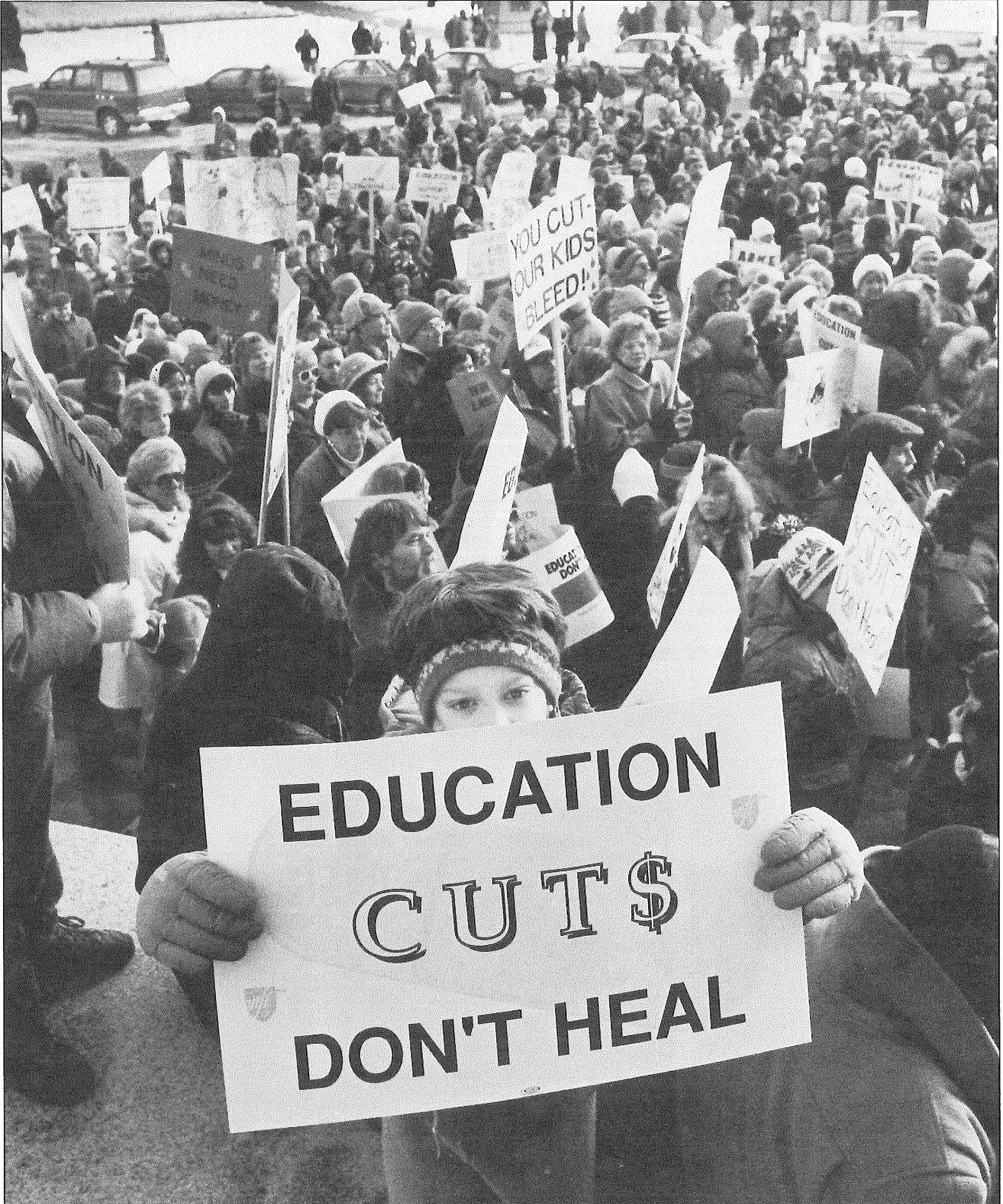


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Flashback

Toward the end of a packed hearing this week over whether bars should be allowed to have video lottery terminals, Bishop Lowell Erdahl of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America cut loose with a fire and brimstone sermon that even opponents would agree was worthy of his calling.

He lambasted gambling as "inherently immoral" and referred to the lottery as a "tax on stupidity." He then buttressed those beliefs by quoting author Leo Tolstoy, who he said opposed gambling because of its inherent belief in the misfortune of others.

