

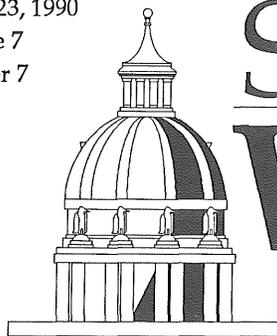
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It's a fact!

Minnesotans celebrate the contributions and successes of the state's women this month. Gov. Rudy Perpich declared March "Women's History Month" in 1987.

The first women members of the House were elected in 1922. Four were elected that year: Myrtle Cain, Hannah Johnson Kempfer, Sue Metzger Dickey Hough, and Mabeth Hurd Paige. Paige served until 1944, the longest of that first group.

Women members didn't move into leadership positions until 1984, when former Rep. Connie Levi became majority leader of the IR caucus. Since then, former Rep. Ann Wynia (1987-1989) and Rep. Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) have held that position for the DFL caucus. Long is the current majority leader since being elected to that position last year.

The first woman senator was Laura Johnson Naplin, who served from 1926 to 1933.

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After serving 18 years in the House, Rep. Mary Forsythe (IR-Edina) will retire after the 1990 Session. See story on page 8.

Highlights

Bonding bill

A \$330.4 million bonding bill was approved March 21 by the House Appropriations Committee, with more than a third of the funds slated for higher education projects.

Community and technical colleges, the State University System, and the University of Minnesota would divide \$122 million of those funds if the bill becomes law.

Under the proposal, the University of Minnesota would receive \$44.1 million; State University System, \$27.3 million; technical college system, \$25.5 million; and community colleges, \$23.4 million.

Big ticket items for the University of Minnesota include a \$17.4 million addition to the biological sciences

building, renovations and an addition to the veterinary diagnostic lab (\$8.5 million), an addition to Ferguson Hall (\$5.2 million, if \$2 million is matched from nonstate sources), and \$7.5 million for construction of an integrated waste management facility.

In human services area, \$7.3 million was allotted for detailed drawings and plans for three regional treatment centers at Anoka, Fergus Falls, and Moose Lake. An additional \$4.1 million was allotted for the construction of 16 additional state-operated community services homes for people with developmental disabilities. And \$6.8 million was authorized to complete skilled nursing facility remodeling at Brainerd, Cambridge, and Fergus Falls.

The Department of Corrections would



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receive \$15.1 million in bonding money, with a bulk of those funds going for the conversion of an auditorium at the Stillwater prison and the continued conversion of a section of the Faribault Regional Center into a medium-security prison. Two additional medium security cottages are proposed for the prison at Lino Lakes.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency would use a hefty portion of its \$43.9 million allocation for construction grants for wastewater treatment facilities, and to correct sewage overflow problems.

A \$22.4 authorization for the Department of Natural Resources would be used to buy recreational land, and to improve existing recreational facilities. Funds were also allotted for construction of the Kettle River Environmental Learning Center and improvements on three trail systems.

Other allocations approved in the bill were \$11.5 million to the Department of Trade and Economic Development for the Metropolitan Council and local units of government to acquire land for recreational use.

Members sent the bill to the House floor for further action.

Student work ban

Students under age 18 would be banned from working after 11 p.m. on school nights under a provision of the omnibus K-12 school bill approved March 22 by the Education Committee.

The measure would also continue the Jan. 15 deadline by which school districts and teachers must approve teacher contracts and allow school districts to enter into regional bargaining agreements.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls), would make it a misdemeanor for employers to repeatedly violate the ban on students working past 11 p.m.

It would continue the \$25 per pupil loss in state aid after the Jan. 15 deadline for negotiations, but stipulates that school aid wouldn't be lost if a contract is in arbitration before the deadline and the arbitration panel issues its decision within 60 days of the date arbitration was

requested. The Legislature approved a similar bill last year on a one-year trial basis.

The measure would also allow an education district to bargain on behalf of all member school districts. Before an education district may enter negotiations, school boards and teacher organizations must agree to this provision.

An amendment failed that would have required schools to include in their sex education program that abstinence is the only truly effective method of birth control.

Members sent HF2200 to the Taxes Committee.

Security guard limits

The activities of security guards hired by a company during a labor dispute would be restricted once they step off company property under a bill passed by the House on a 68-54 vote March 21.

"When the guard leaves the plant he would become a civilian like the rest of us," says bill sponsor Joe Begich (DFL-Eveleth).

The measure, Begich says, is designed to protect residents from being harassed or intimidated by security guards off a plant site. Begich introduced the bill in response to actions by security guards during the recent labor dispute at Boise Cascade Corp. in International Falls.

A heated debate emerged over an amendment offered by Rep. Bob Neuenchwander (DFL-Int'l Falls) that would allow videotaping during a labor dispute as long as either the person being photographed or the photographer are on the plant site.

He says the videotaping done during the Boise Cascade strike was necessary to identify and prosecute looters. The amendment was passed on a 66-56 vote.

"If we continue to pass state laws that are going to interfere with law enforcement people, or anybody trying to capture and prosecute those [who] break laws, then we're going to have a situation where we just tell these people 'go ahead and destroy all you want—you won't get caught,'" says Neuenchwander.

HF1928 awaits action on the Senate floor.

Luring doctors, nurses

New doctors could have at least part of their medical school loans paid by the state if they agree to practice from three to five years in a rural area. Such provisions are in the omnibus rural health care bill, which the Appropriations Committee's Education Division heard March 21.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Roger Cooper (DFL-Bird Island), is designed to lure both doctors and nurses to small towns where their ranks are dwindling.

"What we are trying to do is hold us even," says Cooper. "This isn't the total answer, but I hope it holds us even."

Cooper's measure would direct the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) to set up a program through which the state would pay off up to \$10,000 in school loans for each year a doctor spent in medical school.

To be eligible for the forgiveness program, the student must sign a contract to work in a designated area from three to five years. If a student reneges, the penalty would be 100 percent of the qualified loan, plus a 50 percent penalty.

Another section of the bill would offer a similar program to registered nurses.

HF1965 is pending before the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee.

AIDS insurance

People infected with the AIDS virus could receive state-paid insurance coverage if a bill the Health and Human Services Committee approved March 16 becomes law.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), would direct the Department of Human Services to set up a program to pay insurance coverage for AIDS patients who are too ill to work. It would require the state to pay for a group insurance plan for 18 months after a person leaves his or her job and an individual insurance plan for two years after initial application.

Applicants would have to meet certain eligibility requirements before receiving the extended insurance. Their total assets could not exceed \$25,000, and their gross family income could not be exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

Members sent HF2034 to the Appropriations Committee for further review.



Rep. Howard Orenstein (DFL-St. Paul) was the proud "New Daddy" of a baby boy, Henry Ross, born March 16.

Campaign spending

Candidates for the U.S. Senate and House could receive public financing if they observe spending limits under a bill approved March 21 by the Taxes Committee.

The measure would limit spending for U. S. Senate candidates to \$3 million per campaign, and U. S. House candidates to \$300,000. Candidates would be required to raise half of the spending limit, with no more than 40 percent of the amount coming from political action committees (PACs). The state would then provide the other half of the spending limit in the form of a public subsidy.

If both major party candidates would agree to the spending limits, neither would receive the public subsidy, but both would still be bound by the spending limits. Committee members in both the Taxes and the General Legislation & Veterans Affairs committees questioned whether this section of the law is constitutional.

If one candidate agrees to the spending limit and the other doesn't, the one agreeing would receive the public subsidy and wouldn't have to abide by the spending limit.

Candidates agreeing to spending limits who later exceed them would be subject to a civil fine of up to four times the amount over the limit. Candidates would also have to return any unspent portion of the public subsidy.

HF2666, sponsored by Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park), was earlier

approved March 15 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee, and will be considered next by the Appropriations Committee.

Campaign tax credits

Minnesota taxpayers would be able to deduct \$50 for certain political contributions from their income taxes under an election and ethics bill the Taxes Committee approved March 20.

Individual filers could receive a credit of up to \$50 and joint filers up to \$100 for political donations they make to political parties, judicial office candidates, and to state office candidates who have agreed to campaign spending limits.

The measure would replace a similar tax credit that was in place prior to 1987. Supporters of the measure say it will encourage people to contribute to political campaigns and become more politically active.

Although individual contributions to federal or local candidates wouldn't qualify for the tax credit, political parties could give qualifying contributions to those candidates.

The Department of Revenue estimates that the tax credit would cost the state almost \$5 million in 1991, and over \$9 million in the next biennium.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Linda Scheid (DFL-Brooklyn Park), will be considered next by the Appropriations Committee.

"Drug czar" speaks

The nation's drug czar praised Minnesota's anti-drug programs March 21 in a speech before a joint meeting of the House and Senate.

"I urge the Minnesota Legislature to keep up the good work; many of the things you've done really are exemplary," said William J. Bennett, director of National Drug Control Policy. "You should be very proud . . . I applaud your efforts for the well-being of the citizens, especially the children, of the state of Minnesota."

He said Minnesota has taken a good approach toward fighting drugs with the state's asset seizure and forfeiture laws, and that those laws "may be the single best tactic we have against the drug traffickers."

He also said the state's drug treatment and prevention programs, and its alternative incarceration program, are models for the rest of the country.

But he did add that legislators may consider tightening its marijuana laws, and warned that marijuana dealers could settle in the state to take advantage of those lenient laws.

He said it's both morally responsible and cost-effective to fight drug use as soon as possible.

