

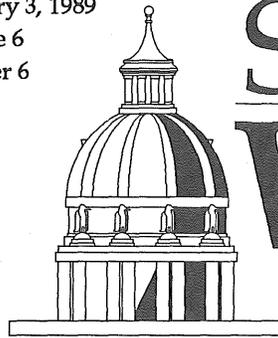
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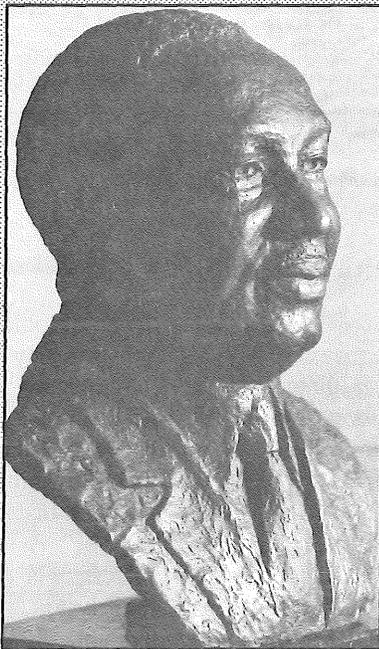
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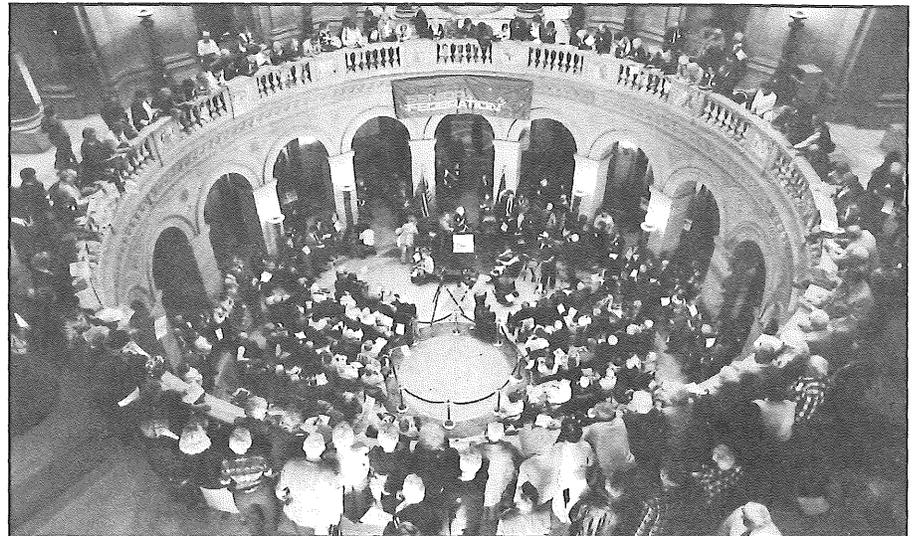
It's a fact!

Since 1926, many American communities have recognized February as Black History Month. They've set aside one week in that month to pay tribute to black heritage and leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr., the civil rights leader, Benjamin Banneker, who built the first clock in America, and Charles R. Drew, originator of the blood bank and first director of the American Red Cross Blood Bank.

In 1969, Minnesota Gov. Harold LeVander declared Feb. 8-14, 1970 Negro History Week (now Black History Week). One purpose of the week was "to help foster a better understanding between people and to encourage a keener appreciation of the heritage of all American citizens."



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
(Jan. 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968)
State Capitol, first floor
George M. Bassett, sculptor



On Jan. 20, senior citizens from around the state participated in "Senior Citizens' Day on the Hill." They gathered in the Capitol Rotunda for an "Independence and Dignity" rally where they showed legislators their support for proposed legislation on living wills and transportation issues.

Highlights

Child care credit

The Taxes Committee considered a bill Feb. 2 that would adjust the child care credit on individual income taxes. HF94 would expand child care credit to include individuals who currently don't qualify for the credit because their incomes are too high. The bill would increase the maximum income level to qualify for the child care credit from \$12,200 to \$15,600 to stay in step with inflation rates.

According to author Rep. Peter McLaughlin (DFL-Mpls), the law used to serve middle class families where both parents worked and placed their children in child care. But inflation made middle class families ineligible for the credit. McLaughlin says his bill would restore child care benefits to families with a combined income up to \$30,000. Cur-

rently, couples with a combined income of \$24,000 lose the credit.

The Department of Revenue says if this bill becomes law, it will have no significant impact on the state general fund during the next two bienniums.

Pipeline safety office

Minnesota's Office of Pipeline Safety plans to take over inspection authority for all pipeline systems in the state by June 1991.

William Barbeau, pipeline safety director, told the Commerce Committee Feb. 2 that the agency now oversees intrastate natural gas, hazardous liquid, and liquefied natural gas lines.

Barbeau says his office wants interstate agent status so it can inspect and monitor all pipeline systems in Minnesota, not

just state-based systems. The federal government told the office it needed jurisdiction over all pipelines on an intrastate level — such as propane, hazardous liquids, and liquified natural gas — to achieve interstate status. Barbeau says propane line inspections will start in July.

Barbeau told legislators that the office upgraded its inspectors' qualifications and started a comprehensive inspection program.

The Legislature created the office about 18 months ago in response to a fatal gas line explosion in Mounds View. Before the Pipeline Safety Act of 1987, Barbeau says, the state fire marshal's office handled only natural gas line inspections.

Elections

Secretary of State Joan Grove gave an update on elections activities in her office to the Elections Division of the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee Feb. 2.

The statewide voter registration system is underway, and Grove hopes to have it completed by year end. More than 219,000 people registered to vote last year, with forms provided at driver's license offices, supplied in tax booklets, and from state agencies. The system paid off in the last general election, she says, when 67.2 percent of eligible Minnesotans voted, compared to 48.9 percent nationally.

Grove talked about two studies her office conducted. The first shows that a special election law the Legislature passed last year led to increased voter participation in special elections where two or more questions appear on mail-in ballots.

The second study deals with voter "falloff," a comparison of the total number of votes cast for an office with the total number of people voting in the election. To deal with this problem, Grove's office recommends: reviewing the current ballot page format; improving instructions provided in the ballot booklet, the voting booth, and the verbal instructions election judges provide; and adding graphics to the ballot pages.



Members of Adventure Club, a day care program, brought signs to the Capitol Rotunda as part of the ceremonies before Lt. Gov. Marlene Johnson gave her State of the Children address Jan. 31.

Minnesota thrifts

Minnesota savings and loans are healthy, despite the recent rash of thrift failures in Texas and the federal government's recommendation to take control of 350 insolvent thrifts across the nation. John Corbid, a former Minnesota representative and public affairs director for the Savings League, reviewed the savings and loan industry at a Financial Institutions and Housing Committee meeting Feb. 1.