But it was when he focused his attention on Edmund Burke, the British politician and writer, that Erdahl effectively summed up this unusual week at the Minnesota State Capitol. "Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays instead of serving you if he sacrifices it to your opinion," wrote Burke.

That, of course, is an elegant way of stating the age-old dilemma for elected representatives: Do they vote their consciences or are they messenger men and women for the folks back home? That conflict was heightened this week by the many controversial bills that brought swarms of people to the Capitol.

First, there was the bill to allow video lottery terminals in bars, which supporters say is necessary for the survival of many Main Street businesses (see page 3).

Second, there was the measure approved in both the House and Senate that would extend human rights protection to gays and lesbians — an issue that brought thousands of calls and letters to legislators (see page 14).

Third, there were the impassioned debates in both the House and Senate Environment and Natural Resources committees over whether the Legislature should approve a negotiated hunting and fishing agreement between the state and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians (see page 8).

The popular wisdom circulating at the Capitol is that at least one of these votes could easily lead to a legislator's defeat at the next election — just as one-time Texas hero Sam Houston was vilified as a coward and traitor when he voted against a pro-slavery bill in the U.S. Senate. "It was the most unpopular vote I ever gave [but] the wisest and most patriotic," said Houston at the time. Although the standard *Profiles in Courage* refrain is that pain and suffering follow a tough vote, at least one former legislator doesn't see it that way.

"You never lose an election because of an issue where you anticipate it," said Jack Davies, a state senator from 1959 to 1982 and now a Minnesota Court of Appeals judge. "If it's readily apparent that it's a vote of conscience, then people don't hold it against you."

— Grant Moos

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On the cover: An estimated 1,300 parents, students, citizens and education employees rallied against cuts in state K-12 education funding March 11 outside the State Capitol.

—photo by Laura Phillips

Highlights

Video gambling . . .

Small businesses argue they need help now

The state's liquor establishments have been "devastated" by competition from Minnesota's 16 American Indian casinos, according to representatives of the bar and restaurant industry.

And they are asking the Legislature to allow them to use video gambling to fight back.

The Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee heard testimony — but did not vote — on HF122 March 16.

"This video lottery legislation is not about expansion of gambling in Minnesota," said Rep. Jeff Bertram (DFL-Paynesville). "It is about giving Minnesota small businesses and charities a fair shot at competing for the entertainment dollar."

HF122 would allow business establishments that sell alcohol to have up to 12 state registered video lottery machines each. The bill would require 22.5 percent of the machines' net earnings to be paid to the state.

Charitable organizations operating pulltab booths inside bars with video lottery machines also would get a slice of the new video revenue — boosting earnings up to 10 percent, depending on their profits from the previous year's charitable receipts.

Furthermore, any city or county could ear-

mark up to 10 percent of video machine net earnings for specific charitable organizations.

The remaining net revenue (between 57.5 and 77.5 percent) would be split between the businesses where the machines are housed and the video machine owners. In South Dakota, that division is usually a 50-50 split, say South Dakota lottery officials.

Supporters of the bill, including John Berglund of the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association, said that the video gambling profits would serve "an economic need" for the hospitality industry. Berglund said that businesses have been losing money, measured in inflation-adjusted dollars.

"All we're asking for is a tool to compete," Berglund said, attributing slow business to competition from casinos. Other proponents said they are being undercut by casinos that offer free meals, transportation, and rolls of quarters to increase their clientele.

The committee also heard testimony from South Dakota lottery officials, a state considered by many to have the best video lottery operation in the country.

Officials from Minnesota's western neighbor, said that their system — like the one proposed

in HF122 — is efficient and secure due to the use of a centralized computer system that tallies receipts, winnings, and other data helpful to state regulators.