"Anybody who has taken a look at what it will cost a state to educate a child

who has been born addicted to cocaine will understand that an ounce of prevention here, keeping one child off of cocaine, one pregnant mother off of cocaine, is not only the moral and humane and responsible thing to do, it is also fiscally sound," he said.

He said he also supports requiring state contractors to impose drug-free workplace policies, which could include drug testing in certain instances. Surveys of casual users have shown that if they thought there was a chance they'd be caught and punished, they'd stop using drugs.

Maximum effort loans

Four state loan requests from tax-poor school districts that are renovating old school buildings or constructing new ones were approved March 16 by the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee.

Maximum Effort School Loans were approved for school districts in Osakis (\$4,755,000); Roseau (\$9,348,000); Sartell (\$3,194,000); and St. Michael-Albertville (\$10,756,000).

The loans are designed to assist tax-poor school districts that need new or renovated facilities because of student growth or building safety problems.

A total of nine school districts were qualified to receive the loans. Loan

requests for the school districts in Cass Lake, Farmington, Lake of the Woods, Pierz, and Dover-Eyota weren't approved.

But the division stipulated that the State Board of Education, which considers the loan requests before sending them to the Legislature for funding, must approve four of those applications next year if the districts meet the criteria in effect at that time.

The division encouraged officials from the fifth applicant — Dover-Eyota — to plan a joint facility with neighboring school districts.

The recommended approvals will go to the Education Committee for further review.

Living wills

Minnesotans who have "living wills" would be able to designate that fact on their driver's licenses under a bill given final approval by the House March 19 on a 128-1 vote.

The amendment, sponsored by Rep. David Bishop (IR-Rochester), was added to a non-controversial bill that would allow electronically produced images to be used for driver's license photographs.

Bishop's amendment would require emergency medical personnel to tell the hospital to examine the person's medical records for a living will anytime such a designation is on a driver's license.

A living will maps out the types of life-sustaining care people want — as long as it's within acceptable medical practice — should they become unable to make those decisions for themselves.

Rep. Art Seaberg (IR-Eagan) questioned whether the proposal could create problems for emergency room doctors who have to treat patients immediately and may not have time to track down a living will. He reminded lawmakers that a measure last year to have a "living will" designation on driver's licenses was defeated by the House.

Bishop, however, says the measure wouldn't interfere with normal emergency procedures done by medical personnel. He added that a "living will" isn't "triggered" until the person possessing one has been diagnosed as terminal by an attending doctor.



National drug czar William Bennett, left, receives an "A+ Kids Club" T-shirt from club team leader Joycelyn Knisely of Lakeville, Minn., on the House floor March 21.

Liquor sale hours

Bar and nightclub patrons wouldn't hear the last call for alcohol until 2 a.m. if a bill approved March 19 by the Regulated Industries Committee becomes law.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) would extend the time alcoholic beverages could be sold from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. by allowing local units of government to issue additional liquor licenses to bars and nightclubs so they could sell alcoholic beverages during that extra hour.

Current law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages after 1 a.m.

Supporters of the bill say the extended liquor sale hours are needed to lure more conventions and tourists to the Twin Cities area.

But the Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization opposes the bill, saying the choice of convention sites is based on a number of factors — not just bar closing times. They say the bill could end Minnesota's ranking as one of the safest states in which to drive.

A separate provision in the bill would require bars and nightclubs to have at least one bartender or supervisor to have completed a server-training program where they would be taught to recognize signs of intoxication and methods to avoid making illegal sales. A city or county would issue certificates to those who completed such programs.

Kahn says the three major goals of the bill are to provide economic development, job opportunities, and safety. Citing statistics from various sources, Kahn told the committee that the peak in alcohol-related accidents and DWI arrests appears to be 1 a.m.

She says the effect of this bill would be to flatten that peak rather than establish a new one. Lawmakers sent HF2340 to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee for further review.

Gambling enforcement

Lawful gambling officials appealed to a division of the Appropriations Committee March 21 and 22 for more funds to police the state's troubled lawful gambling industry.

Gaming Commissioner Tony Bouza



Daha Zakharova, Anna Malova, and Katya Shalfeeva, left to right, examined photos of themselves with Gov. Rudy Perpich March 20. The girls are exchange students from the Siberian city of Novosibirsk and are attending Woodbury High School.

appeared before the Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division and said the gambling department has been starved for resources to regulate and enforce the billion-dollar-a-year industry.

"The issue is a very simple one: either we get 59 additional personnel or you can forget about reforming the lawful gambling industry," says Bouza.

The gambling division alone has asked for funding for 30 staff positions — at a cost of \$1.6 million — to help crack down on the industry.

Tom Anzelc, director of the Gambling Control Board, estimates that 80 percent of the licensed lawful, or charitable, gambling organizations don't comply with state rules. He says the control board's work in the past has "left much to be desired," and that additional staff is needed to scrutinize more carefully the licensing and re-licensing of charitable gambling organizations, provide more consistent information to the state's 1,900 charitable gambling operations, and give training and assistance to those already operating.

The Department of Public Safety, which conducts charitable gambling investigations, has asked the state for funding for 15 new staff positions. The Department of Revenue, which audits gambling operations, has requested 13

additional staff members.

Public Safety Director Tom Brownell says additional staff funding is necessary to "protect honest people from themselves." He pointed out that operators are much more likely to steal gambling money if no one is paying attention to them.

The division will take up the lawful gambling enforcement bill next week.

Shiitake mushrooms

The Forest Resource Center near Lanesboro in southeastern Minnesota could expand its shiitake mushroom demonstration project, construct a maple syrup demonstration facility, and build a classroom building if a bill approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee becomes law.

Bill sponsor Rep. Elton Redalen (IR-Fountain) says it's important for the state to support the development of alternative crops.

The bill would appropriate \$175,000 in state money provided every state dollar is matched with a \$2 contribution from private sources.

Shiitake mushrooms are flavorful mushrooms introduced to the U.S. from Japan and have been cultivated at the Forest Resource Center for six years.

Supermarkets in the Twin Cities are already selling these mushrooms, and representatives from the Forest Resource Center say market research suggests local and export markets will expand.

The Forest Resource Center near Lanesboro is a private, non-profit organization located in southeastern Minnesota on 100 acres of Department of Natural Resources land.

HF2536 is before the Appropriations Committee.

Scholarship benefits

Spouses and children of public safety officers killed in the line of duty could receive a scholarship to attend a college in Minnesota under provisions of a bill the Appropriations Committee's Education Division heard March 20 and 22.

Sponsored by Rep. Len Price (DFL-Woodbury), the measure would provide scholarships for tuition and fees to eligible dependent children under the age of 23 and surviving spouses. The scholarships would apply only toward an undergraduate degree or certificate.

If enacted, the proposal would be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1973, to include all eligible dependent children or spouses of public safety officials killed in the line of duty from that point.

Department of Public Safety officials (DPS) say survivors of the Hutchinson police officer who was shot and killed several months ago would be included.

They say about 35 children and spouses could be eligible for the scholarships.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board would award the scholarships and the DPS would administer the program.

'Way to Grow'

A "Way to Grow/School Readiness" project may begin next year in rural Minnesota if a bill appropriating \$150,000 to the project is approved by the Legislature.

The project, approved March 19 by the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee, would aim to help parents improve their children's health through information, outreach programs, and support groups.

The program is currently in operation in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Columbia Heights.

"We certainly have the same critical need in rural cities," says Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids), author of the bill. "This would be an outreach program for parents and families."

The project would include home visitor programs which provide social support, information, and referrals for pregnant women and new parents; neighborhood-based parent, child, and family resource centers; and culturally-specific outreach programs. It focuses on children up to age 5.

The project appropriation was amended into the education omnibus bill (HF2200). Education Committee members will consider the bill next.

State aid to cities

Lawmakers should reduce and restructure state aid to cities, said the Legislative Auditor's Office in a report March 20 that was released before the Legislative Audit Commission.

The office's report on local government spending found that state aid to cities has actually encouraged spending by cities. The size of a city and whether it's a regional center are the most important determining factors in the level of city spending, according to the report.

Other factors determining city spending include the amount of commercial property, older housing, personal income, property wealth, and average household size in a city.

The report found that Minneapolis and St. Paul spend the most money, about \$877 per capita. Metropolitan suburbs spend much less — \$387 per capita — which is on par with spending in outstate cities with populations between 1,000 and 5,000. The lowest city spending — \$302 per capita — was found in outstate cities with fewer than 1,000 people.

The report recommends a gradual reduction of aid to cities and a restructuring of how state aid is paid. It also advocates targeting aid to needy cities, providing aid for specific city programs, and giving aid to individuals (rather than cities). And the report suggests allowing cities to use city sales, income taxes, and user fees to make up for decreased state aid.

Affirmative action

The Metropolitan Waste Control Commission (MWCC) has made progress in its affirmative action program, but its work to combat sex and race discrimination isn't finished, the MWCC chair told a House subcommittee March 20.

"These [affirmative action problems] at the Waste Control Commission didn't happen overnight, and they aren't going to be solved overnight," Lurline Baker-Kent told the Metro Affairs Subcommittee of the Metropolitan Government & Metropolitan Affairs Committee. "We still have a long way to go."