Corbid says that Minnesota's thrifts are profitable. Nationally, only 24 of the approximately 2,600 institutions claimed insolvency and needed a bail-out in 1987. Those failing thrifts represented more than half the industry's annual losses. Healthy savings institutions bailed out the ailing thrifts with no cost to taxpayers, according to Corbid. And, he says, a special assessment on insurance coverage to bail-out troubled thrifts kept 69 national savings and loans from showing a profit.

Thrifts, a primary supplier of home mortgages, made more than half of all home loans in 1987. Minnesota has 227 thrifts.

Teachers' salaries

A study the legislative audit staff presented to the Education Committee's Education Finance Division Feb. 1 found that while significant cost of living differences exist between the outstate and Twin Cities metro area, teachers' salary schedules compensate for it.

The cost of living in outstate areas is about 11 percent lower than in the Twin Cities metro area, according to the study, with the biggest difference in shelter costs. Shelter costs, which include home prices, rents, property taxes, and homeowner's insurance, are 40 percent lower outstate than in the metro area, while other costs remain similar.

Outstate teacher salaries are lower than those of metro teachers because metro teachers tend to have more years of teaching experience and higher levels of postgraduate training. And their schedules are generally 9 percent higher overall. The study also found that real salaries are 1 to 2 percent higher outstate due to the cost of living differences.

The report doesn't recommend changes in the education finance formula because the cost of living is only one of the factors affecting the cost of education. It concludes that legislators should consider other education costs, along with cost of living differences, before changes in education funding take place.

Health care coalition

Access to health insurance is a problem in northeastern Minnesota, says Nancy Gruver, director of the Health Insurance Coalition. A group of small business owners, consumers, health care providers and local government people formed the coalition in 1987 to solve the lack-of-health-insurance problem.

"Our health care delivery system is very complicated...partially private, partially regulated, partially public. It's incredibly complicated," Gruver told the Health and Human Services Committee Jan. 31. The coalition decided that all groups concerned with lack-of-health-

care issues would have to compromise to solve the complicated problem.

Last year, they mailed a survey to some 4,500 businesses in nine northeastern Minnesota counties, Gruver reports. Ten percent responded. Of those, 37 percent didn't offer health insurance to their employees.

Ground water dependency

Minnesotans depend a lot on ground water, says Martha Brand of the Environmental Quality Board. Three out of four people get their drinking water from the ground. Some rely on private wells that don't have any treatment facility. And ground water supplies about 60 to 80 percent of the water farmers use for irrigation.

Despite this dependence, Brand reports that Minnesotans have very little information about the ground water. We know little about the aquifers (underground lakes), she says, or the general quality of ground water. Brand told legislators she's concerned about how ground water pollutants are transported and how they break down over time.

Minnesotans are especially ignorant of actions that contaminate ground water, Brand says. For example, some people don't clean up their septic systems; others are unconcerned about the effects of lawn chemicals on ground water. Citizens need to know how to properly dispose of household hazardous waste, she says.

Brand, and other witnesses at a Jan. 31 hearing, urged members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee to support legislation on ground water protection.

STARS

Department of Administration officials unveiled a proposal for a statewide telecommunications network at the Economic Development Committee's International Trade and Technology Division Jan. 31.

The Statewide Telecommunications Access and Routing System (STARS) would provide voice, data, and video transmissions for educational and governmental services, says Judy Pinke, assistant commissioner of administration. Pinke told lawmakers that the department

wants to implement a STARS plan in the spring of 1990.

The department advocates a public/private partnership for STARS. The proposal suggests the state manage STARS, but calls for private ownership, construction, and maintenance.

Some lawmakers showed interest in the proposal, but expressed concern about the STARS budget. The department wants the Legislature to allocate \$4 million for STARS in the next two years.

Community development

Legislators took time at a Jan. 31 committee hearing to set some guidelines for their work this session. Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls) chairs the Economic Development Committee's Community Stabilization and Development Division. She gave each member "a chance to dream and share visions" about community development.

Committee members talked about rural and urban community issues. Urban representatives say they're concerned about stabilizing culturally and racially diverse communities. Reducing crime, empowering neighborhood initiatives, and revitalizing projects are other concerns.

Stabilizing the population in their districts topped rural legislators' concerns. They're interested in creating jobs and developing the economy to stop flight to the cities.

The committee developed several guiding principles, including: allowing community stabilization and development to occur from within; providing residents with leadership development, personal stakes, and access to information; and having them invest their own time and energy in developing their communities.

Plastic recycling

Minnesota businesses are collecting, processing, and selling recycled plastic. That's the news legislators heard at a joint meeting of the House and Senate Environment and Natural Resources committees Jan. 31.

Katie Boone, Reuter, Inc. of Hopkins, says her company is currently collecting and processing recyclable plastic from around the state, and selling it locally and internationally to China and Canada.

Biodegradable plastics are making their way into the market. But according to recycling industry representatives, biodegradables break down and contaminate the plastic supply, threatening the recycling industry. Plastic collection in rural areas is often expensive and difficult, they say, but they're working to organize collection efforts.

Recycled plastic goes into many things, including fence posts and chairs, according to University of Toledo professor Bob Bennett. The industry is replacing many paper food containers with plastic



Michelle Clairmont played the "pied piper" Jan. 30 as members of the Human Life Alliance stood outside hearing rooms in the State Office Building protesting proposed legislation that would recognize living wills in Minnesota.

containers, which increases the supply of used plastic on the market. Bennett says other reasons to use recycled plastic rather than materials such as aluminum and wood include lower production costs and the ability to resist corrosion.

U of M physical plant

Objective, statistical measures can help determine whether the University of Minnesota's (U of M) physical plant operation passes muster, says Legislative Auditor James Nobles. But, he notes, subjective views will keep alive doubts about how the physical plant runs.

Nobles discussed the U of M's physical plant operation during a Jan. 31 joint meeting of the education finance divisions of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees. His report outlines problems in the physical plant operation's procedures such as accounting, inventory, transportation and communication.

"The thing that's really most troubling is the conflict between physical plant management and the board of regents," the auditor says, adding that some regents say they don't trust the operation's management.

Nobles suggests that the physical plant operations' management needs to cultivate trust if the operation's image is to improve. But the physical plant's current officials shouldn't be blamed for problems that have developed over many years, he says.

The auditor's staff plans to re-evaluate the physical plant operation to check on improvements.

Farm loans

The U.S. Farmers Home Administration (FHA) notified more than 3,600 farmers of their loan delinquencies last November, Director Russ Bjorhus told the Agriculture Committee Jan. 30. FHA also offered to restructure the loans; 64 percent of the farmers accepted.

Bjorhus says the FHA wants farmers to attend agriculture classes for training in farm management and bookkeeping. Such training is essential for successful future farmers, he says.

