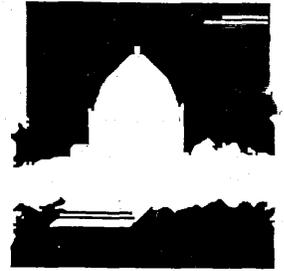




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Omnibus tax bill

DFL House leaders April 22 announced a change in tax plans. On the 23rd, Taxes Committee Chair Rep. Gordon Voss (DFL-Blaine) said upcoming amendments to the omnibus tax bill would most likely delete proposals to impose the state's six percent sales tax on local government purchases and legal services. Those proposed cuts would contribute to a possible reduction of almost \$225 million from state taxes.

Branch banks

Some of Minnesota's independent bankers are opposed to a bill that they say would destroy local control and accountability for community banks.

HF791 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)

would increase the number of detached facilities banks operate from two to five and allow branch locations up to 100 miles from the main bank.

Proponents of the measure say the change will allow banks to offer better services to larger groups of Minnesotans. System bankers say the expansion would also bring new life to faltering rural banks that could close without help from a healthy bank.

But Larry Lindeberg, Forest Lake State Bank, says local communities deserve the commitment of a local bank, and that small banks can do a better job on a local level. "Where other banks have their branches, we have our roots," he said.

Local bankers say they fear remote administrative and lending decisions could turn home-owned,



It's a fact!

1. Min - ne - so - ta hail to thee

The state song has had lots of media attention this past week. The question has been, "Is 'Hail! Minnesota' the official state song?" The answer is, "Yes."

In 1945, the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate adopted a joint resolution naming "Hail! Minnesota" the state song at the suggestion of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs.

"Hail! Minnesota" had long been the song of the University of Minnesota.

Truman E. Rickard, a 1904 graduate, wrote the music and two stanzas as a class song. The second stanza changed in 1905 when Cyrus Northrop, then president of the University, asked Arthur Upson, a young poet who became well-known, to write a new second stanza.

The University Alumni Association held the copyright for "Hail! Minnesota" until 1945 when the association gave the state permission to use the words and music as the state song. (For the words, see *Do you know?* on the back page.)

Note: A sentence in last week's fact should have read, "The groupings of 19 stars around the seal [on the state flag] represent the fact that Minnesota was the 19th state to join the Union after the original 13."

local interest banks into deposit-gathering devices for overgrown metropolitan institutions.

Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee members considered the bill April 22 and laid it over for further discussion.

Agency heads' salaries

State agency heads may have to be satisfied with current salaries for a while longer. On a roll call vote at an April 22 meeting, the Governmental Operations Committee defeated HF727 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley), a bill that would have increased salary ranges for state agency heads.

Employee Relations Commissioner Nina Rothchild told members that most agency heads have reached the top of their current salary ranges. She says this bill would not increase the present salaries of any affected agency heads. However, it would put a higher range into law which would permit future pay increases. Rothchild emphasized that the Legislature must approve all salary changes.

But Rep. Steve Dille (IR-Dassel) summed up the opposition saying, "The state's already in financial trouble...we ought to leave these salaries where they are."

Franchise contracts

In 1985, Arlen Simi, owner of the only Pier 1 Imports franchise in the state, got a closeout notice from the store's franchisor. Simi filed a lawsuit against Pier 1 and called on Rep. Dave Gruenes (IR-St. Cloud) for help. The lawsuit is still pending as is HF1404, a bill that Gruenes introduced as a remedy for Simi and others with similar problems.

Under the bill, franchisors would have to give franchisees a written notice of their intention not to renew the contract 180 days before the contract expires. The franchisee would then run the business for a

sufficient period of time to recover the fair market value of the franchise.

Current law allows franchisees to recover cash they paid for the business, but in Simi's case, that would be a very small amount of what his Pier 1 store is now worth.

Another provision in HF1404 would require that franchisors who want to terminate or cancel a contract send the franchisee a 90-day termination notice which includes the reasons for termination. The franchisee then has 60 days to correct any business problems.

The Commerce Committee recommended HF1404 to pass April 23. It now goes to the House Floor.

Light rail transit

Plans for a light rail transit system in Hennepin County moved closer to reality April 22. The Metropolitan Affairs Committee recommended to pass a bill that would allow Hennepin County to spend money to develop plans for light rail.

Supporters of the bill say the metro area needs light rail to ease traffic congestion and an anticipated energy crisis. But present law prohibits local governments or transit boards from spending money on light rail transit.

Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls), House sponsor of SF282, says a small-scale pilot project in Hennepin County is necessary to demonstrate the effectiveness of a light rail system.

Opponents say the bill will increase property taxes for metro area residents. But the committee voted down several attempts to reduce the taxing authority for light rail projects. Nelson says Hennepin County needs to retain authority to levy a four-mill tax so it can buy abandoned railroad right-of-ways as they become available. Also, he says, a lower taxing limit would mean other counties wouldn't be able to acquire land for their own light rail projects.

The bill goes next to the House floor.

Braille education

About 750 blind students in Minnesota could benefit from a bill a Minnesota House committee recommended to pass April 22. The bill would require school districts to provide instruction to blind students who want to learn to read and write braille.

Judy Sanders, National Federation of the Blind, told House Education Committee members that partially blind students often learn to read from large print books instead of braille because it's easier. But, she said, many people gradually lose their limited sight, and without braille, have no reading skills.

Supporters of the bill say legally blind students deserve to learn skills that will last a lifetime, not one skill that could fade over time.

But, Todd Kelly, a legally blind Robbinsdale high school teacher says teaching braille takes many hours and may be a waste of time for many students.

"I believe that because we are in a sighted society," he says, "children should be taught to use the best methods to get them by in the long run, to give them the best advantage for their future."

He says braille is a fine skill for those who need it and choose it, but only as a complement to other methods of education.

Crime victims' restitution

Courts could tap state tax refunds to help pay restitution to crime victims under a bill the Judiciary Committee recommended to pass April 21.

HF1274 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin) would authorize the Department of Revenue to cooperate with any public agency that collects court-ordered restitution for crime

victims. The agencies would work together to identify individuals who will receive a tax refund and who owe restitution for crimes they've committed. The Department of Revenue would collect the amount from the refund.

Anoka County probation officer, Richard Dahlberg, says the bill would affect only those people who have been working regularly and have had income taxes withheld. He says it's often difficult to get substantial, regular, and timely restitution payments, and total payment may not happen for several years. Dahlberg says using tax refunds would help make the victim whole sooner.

