. Peter).

If the federal tax of eight cents a pack goes off in October, as reports from Washington indicate, the price of cigarettes in Minnesota would remain the same, with the state picking up the former federal tax.

On April 19, the Taxes Committee heard, amended, recommended, and rereferred HF849 to the Appropriations Committee. On April 22, the same action was taken on HF810.

Mandatory seat belts

The mandatory seat belt bill, SF40 (Forsythe, IR-Edina), underwent five hours of testimony in a Transportation Committee meeting on April 18. Then, question of a possible error in the final vote count necessitated another hearing on April 19 when a vote of 10-8 sent the bill to the House floor for final action.

The bill would require front seat occupants and passengers under age 11 (sitting in any seat) to buckle up. Violators would get a safety warning that wouldn't be added to their driving record.

Among those exempt from the mandate would be: people driving in reverse or less than 25 miles per hour on jobs that require getting in and out of vehicles often; those riding in vehicles manufactured before Jan. 1, 1965, without belts; postal workers; and people who, for medical reasons, can't wear belts.

If this bill becomes law, Minnesota would be one of the first states to have a mandatory seat belt law with no penalty.

Public welfare

The Human Services Division of the Appropriations Committee on April 19, recommended to pass HF443 (Carlson J., IR-Moorhead), a bill that would cut employable people from state welfare rolls.

The bill tightens the definition of "eligible" and would grant general assistance only to those who come under that definition. It also removes the one-payment-every-six-months provision that the Human Services Division had originally recommended.

The bill will be part of the division's omnibus bill.

Crime victims

The Legislature's been working on the concerns of crime victims since the early 1970s, says Rep. Randy Kelly. Kelly, April 19, briefed the Governmental Operations Committee on some past legislative action, such as the crime victims' reparations act, sexual assault, and battered women's programs, crisis center program, and the victims' bill of rights.

Kelly said the 1974 Legislature created the crime victims reparations act, which reimburses victims for economic loss they incur as a result of a crime that a third party doesn't pay for such as medical and other out-of-pocket expenses. The Legislature, also in the mid '70s, created the sexual assault and battered women's programs.

In 1977, a crime victim crisis center program went into effect to help general victims of crime. And in 1983, the Legislature enacted the victims' bill of rights.

Kelly says different departments currently provide those services, and he has a proposal HF1231 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul) that would bring them all together under the office of the attorney general.

Other provisions in the bill would allow financial reparations for victims when the offender is a spouse, next of kin, or household member, and raise the maximum amount one can collect from the Reparations Board from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Minimum pricing

The minimum pricing bill, HF396/SF221 (Brown, DFL-Appleton), passed the Senate April 15, but in the House, the Agriculture Committee didn't vote on the bill. Chair of the committee, Rep. K.J. McDonald (IR-Watertown), at an April 19 meeting, ruled that the measure needs further study.

The bill would empower the state commissioner of agriculture to set minimum prices for farm products, once other states controlling 60 percent of a commodity passed similar legislation. (South

Dakota and Iowa legislatures have passed similar bills, but their governors vetoed them). These prices would cover only in-state commodity sales and would be between 80 and 100 percent of parity.

If the establishment of minimum prices leads to excessive commodity production, the commissioner could, under the bill, set up procedures for supply management and orderly marketing.

The bill has opposition from the Minnesota Farm Bureau and the commissioner of agriculture. The governor, the Minnesota Farmers Union, and Groundswell are among those supporting it.

Unemployment comp

Legislation that attempts to restore solvency to the state's unemployment compensation fund by next year passed in the House April 18. Restoring solvency would do away with federal penalty taxes that fall on all employers, regardless of their layoff history.

In what legislators have called "the guts" of HF847 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester) are provisions that would make benefit changes, including:

- an increase in the number of credit weeks an individual has to have worked to qualify for unemployment benefits (from 15 to 20 weeks);
- a change in the weekly benefit amount from the current formula, based on the worker's average weekly wage, to a flat one percent of the worker's gross income over the last 52 weeks; and
- a cap on the maximum weekly benefit amount of \$200 for fiscal year 1985, \$208 for 1986, and \$216 for 1987 and each year after that.