Bjorhus also discussed the Emergency

Loan Program that provides low interest loans to farmers who lost more than 30 percent of their crops during the drought. In a survey last fall, the FHA predicted 5,000 to 6,000 loan applicants, but now expects only half that number to apply. Bjorhus says many farmers don't want to add to their farm debt; others feel they won't qualify because of their income.

Interest rates range from 9.5 percent for operating loans to 6.5 percent for limited resource loans to 4.5 percent for drought emergency loans.

Educational requirements

Minnesota has lots of rules about schools and school time, says James Sauter, assistant commissioner of Education, but few on what students should learn.

"We have no clear, concise definition about what students should be learning," Sauter told the Education Committee Jan. 30. He presented a departmental proposal to outline what the state wants students to know before they graduate. Local districts would develop programs for students to meet the objectives.

"The decisions that are the best in terms of getting the job done are usually those that are made closest to the point of action," Sauter says. "...we want teachers and parents who are involved in...the action of the school."

Schools need at least 30 teachers, and the support within the building and from the district superintendent to make headway under the proposal, Sauter says. And, he adds, changes in the schools would take at least five years.

Buses: food and drink

A woman who had a seizure on an MTC bus during last summer's heat wave gained the Judiciary Committee's attention Jan. 30. Lawmakers criticized a bus driver who wouldn't let the woman carry a beverage on the bus. Due to lack of fluids, she had a seizure.

Currently, bus drivers decide whether to allow beverages on their buses. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) says the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) does a good job, but incidents like this erode public trust in the bus service. She says, "it's a sad commentary on the

judgment of people and also on the transit system that this situation was not taken care of administratively."

HF122 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove) would allow people to consume food or beverages on a bus if they need to for medical reasons, such as diabetes. The committee gave the bill unanimous preliminary approval.

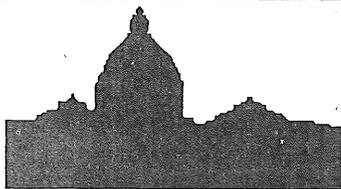
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COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Technical changes—capital expenditure, transportation formula
HF141/SF216 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Referendum levy language—changes
HF247/SF318 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Higher Education Division/ EDUCATION

Wednesday, Feb. 1

U of M regents—per diem authorization
HF86 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—laid over until Feb. 8.

Regent Candidate Advisory Council—representation requirement
HF87 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass.

U of M student regent—election requirement
HF101/SF27 (Johnson, A., DFL-Spring Lake Park)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Thursday, Feb. 2

Working capital fund—investment
HF42 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Healthspan—health care access program
HF150 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—heard.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

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Thursday, Feb. 2

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HF150 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—heard.

JUDICIARY

Monday, Jan. 30

Deputy title examiners—appointments
HF29/SF53 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Buses—passenger regulation
HF122/SF241 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, Feb. 2

Town subordinate service districts—establishment
HF115/SF119 (Jennings, DFL-Harris)—reconsidered; recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Local & Urban Government Committee)

TAXES

Thursday, Feb. 2

Corporate technical bill—mining, corporate franchise taxes
HF68/SF61 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Individual income tax—child care credit
HF94/SF157 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—heard. (SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

FLOOR ACTION

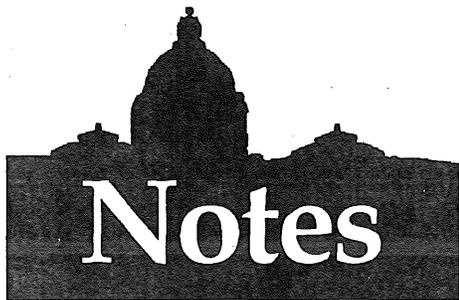
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Monday, Jan. 30

Victims' rights—restitution
HF14*/SF51 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (126-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Computer crime—unauthorized access
HF22*/SF213 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (127-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)



Notes

Nothing is more sacred to Minnesotans than parks (Okay, maybe the Twins). More than 13 million people visited parks in the metropolitan region last year, with St. Paul's Como Park seeing the most activity, according to Larry Kitto, Metro Parks and Open Space Agency. Kitto spoke to the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee Feb. 2. The agency hopes to get funds for other projects, including completion of a park on Lake Minnetonka, development of a park in Big Marine at Lake Waconia, and continued development of Como Park and Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis.

Funding for environmental and water protection comes from many sources, including governmental appropriations, contributions, and fees. The Governor's Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment (SCORE) proposes a new source of funds — a surtax on recycling household hazardous waste, and possibly a fee on hauling services for the curb-side recycling projects. "The more you reduce or recycle, the lower the fee," according to the SCORE report.

Children isolated in adult prisons commit suicide five times more often than juveniles in the general population, according to the Minnesota Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. Nationally, many states have limited the amount of time they may hold juveniles in adult jails to six hours in metro areas and 24 hours outside metro areas. The Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division discussed similar limitations Feb. 1.

Strengthening financial relationships between bankers and socially or economically disadvantaged business is the thrust of HF42 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls). The bill would permit certain public agencies and private foundations to contribute money to a guarantee fund

to supply short-term, working capital loans for some small and new businesses. The Governmental Operations Committee unanimously approved the bill Feb. 2 and rereferred it to the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

Minnesota law denies scheduled pay increases to some state department managers, says Nina Rothchild, commissioner, Department of Employee Relations (DOER). Current law prohibits a department manager from making more than the department's commissioner, she says, sometimes blocking pay increases for managers they would otherwise receive. DOER isn't recommending any change to the law this year, Rothchild reports, but may do so within the next two years. The commissioner testified at an Appropriations State Departments Division meeting Jan. 31.

Academics are important, but so are co-curricular and extracurricular activities, students from Twin Cities area schools told the Education Committee Jan. 30. Several students attended the committee hearing to receive a governor's proclamation declaring the week of Jan. 30-Feb. 3 as Minnesota Co-Curricular Activities Week. Committee Chair Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake) presented the proclamation to a student.

Officials of the Greater Minnesota Corporation (GMC) reported on their activities in Greater Minnesota to a joint legislative hearing Feb. 2. The Legislature established the GMC in 1987 to encourage economic development activity in rural areas.