Mobile home park closings

People who live in mobile home parks may get a financial break when the park owner closes or sells the park.

On April 21, the Economic Development and Housing Committee recommended to pass HF574, a bill that would allow cities to require owners to reimburse residents when a park closes.

Rep. Phil Riveness (DFL-Bloomington), the bill's author, says most people living in mobile home parks own their trailers, but rent their lots. And many park owners, especially in the metro area, are selling out to commercial developers, leaving residents with no place to live, he says.

His bill would also change other state regulations on mobile home parks, including a provision that would allow park owners to evict residents who are loud and annoying to their neighbors.

HF574 goes next to the House floor. The Senate version, SF 631 (Merriam, DFL-Coon Rapids), is on the Senate floor.

Fetal disposal

At an April 21 meeting, the Health and Human Services Committee voted 16-7 to recommend passage of HF633, (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls), a bill that would require cremation or burial of aborted and miscarried fetuses.

The bill's author says the measure would provide regulation of fetus disposal which current law doesn't cover.

Wenzel says the major difference between his bill and the Senate's is the exclusion of incineration as a method of disposal. According to Wenzel, some hospitals currently incinerate fetuses with other waste material and then send the waste to a landfill. "This is not a dignified method of disposal," he says.

Supporters say hospitals and abortion clinics should use dignified, sanitary, and unified methods to dispose of fetuses. They noted that one abortion clinic disposes of fetuses in the garbage; another discharges fetus tissue into the sewer system.

But opponents say current methods of fetus disposal aren't against the law or unsanitary. Spokespersons from both the Pollution Control Agency and the Department of Health testified that the state does monitor current disposal methods to ensure public health safety.

The bill now goes to the full House.

Domestic harassment

In 1985, some 30,000 people called Hennepin County authorities to complain about harassing phone calls--an average of 2,500 calls per month, or 577 per week. But law enforcement officials couldn't do much to help victims.

On April 20, the Crime and Family Law Division of the Judiciary Committee recommended passage of HF1115, a bill that author Rep. Sandy Pappas (DFL-St. Paul)

says will close in on domestic harassment.

According to Pappas, "Anyone can become a victim of harassment, but harassment goes beyond reasonable behavior, such as repeated phone calls, by day or night at work or at home, letters and packages delivered at all hours of the day and night, constantly being watched or followed during one's daily routine...."

The bill would expand current laws that cover trespass, "interference with privacy"; phone calls; and use of the mail to deliver unwanted letters, packages, or telegrams. It would call for a misdemeanor penalty for anyone who intentionally acts to harass, abuse, or threaten other people.

Emergency employment

The Health and Human Services Division of the Appropriations Committee approved a bill April 20 that would give \$11 million to the Minnesota Emergency Employment Development (MEED) job program. That amount is down from the program's original \$40 million price tag.

MEED helps low-income people find jobs and offers financial incentives to businesses which provide them.

Division Chair Ann Wynia (DFL-St. Paul) says approval of the funding will send a message that MEED is a legislative priority, even though the governor wanted to phase out the program.

The bill's author, Rep. Peter McLaughlin (DFL-Mpls), says some new provisions in the bill would fine-tune the program. He says one would require at least 80 percent of state money to go to find jobs for target groups, such as those eligible for welfare and financially troubled farm families.

The proposal will be part of the omnibus appropriations bill that will go to the full House for consideration.

Property tax bill

A new property tax proposal would provide a tax credit for small businesses in the state, decrease the homestead credit, and restrict city and county spending. The Property Tax Division of the Taxes Committee recommended the bill's passage at a meeting April 20.

The new tax credit for small businesses (with a value of less than \$100,000) would provide an estimated \$50 million in tax relief. The bill would reduce the state's homestead credit by five percent and lock cities and counties into a three percent spending increase over last year.

Backers of the legislation say the small business tax credit will give the most relief to cities in greater Minnesota. House Majority Leader Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) says imposing the three percent levy limit on cities and counties would parallel the majority party's philosophy to hold the line on government spending.

Local government officials say, of the restriction on city and county spending, they don't know where local government will get the money to fund community programs. They say mandated programs from the state will be priorities under the three percent spending restriction. Some opponents called the measure a major departure from current statutory philosophy.

An amendment to the bill would exclude pensions and bonding allocation from the three percent levy limit. Opponents said that including bonding in the spending limit would have brought any new bonding proposals to a "screeching halt."

Liquor sales by minors

A bill that would prohibit anyone under age 18 from selling liquor in liquor stores, bars, or restaurants, got a recommendation to pass from the Regulated Industries Committee April 20.

John Novak, director of Liquor Control, says the bill would put into statute an age-18 guideline that his department has used for several years--even though it has never formally been on the law books. Novak says his intent in supporting this legislation is to have the rule apply to all sales of liquor--in liquor stores, convenience stores, or bars.

However, under an amendment the committee adopted, the bill would allow minors to sell 3.2 beer in convenience and other stores with a 3.2 beer license.

Supporters say they haven't heard of problems with those under 18 selling beer in grocery stores. They say many high school students may lose jobs if they can't sell the beverage in such places as family-owned resorts and convenience stores.

The bill goes now to the House floor.

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notes

Neighborhoods sometimes need help in settling disputes, such as those between tenants and the people they rent from. Under a bill the Local and Urban Affairs Committee recommended to pass, communities could voluntarily use trained mediators and arbitrators to work with the parties to settle differences they'd otherwise have to go to court to settle. Bill's author is Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center).

The Education Appropriations Division pulled funding from the proposed arts high school. On a seven to two vote members moved \$30 million from the program to a new statewide, outreach arts program that would use several existing sites.

Mobile home park residents should have a safe place to go during storms, says Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul). He's sponsoring HF196, a bill that would require park owners to provide underground shelters or an evacuation plan for residents by Aug. 31, 1989. Most parks already have shelters because of local building codes, says O'Connor. But about 20 percent of the parks in the state, most of them older parks, don't have any provisions to protect residents.

A \$10 million appropriation for the Minnesota Zoo in 1988-89 was the recommendation of the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee--\$2 million over what the governor recommended. The \$10 million includes \$500,000 to match private funds the zoo raises.

About \$3 million in additional revenue for the Secretary of State's Office could come out of a corporation filing fee increase on business, non-profit, foreign, professional, cooperative, banking, and insurance corporations doing business in the state. Depending on the business status they apply for, fees would range from \$10 to \$90.