The minimum weekly benefit would be \$56 for any claimant who qualifies for benefits. On the seasonal employee issue, the legislation would prohibit individuals from drawing benefits in the third year when they've received benefits in that same calendar quarter for the two previous years. This affects up to 14,000 workers.

In terms of dollars, Department of Economic Security figures show HF847 would cut employers' state taxes \$278 million by 1990, taking into account a \$162 million increase due to federal conformity. It trims \$750 million from the anticipated \$2.5 billion employers will pay out in benefits between 1985 and 1990 under current law.

Handguns

The full House on April 18, gave final approval to a bill that would put an end to firearm ordinances in Minneapolis and St. Paul, which are more strict than firearm regulations in the rest of the state.

Current law allows more stringent regulations only in cities of the first class: Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth. The bill's author, Rep. Joe Begich (DFL-Eveleth), says Duluth isn't an issue because it has no such ordinance.

The bill, HF576, is the same as one that passed the Legislature last year but didn't make it onto the law books because of the governor's veto.

Though Begich says the law should treat everyone the same, opponents argued that the larger cities have unique problems and should be able to come up with their own solutions.

The bill passed on a vote of 91 to 35.

The Senate, on April 15, moved to table the bill prior to its hearing in committee. The author, Senator Bob Lessard, may move to take it up later in the session.

COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Friday, April 19

- **Pseudorabies control—clean-up program**
HF962/SF786 (Boerboom, IR-Cottonwood)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
- **Minimum pricing bill**
HF396/SF221* (Brown, DFL-Appleton)—laid over. (See Highlight)

APPROPRIATIONS

Ag., Transportation & Semi-State Div./Approp.

Tuesday, April 23

- **Repeal of Charitable Gambling Board**
HF1055 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in Agriculture, Transportation, and Semi-State Division omnibus bill. (See Highlight)
- **Regional Transit Board—responsibilities/membership**
HF1189 (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in Agriculture, Transportation, and Semi-State Division omnibus bill.

Education Div./Approp.

Tuesday, April 23

- **University of Minnesota—trust fund for endowed chairs**
HF359 (Carlson, L., DFL-Crystal)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in Education Division omnibus bill. (See Highlight)

Human Services Div./Approp.

Friday, April 19

- **General assistance eligibility**
HF443 (Carlson, J., IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in Human Services Division omnibus bill. (See Highlight)
- **Health care cost containment**
HF965 (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in Human Services Division omnibus bill.

Saturday, April 20

- **Community work experience program**
HF126 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass for inclusion in Human Services Division omnibus bill.

State Departs. Div./Approp.

Tuesday, April 23

- **National guard—increased pay for active service**
HF317 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in State Departments Division omnibus bill.
- **Property tax study commission—created**
HF388 (Burger, IR-Long Lake)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in State Departments Division omnibus bill.
- **Retirement benefits—pre-'73ers**
HF414 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass.
- **Metro Council—establish an oversight commission**
HF571 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Surcharges on civil filing fees—sunset law repealed**
HF590 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass for inclusion in State Departments Division omnibus bill.
- **Grave markers—provided for veterans**
HF599 (Metzen, DFL-S. St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in State Departments Division omnibus bill.
- **Surcharge on fines—conservation officer training**
HF872 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in State Departments Division omnibus bill.
- **Elk—confinement of a herd**
HF964 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass for inclusion in State Departments Division omnibus bill.
- **Storage tanks—regulation**
HF1053 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in State Departments Division omnibus bill.
- **Olmsted County—land conveyance**
HF1253 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass.
- **State parks fees/receipts—changes**
HF1321 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—recommended to pass for inclusion in State Departments Division omnibus bill.
- **Game and fish—license fee increase**
HF1340 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in State Departments Division omnibus bill.