The missing lynx

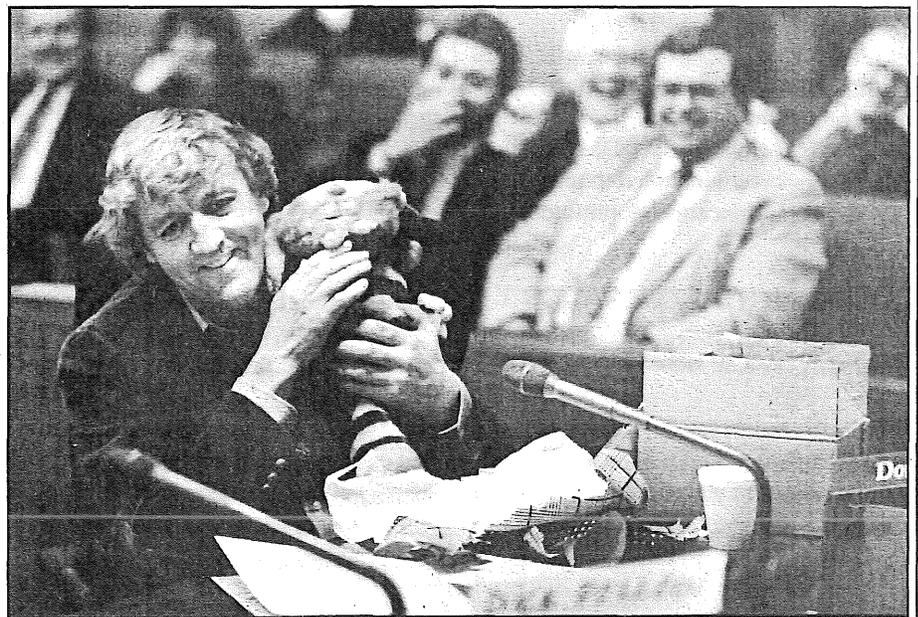
Curious and curiouser, as Alice in Wonderland would say. Transportation Committee members gave Rep. Doug Carlson (IR-Sandstone) a Cheshire cat during a Feb. 1 meeting to celebrate his return after successfully undergoing neck surgery last weekend. Carlson, a big game hunter, recently fell victim to the theft of a full-sized, mounted lynx from his statehouse office. Committee members hope the stuffed cat will help replace the missing lynx.

Rep. Henry Kalis (DFL-Walters), committee chair, read this poem:

It's awful when you're feeling ill,
It's bad to lose your Lynx.
It's clear that in the case of Doug,
Being here must be a jinx.

It's good to see Doug's well again,
It's good to see him here.
But something still is lacking,
He's been through a lot, I fear.

And though you're looking healthy,
We can't find your Lynx just yet.
But 'til we do, we've gotten you
Another little Pet.



GENERAL ORDERS

Bills on General Orders may be considered by the House acting as one large committee known as "the Committee of the Whole." Each bill on General Orders has had two readings and has been reported out of one or more standing committees. Each bill has been printed and has been placed on the members' desks for at least one day. Pursuant to the Rules of the House, amendments may be offered by members to bills on General Orders.**

Thursday, Jan. 26

Victims' rights—restitution

HF14/SF51 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

Computer crime—unauthorized access

HF22/SF213 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

Monday, Jan. 30

Bodily harm—definition expansion

HF27 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.

Crime victims' reparations—revisions

HF95 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass.

Presentence investigations—prosecution request

HF97 (Hasskamp, DFL-Crosby)—recommended to pass.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

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Veterans' medical centers—resolution

HF52/SF83* (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—passed (122-0).

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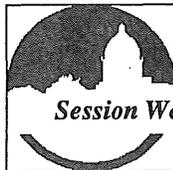
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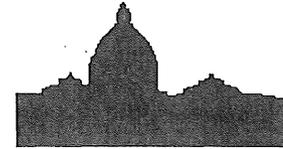
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BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

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Local government—net debt limit

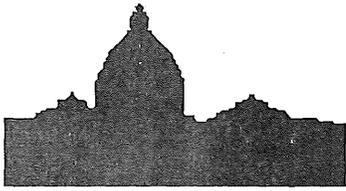
HF40*/SF99 (Long)—Chapter 1.

RESOLUTIONS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

Friday, Jan. 27

Veterans' medical centers—resolution

HF52/SF83* (Kostohryz)—Resolution 1.



Bill Introductions

HF269-HF384

Monday, Jan. 30

HF269—Carruthers (DFL)

Insurance

No-fault auto insurance; clarifying eligibility for economic loss benefits.

HF270—Stanius (IR)

Taxes

Individual income taxation; allowing a dependent care credit equal to the federal credit.

HF271—Stanius (IR)

Taxes

Individual income taxation; allowing a subtraction for mutual fund dividends paid out of United States obligation interest.

HF272—Stanius (IR)

Taxes

Individual income taxes; imposing tax on certain deemed discharges of indebtedness income.

HF273—Jefferson (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

Housing; requiring notice to tenants of the intent to sell certain subsidized housing units.

HF274—Jefferson (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; providing that medical certification for general assistance benefits may be made by a licensed chiropractor.

HF275—Jefferson (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing

Housing; requiring housing impact statements before displacement of certain low-income housing; requiring state government units to replace certain displaced low-income housing; providing for enforcement.

HF276—Battaglia (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Game and fish; restricting bear hunting guide licenses to residents only.

HF277—Battaglia (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Game and fish; authorizing certain disabled hunters to take deer of either sex.

HF278—Battaglia (DFL)

Transportation

Highways; specific service signs; changing rural agricultural business to rural commercial business, and specifying that the term includes certain types of businesses.

HF279—Blatz (IR)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Local government; permitting bank letters of credit in lieu of certain bonds.

HF280—Gruenes (IR)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to restore full funding to the Veterans Administration Medical Centers.

HF281—Price (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

State lands; allowing counties to recover costs related to tax-forfeited lands bordering public waters; appropriating money.

HF282—Carruthers (DFL)

Judiciary

Crimes and sentencing; increasing the minimum parole eligibility date for persons serving a life sentence; permitting courts to sentence certain repeat offenders to longer periods of incarceration; increasing penalties for persons who commit assault in the first degree.

HF283—Williams (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Veterans; requiring the Department of Administration to consider sites in other areas of northwestern Minnesota in addition to Fergus Falls for establishment of a veterans home.

HF284—Sparby (DFL)

Taxes

Property taxes; allowing agricultural home-stead treatment in certain cases.

HF285—Valento (IR)

Taxes

Income taxes; providing a credit for home care of the elderly.

HF286—Stanius (IR)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Veterans; appropriating money for bronze star grave markers.

HF287—Kostohryz (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Outdoor recreation; appropriating funds for development of a certain segment of the Willard Munger State Trail.

HF288—Stanius (IR)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Veterans; requiring cost-of-living increases in certain veterans benefits; appropriating money.

HF289—Stanius (IR)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Veterans; directing the establishment of three new regional veterans homes; appropriating money.

HF290—Dempsey (IR)

Taxes

Sales and use taxes; repealing accelerated payment of June liability.

HF291—Solberg (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; extending the date for phasing out community work experience program.

HF292—Schafer (IR)

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Education; establishing a categorical program for the gifted and talented.