Tribal Indian and urban Indian housing programs gained support from the State Departments Appropriations Division. The division recommended \$1.5 million in state funds for the Housing Finance Agency's budget to continue the programs. Other recommendations were: \$50,000 in the biennium for funding the Indian Affairs Council's protection of Indian burial grounds; \$20,000 in matching dollar-for-dollar funds for money they raise from private sources for all five minority councils whose budgets were before the division.

A strong telecommunications network will be the backbone for economic growth in the next century, just as roads and transportation networks were in the past," says Rep. Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples). He says the state could save up to \$140 million next biennium by evaluating and setting standards for data processing in state agencies.

Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR) may receive \$16 million to continue its recreation and natural resource projects, in spite of the governor's recommendation to discontinue the commission. Rep. Doug Carlson (R-Sandstone), LCMR chair and member of the appropriations division that recommends funding the commission, says LCMR is non-partisan, hard-working, and successful.

The state's Office of Science and Technology isn't leading Minnesota as it should in technological breakthroughs, says Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), chair of the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee. Her division recommends discontinuing the office's biomedical projects and reducing its computer software program. Rep. Leo Reding (DFL-Austin), chair of the Future and Technology Committee, is sponsoring HF1453, a bill that would create new science and technology programs for the state.

Trout stream season opened April 18, DNR announced. Trout lake season begins with the start of the walleye opener statewide on Saturday, May 16. The state has stocked 121 streams and 167 lakes throughout the state with 5.7 million trout and salmon, weighing a total 122 tons.

Resident combination angling licenses are for sale at all county auditors' offices and from DNR license agents.

Help's available for state employees with personal problems that affect, or could affect their job performance. The State Employee Assistance Program (EAP), in its ninth year, focuses on assessment of troubled employees, short-term counseling and referral to affordable community resources. EAP provides services at a metro office near the Captiol and in 16 other locations throughout the state. All services are private and confidential. Contact person is Keith Tvedten (612) 296-0765.

Minnesota Cities are worried about a proposed three percent cap [over last year] on city and county spending. League of Minnesota Cities spokeswoman, Laurie Hacking, says the three percent levy cap would set back operation of local government. She says cities and counties won't have an option

to raise needed revenue to make up for 26 percent of federal and state aid cities lost from 1980 to 1985.

Three fourths of the state's emergency employment development (MEED) jobs have been in the private sector over the past year and a half, with the average wage over \$5 per hour, according to Rep. Peter McLaughlin (DFL-Mpls). He says 3,000 employers have participated throughout the state, most of them small businesses. More than 80 percent of the people the program placed were eligible for some form of welfare, and 61 percent of the jobs were in greater Minnesota.

Over 17,000 Minnesota families each year experience an infant miscarriage, according to Sherokee Ilse, president of the Pregnancy and Infant Loss Center, Wayzata. She says this estimate equals or exceeds the number of abortions each year in Minnesota. She supports HF663 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls), the fetal disposal bill (see Highlight). She says it would give parents peace of mind that their unborn babies had dignified treatment.

Junk phone calls could tie up a phone line for as long as 13 seconds after a person hangs up, says Rep. Joe Quinn (DFL-Coon Rapids). Quinn is author of HF124 which would regulate companies that market products through recorded phone messages. The bill would require a recorded message to automatically disconnect after someone receiving the call has hung up.

Continuing the military pay exclusion from state taxes would cost other Minnesota taxpayers an additional \$23 million, says Taxes Committee Chair Gordon Voss (DFL-Blaine). The National Guard Enlisted Association opposes the deletion, saying it could drive military personnel out of the state and keep others from joining.

Personnel costs make up an average of 55-60 percent of city budgets, according to the League of Minnesota Cities. Cities oppose a state mandate to begin comparable worth programs because it could increase personnel costs statewide an estimated \$30-35 million, says the league.

Thanks, readers!

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AS IT HAPPENS...

COMMITTEE & FLOOR ACTION

April 16-23, 1987

COMMITTEE ACTION

APPROPRIATIONS

Education Div./Approps.

Wednesday, April 22

Education Finance--omnibus bill
HF753/SF583 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--
heard; amended. (SF in Senate Education
Committee)

Health & Human Services Div./Approps.

Monday, April 20

Radiation, low-level--study
HF188/SF473 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)--
recommended to pass; held for
incorporation into division omnibus bill.
(SF in Senate Health and Human Services
Committee)

Food assistance
HF248/SF185 (Rodosovich, DFL-
Faribault)--recommended to pass as
amended; held for incorporation into
division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate
Finance Committee)

Nursing home moratorium
HF722/SF612 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended; held for
incorporation into division omnibus bill.
(SF in Senate Health and Human Services
Committee)

MEED--wage subsidies
HF857/SF778 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended; held for
incorporation into division omnibus bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Welfare fraud--prosecutors,
investigators**
HF1289/SF1253 (Jennings, DFL-Rush
City)--recommended to pass; held for
incorporation into division omnibus bill.
(SF in Senate Health and Human Services
Committee)

Indian group homes
HF1352/SF1389 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended; held for
incorporation into division omnibus bill.
(SF in Senate Health and Human Services
Committee)

Welsch case management appeals
HF1524/SF1396 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--
recommended to pass; held for
incorporation into division omnibus bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Driver's license--reinstatement
fees**
HF1525/SF1376 (Jennings, DFL-Rush
City)--recommended to pass; held for
incorporation into division omnibus bill.
(SF in Senate Health and Human Services
Committee)

Tuesday, April 21

Cancer surveillance system
HF358/SF346 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis
Park)--recommended to pass as amended;
held for incorporation into division
omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance
Committee)

**Nursing home therapy--medical
assistance payments**
HF819/SF872 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended; held for
incorporation into division omnibus bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Children's Health Fund
HF1212/SF1210 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--
recommended to pass as amended; held for
incorporation into division omnibus bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Public assistance--administrative
aid change**
HF1221/SF1368 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended; held for
incorporation into division omnibus bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Wednesday, April 22

AFDC reform
HF1053/SF968 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended; held for
incorporation into division omnibus bill.
(SF in Senate Health and Human Services
Committee)

State Depts. Div./Approps.