Thursday, April 25

- **Retirement benefits—pre-'73ers**
HF414 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—reconsidered and recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in State Departments Division omnibus bill.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Friday, April 19

- **Off-sale liquor license fees**
HF319/SF359* (Rose, IR-Roseville)—laid over for interim study.
- **Liquor—authorizing certain licensees to sell**
HF1448 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—not recommended to pass.
- **Town liquor license moratorium—extended one year**
HF1233 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **DEED—advocate for business license applicants**
HF1392 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Agreements to extend credit—in writing**
HF1409 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Lemon law—extended to agricultural vehicles**
HF1293 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—laid over.
- **Economic development strategy commission—created**
HF1549 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
- **Department of Jobs/Training—created**
HF913 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Friday, April 19

- **Minnesota Industrial Recovery Act of 1985**
HF1427 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Victims rights and compensation**
HF1231 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (See Highlight)
- **Condemnation of polluted land**
HF860 (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Public safety—law changes**
HF1128 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Communication systems—installment regulated**
HF1151 (Miller, IR-Redwood Falls)—recommended to pass as amended.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Friday, April 19

- **Health professionals—license/discipline revision**
HF1436 (Onnen, IR-Cokato)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
- **Regulation of psychotherapists—study commission**
HF1302/SF1006 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

JUDICIARY

Friday, April 19

- **Data privacy**
HF1589 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, April 24

- **Solid waste—land disposal prohibited**
HF939 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (See Highlight)

TAXES

Friday, April 19

- **Non-smoking programs—tax provided**
HF810 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (See Highlight)
 - **Combined sewage overflow—state financial assistance**
HF849 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)—heard as amended; laid over until April 22.
- Monday, April 22
- **Combined sewage overflow—state financial assistance**
HF849 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (See Highlight)

Tuesday, April 23

- **Updating MN tax references—IRC**
HF569 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in Taxes omnibus bill.
- **Foreign sales corporations—excluded from combined report**
HF1588 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass for inclusion in Taxes omnibus bill.

- **Budget reserve—segregated account**
HF416 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in Taxes omnibus bill.
- **Income tax simplification—reductions**
HF1269 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in Taxes omnibus bill.
- **Sales tax SC report**
*RF1024 (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in Taxes omnibus bill.

Wednesday, April 24

- **Local Government Finance Division omnibus bill**
*RF1023 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in Taxes omnibus bill.
- **Taxes omnibus bill**
HF756 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended. (See Highlight)

Local Government Finance Div./Taxes

Friday, April 19

- **Taconite tax—mortgage registration tax**
HF1552 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended.

Monday, April 22

- **Local Government Finance Division omnibus bill**
*RF1023 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended to full committee.
*RF - Revisor's File

TRANSPORTATION

Thursday, April 18

- **Mandatory seat belt bill**
SF40 (Forysthe, IR-Edina)—recommended to pass as amended. (See Highlight)

Friday, April 19

- **Three-unit truck combinations**
HF1083 (Carlson, J., IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Highway jurisdiction study**
HF1052 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—Laid over for interim study.

Key
HF — House File
SF — Senate File
HF#/SF# — companion bills
* — version of the bill under consideration

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FLOOR ACTION

SPECIAL ORDERS

Thursday, April 18

- **Unemployment insurance—changes**
HF847/SF1294 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—passed. (See Highlight)
- **Crimes—increased penalties for drugs/burglary**
HF654/SF663 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—passed.
- **Prison confinement pending sentencing**
HF766/SF1452 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—passed as amended.
- **Regulation of firearms**
HF576/SF868 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—passed. (See Highlight)
- **Local government agencies—prompt payment of bills**
HF191/SF445 (Piepho, IR-Mankato)—passed as amended.
- **Escape from custody—mental patients**
HF839/SF810 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed as amended.

Monday, April 22

- **Constitutional convention—balanced budget**
HF9/SF326 (Piepho, IR-Mankato)—returned to author as amended. (See Highlight)
- **Child abuse prevention trust fund**
HF450/SF942 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed. (See Highlight)

Wednesday, April 24

- **Uniform anatomical gift act—minors**
HF683/SF1223 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—passed.
- **School bus—overhead rack/MN serial on bus body**
HF633 (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—passed as amended.
- **Forest fires—interstate agreements**
HF882 (Thorson, IR-Bemidji)—passed.
- **Wild animals—hunting law changes**
HF937 (Richter, IR-Wadena)—passed.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, April 22