HF293—Welle (DFL)

Taxes

Sales and use taxes; exempting materials used and consumed in the production of certain taxable services.

HF294—Heap (IR)

Education

Education; establishing a task force to study financial aid; appropriating money.

HF295—Sviggum (IR)

Judiciary

Education; providing immunity from suit for teachers in certain circumstances.

HF296—Kinkel (DFL)

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HF297—Stanius (IR)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Veterans; clarifying the treatment of certain settlement payments for the purposes of certain assistance programs and benefits.

HF298—Bauerly (DFL)

Commerce

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solicitations and professional fund raisers; excluding certain religious organizations from registration; requiring a bond for professional fund raisers who have access to contributions; modifying disclosure requirements; authorizing the district court to redress violations of law.

HF299—Carruthers (DFL)
Commerce

Occupations and professions; requiring the licensing of interior designers; defining the practice of interior design; providing for administration of licensing requirements.

HF300—Clark (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations

Occupational safety and health; increasing certain penalties; proposing changes to the Employee Right-to-Know Act of 1984.

HF301—Wenzel (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Public employees; providing that public safety dispatchers are essential employees.

HF302—Clark (DFL)
Judiciary
Public nuisances; expanding the nuisance law to include prior convictions for certain drug and liquor offenses.

HF303—Skoglund (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Health; requiring a death certificate to contain information about the person's tobacco use.

HF304—Gruenes (IR)
Education
Education; extending shared time aid to cover pupils enrolling at eligible institutions under the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act.

HF305—Gruenes (IR)
Health & Human Services
Human services; providing that nursing home reimbursement rates for cities of the second class shall equal the rate for the metropolitan area.

HF306—Pugh (DFL)
Judiciary
Trusts; providing for their creation, validity, administration, and supervision; providing for the sale of real property; relating to legal estates in real and personal property; relating to estates.

HF307—Conway (DFL)
Agriculture
Agriculture; appropriating funds for the Agricultural Interpretive Center.

HF308—Onnen (IR)
Taxes
Income taxes; increasing the deduction for health insurance for self-employed individuals.

HF309—Stanisus (IR)
Health & Human Services
Health; changing eligibility requirements for the Catastrophic Health Expense Protection Program; requiring the commissioner of Commerce to administer the program; appropriating money.

HF310—Valento (IR)
Taxes
Sales and use taxes; repealing accelerated payment of June liability.

HF311—Dempsey (IR)
Taxes
Property taxes; extending the homestead and agricultural credit to taxes payable after 1989; abolishing transition aid; repealing increases in income maintenance payments.

HF312—Valento (IR)
Taxes
Property taxes; extending the homestead and agricultural credit to taxes payable after 1989; abolishing transition aid; repealing increases in income maintenance payments.

HF313—Blatz (IR)
Taxes
Taxation; providing for payment of refunds to certain purchasers of energy conservation equipment; appropriating money.

HF314—Swenson (IR)
Judiciary
Obscenity; providing civil and equitable remedies against owners of businesses in which obscene materials or performances are sold or exhibited.

Thursday, Feb. 2

HF315—Vellenga (DFL)
Judiciary
Crimes; criminal sexual conduct; providing intensive sex offender treatment programs within the correctional system; providing for specialized probation and corrections agents to supervise released sex offenders; requiring the collection of data on the treatment and recidivism rates of convicted sex offenders; extending the jurisdiction of the juvenile court over sex offenders until their 21st birthday; providing a centralized reporting system for juvenile felony offenders; requiring the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to develop uniform procedures for the collection and analysis of DNA typing evidence; providing for the admissibility of such evidence; increasing penalties for criminal sexual conduct offenses; permitting courts to sentence dangerous or patterned sex offenders to longer periods of incarceration and supervision; creating a legislative commission to study the child protection system; appropriating money for the development of a DNA profiling laboratory and for a public information campaign against sexual violence.

HF316—Vellenga (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Retirement; former employees of the Bureau of Health of the City of Saint Paul; providing for a refund of excess employee contributions to the Bureau of Health Pension Fund.

HF317—Clark (DFL)
Transportation
Highways; requiring local approval for certain property takings for interstate highway projects.

HF318—Ozment (IR)
Judiciary
Judicial commitment; requiring the commissioner of corrections to screen criminal sexual conduct offenders before their release from prison to determine if they are psychopathic personalities; requiring the institution of proceedings under the Psychopathic Personality Statute when indicated by the screening examination.

HF319—Olsen, S. (IR)
Health & Human Services
Human services; expanding eligibility for Child Care Sliding Fee Program; providing for reimbursement of child care provider accreditation fees; creating an office of child care providers assistance in the Department of Human Services; increasing the number of certain licensing inspections; requiring a privately operated child care in the Capitol complex; establishing state policy for certain inspections; exempting construction materials and equipment from sales tax; creating a tuition tax credit; creating an employer tax credit for child care operations.

HF320—Milbert (DFL)
Judiciary
Civil commitment; requiring the court to determine competency to provide informed consent to certain medication at the commitment hearing.

HF321—Begich (DFL)
Commerce
Consumer protection; regulating new motor vehicle sales; limiting a dealer's liability due to the manufacturer's failure to repair, refund, or replace nonconforming vehicles.

HF322—Begich (DFL)
Commerce
Consumer protection; regulating the sale of used motor vehicles; modifying certain definitions.

HF323—Scheid (DFL)
Commerce
Commerce; regulating motor vehicle sales and distribution; determining reasonable compensation for warranty services performed by dealers.

HF324—Krueger (DFL)
Governmental Operations
State lands; authorizing sale of certain tax-forfeited land that borders public water in Todd County.

HF325—Olsen, S. (IR)
Judiciary
Child abuse reporting; defining "physical abuse" to include use of a controlled substance by a pregnant woman.

HF326—Ogren (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Human services; requiring nursing homes to fully participate in Medicare for Medical Assistance participation; defining full participation.

HF327—Jacobs (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Natural gas; repealing the prohibition on the use of natural gas outdoor lighting.

HF328—Jacobs (DFL)
Regulated Industries
Utilities; providing for the establishment of flexible electric utility rates for certain customers subject to effective competition.

HF329—Olsen, S. (IR)
Education
Education; restoring earlier levels of salary aid for special education teachers.

HF330—Orenstein (DFL)
Judiciary
Crimes; prohibiting the ownership, possession, or operation of semi-automatic assault rifles except under certain circumstances.

HF331—Price (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Employment; limiting the employment hours of certain minors during the school year.

HF332—Stanius (IR)
Taxes
Income taxation; providing that amounts levied for certain reserve funds are a special levy.

HF333—Begich (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Recreational vehicles; regulating all-terrain vehicles; setting fees; imposing a penalty.

HF334—Simoneau (DFL)
Taxes
Individual income taxation; modifying computation of the dependent care credit; indexing the income offset for inflation.