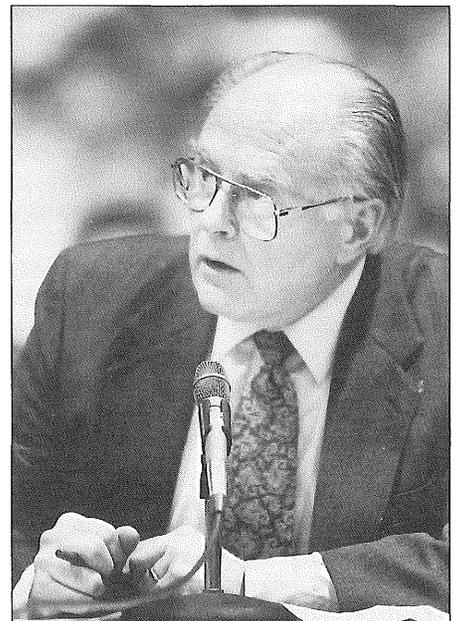
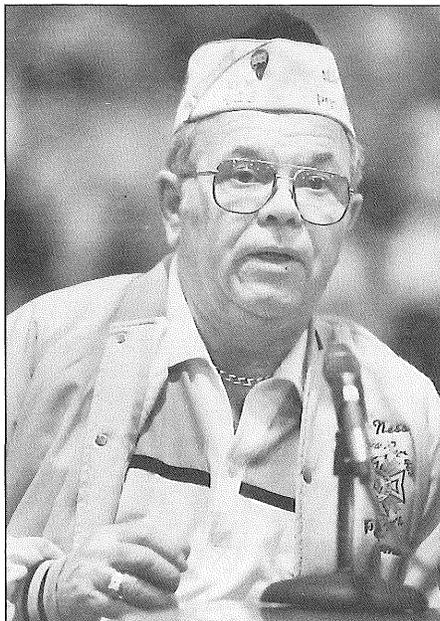
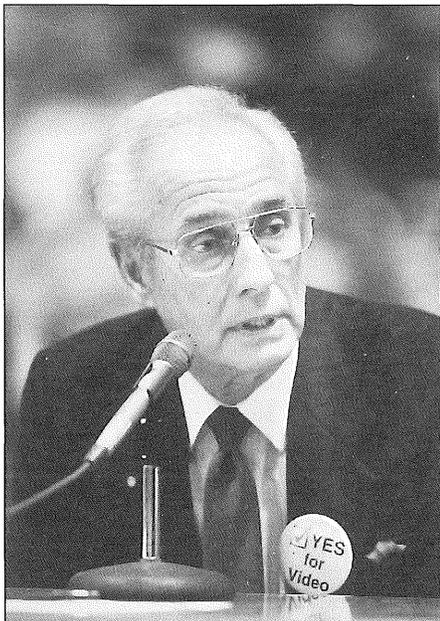
South Dakota businesses with licensed video lottery machines that split profits evenly with machine owners netted about \$6,783 per machine in fiscal year 1992, with an average of three machines per site, according to South Dakota lottery revenue figures. The state earned about \$37 million in video tax revenue.

However, since January 1992, South Dakota statutes have dictated that 35 percent of net earnings return to the state. The jump from 25 percent will mean about \$500 less profit per machine for individual businesses, based on fiscal year 1992 revenue.

Opponents of Minnesota video gambling spoke to the potential social effects of video lotteries.

Bishop Lowell Erdahl, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America St. Paul Area Synod, said he thinks gambling in any form is "immoral" because others must lose for someone to win. Quoting an acquaintance of his, Erdahl said that any lottery was "a tax on stupidity."

Rep. Mark Olson (IR-Big Lake) agreed with



Charlie Hall of the Bowling Proprietors Association of Minnesota, left, and Vern Ness, quartermaster, V.F.W. Granite Post 428, St. Cloud, center, testified in favor of allowing video gambling terminals in authorized liquor establishments. Bishop Lowell O. Erdahl of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, St. Paul Area Synod, right, spoke against HF122 at a March 16 meeting of the Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee. The committee did not vote on the proposal.

Erdahl: "Gambling teaches us that we can get something for nothing," he said. However, Olson said that society had decided that it wanted gambling, and so the state ought to think about how best to accommodate citizens' wants and needs.

The possibly harmful effects on the economic development of reservations were noted by Matthew Little, former head of the Minneapolis Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Little said he worried that the competition for gambling dollars would deal "a devastating blow . . . to self-sufficiency among Native Americans."

Proponents of expanding gambling in liquor-selling establishments packed the committee room and the halls of the State Office Building, despite a recent statewide poll that suggested theirs is the minority opinion on the issue.

Supporters of HF122 claimed that when people are told that proceeds from video lotteries could be earmarked for education or for other state programs, polling actually shows a majority would support legalized video gaming.