- **Ramsey County—law clerk position unclassified**
HF823/SF1147 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—passed.
- **Mine pits/shafts—fencing**
HF1374/SF1412 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—passed.
- **Nonprofit corporation mail address**
HF311/SF379* (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—passed.
- **Fraternal benefit societies—regulation**
HF552/SF437* (Halberg, IR-Burnsville)—passed.
- **Sister state—County of Kronoberg, Sweden**
HF886/SF1057 (Jennings, L., DFL-Rush City)—passed.
- **Convey land for historical purposes**
HF1113/SF795 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)—passed.
- **Dissolution of cooperatives**
HF532/SF46* (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—passed.
- **Landscape contractors—payment**
HF863/SF833 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—passed.
- **Agricultural land—owned by a nursing home**
HF1570 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed.

CALENDAR

Monday, April 22

- **Relocation of residents in state highway corridors**
HF145/SF70* (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—passed as amended.
- **Worthless checks**
HF368/SF1037 (DenOuden, IR-Prinsburg)—passed as amended.
- **School fund lands—exchange and inventory**
HF399/SF377 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)—passed.

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- **Job evaluation—fire, police exemption**
HF418/SF438 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed.
- **Prejudgment seizure of property—procedures**
HF449/SF591 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed.
- **Hennepin County Commissioners—salaries set**
HF507/SF536 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—passed.
- **Metro government—sales of sports facility property**
HF558/SF541 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed.
- **Room air conditioners—energy efficiency rate**
HF626/SF625* (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Monday, April 22

- **Acid rain resolution**
HF1263/SF1231* (Rose, IR-Roseville)—passed.

CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

Thursday, April 18

- **Aid for unborn children—eligibility extended**
HF985 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed as amended by the Senate.

Monday, April 22

- **Snowmobile registration—correction in law**
HF928/SF727 (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes)—repassed as amended by the Senate.

Wednesday, April 24

- **Ramsey County—conciliation court referees' salaries**
HF461*/SF388 (Cohen, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate.
- **Schools—post Labor Day start**
HF151*/SF117 (Theide, IR-Pequot Lakes)—repassed as amended by the Senate. (See Highlight)
- **Int'l Falls, South Int'l Falls—consolidation**
HF1*/SF64 (Neuenschwander, DFL-Int'l Falls)—repassed as amended by the Senate.
- **Retail credit interest rate**
HF183*/SF131 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—repassed as amended by the Senate. (See Highlight)

GOVERNOR

BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

Wednesday, April 17

- **AVTI—combined districts**
HF470*/SF518 (Erickson)—Chapter 23.

Friday, April 19

- **"Mentally impaired"—definition**
HF219/SF177* (Staten)—Chapter 24.
- **"Star City" signs on interstate highways**
HF586/SF635* (McEachern)—Chapter 25.
- **Timber harvest informational meeting**
HF881/SF679* (Thorson)—Chapter 26.
- **Santiago—detached facility**
HF85*/SF968 (Brinkman)—Chapter 27.
- **West St. Paul—election changes**
HF422*/SF434 (McKasy)—Chapter 28.
- **Ramsey County—no seasonal load requirements**
HF796*/SF1141 (Kostohyryz)—Chapter 29.
- **Local government—dissolutions/annexations**
HF991*/SF1102 (Valento)—Chapter 30.

RESOLUTIONS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

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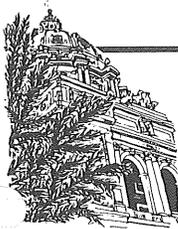
HF — House File

SF — Senate File

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BILL INTRODUCTIONS

Bill Introductions

Monday, Apr 22

HF1611—Knuth (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Ramsey county; authorizing the issuance of bonds for the construction of library buildings and an annual levy for debt retirement.

HF1612—Kahn (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Minneapolis; directing the charter commission to propose certain organizational changes; requiring a report to the legislature.

HF1613—Dyke (IR)—Agriculture
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to eliminate the adverse effect on agriculture of the cargo preference law.