Baker-Kent's comments were part of the subcommittee's hearing on affirmative action plans for metro state agencies. Nina Rothchild, Department of Employee Relations (DOER) commissioner, reviewed a report on the agencies' work to achieve a balance of minority, female, and disabled workers that reflects the metro area work force. While Rothchild did present information concerning seven metro agencies, public testimony centered on MWCC.

"They're not doing the job in the affirmative action arena," says Joseph Sinnott, a MWCC machinist and a member of the commission's affirmative action committee.

Allegations of discrimination and harassment, some resulting in lawsuits, have plagued MWCC in recent years. Sinnott charged that he has been physically abused and harassed because he supports affirmative action. Other witnesses testified that they, too, were harassed, subjected to verbal and physical assaults, or demoted because they support an end to racial and sexual discrimination.

Mitch Franklin, another MWCC employee, suggested the commission undertake a "more concerted effort to make middle-level managers accountable for their actions and make employees aware of its affirmative action policy."

The DOER survey found that the metro state agencies employed fewer women and disabled workers than are represented in the general work force in the metropolitan area, but more minorities. Women make up about 45 percent of the work force, but hold only 20 percent of the agency jobs.

Does the security guard at your neighborhood shopping mall know how and when to use his gun? An amendment that would require privately employed armed security guards to have the same firearms training as peace officers was tacked on to another security guard-related bill and given final approval by the House March 21. Rep. David Bishop (IR-Rochester), who sponsored the amendment, says the bill came about because of an incident in Rochester where an off-duty security guard shot two men. The bill awaits Senate action.

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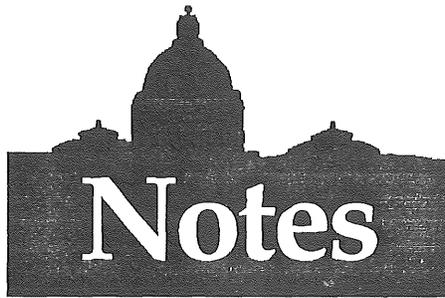
Legislators and legislative candidates would be prohibited from soliciting or accepting contributions from lobbyists during a regular legislative session under a bill approved by the Taxes Committee March 20. The bill would incorporate into law a rule adopted March 5 by the House banning in-session fundraisers, which many argued amounted to a "shakedown" of lobbyists who had important bills pending before the House. The committee referred HF2666 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park) to the Appropriations Committee for further review.

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A bill that would require all furniture in public places to meet certain flammability standards by 1992 was approved by the House March 19 on a 125-2 vote. Minnesota would be the third state in the country to pass such a law, says bill sponsor Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul). HF1730 awaits action on the Senate floor.

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Local police departments received \$98,000 from the Department of Public Safety to buy illegal drugs in undercover operations last year, says Marina McManus, Public Safety commissioner. The money came from a fund the Legislature created after law enforcement agencies said they needed more resources to combat illegal drug sales.



Notes



John Perkins wore a gas mask to the Toxic Use Reduction Rally on the Capitol steps March 20.

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Harassment could become a human rights violation if the harassment is due to a person's perceived race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or disability under a bill sponsored by Rep. Sandy Pappas (DFL-St. Paul). The measure would give victims the right to collect damages through the Human Rights Act from someone who has harassed them. Currently, harassment is a violation of criminal law, but civil damages are difficult, if not impossible, to obtain. SF1366 was approved March 16 by the Judiciary Committee and is on the House floor for further review.

Spending money on health care insurance for board members with funds designated for students is wrong, says Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-Maple Lake). His amendment to the omnibus education bill (HF2200) was approved March 19 by the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee. The provision would prohibit any school or educational board to pay for health care insurance for board members with money designated for students. McEachern says only about half a dozen of the 433 districts in the state have purchased health care insurance for board members.

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Financial incentives would be used to improve school performances under a bill authored by Rep. Todd Otis (DFL-Mpls). The bill would establish a performance exam, given over three years, to test the academic improvement of schools. Additional funds would be determined by the level of increase in a school's composite score over the three-year period. The Education Finance Division of the Education Committee amended the bill into the education omnibus bill. HF2200 will go to the Education Committee for further consideration.

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People who have applied for a moose-hunting license in the past but didn't receive one would be given preference the next time they apply under a bill approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. HF2000 (Stanisus, IR-White Bear Lake) now goes to the House floor for further action.

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Interactive television is currently used in more than 140 of Minnesota's 433 school districts, according to a publication by the Minnesota Department of Education. Interactive television expands educational opportunities by connecting students from several locations with a teacher at a different school through television monitors.



Rep. Mary Forsythe in 1974.

Forsythe Farewell



For the past 18 years, the names Forsythe and Edina have been synonymous.

When Mary Forsythe ends her political career on the last day of the 1990 legislative session, it will be hard for her to forget the 18 years she has served in the House.

A gold charm bracelet she keeps tucked away will serve as a constant reminder of several firsts that will be attached to her name.

One charm is emblazoned with the date she was sworn in as a representative — Jan. 2, 1973 — which also marked the first time that more than four women were elected to the House at one time.

Another charm marks the date she was elected, the first time a woman had ever

been elected representative from her Edina district. Other charms mark the day on which she was endorsed, and District 42B which she represents.

There's no charm commemorating her role as the first woman to serve as chair of the full Appropriations Committee. But that, perhaps, is one she could consider adding during her retirement.

"It's time to move on," says Forsythe, who at 69 is one of the grande dames of the Independent-Republican Party.

In a few weeks, Forsythe will clear out her second floor office in the State Office Building and pack away many other memories of the Legislature.

During the earlier days in the House, Forsythe says women were referred to as "gentlemen" in committee by some lobbyists and people testifying.

"People were not used to having women in the Legislature and they sometimes would forget we were there," she says.

Nor were people used to the idea of female candidates. It was hard to get women to run for office, she says, although she and many others spent a lot of time door-knocking for candidates, and serving as party officers and delegates.

"I think women were hesitant to get into something they considered to be a



Rep. Mary Forsythe frequently speaks at events such as this Lutheran bishop's breakfast.

man's job and something that was (considered) dirty," she says, adding that Minnesota politics is anything but that.

Although she has served in the House for 18 years, only in two of those years — 1985 and 1986 — were the Independent-Republicans in the majority.

She singled out two bills of note during

her career. She sponsored the mandatory seat belt law, which she called the toughest, most time-consuming bill she ever authored. But, she added, it's also one of the laws of which she's most proud because of its far-reaching effects and the lives it has, and will continue, to save.

She's also proud of a measure she sponsored that provided funding for people who adopt hard-to-adopt children — those with mental illnesses or physical disabilities, for example. Because of that legislation, many of those children have received good homes, she says.

Forsythe grew up in Whitehall, Wis., and attended high school there. She

obtained a Bachelor of Music degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1942, and later taught music in elementary and high schools while her husband served in World War II.

Forsythe says she has drifted considerably from her childhood dream of becoming a missionary in Africa like her Aunt Mary, for whom she is named.

But in addition to spending time with her grandchildren (she is the mother of five), and reading historical novels and biographies, Forsythe says she hopes to pursue part of that dream: teaching.

Forsythe says she intends to become a volunteer in the state's literacy program.

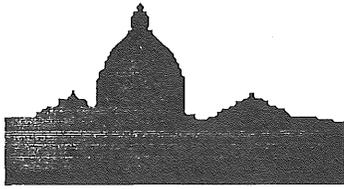
"I'd love to teach someone how to read."



Reps. Forsythe and Dennis Poppenhagen (IR-Detroit Lakes) confer during a House floor session.



While preparing a birthday dinner for daughter Joan and granddaughter Ann, Rep. Forsythe casts a wary glance at grandson Matthew.



Committee and Floor Action

COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Friday, March 16

Food advisory committee— establishment

HF2673/SF2516 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

APPROPRIATIONS

Wednesday, March 21

Bonding bill

HF2651 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Monday, March 19

Higher education—midwestern compact

HF2024/SF2248 (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Permanent University Fund— investment changes

HF2269/SF2308 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)—heard; to be included in supplemental appropriation bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

HECB—responsibilities, authority changes

HF2647/SF2534 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—heard; amended; to be included in supplemental appropriation bill.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Tuesday, March 20

Moorhead State University— parking lot

HF2101/SF1799 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—heard; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Winona, Lourdes Hall— contract-for-deed

HF2421/SF2300 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Safety officers' dependents— scholarships

HF2492/SF2301 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Wednesday, March 21

Rural health care—omnibus bill

HF1965/SF1896 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—heard; amended.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Thursday, March 22

State University Board—purchase

HF2421/SF2300 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—heard; amended; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Safety officers' dependents— scholarships

HF2492/SF2301 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—heard; amended; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Health & Human Services Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

Wednesday, March 21

Technology assistance review panel— creation

HF1728/SF1520 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Nurse practitioners— drug dispensation

HF1845/SF1821 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Drug distributors—licensing

HF1847/SF1758 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Physicians assistants— drug dispensation

HF1887/SF1798 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Chiropractors—medical exams

HF2111/SF2165 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Board of Medical Examiners— procedures

HF2582/SF2216* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Thursday, March 22

Community Social Services Act—state aid

HF1831/SF1728 (Hasskamp, DFL-Crosby)—recommended to pass as amended; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Dept. of Health—housekeeping bill

HF2021/SF1838* (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Child support—enforcement

HF2404/SF2204 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

GAMC—housekeeping

HF2649/SF2478 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended; to be included in the supplemental appropriations bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

EDUCATION

Friday, March 16

Maximum effort loan program

HF1876/SF1787 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Regent candidate advisory council recommendations—deadlines

HF2418/SF2159 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF on Senate Floor)

Thursday, March 22

Education Finance—omnibus bill

HF2200/SF1898 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Taxes Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

**Education Finance Division/
EDUCATION**

Thursday, March 15

Maximum effort school loan program

HF1876/SF1787 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Education Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Sex education—abstinence

HF1992/SF1849 (Tompkins, IR-Apple Valley)—heard; amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Health, safety—district aid

HF2098/SF2009 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Argyle School District—money transfer

HF2191/SF2086 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Handicapped, disabled—education

HF2193/SF2202 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

School district combination—size requirements waiver

HF2214/SF2111 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

School performance—incentives

HF2389 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—heard.