HF335—Simoneau (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Human services; increasing the eligibility limits for sliding fee child care services.

HF336—Simoneau (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Human services; appropriating money for grants for child care services.

HF337—Jennings (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Health; including anabolic steroids in the list of controlled substances.

HF338—Tunheim (DFL)
Taxes
Property taxes; allowing agricultural homestead treatment in certain cases.

HF339—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
Education; making nonpublic school pupils eligible under the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act.

HF340—Bauerly (DFL)
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming
Charitable gambling; making sales of pull-tabs and tipboards to exempt organizations exempt from state tax.

HF341—Trimble (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Public safety; proposing the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; requiring reports on hazardous substances and chemicals; creating an emergency response commission.

HF342—Brown (DFL)
Commerce
Commerce; providing for the licensing and regulation of auctioneers.

HF343—Rukavina (DFL)
Judiciary
Collection and dissemination of data; defining certain mineral data supplied to the commissioner of Natural Resources as nonpublic data.

HF344—Rukavina (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Environment; authorizing the Pollution Control Agency to train certain persons involved with sewage treatment systems and to charge a training fee.

HF345—Bauerly (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Retirement; increasing the retirement formula for covered correctional service.

HF346—Stanius (IR)
Taxes
Motor vehicle excise taxation; exempting sale of motor vehicles to state institutions of higher education and political subdivisions of the state.

HF347—Anderson, R. (IR)
Judiciary
Probate; providing for adult health care decisions.

HF348—Stanius (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Natural resources; allowing counties to authorize predator control; setting payment rates for fox that are taken; suspension of certain trespass laws to allow taking of fox if authorized by county resolution; authorizing a bounty on fox; requiring proof of fox killed.

HF349—Price (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Environment; regulating the hazardous substance injury compensation board and fund; regulating claims against the fund.

HF350—Clark (DFL)
Transportation
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to establish a multimodal demonstration project on the Interstate Highway 35W corridor.

HF351—Stanius (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Game and fish; authorizing party hunting for small game; authorizing party fishing by spearing and angling.

HF352—Uphus (IR)
Education
Education; providing for Phase II of the Cooperative Secondary Facilities Grant Act; authorizing state bonds for the purpose.

HF353—Otis (DFL)
Economic Development
Economic development; expanding the definition of economic development district; authorizing economic development authorities to construct and furnish buildings; providing for a referendum on an economic development authority's issuance of general obligation bonds; exempting economic development authority bonds from net debt limits.

HF354—Jefferson (DFL)
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming
Elections; providing for handicap access to precinct caucuses and party conventions; providing for sign interpreters at precinct caucuses and party conventions.

HF355—Blatz (IR)
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming
Veterans; authorizing officers and employees of Military Order of the Purple Heart to purchase certain insurance benefits.

HF356—Kahn (DFL)
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming
Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, Article VII, Section 1; changing the voting age.

HF357—Jefferson (DFL)

Commerce

Commerce; requiring businesses offering check cashing services to be licensed; establishing a maximum fee to be charged for check cashing services.

HF358—Boo (IR)

Taxes

Sales and use taxes; repealing accelerated payment of June liability.

HF359—Marsh (IR)

Judiciary

Crimes; authorizing stay of imposition or execution of sentence only for first convictions of certain criminal sexual conduct offenses; requiring certain sexual offenders who receive probation to have treatment in secure facilities; providing extended terms of imprisonment and restricted supervised release for persons convicted a third time for violent sexual offenses; creating a bipartisan audit committee to review the sentencing guidelines system.

HF360—Kahn (DFL)

General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Gaming

Military; requiring the advice and consent of the Senate in the appointment of the adjutant general; providing for a term of office of seven years for the adjutant general.

HF361—Hasskamp (DFL)

Health & Human Services

Human services; prescribing new duties for the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Mental Retardation; changing the procedures for discharge of persons committed to treatment facilities as mentally retarded; requiring county monitoring of persons receiving case management services.

HF362—Johnson, R. (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Retirement; allowing purchase of allowable service credit for sabbatical leave by certain teachers employed by the Bemidji School District.

HF363—Kelso (DFL)

Transportation

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to prevent the imposition of any additional federal excise tax on motor fuel in order to reduce the federal deficit.

HF364—Trimble (DFL)

Commerce

Agriculture; prohibiting the sale of irradiated foods.

HF365—Blatz (IR)

Governmental Operations

Retirement; Teachers Retirement Act; teachers retirement, certain cities; permitting

teachers on unrequested leaves of absence to receive allowable service credit toward annuities and other benefits.

HF366—Uphus (IR)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

City of Sauk Centre; permitting the city to levy a tax for the city library; imposing a reverse referendum requirement.

HF367—McLaughlin (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations

Employment; providing a medical leave of absence and a leave to care for family members.

HF368—Welle (DFL)

Education

Education; imposing requirements for education district contracts.

HF369—Sviggum (IR)

Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Local government; permitting certain local options for unfunded costs mandated by the state.

HF370—Swenson (IR)

Judiciary

Law libraries; permitting fees to be set annually.

HF371—Pappas (DFL)

Judiciary

Corrections; authorizing the commissioner of Corrections to take photographs of juveniles committed to the commissioner for management and law enforcement purposes.

HF372—Solberg (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Office of the Secretary of State; providing for the preservation of land surveys; establishing time for the permanent microfilming of the surveys.

HF373—Tunhelm (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources

Game and fish; open season for walleyed pike on the Rainy River.

HF374—Haukoos (IR)

Regulated Industries

Utilities; establishing circumstances under which certain utility customers may be considered as being located outside municipalities.

HF375—Hasskamp (DFL)

Transportation

Traffic regulations; authorizing use of studded or wire-embedded tires on emergency vehicles during winter months.

HF376—Quinn (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations

Public safety; regulating the operation and operators of elevators.

HF377—Simoneau (DFL)

Commerce

Corporations; applying the control share acquisition and business combination provisions of state law to certain public corporations.

HF378—O'Connor (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Labor; giving employing units an option on the Rule of 85.

HF379—Bauerly (DFL)

Education

Education; reestablishing an equalized summer program aid and levy.

HF380—Long (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Waste management; restoring powers and duties to the Waste Management Board.

HF381—Sparby (DFL)

Rules & Legislative Administration

Legislature; correcting inaccurate references to Senate committees; removing an obsolete reference to Senate and House committees.

HF382—O'Connor (DFL)

Governmental Operations

Retirement; St. Paul police survivor benefits.

HF383—Skoglund (DFL)

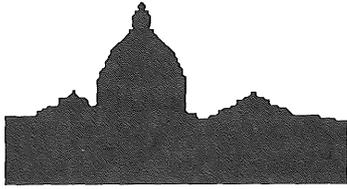
Financial Institutions & Housing

A resolution memorializing Congress to reject the Treasury Department's proposed plan to impose a tax on saving accounts in all financial institutions.