Wednesday, Apr 24

HF1614—Vanasek (DFL)—Budget
A resolution memorializing Congress to call a constitutional convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

HF1615—Vanasek (DFL)—Budget
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to enact a balanced federal budget for fiscal year 1987.

HF1616—Vanasek (DFL)—Budget
A resolution memorializing Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

HF1617—Tjornhom (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; property; providing for assessment of homesteads of certain persons age 60 and older; amending statutes.

HF1618—Riveness (DFL)—Education
Education; establishing a pilot all-day kindergarten program in independent school district No. 280, Richfield; appropriating money.

Thursday, Apr 25

HF1619—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; maintaining the purity of state waters by restricting the location of hazardous waste disposal sites; amending statutes.

HF1620—McLaughlin (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations
Employment; requiring employers to grant unpaid leaves of absence to certain parents; proposing coding for new law.

HF1621—McLaughlin (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring a study and a plan to provide comprehensive prenatal care.

HF1622—Gutknecht (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to set up a joint congressional commission to draft a law preventing states from selectively granting benefits to businesses moving into the state that are not offered to businesses already in the state.

HF1623—Redalen (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; limiting tax on certain sales of horses; amending statutes.

HF1624—Jacobs (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; limiting payment of sales tax on transactions involving horses; amending statutes.

HF1625—Kvam (IR)—Appropriations
Establishing the legislative commission on the agricultural economy; providing for its duties and powers; appropriating money.

HF1626—Schafer (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring insurance coverage for special dietary treatment for phenylketonuria; providing an educational testing program; allowing a deduction for the costs of the special dietary treatment; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1627—Kvam (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; property; allowing certain property owners to appeal assessments directly to the tax or district court; amending statutes.

House Advisories

Monday, Apr 22

HA19—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
A proposal to study unresolved issues associated with the management of solid waste.

Wednesday, Apr 24

HA20—Carlson, D (IR)—Financial Institution/Insurance
A proposal to study medical malpractice insurance.

HA21—McLaughlin (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
A proposal to study the barriers to the growth of the State's bed and breakfast industry.

HA22—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
A proposal to study the role of state government and of the Department of Public Safety in the regulation of alcoholic beverages.

Thursday, Apr 25

HA23—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
A proposal to study metropolitan taxicab regulation and licensing.

HA24—Levi (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
A proposal to study participation of youth in sports and athletic programs.

Senate Files/ 1st. Readings

Monday, Apr 22

SF1231—Willet (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to take immediate steps to reduce acid deposition.

Wednesday, Apr 24

SF364—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Health; expanding the purposes of health care review organizations; amending statutes.

SF664—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Natural resources; revising the boundaries of certain state forests; creating a new state forest; amending statutes.

SF743—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Corporations; allowing nonprofit corporations to establish, maintain, and operate common trust funds; proposing coding for new law.

SF1099—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to award posthumous Medals of Freedom to Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, and James Chaney.

SF1119—Bertram (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Local government; increasing the amount that a county board may credit to the sheriff's contingency fund; amending statutes.

SF880—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Memorializing the United States Department of Energy of Minnesota's opposition to the siting of a high-level radioactive waste disposal site in Minnesota pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

SF581—Wegscheid (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Commerce; authorizing certain investments in obligations of or guaranteed by the United States and certain other authorized securities; amending statutes.

SF994—Nelson (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Education; authorizing the transfer of certain state land unneeded for community college purposes to certain cities to be used for student housing; authorizing the sale of certain community college land in Worthington; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

SF1029—Spear (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Drivers licenses; providing for access to drivers license photographic negatives; amending statutes.

Thursday, Apr 25

SF335—DeCramer (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Animals; changing certain duties and powers of the board of animal health; amending statutes.

SF1244—Knutson (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

City of Burnsville; increasing the total number of on-sale liquor licenses.

SF1278—Dicklich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Financial institutions; providing for the extension of certain loan assumptions; amending statutes.

SF1347—Lessard (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Natural resources; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to sell certain lands in Koochiching county.

SF901—Berglin (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Human services; increasing incentives for enforcing and collecting child support; requiring child support or maintenance obligors to file address or residence changes; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF1203—Spear (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

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

SF1193—Stumpf (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; aggregate removal production; eliminating time requirement for notifying operator of unpaid tax; imposing a penalty; amending statutes.