Secondary education—appropriation

HF2566 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—heard.

Way to grow program—grant

HF2593/SF2420 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—heard; amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Pine Point School—federal impact aid

HF2691/SF2439 (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—heard; amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Friday, March 16

Governor's drug plan

HF2004/SF1929 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard; amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Agricultural education council—establishment

HF2522/SF2332 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—heard; amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Indian education—long-term planning

HF2576/SF2464 (McEachern, DFL-Maple Lake)—recommended to pass as amended; amended into HF2200. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Monday, March 19

Employment, minors—work hour limit

HF331 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—heard; amended into HF2200.

Curriculum integration—clarification

HF2764 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—heard.

Wednesday, March 21

Education—omnibus bill

HF2200/SF1898 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Education Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Board of Teaching—variances

HF2202/SF1809 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Education Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
& HOUSING**

Friday, March 16

Mortgage lenders, brokers—licensing, regulating changes

HF556/SF188* (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Friday, March 16

Employee wages—intermediate care facilities

HF1907/SF2563 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health & Human Services Committee)

Health, insurance costs—task force
HF1997/SF1790 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)

Chemical dependency—research, treatment

HF2051/SF1931 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

St. Paul police—pension benefits changes

HF2275/SF2544 (O' Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

State Investment Board—changes

HF2489/SF2412 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

State Building Code—handicapped accessibility

HF2769/SF2346 (Kalis, DFL-Walters)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Friday, March 16

Chiropractors—medical certification

HF274/SF576 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Mental retardation—services policy

HF1908/SF1831 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Nursing home Medicare certification—changes

HF1911/SF1813* (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Nursing homes—property rates

HF1912/SF1828 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Better beginnings act—establishment

HF2031/SF1835 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Health insurance—AIDS patients

HF2034/SF1689 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Social work, mental health boards—changes

HF2765/SF1952 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

INSURANCE

Friday, March 16

HMOs—liquidation regulations

HF2118/SF1940 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Auto insurance—motorcycles

HF2735/SF2349 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

JUDICIARY

Friday, March 16

Custodial trusts—creation

HF596/SF354 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Uniform Statutory Will Act

HF1372/SF260* (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—not recommended to pass as amended.

Harassment—human rights violation

HF1690/SF1366* (Pappas, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass.

Foster homes—child removal

HF1824/SF1691* (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

Judges—merit selection

HF1866/SF1852* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.

Guardianship—conservatorship proceedings

HF1882/SF1400 (Abrams, IR-Minnetonka)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Government data practices—computer

HF1890/SF1854 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Tort reform

HF2027/SF1827 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Privacy—cordless telephones

HF2218/SF2061 (Seaberg, IR-Eagan)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Conservation officers—search warrants

HF2351/SF1704 (McGuire, DFL-Falcon Heights)—recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Juveniles—definition expansion

HF2366/SF2209 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—amended into SF2208.
(SF amended into SF2208)

Juvenile delinquents—escape penalties expansion

HF2367/SF2208 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—substituted by SF2208; recommended to pass.
(SF on Senate Floor)

DWI repeat offenders—license plates

HF2420/SF2177 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Human rights violations—statute of limitations extension

HF2631/SF1943* (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.

Non-profit corporations—clarifications
HF2678/SF2483 (Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Cemeteries—unlawful body removal
HF2706/SF2432 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Judges—staggering terms
HF2751/SF2054 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF on Senate Floor)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, March 19

On-sale liquor licenses—extended hours
HF2340/SF2596 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended; re-referred to Rules & Legislative Administration Committee.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Absentee ballots—secrecy
HF2424/SF1680* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Rules & Legislative Administration Committee.

TAXES

Monday, March 20

Public financing—tax exempt revenue bonds
HF2457/SF2329 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Taxes & Tax Laws Committee)

Taxes—technical corrections
HF2480 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Elections, ethics—changes
HF2666/SF2334 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass; re-referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

FLOOR ACTION

CALENDAR

Monday, March 19

Membership travel contracts—regulation
HF1841*/SF1770 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Seneca wastewater treatment plant—permit
HF1883*/SF1826 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—passed (129-0).
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Battery pollution
HF1921*/SF1784 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)—passed (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Motor vehicle registration—harassment
HF1952*/SF1843 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (121-2).
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Mine operators—financial assurance
HF1964*/SF2461 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—passed (128-0).
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Dept. of Commerce—civil penalties
HF1968*/SF2548 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—passed (130-0).
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Medicare supplement plans—regulation
HF1983*/SF2384 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed (130-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 15

Chisago County—Moberg Trail
HF2090/SF1947* (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)—passed 128-0.

Non-profit organizations—voting
HF2116*/SF2497 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—passed 131-0.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Light butter—standards
HF2305*/SF2477 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—passed 129-0.
(SF in Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)

Monday, March 19

Students—Higher Education Coordinating Board
HF1067*/SF1551 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (125-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Blowgun regulations
HF1861*/SF2572 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—passed (128-0).
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee)

Insurance information—disclosure
HF2204*/SF2153 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed (129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Auto insurance—antique, rec. vehicles
HF2242*/SF2264 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—passed (127-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Health Care Access Commission—members
HF2521*/SF2286 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—passed (130-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Wednesday, March 21

Board of Pharmacy—medical devices
HF1673*/SF1507 (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake)—passed 128-0.
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)

Redwood County—ditch abandonment
HF1792/SF1663* (Girard, IR-Lynd)—passed 126-0.

Life insurance—cancellation nonrenewal
HF2500*/SF2129 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)—passed 128-0.
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration Committee)

GENERAL ORDERS

Thursday, March 15

Membership travel contracts— regulation

HF1841/SF1770 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—
recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Seneca wastewater treatment plant— permit

HF1883/SF1826 (Price, DFL-
Woodbury)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural
Resources Committee)

Battery pollution

HF1921/SF1784 (Wagenius, DFL-
Mpls)—recommended to pass as
amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

Motor vehicle registration— harassment

HF1952/SF1843 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—
recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Mine operators—financial assurance

HF1964/SF2461 (Begich, DFL-
Eveleth)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Environment & Natural
Resources Committee)

Dept. of Commerce—civil penalties

HF1968/SF2548 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)—
recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Medicare supplement plans— regulations

HF1983/SF2384 (Skoglund, DFL-
Mpls)—recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

RULE 1.10

Thursday, March 15

Inver Hills CC—emergency funding

HF2609*/SF2371 (Milbert, DFL-
South St. Paul)—passed 131-0.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

SPECIAL ORDERS

Monday, March 19

Hazardous waste facility sites

HF1071/SF956* (Sparby, DFL-
Thief River Falls)—passed as amended
(126-0).

Public furniture—flammability requirements

HF1730*/SF1795 (O'Connor, DFL-
St. Paul)—passed (125-2).
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Dept. of Transportation— housekeeping bill

HF1857*/SF2356 (Lieder, DFL-
Crookston)—passed (130-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Motor vehicle registration—changes

HF1981*/SF2084 (A. Johnson, DFL-
Spring Lake Park)—passed as amended
(129-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Low-income housing—tax credits

HF1987*/SF1850 (Jefferson, DFL-
Mpls)—passed (128-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Pipeline plans—authority repeal

HF1991 (A. Johnson, DFL-
Spring Lake Park)—passed (129-0).

Food rules—federal uniformity

HF2012*/SF1902 (Price, DFL-
Woodbury)—passed (128-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Aviation Training Center—remodeling

HF2059*/SF1895 (L. Carlson, DFL-
Brooklyn Center)—passed (129-0).
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Graduate assts.—public employee coverage

HF2062*/SF1936 (Reding, DFL-
Austin)—passed as amended (90-37).
(SF on Senate Floor)

State employee provisions—changes

HF2081*/SF1953 (Reding, DFL-
Austin)—passed as amended (126-0).
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Public employee retirement— invest. reports

HF2103*/SF2105 (Reding, DFL-
Austin)—passed as amended (128-0).
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations
Committee)

Anoka County—land sale, exchange

HF2135*/SF2024 (Quinn, DFL-
Coon Rapids)—passed as amended
(130-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

County extension service—changes

HF2212*/SF2310 (L. Carlson, DFL-
Brooklyn Center)—passed (83-43).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Driver's licenses—electronic pictures

HF2294*/SF2212 (Hausman, DFL-
St. Paul)—passed as amended (128-1).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Free newspapers—distribution sites

HF2594*/SF2391 (Hausman, DFL-
St. Paul)—passed (131-0).
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Wednesday, March 21

Financial institutions—regulated lenders

HF1913*/SF2241 (Scheid, DFL-
Brooklyn Park)—passed as amended
(76-39).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Metropolitan Waste Control Commission

HF1918*/SF2205 (Reding, DFL-
Austin)—passed (124-0).
(SF in Senate Rules & Administration
Committee)

Labor disputes—security guards, agents

HF1928*/SF2149 (Begich, DFL-
Eveleth)—passed as amended (68-54).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Wildlife management—farmer agreements

HF1960*/SF1706 (Battaglia, DFL-
Two Harbors)—passed (127-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Credit unions—closing agent exemption

HF2028/SF1922* (L. Carlson, DFL-
Crystal)—passed (128-0).