Further debate on HF122 is expected in the near future.

—Adam Samaha



AGRICULTURE

Deregulating milk prices

Not so long ago, Minnesota was among the cream of the nation's dairy states, ranking behind only Wisconsin as the leader in milk production.

But hard times have soured that industry, and more than half the state's dairy farmers have gone out of business in the past decade.

A bill (HF661) aimed at halting that trend by deregulating milk prices in Minnesota and providing some measure of financial protection to farmers was approved by the Agriculture Committee March 15.

"Since 1957, we have used high-priced dairy products to subsidize everything else in the grocery store," said Rep. Steve Wenzel (DFL-Little Falls), the bill's author. His proposal would change a 1957 law requiring grocers to at least price dairy products based on their cost plus the grocers cost of doing business.

Wenzel told the panel that milk prices should be opened to competitive pricing like other products. And farmers would benefit from the bill's provision for a special assessment charged to wholesalers when milk prices fall below \$13.20 per hundredweight.

Right now, Minnesota farmers receive the lowest price in the nation for their milk because of the federal pricing structure, while the state's consumers pay the highest prices in the store,

Wenzel said, citing U.S. Department of Agriculture data.

"The disparity is absolutely disgusting, in my point of view," he said.

But grocers who strongly oppose the bill said it effectively would create a "milk tax," since the assessment of up to 36 cents a gallon would be passed on to consumers.

"We stand opposed to a food tax on a specific product — particularly a staple product," said Joel Hoiland, executive director of the Minnesota Grocers Association. Even though grocers are required to set their prices for dairy products based on cost, "generally speaking, milk is not a high-profit item," he said.

The grocers disagreed with Wenzel's argument that competition would lower prices. They said the cost of the assessment would inevitably be passed on to consumers.

Besides pitting grocers against farmers, they argued, it would also put smaller grocers at a disadvantage against corporate operations.

"This won't help family farmers as much as it's going to hurt family grocers," said Kim Mackenthun, who owns a supermarket in Waconia.

Farm, cooperative, consumer, and milk processing groups support HF661, which now moves to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee.

Bill proves a hard 'cell'

A proposal to ease regulations on genetically engineered products has rekindled debate over the state's role in controlling such rapidly developing technology.

Rep. Jim Tunheim (DFL-Kennedy) is offering a bill (HF634) that would allow an exemption from state permits or environmental assessment worksheets for genetically engineered products when similar clearance has been granted by federal agencies.

Tunheim and supporters told the Agriculture Finance and Rural Development Subcommittee March 12 that HF634 would remove an unnecessary hurdle that is keeping the cutting-edge industry from progressing in Minnesota.

Opponents, however, argued that state biotechnology regulations which have been set by the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) are vital, given the uncertain effects of genetically engineered products on public health, safety, and the environment.

Specifically, potato growers in northwestern Minnesota say the state's biotechnology regulations are denying them the ability to use a genetically altered spud that resists certain insects, reducing the need for pesticides. Other potato states like North Dakota and Idaho are using the new potato.

"We're being bypassed by our own industry," said David Paquin, chair of the Red River Valley Potato Growers Association's Research Com-

mittee. Because of Minnesota's regulations, he added, "we're looked on by other areas as having an anti-agriculture, anti-business attitude."

But Paul Gruchow of the Minnesota Food Association said the bill is nothing more than an attempt to scuttle carefully crafted biotechnology regulations that balance the interests of business and the public.

"This does not represent . . . an effort to fine-tune this legislation," Gruchow said. "It is, in fact, an effort to undermine it."

Minnesota's regulations are prudent and relatively modest, he added. Excluding the state from an oversight role "is to suggest the public has no defense against the unintended harm that biotechnology might produce."

The subcommittee is scheduled to hear more testimony on the bill March 19.



BONDING

Bonding proposal

Minnesota's growing need for facilities for mentally ill and dangerous patients and criminal offenders is reflected in the governor's proposed bonding proposal for 1994.

The capital budget was reviewed by the Capital Investment Committee in two meetings this week.

Mental health and corrections facilities, in fact, account for \$46 million of the proposed \$138 million proposed capital budget.