SF1353—Lessard (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Natural resources; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to sell certain lands in St. Louis county.

SF1357—Reichgott (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Contempt of court; providing penalties for failure to file a complete income tax return pursuant to court order; proposing coding for new law.

SF896—Willet (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Energy; providing for the method of calculating the payback of certain energy conservation investments; amending statutes.

SF661—Freeman (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Commerce; regulating membership camping; prescribing the powers and duties of the commissioner; proposing coding for new law.

SF1329—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Taxation; clarifying definitions for sales and use tax; clarifying exemptions; providing an exemption for certain mailing materials used for advertising purposes; imposing civil and criminal penalties for underreporting or failing to report motor vehicle excise tax; repealing certain refund procedures; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF781—Peterson, Donna (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Juvenile court; clarifying the authority to release juvenile court records; amending statutes.

SF954—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Veterans; reestablishing the board of governors of the Big Island Veterans Camp; providing for its appointment and duties; transferring certain state land to the board; providing for the possible disposition of the land by the board; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF986—Chmielewski (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Workers' compensation; providing for miscellaneous changes; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF1140—Peterson, D (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Agriculture; requiring swine herd identification for disease control and meat inspection; proposing coding for new law.

SF1148—Freeman (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Commerce; defining "trade secret"; amending statutes.

SF1254—Dicklich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Occupational safety and health; prescribing duties of employers and of employees; providing for standards; providing for the use of investigative information; providing for enforcement mechanisms; amending statutes.

SF274—Spear (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Civil commitment; requiring a hearing for the continued commitment of mentally retarded persons; amending statutes.

SF453—Reichgott (DFL)—Appropriations

Natural resources; reducing fees for camping spaces within a state park and state park motor vehicle permits for physically handicapped persons; amending statutes.

SF814—Peterson, R (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Education; establishing the state council on vocational technical education; proposing coding for new law.

SF1356—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Statutes; conforming various laws to judicial decisions of unconstitutionality and suggestions for clarity; amending statutes.

SF1388—Reichgott (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Courts; clarifying the jurisdiction of the court of appeals to issue writs; amending statutes.

SF83—Bertram (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; providing an exemption from sales tax for the gross receipts from sales of tangible personal property, admission charges, and sales of food, meals, or drinks at certain events sponsored by certain non-profit organizations; amending statutes.

SF1077—Pogemiller (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Courts; providing for reimbursement of residents required to testify in another state in criminal cases; amending statutes.

SF1374—Freeman (DFL)—Appropriations

State parks; establishing lease rate for a certain part of Fort Snelling state park.

SF115—Samuelson (DFL)—Taxes

Motor vehicles; providing for free license plates for former prisoners of war; amending statutes.

SF927—Merriam (DFL)—Appropriations

Watercraft; exempting certain boats from watercraft licensing requirements; amending statutes.

SF1071—Petty (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Corporations; providing for access by shareholders to certain corporate records; protecting the privacy of individuals; amending statutes.

SF1214—Pehler (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Negligence; clarifying immunity from liability for volunteer firefighters who render assistance at scenes of emergency; amending statutes.

SF1238—Storm (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Intoxicating liquor; authorizing the issuance of temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses; amending statutes.

SF459—Spear (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Probate; adopting provisions of the uniform probate code and clarifying laws relating to intestate succession, spouse's elective share, and omitted spouses and children; clarifying provisions relating to the award of costs in guardianship and conservatorship proceedings; providing for the payment of reasonable fees and expenses for certain guardians and conservators; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.



April 29 - May 3, 1985

ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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Monday, April 29

8:00 a.m.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: To be announced.

10:00 a.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Terry Dempsey. Agenda: HF587 (Waltman) Providing income tax incentives to landowners who sell or lease agricultural land to beginning farmers and to banks who make loans to beginning farmers. HF1259 (Kiffmeyer) Altering certain class B master electrician licensing requirements. HF1265 (Riveness) Providing for economic opportunity and arts enterprise zones. HF1595 (Frerichs) Providing for the creation of economic growth areas. HF1627 (Kvam) Allowing certain property owners to appeal assessments directly to the tax or district court.