Dept. of Human Services— property lease

HF2050*/SF2041 (Rodosovich, DFL-
Faribault)—passed (97-28).
(SF in Senate Governmental Operations
Committee)

Peace officers—jurisdictional increase

HF2056*/SF1916 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—passed (126-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Revisor's bill—changes

HF2084*/SF1986 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)—passed (128-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Wild land arson—penalties

HF2131*/SF2175 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)—passed (127-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

County performance bonds

HF2156*/SF2517 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)—passed (128-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Minimum wage—exemption

HF2163*/SF2313 (Williams, DFL-Moorhead)—passed (109-17).
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Comprehensive health insurance data

HF2343*/SF2536 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended (127-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Potato research—promotion council changes

HF2374*/SF1889 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)—passed as amended (126-0).
(SF on Senate Floor)

Vocational rehabilitation—employment

HF2487/SF2353* (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)—passed (124-0).

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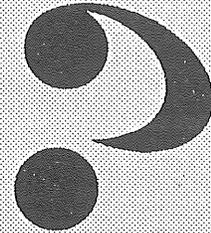
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March 23, 1907

On this day, the *St. Paul Dispatch* ran an early example of a comic strip. "Mrs. Subbubs" had the chief role, playing a local character who sometimes hinted at the rivalry between St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Do you know



Minnesotans can "Celebrate Minnesota" by walking in "Walk Minnesota," a statewide walk that will begin at two locations on Saturday, May 5.

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is the host for the event in the metro area. The walk begins at Parker's Lake Park and weaves along the Luce Line Trail. Walkers may travel along paved and crushed rock surfaces for distances of 5k, 10k, or 20k.

The Owatonna Parks and Recreation Department will coordinate the walk in Greater Minnesota. The event begins at the Morehouse Park Chalet and winds along the Kaplan's Woods Parkway Trails. Participants may travel along paved and wood chip surfaces.

Everyone will receive a certificate of participation. Walkers who pay a registration fee and complete the 10k, 20k, or certified 5k route will be eligible to receive a "Celebrate Minnesota" medallion.

Minnesota Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) sponsors Walk Minnesota. People wanting more information can call MRPA at (612) 544-1592, the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department at (612) 550-5000, or the Owatonna Parks and Recreation Department at (507) 455-0800.



Strike a deal and get a hotdog, too

Who eats more hotdogs, Democrats or Republicans? And how many legislators really prefer the state muffin — blueberry — to other baked goods? For the answer to these and other important political questions, check Roger and Shirley Larson's snack bar in the Capitol rotunda.

Roger and his wife, Shirley, have been serving legislators, staff, lobbyists, and the public since January of 1983. "We're kind of here for everybody," he says.

Larson is quick to point out that his food stand is completely non-partisan. But being located in the center of the action, it's hard not to pick up on a few legislative bargains being struck over coffee and donuts.

"We hear a lot more than people think we hear," says Larson.

But offering good service and chatting with the customers is more important to Larson than the deals being struck at what is sometimes jokingly referred to as "Ulcer Gulch."

"We like visiting with the legislators," says Larson. "You couldn't run a stand like this unless you really enjoyed people."

Roger, who is blind, says his handicap poses no problems on the job, but it has caused him to be a bit wary on occasion.

Once he waited on a young high school student who laid down a \$100 bill for a hotdog, and asked for change. Roger, being somewhat skeptical, checked the bill out with Shirley, who is partially blind but can distinguish money denominations.

"It actually was a \$100," he added, laughing.

Toward the end of the session crunch — when hours become late and snacks turn into meals — Larson estimates they have sold as many as 500 hotdogs, 100 bags of microwave popcorn, and 300 ice cream sandwiches in one day. And his vending machines have gone through as many as 30 cases of pop in the same time period, he adds.

Sometimes they open up the stand for eleventh-hour requests for food or



Shirley Larson wraps the hot dogs, while Roger makes the change.

change, which can make for some late nights.

Larson says he and Shirley are often at the stand until 2 or 3 a.m. during the busy times, and back at the Capitol by 8 or 8:30 the next morning.

"Shirley's got to whack me on the head to wake me up once in awhile," jokes Larson.

The Department of Jobs and Training's Division of State Services for the Blind sponsors the stand and owns the equipment. The Larsons operate it, and receive all profits. When the session ends, the Larsons will tear down the food stand and store it in the Capitol basement. Their vending machines remain year-round.



Restoration 1989 - 1990

Architect Cass Gilbert is considered one of the premier architects of his day, and the Minnesota state Capitol is one of his finest works.

So when House members decided to renovate the House chamber last year, they proceeded as if Gilbert were watching over their shoulders.

The result?

The brown, gold, and green hues Gilbert envisioned have returned, as have the skylight and many other facets of his regal design.

The "historic rehabilitation" has been

captured in a 12-page booklet published by the House Public Information Office. Limited copies of *Restoration* are available at the office.

For a booklet, call (612) 296-2146 or write to House Public Information Office, 175 State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155. Or stop by the office and pick one up.

And if the booklet isn't enough to satisfy interest in Gilbert's work, there's still time to get an informal tour. The last open house at the chamber will be held this Sunday, March 25, from 1 to 4 p.m.

A Window on the House

Sergeant's Office

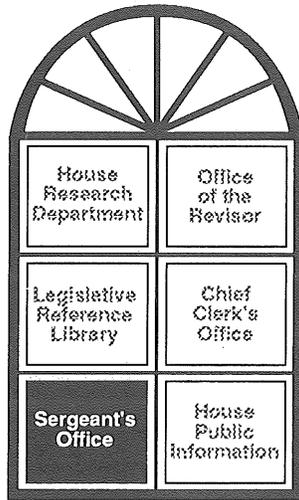
Got a question? Talk to the sergeant

Andy Remke, chief sergeant at arms for the Minnesota House of Representatives, describes his job as similar to that of an "ombudsman . . . someone House members [or the public] can ask any question of or make a complaint to."

Remke heads up the Sergeant at Arms Office, which staffs four assistant sergeants at arms, a postmaster and assistant postmaster, and about 40 full-time pages.

"The sergeant at arms is someone who is visible to all the House members and generally the person they'll get a hold of if they've got a problem," says Remke. "We're usually able to help them; if not, we can at least steer them in the right direction [for help]."

Whether it's quieting a heckler at a committee meeting, passing out parking spots, coordinating House members' transportation needs, or hiring and training 40 new pages every session, the sergeant at arms gets the call.



"Every day is a little bit different," Remke says.

The sergeant at arms also acts as a security liaison between the House and Capitol Security. "In the case of an audience member shouting obscenities to committee members, I would first explain the policy to the person, and then if there's still a problem, bring in Capitol Security," he says.

Other duties of the sergeant at arms

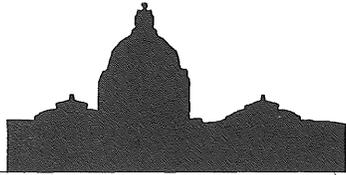
include: supervising any ceremonial functions of the state Legislature, controlling access to and maintaining decorum on the House floor, galleries, and committee rooms; overseeing the College Intern and High School Page programs; advising House leadership on the use of House building space; and keeping all the House keys.

Toward the end of a legislative session, the sergeants at arms will often spend their time locating rooms for last minute conference committees, and finding scattered House members when it's time for them to sit down and vote. The interim is largely spent coordinating any travel or staffing needs for mini-sessions and interim hearings.

Remke has been the chief sergeant at arms since January 1987. The office was created in 1857 — one year before Minnesota became a state.



Sergeant at Arms Charlie Ward urges a group of people outside the House chamber to keep an aisle open so representatives can enter.



Bill Introductions

HF2784-HF2799

Monday, March 19

HF2784—Welle (DFL) Education

Telecommunications; certain school districts appropriated money from bond sales for interactive telecommunication systems.

HF2785—Wenzel (DFL) Taxes

Sales and use tax; farm machinery defined to include certain generators.

HF2786—Janezich (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

Hazardous substance and petroleum tank cleanup provided for tax-forfeited land.

HF2787—Munger (DFL) Rules & Legislative Administration

National anthem; memorial to president and Congress to adopt "America the Beautiful" as the national anthem.

HF2788—Kinkel (DFL) Appropriations

Paul Bunyan Trail; money appropriated for land acquisition and development.

HF2789—Bishop (IR) Health & Human Services

Abortion policy established and restrictions provided.

HF2790—Bishop (IR) Judiciary

Abortions restricted and informed consent required.

HF2791—Kalis (DFL) Taxes

Counties allowed a special levy for purposes of comprehensive water planning.

HF2792—Williams (DFL) Rules & Legislative Administration

Federal budget; memorial to Congress to reduce defense spending to fund domestic needs.

Wednesday, March 21

HF2793—Carlson, D. (IR) Appropriations

School District 570, Finlayson, provided a capital loan.

HF2794—Steensma (DFL) Agriculture

Grazing specialist provided in extension service, forage task force established, and money appropriated.