Thursday, April 23

**Hazardous waste--transporter
license**
HF298 (Long, DFL-Mpls)--recommended
to pass as amended.

Insurance--regulation changes
HF392/SF478 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF in
Senate Judiciary Committee)

**Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup
Act**
HF606/SF536 (Knuth, DFL-New
Brighton)--recommended to pass. (SF in
Senate Finance Committee)

Dept. of Finance--changes
HF859/SF675 (Long, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass. (SF in Senate
Finance Committee)

**Acid deposition control--
assessment**
HF915/SF865 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF in
Senate Environment and Natural
Resources Committee)

Dept. of Administration--changes
HF916/SF820 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF in
Senate Finance Committee)

COMMERCE

Tuesday, April 21

**Motor vehicle franchise
regulations**
HF492/SF406* (Sparby, DFL-Thief
River Falls)--recommended to pass.

**Corporations--organization,
operation regulation**
HF1392/SF578 (Carruthers, DFL-
Brooklyn Center)--recommended to pass
as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

**Corporations--merger, exchange
regulation**
HF1393/SF577 (Carruthers, DFL-
Brooklyn Center)--recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Franchise nonrenewal regulation
HF1404/SF830 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)--
heard, amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Thursday, April 23

**Uniform Commercial Code--
leasing article**
HF1391/SF156 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--
heard; laid over for interim study. (SF on
Senate Floor)

**Franchise contract renewal--
regulation**
HF1404/SF830 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF on
Senate Floor)

ECONOMIC DEVELOP- MENT & HOUSING

Tuesday, April 21

**Mobile homes--underground
shelters**
HF196/SF935 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF in
Senate Finance Committee)

Mobile home park regulations
HF574/SF631 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate floor)

Community Development Corporations--board
HF1504/SF1226 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemiji)--heard; laid over. (SF on Senate floor)

EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 22

Braille--local instruction
HF967/SF911 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Independent School District 916--bonding
HF978/SF698* (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

School bus drivers--training
HF1087/SF862 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Transportation Committee.

School district fund--transfers
HF1185/SF371 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF on Senate Floor)

AVTI directors--appointment
HF1590/SF649 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tuesday, April 21

Timber permit laws--changes
HF403/SF461* (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)--recommended to pass.

Red River Dike Fund--planning, engineering
HF573/SF423* (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Chlordane--use prohibition
HF844/SF345* (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass.

Thursday, April 23

State parks--boundaries, name changes
HF569/SF481 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Game, fish laws--recodification
HF1172/SF385 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)--laid over. (SF on Senate Floor)

Vehicle weighing--solid waste disposal facilities
HF1451/SF1145* (Rice, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Tuesday, April 21

Health insurance--reimbursement
HF828/SF833 (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Trust fund deposits
HR884/SF751 (Scheid, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Insurer, agency--contract cancellation
HF1304/SF833 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Wednesday, April 22

Detached facilities--expansion
HF791/SF743 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--heard; amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Automatic teller machines--charges
HF986/SF800 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, & GAMING

Wednesday, April 23

Veterans service officers--certification
HF161/SF418* (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

POWs, MIAs--Capitol plaque
HF1503/SF721* (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Contested elections--appeals
HF1515/SF1433* (Scheid, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass.

Fire code--appeals board
HF1563/SF1273* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Wednesday, April 22

Chemical dependency professional standards
HF594/SF673* (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)--recommended to pass.

State agency heads--salary ranges
HF727/SF674 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--not recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Civil service--disabled workers
HF1475/SF1150 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Thursday, April 23

State employees--paychecks, direct deposit
HF21/SF217 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Ground water management--metropolitan area
HF373/SF353 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--heard; amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

State University System--purchases
HF716/SF802 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Pine County/Wilder Foundation--property sale
HF1211/SF1184 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Aitkin County--peat land transfer
HF1269/SF1160 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Environment and Natural Resources Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Dept. of Public Safety--Emergency Management Div.
HF1544/SF1349* (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, April 21

Fetal disposal
HF663/SF389 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Thursday, April 23

Mental illness--information system

HF647/SF619 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

On-site child care

HF825/SF817 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Chiropractic regulation

HF939/SF1008 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Mental health--adult day training, habilitation

HF1183/SF1010 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Community work experience program--deadlines

HF1328/SF1233 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

JUDICIARY

Tuesday, April 21

Trustees--investments

HF88/SF538 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Parental rights laws--changes

HF307/SF785 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Property crimes--reclassification

HF384/SF286 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Wild animal storage--probable cause for search

HF513/SF365* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

DWI--highway workers

HF515/SF324* (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Boating while intoxicated--prosecution

HF598/SF59* (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Uniform Statutory Rule Against Perpetuities

HF1050/SF157* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Restitution, court-ordered--

Revenue Recapture Act
HF1274/SF1117 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Amateur radio operators--police band radios

HF1420/SF611 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)--amended; laid over. (SF on Senate Floor)

Crime & Family Law Div./Judic.

Monday, April 20

Obscene materials, performances--prohibition

HF402/SF236 (Reding, DFL-Austin)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Harassment on private property--prohibition

HF1115/SF915 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, April 21

Town boards, members--powers

HF226/SF225 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Irondale--town levy limit removed

HF1459/SF1305 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee)

Community dispute resolution--program grants

HF1561/SF1204 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, April 22

Light rail transit

HF416/SF282 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF passed Senate)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, April 20

Liquor retailers--changes

HF1375/SF1152 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Liquor license--Little Falls

HF1495/SF990 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Wednesday, April 22

Telephone calling devices--restrictions

HF124/SF184* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Commerce Committee)

Electric power lines--vegetation trimming

SF378 (Merriam, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended.

TAXES

Tuesday, April 21

Omnibus tax bill

HF529/SF445 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard Article 1. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Wednesday, April 22

Omnibus tax bill

HF529/SF445 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard Articles 4 through 13. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Thursday, April 23

Omnibus tax bill

HF529/SF445 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Property Tax Div./Taxes

Monday, April 20

Property tax--changes

HF942/SF889 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--recommended to pass as amended; (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Division)

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, April 22

Traffic regulation--slow-moving vehicle emblems

HF16/SF25* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)--recommended to pass.