2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

Tuesday, April 30

To be announced.

Wednesday, May 1

8:30 a.m.

TAXES, Rm. 5. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HF1552 (Dempsey) Depositing revenue from the mortgage registration and deed taxes with the county and reducing certain welfare aids to the counties by the amount of revenue deposited. HF1581 (Rose) Establishing a scholarship for excellence program. HF1457 (Blatz) Removing certain restrictions on special permits to move manufactured homes. HF1607 (Sviggum) Permitting Goodhue county to levy a tax for the county historical society. HF687 (Erickson) Repealing requirements for a department slogan on printed matter. HF1623 (Redalen) Sales tax on horses. HF1402 (Schreiber) Agricultural resource loan guaranty program. HF130 (Minne) Motor vehicle excise tax; exempting sales of cars. HF969 (Kalis) Exempting petroleum products used in certain improvements to agricultural land for purposes of the sales tax. HF136 (Tunheim) Providing for refunds of certain gasoline taxes paid by resorts.

2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

Thursday, May 2

9:00 a.m.

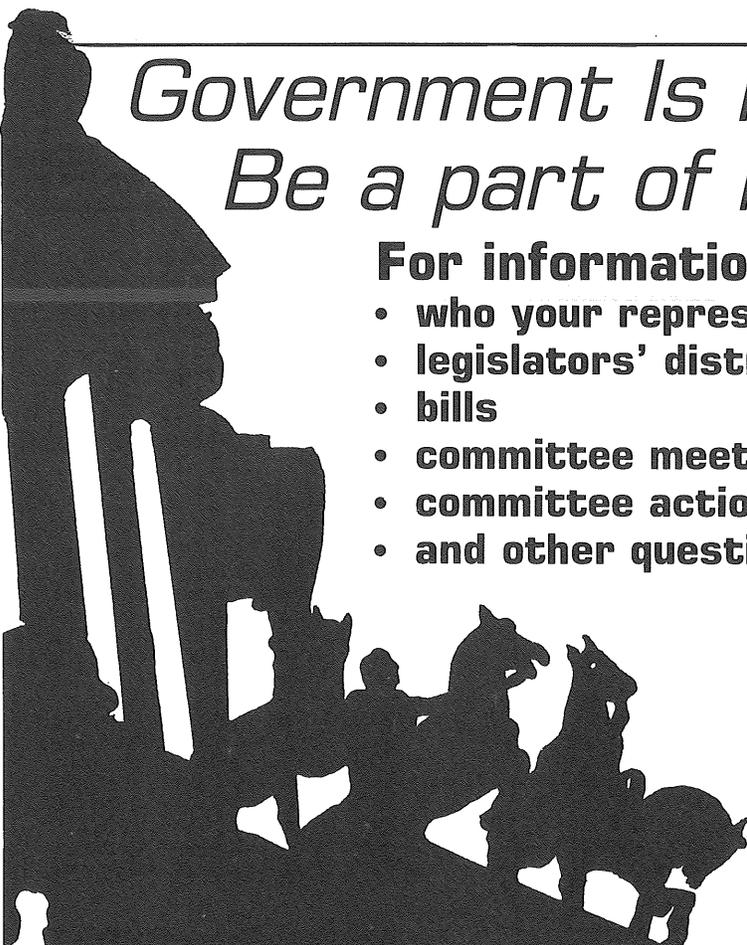
TAXES, Rm. 5. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HF630 (Boerboom) Establishing a gross vehicle weight limitation for state trunk highways. HF1188 (Zaffke) Providing authority for tourism and agriculture promotion. HF757 (Zaffke) Authorizing a special levy for park and recreation purposes. HF1561 (Waltman) Providing for payment of reduced assessment credit to the city of Zumbrota. HF856 (Pauly) Imposing an additional tax on certain interest earned on state or municipal obligations. HF857 (S. Olsen) Authorizing the receiver of an insolvent insurer to accelerate the distribution of available assets in payment of claims against the insurer.

2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

Friday, May 3

To be announced.



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