HF2795—Kalis (DFL) Transportation

Highways; memorial to congressional delegation to take certain stands on development of federal highway program regarding interstate highways and gas taxes.

HF2796—Orenstein (DFL) Taxes

Royalty tax exemption provided for certain ore stocks.

HF2797—Milbert (DFL) Taxes

Property tax provisions changed for mobile homes and parks.

HF2798—Boo (IR) Taxes

Duluth special sales tax extended.

Thursday, March 22

HF2799--Kahn (DFL) Health & Human Services

Health; amending the Clean Indoor Air Act.

House Advisories

Monday, March 19

HA39--Winter (DFL) Economic Development

A proposal relating to economic development.

Thursday, March 22

HA40--Osthoff (DFL) Financial Institutions & Housing

A proposal to study affirmative action programs of Minnesota financial institutions.

First Readings/Senate Bills

Monday, March 19

SF488--Berglin (DFL) Taxes

Public employment; defining equitable compensation relationships; requiring an implementation report; providing for review of plans; providing for appeals from decisions of the commissioner of employee relations; requiring the commissioner to report to the Legislature.

SF2130--Cohen (DFL) Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2205--Skoglund (DFL)

Insurance; regulating the practices and record keeping of, and disclosures by, public adjusters.

SF1789--Vickerman (DFL) Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1935--Greenfield (DFL)

Health; requiring licensed health care practitioners who dispense certain legend drugs for profit to file with the practitioner's licensing board.

Wednesday, March 21

SF772--Pariseau (IR) Transportation

Traffic regulations; providing that signs for handicapped parking spaces state penalty imposed for unlawful use.

SF838--Chmielewski (DFL) Appropriations

Motor vehicles; providing for special license plates for disabled persons; setting fee for duplicate personalized license plates.

SF1150--Luther (DFL) Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1439--Pugh (DFL)

Creditors remedies; regulating executions and garnishments.

SF1162--Vickerman (DFL) Appropriations

Drivers' licenses; setting deadline for court administrators to forward driver's license or permit applications and fees to the Department of Public Safety.

SF1670--Luther (DFL) Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2092--Skoglund (DFL)

Natural resources; prohibiting transportation of Eurasian water milfoil; providing exceptions; providing penalties for not removing Eurasian water milfoil from watercraft; providing penalties.

SF1686--Pehler (DFL) Education

Education; allowing school boards to hold school on Saturdays.

SF1698--Berglin (DFL) Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2168--Greenfield (DFL)

Health; codifying existing law restricting construction of new hospitals; repealing a sunset.

SF1726--Berglin (DFL) Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2132--Greenfield (DFL)

Child care funding; authorizing the commissioner of human services to promulgate rules directing county boards to establish certain payment policies.

SF1729--Mehrkens (IR) Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1860--Sviggum (IR)

Traffic regulations; requiring motorists to activate vehicle lights during inclement weather conditions.

SF1739--Cohen (DFL) Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2083--Skoglund (DFL)

Metropolitan government; clarifying provisions for compensation.

SF1752--Pehler (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2064--Brown (DFL)
Railroads; establishing standard for abandonment of tracks; clarifying standard for abandonment of shops, terminals, and stations.

SF1768--Spear (DFL)

Financial Institutions & Housing
Financial institutions; regulating electronic fund transfer facilities; providing for access by other transmission facilities.

SF1822--Frank (DFL)

Taxes
Housing; providing for the administration of Section 8 existing housing and low-rent public housing programs; clarifying and limiting local approval requirements; removing the exemption for special assessments for housing and redevelopment authorities; providing for the transfer of housing and housing development projects to an economic development authority; authorizing the Metropolitan Council to plan and administer a Section 8 program in the metropolitan area without approval of local units of government.

SF1851--Pehler (DFL)

Appropriations
Military; authorizing appointment of an executive director of the Department of Military Affairs.

SF1870--Lantry (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2171--Price (DFL)
Horse racing; increasing per diem rate for racing commissioners; requiring licenses for pari-mutuel clerks at county fairs; apportioning money for promotion of the breeding and racing industry; allowing supervision of administration of certain medications by designated persons; prohibiting acceptance of bets by telephone; reducing state tax withholding on pari-mutuel winnings.

SF1879--Bertram (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1939--Kinkel (DFL)
Natural resources; amending a certain requirement relating to the sale of state timber.

SF1886--Bertram (DFL)

Agriculture
Agriculture; establishing the Minnesota forage task force.

SF1897--Adkins (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2189--Bauerly (DFL)
Taxation; property; clarifying employment terms of city and town assessors.

SF1920--Hughes (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1870--McEachern (DFL)
Elections; making various changes in laws applicable to school district elections.

SF1927--DeCramer (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2011--Price (DFL)
Education; changing State Board of Vocational Technical Education powers.

SF1968--Frank (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2099--Simoneau (DFL)
Pet or companion animals; permitting restrictions to be imposed on persons convicted of mistreating animals.

SF1980--Vickerman (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2187--Lieder (DFL)
Local government; requiring additional notice of various vacation proceedings.

SF1983--Bertram (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2313--Omann (IR)
Liquor; authorizing the Metropolitan Airports Commission to issue off-sale liquor licenses for the sale of Minnesota wine.

SF2039--Morse (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2621--Kalis (DFL)
Motor vehicles; exempting certain water well drilling equipment and vehicles from registration and taxation requirements.

SF2046--Spear (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2277--Pappas (DFL)
Crime victims; providing for a notice for victims of sexual assault concerning their risk of developing sexually transmitted diseases.

SFR2048--Laidig (IR)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2685--Pelowski (DFL)
Education; clarifying legislative intent concerning corporal punishment.

SF2079--Piper (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2219--Rodosovich (DFL)
State parks; renaming Helmer Wyre and Nerstrand Woods state parks.

SF2090--Vickerman (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2266--Jennings (DFL)
Towns; regulating town meetings; providing for town deputy treasurer.

SF2092--D. E. Johnson (IR)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2318--Uphus (IR)
Cities; regulating financial operations of municipal hospitals of statutory cities; changing the method of selection of the hospital board for St. Louis and Koochiching counties from election at large to appointment by the county boards.

SF2115--Schmitz (DFL)

Judiciary
Peace officers; authorizing licensed peace officers to operate motor vehicles and watercraft without lights under certain circumstances; providing exemption from tort liability.

SF2119--Piepho (IR)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2078--Dorn (DFL)
Blue Earth County; permitting the appointment of the auditor, recorder, and treasurer; authorizing the reorganization of county offices.

SF2127--Bernhagen (IR)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2382--Lasley (DFL)
Forestry; implementing a statewide program to encourage maintenance and expansion of community and urban forests; assigning responsibilities to various state agencies and municipalities.

SF2159--Reichgott (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2418--otis (DFL)
Education; delaying the date by which the Regent Candidate Advisory Council must submit recommendations to the Legislature.

SF2172--Lessard (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2299--Solberg (DFL)
Waters; requiring the commissioner of natural resources to establish a plan for drought emergencies; changing the completion date for the Metropolitan Council's long-term water supply plan.

SF2179--Marty (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2250--Hausman (DFL)
Local government in Ramsey County; eliminating certain performance bonds; permitting fees for inspections by the county surveyor.

SF2208--Flynn (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2367--Greenfield (DFL)
Crimes; providing that it is a prima facie case for reference for prosecution as an adult if a child is alleged to have committed a felony offense as part of, or subsequent to, the delinquent act of escape from confinement to a local juvenile correctional facility; making it a crime for an alleged or adjudicated juvenile delinquent who is 18 years old to escape from a local juvenile correctional facility.

SF2216--Piper (DFL)

Appropriations
Occupations and professions; specifying requirements for membership of the Board of Medical Examiners; containing procedural requirements for disciplinary actions; applying reporting requirements to other entities that provide professional liability coverage to physicians.

SF2224--Lantry (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2346--Trimble (DFL)
Health; granting an exception to the nursing home moratorium.

SF2229--Hughes (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2041--Scheid (DFL)
Elections; clarifying language and changing procedures for voter registration, absentee voters, and polling place rosters; defining certain terms; changing certain time limits; providing for certain services to disabled persons at state political party conventions; providing for persons who are permanently ill or disabled to automatically receive absentee ballot applications before each election; modifying election procedures for town supervisors; requiring a report.

SF2267--Cohen (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2397--Kelly (DFL)
Law enforcement; barring traffic citation quotas.

SF2281--Frank (DFL)

Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2384--Rice (DFL)
Port authorities; allowing a port authority to use foreign trade zone powers, if granted, outside its port district.

SF2302--Stumpf (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2528--Tunheim (DFL)
Telephone services; requiring local location identification data bases for 911 systems; classifying data provided for data bases.

SF2354--Pogemiller (DFL)
Education
Education; allowing pupils of at least age 16 a greater range of programs to attend under the high school graduation incentives and private alternative school programs.

SF2373--Brataas (IR)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2448--Bishop (IR)
Olmsted County; permitting the consolidation of the offices of auditor and treasurer.

SF2381--Purfeerst (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2608--Rodosovich (DFL)
Highways; substituting new Legislative Route No. 298 in the trunk highway system.

SF2383--Bertram (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2683--Bertram (DFL)
Cities; permitting the establishment of boundary commissions.

SF2424--Metzen (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2572--Skoglund (DFL)
Insurance; life; regulating policies with accelerated benefits; modifying the application of certain provisions; prescribing a penalty.