Snowmobiles--highway crossings

HF268/SF183 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Peace officer--tire inspection

HF1467/SF607 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

FLOOR ACTION

CALENDAR

Monday, April 20

Job application fees

HF31*/SF176 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--passed (126-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Food service workers--state university benefits

HF119*/SF74 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--passed (102-22). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Firearms--dealer possession

HF170*/SF47 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--passed (120-9). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Unmarked vehicles--police, sheriff

HF217*/SF1188 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)--passed (128-2). (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

PERA--administrative changes

HF457*/SF1064 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--passed (134-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Motorized bicycle regulation

HF532*/SF469 (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)--passed (131-1). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Treatment facilities residents--data disclosure

HF561*/SF591 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--passed (128-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Juveniles--adult jail confinement

HF596*/SF670 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (129-1). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Mentally ill--residential facilities

HF642*/SF620 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--passed (132-1). (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

St. Louis County/Floodwood--land sale

HF947*/SF940 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--passed (128-2). (SF on Senate Floor)

Handicapped transit standards

HF1009*/SF1108 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--passed (132-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Sheltered workshops

HF1054*/SF1073 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)--passed (133-0). (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Medical Assistance vendors

HF1112*/SF998 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--passed (132-0). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Grain--grades, tests

HF1120*/SF1484 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--passed (132-0). (SF in Senate Agriculture Committee)

State employees--mandated absences

HF1170*/SF1165 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--passed (134-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Teachers retirement association--changes

HF1213*/SF1132 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--passed (134-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Employer health care coverage

HF1225*/SF1406 (Tompkins, IR-Apple Valley)--passed (72-57). (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Insurance companies--investments

HF1267*/SF1206 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--passed (129-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Wednesday, April 22

Swimming classes--co-ed

HF846*/SF1476 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--not passed (64 to 67). (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Champlin--public improvement funds

HF1141*/SF1087 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--passed (104 to 22). (SF on Senate Floor)

CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

Wednesday, April 22

Vending machines--inspection fees

HF469*/SF407 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)--passed as amended by the Senate (114 to 1).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, April 20

Ramsey County--court locations

HF1371*/SF1339 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--passed (109-10). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Nursing home residents--spouses

HF904*/SF1453 (B. Anderson, IR-Ottertail)--passed (129-0). (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Foreign exchange students--deer hunting licenses

HF74/SF73* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)--passed (114-10).

Wednesday, April 22

School buses--amber lights

HF126/SF136* (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)--passed (129 to 0).

Economic opportunity office

HF1187*/SF1360 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--referred to Governmental Operations Committee.

Municipal charter commissions--discharge

HF1322/SF1067* (Morrison, IR-Burnsville)--passed (126 to 3).

Municipal annexation--tax adjustments

HF1377/SF725* (Hartle, IR-Owatonna)--passed (119 to 7).

GENERAL ORDERS

Monday, April 20

Liquor sales--extension of hours

HF397 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)--referred to Regulated Industries Committee.

Hazardous waste--criminal penalties

HF401/SF818 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--amended; not recommended to pass; progressed. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Swimming classes--co-ed

HF846/SF1476 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Local public health boards

HF999/SF1041 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Champlin--public improvement funds

HF1141/SF1087 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

SPECIAL ORDERS

Wednesday, April 22

Mpls--school board election

HF490* (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--passed as amended (82-41).

Election judges--voter information

HF638*/SF550 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)--passed (125-0).

Juvenile code/crime victims

HF706*/SF1065 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (128-0).

State energy contracts--bidding requirements

HF830*/SF206 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--passed (116-4).

Supplemental investment fund--age eligibility

HF1147*/SF1089 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--passed as amended (127-0).

Hennepin County--library construction bonds
HF1266*/SF1275 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--passed (127-0).

Mpls--conventions, tourism activities
HF1355*/SF1295 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--passed as amended (130-0).

PUC expedited hearings--federal tax reform
HF1362*/SF1191 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--returned to General Orders.

GOVERNOR

BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

Thursday, April 16

Liquor license--strong beer sales
HF447/SF128* (Jaros)--Chapter 27.

Brook Park--debt limit
HF483/SF279* (D. Carlson)--Chapter 28.

Liquor licenses--seasonal
HF603/SF291* (Tunheim)--Chapter 29.

Newspapers--public notices
HF471/SF403* (Tunheim)--Chapter 30.

St. Louis County--land sale
HF11*/SF338 (Begich)--Chapter 31.

Anatomical gifts--required request for consent
HF23*/SF86 (Kahn)--Chapter 32.

Corporate directors--personal liability
HF202*/SF204 (Carruthers)--Chapter 33.

Cook County--land sale
HF348*/SF299 (Battaglia)--Chapter 34.

Deer hunting limit
HF400*/SF334 (D. Nelson)--Chapter 35.

Dept. of Military Affairs--contract administration
HF424*/SF498 (DeBlicke)--Chapter 36.

Monday, April 20

Collection agencies--regulation
HF333/SF457* (Lasley)--Chapter 37.

Bankruptcy--employee notification
HF134*/SF182 (Price)--Chapter 38.

Elections--candidate names
HF312*/SF438 (Scheid)--Chapter 39.

St. Louis County--county clerk
HF838*/SF782 (Minne)--Chapter 40.

1987-88 MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE COVERAGE

Functions of House committees, divisions

The Minnesota Legislature creates, abolishes, and changes laws to fit the needs of Minnesotans. Legislators introduce hundreds of proposed laws each session. The House of Representatives and the Senate consider bills separately, but they must agree on a bill before it can become law.

The Legislature relies on committees, divisions, and subcommittees to be sure all bills get careful study and review. In the House, the Speaker of the House decides on the committees the House will have, and appoints the members and chairs who will serve on them. The speaker also assigns bills to the appropriate committees by topic.

Here's a list that briefly describes the function of each 1987-88 committee and division:

Agriculture--Sets out farm policies and programs for assistance to farmers, promotion of interstate and international trade, marketing commodities, and soil conservation.

Agriculture Finance Division--Makes budgetary decisions for programs the Agriculture Committee creates, including sources of funding. Reviews effectiveness and efficiency of farm programs.

Appropriations--Recommends objectives and goals in appropriating state money; reviews the governor's budget proposals; recommends level of funding for all state agencies and any other program the state finances; provides estimates of appropriations to the Ways and Means Committee; reviews every bill that needs an appropriation even if the bill had its first hearing in another committee.

For example, a proposal having to do with agriculture that involves spending money, would go first to the Agriculture Committee or one of its divisions.

Agriculture, Transportation, Semi-state Division--Reviews and makes recommendations for funding of agricultural programs, the World Trade Center, transportation projects, the departments of agriculture and transportation, and boards and organizations the state partially funds.

Education Division--Recommends funding for the University of Minnesota, state universities, community colleges, AVTI's, and the Department of Education.

Health and Human Services Division--Recommends funding for state health and human service programs.