HF384—Rukavina (DFL)

Labor-Management Relations

Education; making educational policies negotiable terms and conditions of employment for professional employees.



Committee Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.
For information updates, call House Calls at (612) 296-9283. All meetings are open to the public.

Monday, Feb. 6

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Budget hearings for: Board of Animal Health, Board of Boxing, Academy of Science, and Minnesota Safety Council.

APPROPRIATIONS/ Education Division
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda:***Change***Higher Education Coordinating Board. Review and comment on systems plans; and Task Force on Instructional Technology.

APPROPRIATIONS/ State Departments Division
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Budget overview hearing: Secretary of State, Lt. Governor, Board on Judicial Standards, and Treasurer.

EDUCATION
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HF141 (K. Nelson) Technical changes; HF247(Bauerly) Referendum levy language clarification. Vocational restructuring.

8:30 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/ Health & Human Services Division
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Public testimony on Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Health.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel
Agenda: Don Friedrich, U.S. director of Minnesota Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service to finish answering questions from members on the January 23rd meeting. Kenneth Krefting, director of Federal Crop Insurance, on how program works, costs involved.

JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly
Agenda: HF154 (Lasley) Removing the limitation period for charging sexual criminal conduct offenses if the victim is a child. ***ADD***Discussion of AIDS and its impact on the criminal justice system.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: Overview of telephone deregulation by Mike Bradley, Attorney General's office.

12:30 p.m.

EDUCATION/ Education Finance Division
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: Completion of overview of Governor's education finance budget; and overview of Department of Education budget. Review of the following

Department of Education activities: Board of Teaching (1202-08); Personnel Licensing and Placement (1202-07); State Board of Education (1202-12); Executive Management (1202-09); and Administrative Support Services (1202-10).

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & HOUSING/Housing Division
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor
Agenda: Overview: Jim Solem, commissioner of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joe Begich
Agenda: Steve Liss, House Research, presentation on background of drug testing and also activities on the national level; Dr. Robert Lindner, Minnesota Department of Health; Jack Mogelson, Teamsters DRIVE; and Commissioner Joe Samargia, Jobs & Training. (Jobs Program and Unemployment).

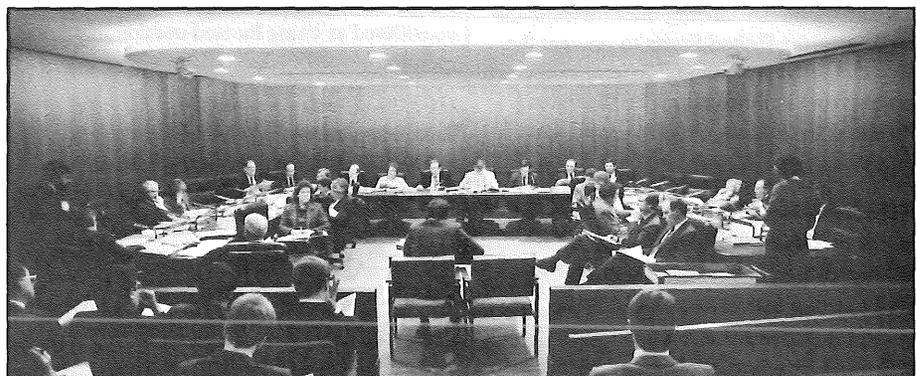
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The House will meet in session.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice



Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Agenda: Budget hearings for: Board of Architecture, Engineers, & Landscape Architecture, Board of Accountancy, Horticultural Society, Board of Barber Examiners, Municipal Board, and the Ethical Practices Board.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
Education Division**

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Continuation of Governor's budget recommendations for post secondary education, Department of Finance; and overview on Average Cost Funding, Department of Finance.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
Health & Human Services Division**

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Overview of Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Jobs and Training by Commissioner Joe Samargia.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
State Departments Division**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Game and fish study; state of state parks.

TAXES/Property Tax Subcommittee

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ann Rest
Agenda: Public testimony on business property taxes.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: To be announced.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: Overview by Department of Natural Resources, Division of Minerals and Division of Forestry.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: HF150 (Ogren) Guaranteed Health Insurance.

11:00 a.m.

**PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: 1988 lakeshore lot sale update; lakeshore lot sale procedures-1989; update on Mineral Leasing Program; update on trust fund land exchanges; independent legal counsel provision of MS 94.342, Subd. 5.

12:00 noon

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
& METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

Metro Waste Control Commission
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: Tour of Metro Waste Control Commission. The tour is scheduled from 12:00-3:00.

12:30 p.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/
Community Stabilization
& Development Division**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Karen Clark
Agenda: Continuation of community resource people assisting in defining guiding principles in: education, labor, housing, arts, agriculture, and community leadership.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/
International Trade
& Technology Division**

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Continuation - Department of Administration's Information Policy Office, Telecommunications Statewide Backbone Network.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/Rural
Resources Development Division**

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: Roundtable forum with the Arrowhead Growth Alliance.

JUDICIARY/

Facilities Assessment Subcommittee
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Sandy Pappas
Agenda: Presentees: Commissioner Orville Pung, Department of Corrections (Regional Treatment Centers); and Dakota and Scott County representatives (jail crowding).

1:00 p.m.

**GENERAL LEGISLATION,
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING**

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz
Agenda: HF79 (Kostohryz) Authorizing the governor, attorney general, speaker of the house, and majority leader of the Senate to negotiate a tribal state compact pursuant to Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

2:00 p.m.

**JOINT MEETING
HOUSE GENERAL LEGISLATION,
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING/
SENATE VETERANS & MILITARY
AFFAIRS**

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz and
Sen. Joe Bertram
Agenda: Department Commander Robert Flaherty, American Legion, to introduce National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke, American Legion, who will speak to the members.

2:30 p.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/
Enterprise Development Subcommittee**

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Gene Pelowski
Agenda: Doug Wilson, House Research-Outline of current technical and financial assistance providers. Assessing the quality of state assistance services.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

7:45 a.m.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
State Departments Division**

Meet in 300S State Office Building for tour.
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Tour of Revenue Building.

8:00 a.m.

**APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture,
Transportation & Semi-State Division**

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Budget hearings for: Voyagers National Park Citizens Committee, Board of Electricity, Veterans of Foreign War (VFW), Military Order of Purple Heart, and Uniform Laws Commission.

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**APPROPRIATIONS/
Education Division**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Testimony from the High
Technology Council.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
Health & Human Services Division**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Overview of Governor's budget
recommendations for the Department of
Jobs & Training, continued. See joint
meeting at 9:00.

EDUCATION
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: Advisory Task Force on
Education Organization. Other items may
be announced.