Thursday, March 22

SF1400--Ramstad (IR)
Appropriations
Probate; providing right to counsel in certain guardianship and conservatorship proceedings.

SF1821--Lantry (DFL)
Appropriations
Nursing; allowing nurse practitioners to prescribe and administer drugs and therapeutic devices; authorizing the Board of Nursing to adopt rules; establishing an interim filing requirement.

SF1827--Reichgott (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2027--Orenstein (DFL)
Civil actions; providing for immunity from liability for unpaid members of county agricultural society boards; addressing reduction of damages in an action under no-fault automobile insurance; preserving common law tort law claims against adults who knowingly provide alcoholic beverages to minors; increasing the amount of claims that may be settled without court approval under the municipal compromise of claims statute; changing the standard for awarding punitive damages; addressing when a principal may be held liable for punitive damages for an act of the principal's agent; requiring a separate trial to address punitive damages; requiring the court to review a punitive damages award; making the contributory negligence rule apply to damages resulting from economic loss; redefining fault; abolishing the doctrine of last clear chance; providing immunity from liability for volunteer ski patrollers; allowing

recovery of attorney fees by good faith reporters under the Child Abuse Reporting Act; repealing the limit on intangible loss damages and the requirement that a jury specify amounts for past, future, and intangible loss damages.

SF1831--Vickerman (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1908--Cooper (DFL)
Health and human services; stating policy and requiring a plan relating to rules and regulations affecting services to persons with mental retardation and related conditions.

SF1838--Berglin (DFL)
Appropriations
Health; requiring a surcharge fee for hearing instrument sellers; allowing cease and desist orders against a person violating occupation regulations; requiring positive results from a toxicology test of a pregnant woman or infant to be recorded on the birth certificate or fetal death report.

SF1940--Brandl (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2118--Greenfield (DFL)
Health; specifying requirements for a health maintenance organization application for a certificate; establishing protections against conflicts of interests; establishing requirements for a guaranteeing organization; including certain investments as admitted assets; requiring an expedited resolution of disputes about coverage of immediately and urgently needed service; allowing replacement coverage by other health maintenance organizations; allowing appointment of a special examiner.

SF1942--Brandl (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF1897--Winter (DFL)
Insurance; making changes in arbitration proceedings concerning no-fault automobile insurance.

SF1848--Morse (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2234--O'Connor (DFL)
Housing; making changes in the home equity conversion loan program, authorizing manufactured home park loan assistance, requiring limits, and regulating securities relating to certain home loans.

SF1952--Berglin (DFL)
Appropriations
Health; requiring a study of methods of improving systems for regulating social work and mental health occupations and professions; exempting the Board of Unlicensed Mental Health Service Providers from certain license fee requirements.

SF1958--Benson (IR)
Education
Education; changing school consolidation election procedures.

SF1999--Pehler (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2497--Ogren (DFL)
Agriculture; changing certain duties, procedures, and requirements related to organic food.

SF2051--Lantry (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2689--Greenfield (DFL)
Health; allowing a waiver of restrictions that may be placed upon controlling persons of a nursing home.

SF2061--Knaak (IR)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2218--Seaberg (IR)
Privacy of communications; including cordless telephones in the Privacy of Communications Act.

SF2136--Pehler (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2381--Nelson, K. (DFL) Education; changing the duration and membership of the Task Force on Education Organization.

SF2156--Pehler (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2268--Simoneau (DFL)
Local government; allowing municipalities to enter into certain contracts to reduce energy and operating costs.

SF2207--Berg (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2385--Olson, E. (DFL)
Agriculture; requiring cash discounts on agricultural production inputs if there are interest discounts on credit terms for seller-financed sales.

SF2213--DeCramer (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2373--Olson, K. (DFL)
Traffic regulations; regulating wheel flaps and covered loads; imposing a penalty.

SF2299--Dicklich (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2253--Clark (DFL)
Agriculture; establishing the Minnesota natural wild rice promotion advisory council.

SF2370--Berglin (DFL)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2133--Greenfield (DFL)
Human services; revising and clarifying the duties and powers of the ombudsman for mental health and mental retardation.

SF2432--McGowan (IR)
Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison with HF2706--Blatz (IR)
Crimes; requiring cemetery owners to report unlawful removal of bodies to law enforcement authorities and next of kin of the deceased person.

SF2439--Larson (IR)
Education
Education; allowing the Pine Point School to qualify for federal impact aid.

Women in government: a long time in coming

For years many people believed women and politics were about as compatible as starched white dresses and dirty coal mines. But running for political office has proved a natural step for women. In Minnesota, the movement started out strong — shortly after passage of the 19th

Amendment that gave women the right to vote.

Four women were elected to the state House in 1922, and one woman ran for a state Senate seat and was defeated. But it would be another 50 years before more than four women served at one time in the House

Anna Dickie Olesen, who was defeated in her state Senate bid, received the most public attention because she was the first woman to be endorsed by a major party to run for the Senate.

The other four — Mabeth Hurd Paige, Mrs. Sue Dickey Hough, Mrs. Hannah Kempfer and Miss Myrtle Cain — went on to become Minnesota's first women representatives. All were motivated to run by their concern for women's issues.

Paige, who was elected to the House through the 1930s and was the only female representative during the 1940s, attributed her political drive to her "feminist" views.

But it was Cain who was the most outspoken on women rights. She co-sponsored a 1923 bill "granting equal rights, privileges and immunities to both sexes." Although the measure was defeated, Cain continued to be a proponent of equal rights. She spoke before the Legislature in 1973 on behalf of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

Women's rights were not the only issue taken up by these women, however.

Kempfer's first love was the Game and Fish Division of the Conservation Committee, now the DNR, which she chaired in 1927. She also took a strong stance against military spending.

"We should reduce military expenses and work for peace," she said at the time. "The victories of peace are lasting. So

Center, were elected to the House in 1972.

"They constantly called us 'gentlemen,'" Forsythe said. She and Kahn, members of the Appropriations Committee in 1973, decided to take a stand on the issue: when addressed as gentlemen during committee, they stood up.

The number of women elected to the House and Senate has increased every year since the 1972 election.

"Women have begun to take their rightful place in the Legislature, though we're not dealing from a position with a lot of strength — only 37 of 201 in the Legislature are women," Forsythe said. As their numbers increased, so did the position of women

"Four Feathered Hats Draw All Eyes as Legislature Convenes. Millinery creations of velvet, ribbons and plumes indicate to curious throng where newly elected incumbents sit in State House It wasn't so much the hats, although they doubtless helped make for the self-assuredness of the wearers, but the fact that they were on the heads of the four women legislators — Mrs. James Paige, Mrs. Sue Dickey Hough, Mrs. Hannah Kempfer and Miss Myrtle Cain — the first to sit in the state House, that made the difference."

—*Minneapolis Tribune*, Jan. 3, 1923

long as we prepare for war we are sure to reap what we sow."

Despite women's strong showing in 1922, the next 50 years saw only one elected to the Senate (Laura Emelia Johnson Naplin, 1926-1934) and 11 others to the House. Women lawmakers were still considered a novelty and newspapers tended to focus on their gender.

"While other lawmakers spend their weekends resting or catching up on proposed legislation, Wabasha County's newest representative goes home to grab a dustmop," stated a Jan. 12, 1955 *St. Paul Dispatch* article on Rep. Joyce Ireton Lund, who served in the House from 1955 to 1958.

The 1972 election marked a rebirth of elected women representatives. For the first time since 1923, more than four women were elected to the House: there were five.

"People were just not used to having women on the House floor," said Rep. Mary Forsythe (IR-Edina). She, along with Sen. Linda Berglin (DFL-Mpls), now-Secretary of State Joan Growe, Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), and Ernee McArthur, a Republican from Brooklyn

within the House hierarchy. The number of women appointed committee chairs has slowly grown and, in 1985, a woman was appointed to a leadership position within the House.

Connie Levi, an Independent-Republican from Dellwood who served from 1979 to 1988, was elected majority leader for the 1985 Legislative Session. Former Rep. Ann Wynia, a DFLer from St. Paul, was elected majority leader for the 1987 and 1989 legislative sessions. She stepped down in September 1989 to become commissioner of the Department of Human Services and was succeeded by Rep. Dee Long (DFL-Mpls).

"I think women in general still work harder than men to get elected," Forsythe said. But, she added, the work has paid off and continues to pay off because women's position in government continues to grow.

Publishing House Journal is large and delicate task

When Governor Orville Freeman signed a 1956 bill reorganizing state government, he thought he had achieved his campaign promises. Instead, the reorganization bill became an example of the importance of Minnesota's legislative journals.

A state employee who hadn't fared well under the governor's reorganization bill challenged the new law in court and won. How? He found a discrepancy between the final bill and the *Journal of the House*, which records all House and Senate action.

Journal can be used as court evidence

The *Journal of the House* is the official, legal record of the proceedings of the House. When a court challenge is raised, the courts look to the *Journal* for the official record of legislative action.

When there's a discrepancy between the *Journal* and the final bill, the proposed law can be voided. That's what happened in the case that is now referred to as *Foster vs. Naftalin*.