State Departments Division--Proposes the omnibus state departments bill appropriating money for state departments and agencies.

Commerce--Addresses consumers' concerns; works closely with the Department of Commerce and the Consumer Services Division of the Attorney General's Office in writing consumer protection legislation.

Economic Development and Housing--Makes recommendations for programs in job development and training, financing businesses, housing and community development, and rural development. Makes recommendations for allocating private activity bonds. Also reviews programs in the Department of Energy and Economic Development.

Education--Recommends programs for K-12 education. Looks to making education fair and equal among different regions in the state and among different social and economic groups. Also addresses teachers' training and parent/community involvement in education.

Education Finance

Division--Reviews and makes recommendations for the funding of school systems and educational programs. Creates a formula for distributing funds among school districts.

Environment and Natural Resources

--Concerned with hunting and fishing regulation and promotion, pollution, waste management, wildlife protection, forestry and mining.

Financial Institutions and Insurance

--Concerned with consumer rights in insurance; affordability and availability of insurance for individuals and companies; reviews banking charges and definitions of accounts and services.

Future and Technology

--Concerned with long range economic and job needs, emphasizing Minnesota's place in the world market. Anticipates demographic (population) changes in the state for consideration in educational, economic, housing, health, crime, environmental, tax, and other policy decisions.

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, and Gaming

--Addresses gambling issues and regulations; veterans' programs; regulation of elections; and other miscellaneous legislation.

Governmental Operations

--Reviews any bill that substantially changes or creates a new state department, agency, commission, board or bureau, though the bill may have had its first review and

hearing in another committee; deals with public employee pension plans, and state workers' bargaining procedures.

Health and Human

Services--Reviews and makes recommendations for the policies, goals, objectives, reform and creation of welfare programs; concerned with the availability of programs and services; also deals with the licensing of health care providers and social workers. (The Health and Human Services Division of the Appropriations Committee works on the funding of programs.)

Higher Education

--Makes recommendations for the goals and objectives of AVTI's, state universities, community colleges, and the University of Minnesota; assesses the quality, availability, and governance of these institutions; concerned with student financial aid and enrollment.

Judiciary--Considers sentencing guidelines, bail requirements, citizen rights, and corrections. Evaluates structure and organization of courts.

Crime and Family Law

Division--Concerned with sentencing guidelines and procedures in juvenile delinquency, and child abuse, custody, and support cases.

Labor-Management

Relations--Concerned with negotiation procedures, wages, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, and the rights and responsibilities of workers, managers, and owners.

Unemployment Insurance and Workers' Compensation

Division--Deals with the concerns of businesses, workers, and insurance companies, and the effectiveness and availability of unemployment insurance and workers' compensation.

Local and Urban Affairs

--Makes recommendations concerning relations between state and local

governments, the impact of federal and state programs on local government, and the jurisdiction, control and bonding authority of local government.

Metropolitan Affairs

--Reviews the structures, goals and programs of metropolitan agencies; concerned with transportation, sewers, roads, bridges, parks, airports, and bonding for state construction projects in the metropolitan area.

Regulated Industries

--Concerned with controls on industries the state regulates, such as liquor, phone, power, and commercial soliciting.

Rules and Legislative

Administration--Establishes a budget for House committee expenses; determines House rules, joint rules, and administrative duties of the House.

Taxes--Reviews any bill that affects state income, sales, use, or property tax policy, though tax bills may first go to another committee; concerned with budget stability; provides estimates of current taxes to the Ways and Means Committee.

Property Tax Division

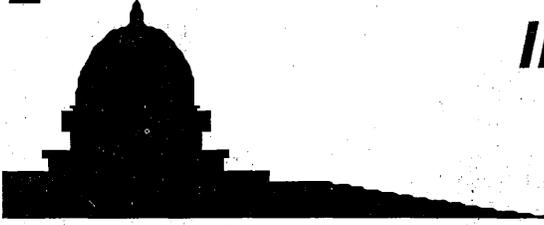
--Evaluates property tax system, state aid to local governments, property tax relief for individuals, and fairness of tax base.

Tax Laws Division

--Concerned with tax laws, including tax formulas, that carry out tax policy.

Transportation--Concerned with safety, highway construction, maintenance, regulations of road use, and licensing of vehicles.

Ways and Means--Sets overall spending and taxing policies and limits for the Appropriations and Taxes Committees, and the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee.



IN THE HOPPER...

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

April 17-23, 1987

House Bill Introductions Monday, April 20

**HF1605--O'Connor (DFL)--
Governmental Operations**
State government; providing for leveling of playing fields.

HF1606--Knuth (DFL)--Taxes
Taxation; requiring a registration certificate for park trailers; imposing a registration tax on park trailers; requiring unregistered park trailers to pay property tax; imposing motor vehicle excise tax on park trailers; providing that motor vehicle dealers may sell park trailers; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**HF1607--Vanasek (DFL)--
General Legislation/
Veterans Affairs/Gaming**
Elections; limiting campaign expenditures by congressional candidates who choose to receive a public subsidy for their campaigns; making related changes in the ethics in government act; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

**HF1608--Kelso (DFL)--
Metropolitan Affairs**
Taxation; providing for computation of the metropolitan transit tax reduction for certain cities and towns; amending statutes.

**HF1609--Olsen, S (IR)--
Education**
Education; requiring the state board of education to recommend a definition of the secondary education foundation program to which every Minnesota secondary student will have access; requiring the state board of education to solicit public participation; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

**HF1610--Wenzel (DFL)--
Governmental Operations**
Public employees; providing that public safety dispatchers are essential employees; amending statutes.

**HF1611--Lasley (DFL)--
Appropriations**
Education; providing for capital improvements at the Cambridge Community College Center; providing for the issuance of state building bonds.

**HF1612--Wenzel (DFL)--
Appropriations**
Public administration; appropriating state money for public purposes during the 1987-1989 biennium, subject to certain conditions; eliminating and consolidating certain state agencies and departments; reducing the appropriations for certain state agencies and departments.

Wednesday, April 22

**HF1613--McEachern (DFL)--
Education**
Education; prohibiting the use of more than a limited number of days during the school year for noninstructional purposes; amending statutes.

**HF1614--Carlson, D (IR)--
Environment/Natural Resources**
Fish; designating muskellunge lakes; amending statutes.

HF1615--Lasley (DFL)--Taxes
Taxation; restricting the motor vehicle excise tax exemption for vehicles purchased for resale; amending statutes.