9:00 a.m.

**JOINT MEETING
JUDICIARY/Criminal Justice Division
and APPROPRIATIONS/Health
& Human Services Division**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga & Rep. Lee
Greenfield
Agenda: Cocaine babies.
HF116 (Blatz) Relating to child abuse
reporting; defining "physical abuse" to
include use of a controlled substance by a
pregnant woman.

10:00 a.m.

**EDUCATION/
Higher Education Division**
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros
Agenda: HF86 (Jaros) Authorizing per
diem for regents at the University of
Minnesota.

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
& HOUSING**
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: Banking: Cheryl Rantala,
assistant vice president, Government
Relations, First Bank System; Bill Sands,
president, Minnesota Bankers Associa-
tion; John Jackson, vice president and
general counsel, MBA; and Truman
Jeffers, executive vice president, MBA.

12:30 p.m.

INSURANCE
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: Continued overview of No
Fault and other automobile insurance
coverages. Time permitting: Healthspan
overview. (Because time will be limited,
public testimony will be invited at a later
date.)

TRANSPORTATION
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: HF201 (A. Johnson) Provi-
sional drivers licenses. HF363 (Kelso)
Resolution, Federal Budget Deficit
Reduction Gas Tax. HF218 (K. Olson)
One-ton passenger vans.

2:30 p.m

**AGRICULTURE/
Soil & Water Resources Subcommittee**
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jeff Bertram
Agenda: Review of 1988 regional town
meetings and discussion of agricultures
perspective of ground water. Speakers
are: Craig Sallstrom, Plant Food &
Chemicals Association; Les Schafer,
Minnesota Cattlemans Association;
Sharon Clark, Minnesota Corn Growers
Association; and Gary Rudningen,
Minnesota Wheat Growers Association.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/Job
Training & Retraining Subcommittee**
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter McLaughlin
Agenda: Customized job training:
meeting the needs of small business and
the worker.

**EDUCATION/
Education Finance Division**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: Education finance budget.

**TRANSPORTATION/Surface
Transportation Subcommittee**
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alice Johnson
Agenda: Overview: Heavy Regional Rail
Authorities, Cecil Selsness, Minnesota
Department of Transportation, Office of
Railroads & Waterways; John Ongaro,
St. Louis County Regional Rail Author-
ity; Light Rail Regional Rail Authorities,

Tom Todd, House Research; legislative
involvement in Regional Rail Authorities
Development, Tom Todd, House Re-
search.

6:30 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION
Auditorium, St. Paul Technical Institute.
235 Marshall Ave. (Marshall & John
Ireland Blvd.)
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: HF57 (R. Kelly) Mandating the
wearing of motorcycle helmets.

Thursday, Feb. 9

8:00 a.m.

**APPROPRIATIONS/Agriculture,
Transportation & Semi-State Division**
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Budget hearings for: Historical
Society.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
Education Division**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Higher education systems
reports on: Loaned Executive Action
Program (LEAP), faculty exchange,
Indian education, and community service.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
Health & Human Services Division**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Public testimony on Governor's
budget recommendations for the Depart-
ment of Jobs & Training.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
State Departments Division**
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Study of state takeover of trial
court costs. Budget overview: Supreme
Court and Board of Public Defense.

TAXES/Tax Laws Subcommittee
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alan Welle
Agenda: HF266 (Long) Sales and special
taxes; Department of Revenue presenta-
tion.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE

Basement Hearing Room State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: To be announced.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: To be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren

Agenda: HFXX (Ogren) Dual certification of nursing homes; HF150 (Ogren) Guaranteed health insurance - continuation of testimony.

12:30 p.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/
International Trade & Technology Division**

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: Overview of programs and services by Richard Bohr, director of the Minnesota Trade Office, Department of Trade and Economic Development.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/
Rural Resources Development Division**

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

Agenda: To be announced.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
& METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: HF204 (Frederick) Unclaimed property; providing the disposition of unclaimed money held by counties. HF104 (Welle) Creating Kandiyohi county rural development finance authority. HF42 (McLaughlin) Economic development; permitting state agencies and local jurisdictions to invest in working capital fund.

2:30 p.m.

The House will meet in session.

Friday, Feb. 10

8:00 a.m.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
State Departments Division**

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Continuation of Supreme Court budget overview.

EDUCATION

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

Agenda: Open enrollment.

8:30 a.m.

TAXES/Property Taxes

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ann Rest

Agenda: HF254 (Rest)

Overview of Department Property Tax Technical Bill: Revenue presentation by Dorothy McClung and Mike Wandmacher.

9:00 a.m.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
& METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS/
Metropolitan Affairs Subcommittee**

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers

Agenda: Regional Transit Board, policy and budget review.

10:00 a.m.

EDUCATION/

Education Finance Division

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson

Agenda: Education finance budget.

JUDICIARY/Civil Law Subcommittee

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein

Agenda: To be announced.

12:30 p.m.

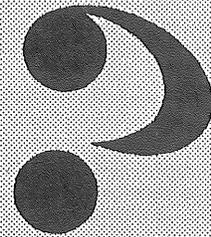
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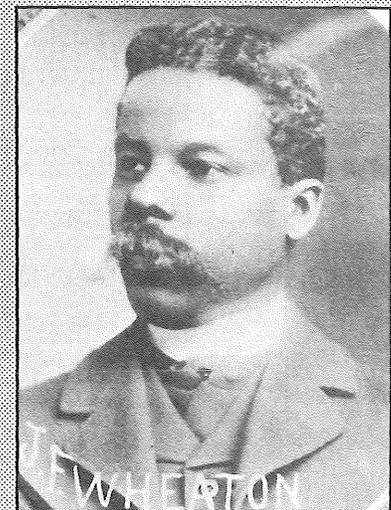
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John Francis Wheaton
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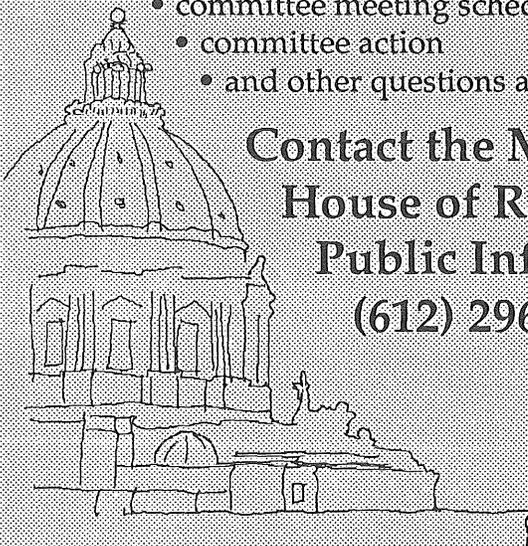
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