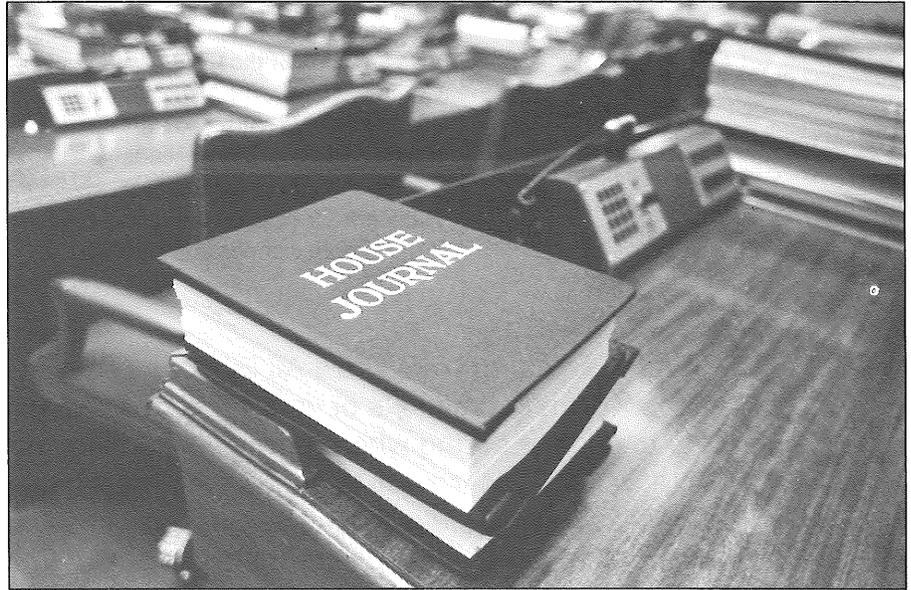
The *Journal* — both the daily and permanent one — is a legislative history of what the entire body did. Among other things, it records bill referrals, committee reports, amendments, conference committee reports and individual votes.

The requirement to record all that information accurately and quickly places a heavy burden on *Journal* Editor Patrick D. Murphy. In most cases, the daily *Journal* is printed overnight and is available to the public on the morning after session by 8 a.m.

Journal size depends on House action

But sometimes, says Murphy, that isn't always possible. The largest daily *Journal* recorded House action on May 18, 1987. It was 1,673 pages long and required three days to print. A typical *Journal*, however, is 160 pages long and 1,200 of the daily *Journals* are printed at a time.

That can make for some late nights for Murphy and his three assistants, particularly late in a session when the floor



House Journals await House members before each session.

sessions last long into the night or early morning. (A legislative day, as defined by law, is from 7 a.m. to 7 a.m.)

Compiling the permanent *Journal* at the end of a legislative session is no easy task, either.

The final *Journal of the House* in 1989 totaled 9,234 pages — or roughly the equivalent of eight copies of *Moby Dick*. The Chief Clerk's Office worked five months before the four volumes were bound and printed. Murphy says the growth in size of the *Journal* is because more floor amendments are now being offered and conference committee reports are much longer.

Journal undergoes careful scrutiny

All permanent *Journals* are proofread twice, word-for-word, and undergo 21 procedural audits. These audits make sure the number of bill readings and votes for bill passage are correct, and that procedural rulings were accurate.

The *Journal* is then indexed by bill number, topic, author, and statute section. Employees from the Chief Clerk's Office, led by House Chief Clerk Edward A. Burdick, proof and prepare the *Journal* for publication.

Although the careful scrutiny is

primarily done to ensure proposed laws would withstand any court challenge, people also use it to research the history of state laws.

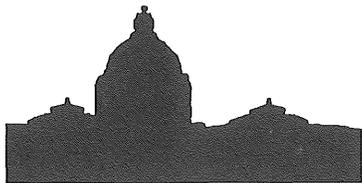
In addition, several organizations use it as a reference to compile their annual legislator ratings, and it is also a valuable tool used by both challengers and incumbents in political campaigns to determine voting and attendance records.

Murphy says Chief Clerk Burdick is a stickler for *Journal* perfection. The 1956 *Foster vs. Naftalin* case is one way he reminds his staff of the *Journal's* importance and the need for accuracy.

And he has a newspaper account of a more recent case from Arkansas taped to the back of *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* as yet another reminder of the snafus that can develop when there is a legislative oversight.

The Arkansas courts declared more than 300 spending bills invalid in 1989 after they discovered that the state's General Appropriations Act, or spending blueprint, didn't pass with a three-fourths majority as required by the state constitution. Since that act must be approved before any other spending bills, the others were declared invalid.

That oversight was remedied with a three-day special session that cost taxpayers an estimated \$60,000.



Committee Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.
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to the public.

MONDAY, March 26

8:00 a.m.

**Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Operational budget hearing.

**Education Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Final approval of the draft Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

8:30 a.m.

**Health & Human Services Division/
APPROPRIATIONS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: To be announced.

9:00 a.m.

TAXES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: HF2200 (Nelson, K.) Education department initiatives proposed.

10:00 a.m.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: HF2491 (Quinn) Electric utilities provided integrated resource planning.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

TUESDAY, March 27

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: To be announced. This meeting is scheduled to last until noon.

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement
112 Capitol
Chr. Sen. Donald Moe
Agenda: To be announced.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

WEDNESDAY, March 28

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: To be announced. This meeting is scheduled to last until noon.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

THURSDAY, March 29

8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: To be announced. This meeting is scheduled to last until noon.

9:00 a.m.

**GENERAL LEGISLATION
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING**
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz
Agenda: Overview of the Minnesota State Lottery: George Anderson, director, Minnesota State Lottery.

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.

FRIDAY, March 30

12:00 noon

The House will meet in session.



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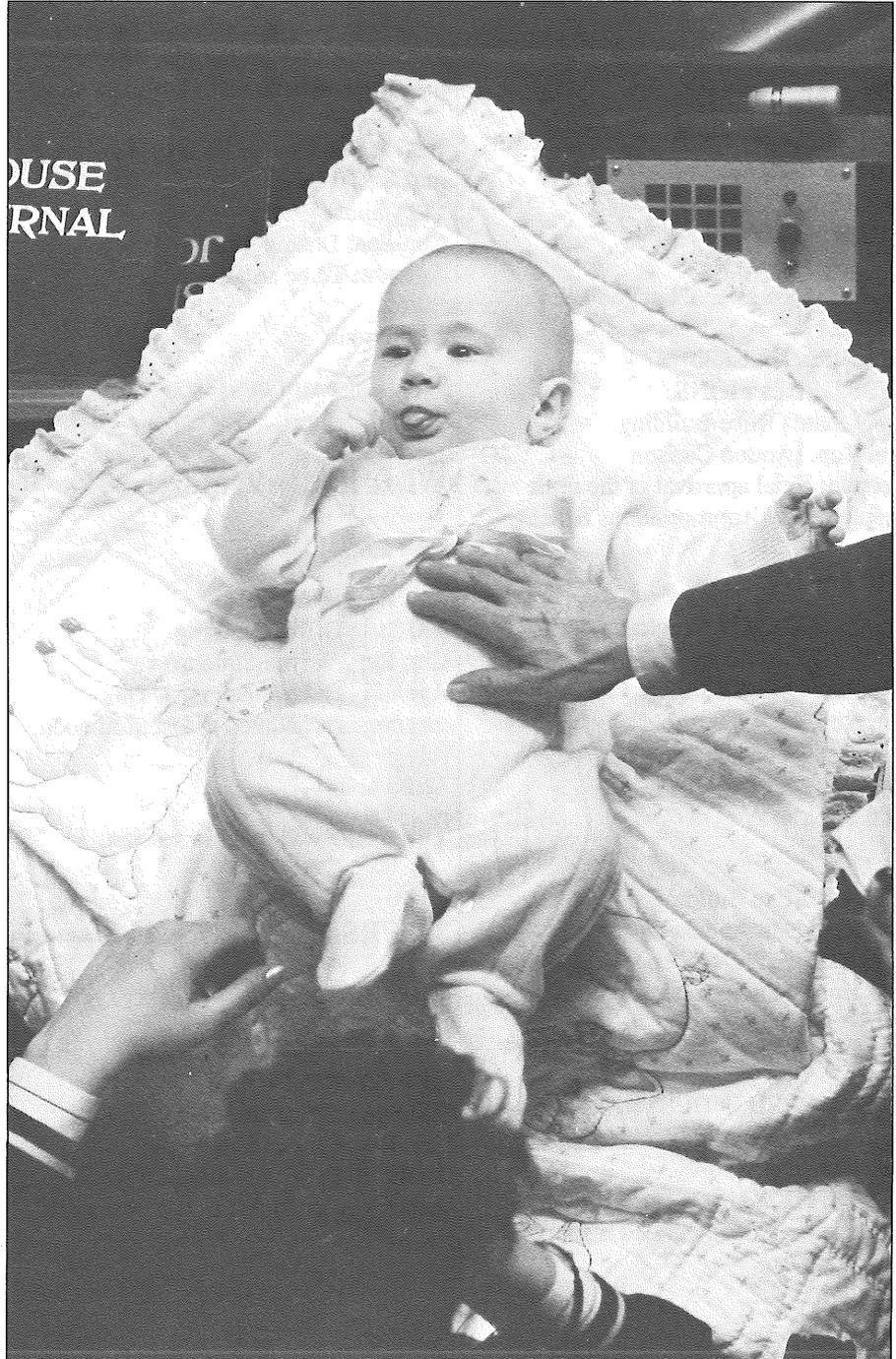
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Four-month-old Annie Bertram was the center of attention when she and her mother, Jane, visited her father, Rep. Jeff Bertram (DFL-Paynesville), March 19.