HF1616--Bertram (DFL)--Taxes
Taxation; requiring a refund of certain taxes paid on property located in Stearns county.

**HF1617--DeBlieck (DFL)--
Governmental Operations**
State land; providing for the transfer of a parcel.

**HF1618--DeBlieck (DFL)--
Governmental Operations**
Retirement; granting military service credit to certain state employees; proposing coding for new law.

**HF1619--Bertram (DFL)--
Judiciary**
Crimes; defining the crime of using police radios while committing a criminal act; prescribing penalties; proposing coding for new law.

**HF1620--Wenzel (DFL)--
Agriculture**
Agriculture; authorizing and requiring a license to use the Minnesota grown label; assessing license fees; providing penalties; amending statutes.

**HF1621--McLaughlin (DFL)--
Labor-Management Relations**
Unemployment compensation; appropriating federal money received for unemployment compensation administration.

Thursday, April 23

**HF1622--Orenstein (DFL)--
Judiciary**
Courts; providing court of appeals representation on the sentencing guidelines commission; clarifying the membership on judicial appeal panels; permitting retired judges to solemnize marriages; clarifying judicial representation on the judicial standards board; authorizing the supreme court to adopt court rules; restricting mileage reimbursement for law clerks; amending statutes.

House Advisories Monday, April 20

**HA23--Lieder (DFL)--
Transportation**
A proposal to study maximum vehicle weights and the bridge formula.

**HA24--Hartle (IR)--
Financial Institutions/Insurance**
A proposal to study the operation of insurance guaranty associations.

Senate Files/ First Readings Monday, April 20

**SF494--Gustafson (IR)--
Local/Urban Affairs**
The Duluth airport authority; providing that authority employees hired after a certain date are not covered by any civil service system.

**SF737--Berglin (DFL)--
Health/Human Services**
Health; requiring the board of medical examiners to release certain information about disciplinary investigations and proceedings; amending statutes.

**SF793--Dahl (DFL)--Referred to
the Chief Clerk for Comparison**
Commerce; consumer protection; requiring the repair, refund, or replacement of new motor vehicles under certain circumstances; prescribing certain arbitration mechanisms for all automobile manufacturers doing business and offering express warranties on their vehicles sold in Minnesota; amending statutes.

**SF1349--Vickerman (DFL)--
Governmental Operations**
State departments and agencies; renaming
the division of emergency services;
amending statutes.

**SF250--Wegscheid (DFL)--
Environment/Natural Resources**
Game and fish; requiring a firearms safety
certificate to hunt big game with firearms
and by archery; amending statutes;
proposing coding for new law.

**SF916--Belanger (IR)--
Labor-Management Relations**
Workers' compensation; providing a
permanent partial disability rating for
certain losses; proposing coding for new
law.

**SF1015--Lantry (DFL)--
Referred to the Chief Clerk
for Comparison**
Public safety; regulating boilers and their
operation; amending statutes; repealing
statutes.

Wednesday, April 22

**SF341--Lantry (DFL)--Referred to
the Chief Clerk for Comparison**
Insurance; regulating unfair settlement
practices of automobile insurers; requiring
repairs with original equipment parts;
providing an exception; regulating
insurance appraisals; revising the truth-in
repairs act to require disclosure of whether
new parts are original equipment parts;
amending statutes.

**Copies of bills and resolutions
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Q&A

QUESTIONS YOU'VE ASKED

If you have a question, send it to us so
readers can share Questions and
Answers. House Public Information
Office, 175 State Office Building, St. Paul,
Minnesota 55155.

• Does the word "session" always refer to the two-year biennium?

In the Legislature, use of the
word "session" may have five
meanings:

1) Session: the biennial (two-
year) period during which the
Legislature meets as: "The 75th
Session."

2) Regular session: the annual
meeting of the Legislature
between the first Tuesday after
the first Monday in January, and
the first Monday after the third
Saturday in May (this session,
May 18).

3) Special, or extra session:
session after expiration of 120
legislative days in a biennium, or
after the date the law prescribed
for annual adjournment.

The governor calls the
Legislature into special session.
But the governor may not dictate
the matters the Legislature will
consider, nor the length of the
special session.

4) Daily session: a meeting of the
House or Senate in its chamber.
Most people use the term "daily
session" interchangeably with
"legislative day."

5) Joint session: meeting of the
House and Senate together,
same as joint convention.

• What is a legislative day?

A legislative day is a day when
either the House or the Senate is
in session; a 24-hour period
beginning at 7 a.m.

• How many members serve in the Minnesota House of Representatives?

The Minnesota House has 134
members. The Senate has 67.
Each House member represents
about 30,000 people. They
serve two year terms. Senators
serve four year terms.

• How do I know who my state representative is?

You live in one of 67 legislative
districts in the state. Each
legislative district includes two
House districts, A and B. One
senator represents both A and B.
A and B each have one
representative--one who
represents the people who live
within the boundaries of District
A, and one who represents those
who live within the boundaries of
District B. If you don't know which
district you live in or who
represents you, call the House
Information Office at (612) 296-
2146, or call your county auditor's
office. Either office will tell you
your district number and who your
state representative and senator
are.

• What is a quorum?

A quorum refers to the required
number of members that must be
in attendance to conduct
business (50 percent, plus 1 -- in
the House, 68).

COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

April 27-May 1, 1987

All rooms are in the State Office Building unless otherwise indicated. This schedule is subject to change. For up-to-date information, call House Calls at (612) 296-9283 (recording) or House Information at (612) 296-2146. All meetings are open to the public.

Monday, April 27

8:00 a.m.

AG., TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS (tentative)

Room 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION DIV./ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300N State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lnydon Carlson. Agenda: Final action on omnibus Education Division bill.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern. Agenda: HF259 (Bishop) Missing children. HF1035 (Larson) Teacher seniority; agreements between school districts.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Room 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: HF586 (Brown) Minnesota Zoological Garden. HF1095 (Anderson, G) State government; reorganizing various departments. HF1002 (Clark) Telephone devices for deaf. Creates a board. Additional bill to be announced.

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building Chr.

Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget allocations. (continued)

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Stephen Wenzel. Agenda: HF852 (Krueger) Agriculture; establishing liens & security interests that are subject to federal notice & registration provisions & provisions prescribing when buyers of farm products purchase subject to or free of security interests. HF1620 (Wenzel) Agriculture; authorizing & requiring a license to use the Minnesota grown label; assessing license fees. HF1136 (Wenzel) Public finance; changing the rural finance administration's qualified agricultural loan program & name; clarifying the duties & powers of the administration.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Room 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs. Agenda: SF1114 (Solon)/HF1148 (Jacobs) Items sold in exclusive liquor stores. SF1183 (Jude)/HF1562 (Schreiber) On-sale license for American Swedish Institute. SF1290 (Hughes)/HF1365 (Valento) Two on-sale licenses for Little Canada. SF1053 (McQuaid)/HF1265 (Olsen) Licensing of low volume brewers.

12:00 noon

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/EDUCATION

Room 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson. Agenda: Proposed amendment to reduce spending in education finance bill.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joe Begich. Agenda: HF979 (Blatz)/SF916 (Bellanger) Workers' comp; providing a permanent partial disability rating for certain losses. HF1200 (Riveness) Human rights; defining "employee" to include commission salespersons. HF913 (Simoneau) Workers' comp; authorizing Commissioner of Labor & Industry to perform various tasks, providing for the determination of medical causation; imposing a filing fee for certain appeals.

HF1621 (McLaughlin) Unemployment compensation; appropriating federal money received for unemployment.

2:00 p.m.

The House will meet in Session.

7:00 p.m.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Room 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs. Agenda: To be announced.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget allocations. (continued)

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

APPROPRIATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson. Agenda: 1) HF753 (Nelson, K) Education finance. 2) Omnibus education division appropriations bill.

8:00 a.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Room 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: HF373 (Nelson, D) Metropolitan water management; authorizing county ground water plans. Additional bill to be announced.

TAXES

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss. Agenda: To be announced.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: HF777 (Cooper) Motor fuels; providing that unleaded gasoline sold in Minnesota after June 30, 1987, must be blended with ethanol. HF124 (Quinn) Utilities; trade

practices; restricting use & connection of automatic dialing-announcing devices to telephone lines. HF1343 (Jaros) Public safety; providing an exception from certain regulation for steam turbines which receive steam from remote municipal facilities.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Room 10 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: HF1078 (Jennings)/SF956 (DeCramer) Ditch drainage. HF1172 (Trimble)/SF385 (Merriam) Recodification of game & fish laws. Additional bills to be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield. Agenda: HF1022 (Kelson) Community conversions. HF1496 (Clark) Error rates. HF1356 (Greenfield) Board of Medical Examiners. HF1076 (Greenfield) Department of Health bill.

12:00 noon

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly. Agenda: 1) SF611 (Renneke)/HF1420 (McDonald) Public safety; allowing Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to permit amateur radio operators to use certain radio equipment, etc. 2) SF605 (Bertram, J)/HF1619 (Bertram, J) Crime of using police radios while committing criminal act. 3) SF537 (Jude)/HF1165 (Nelson, D) Public safety & imposing minimum penalties on habitual DWI offenders. 4) SF1007 (Cohen)/HFxxx (Orenstein) Courts & Court of Appeals representation on Sentencing Guidelines Commission. 5) SF1097 (Peterson, D C)/HF1129 (Kludt) Crimes & domestic assault. 6) SF1345 (Peterson, R W)/HF1595 (Solberg) Judiciary & public defenders. 7) SF1050 (Merriam)/HF1029 (Kludt) Property transfers & uniform transfers to minors act. 8) SF950 (Spear)/HF1214 (Pappas) Legislature & a study on economic status of women (gender bias in the courts.) 9) SF915 (Reichgott)/HF1115 (Pappas) Crime & harassment on private property. 10) SF236 (Waldorf)/HF402 (Reding) Obscenity; prohibiting the distribution & exhibition of obscene materials & performances. 11) SF1136 (Luther)/HF1396 (Carruthers) Civil actions & the statute of limitations (asbestos material). Bills coming out of Division or subcommittee may be added.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. David Battaglia. Agenda: SF494 (Gustafson)/HF714 (Jaros) Duluth airport; providing authority employees hired after a certain date are not covered by any civil service system. HA1 (Johnson, V) Proposal to study Home Rule Charters for counties. SF557 (Lantry)/HF465 (Kostohryz) Ramsey county; providing for charter commission to recommend a form of county government & providing for its adoption.

2:00 p.m.

The House will meet in Session. (tentative)

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget allocations. (continued)

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 a.m.

AG., TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS (tentative)

Room 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: To be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: To be announced.

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget allocations. (continued)

10:00 a.m.

METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Room 500S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff. Agenda: To be announced.

2:00 p.m.

The House will meet in Session.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget allocations. (continued)

Thursday, April 30

8:00 a.m.

AG., TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIV./ APPROPS. (tentative)

Room 400S State Office Building Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: To be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIV./APPROPS.

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: To be announced.

TAXES

Room 5 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss. Agenda: To be announced.

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget allocations. (continued)

2:00 p.m.

The House will meet in Session.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget allocations. (continued)

Friday, May 1

8:00 a.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIV./APPROPS.

Room 200 State Office Building Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: To be announced.

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIV./APPROPRIATIONS

Room 300S State Office Building Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Budget allocations. (continued)



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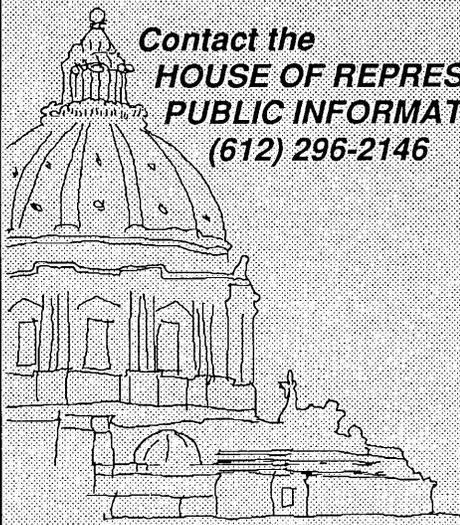
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The state song:
Hail! Minnesota

Minnesota, hail to thee!
Hail to thee, our state so dear!
Thy light shall ever be
A beacon bright and clear;
Thy sons and daughters true
Will proclaim thee near and far;
They shall guard thy fame
And adore thy name;
Thou shalt be their Northern Star.

Like the stream that bends to sea,
Like the pine that seeks the blue,
Minnesota, still for thee,
Thy sons are strong and true.
From thy woods and waters fair,
From thy prairies waving far,
At thy call they throng,
With their shout and song,
Hailing thee their Northern Star.