Among the mental health and corrections proposals is:

- \$7.4 million for the Moose Lake Regional Treatment Center to add 50 beds to accommodate a growing number of "psychopathic personality" commitments. Crowding at state facilities has resulted in emergency admissions to inappropriate programs, and placement of mentally ill and dangerous persons in facilities that are not secure;
- \$7.5 million for the Minnesota Security Hospital at the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center. New facilities are proposed to reduce the waiting list of committed patients and to serve dangerous patients requiring transfer from "open" hospitals;
- \$25.8 million to convert the Moose Lake Regional Treatment Center to a medium security prison for up to 620 inmates; and
- \$3 million to build a secure unit at the Red Wing Juvenile Facility for juveniles who are abusive to other juveniles or staff. Red Wing currently is an open campus.

Other major bonding proposals include:

- \$21.7 million for several sewer separation projects and wastewater treatment grants, including continued funding for a Combined Sewer Overflow Program in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and South St. Paul. During heavy rain-

fall, combined sewer overflow from the cities is the largest source of untreated wastewater discharge into the Mississippi River;

- \$20.3 million to complete the Bloomington Ferry Bridge;
- \$20 million for a new Marine Education Center and other visitor improvements at the Minnesota Zoo. Debt service would be paid by the Zoo;
- \$17.7 million for building and remodeling schools in Big Lake and Nett Lake;
- \$7 million for continuing a remodeling project on the former Historical Society Building, which will become part of the Judicial Center; and
- \$3 million to remodel the State Transportation Center.

Discussion of the bonding proposal will continue in the coming weeks.



BUDGET

Revenue neutral resolution

Any increase in taxes would have to be offset by a corresponding decrease in other taxes, under a budget resolution approved by the House Ways and Means Committee March 15.

Largely conforming to Gov. Arne Carlson's outline for taxing and spending, the revenue "neutral" resolution authored by Rep. Loren Solberg (DFL-Bovey) would cap spending for the next biennium at just under \$16.7 billion and leave a budget reserve (sometimes referred to as "the rainy day fund") of \$340 million.

The governor has offered a \$16.2 billion spending budget.

Solberg said that the proposal seeks to change some of the governor's proposed spending priorities. He explained that the resolution increases funding over Gov. Carlson's requests another \$90 million more for education; \$19 million more for children's programs; and \$36 million more for property tax relief programs.

The DFL plan also calls for \$328 million in spending cuts for the 1994-95 biennium, maintaining state government spending at about 8 percent of Minnesotans' personal income.

Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) raised objections to the proposal based on what he said were detrimental long-term consequences of the DFL's new spending plans. He said the "tails" from the resolution could create a revenue shortfall of \$700 million to \$900 million for the 1996-97 biennium.

Furthermore, IR members noted, the budget reserve recommended by the DFL would be \$160 million less than the governor's proposal. House Majority Leader Alan Welle (DFL-Willmar) responded that Minnesota would still have the largest reserve account of any state in the country.

The resolution now moves to the floor where, by House rule, no amendments will be allowed.



BUSINESS

Salon regulations

A bill putting into law existing state rules for cosmetologists and salons is now headed to the House floor after winning quick approval March 16 from the House Commerce and Economic Development Committee.

The measure (HF643) would continue most of the regulations previously adopted for salons and cosmetology schools by the state Department of Commerce. It would keep existing license fees for employees: \$30 for a three-year license for a cosmetologist, manicurist, or esthetician license; and \$45 for salon managers or instructors. A three-year license for a salon remains \$50.

The bill would not impose additional regulations for private cosmetologists working out of their own homes or those renting spaces in licensed salons, said bill sponsor Rep. Darlene Luther (DFL-Brooklyn Park).

Salons would be required to carry liability insurance of at least \$50,000 total coverage per year. Minimum insurance for schools would be \$150,000 and schools also would have to file performance bonds for contract agreements made with students.

Commerce officials, saying it is nearly impossible for their four inspectors to adequately regulate more than 5,000 salons, had sought to change the frequency of inspections from once a year to once every three years.

The committee left the yearly inspection provisions intact. "They're paying for inspections and they're not getting them," said Rep. John Sarna (DFL-Mpls). "These people are paying their fees and it's going into the general fund when it should be used for inspections."

The bill, however, does give the Department of Commerce broader authority to concentrate its inspection efforts on "problem" salons that either present a greater public risk or in the past have demonstrated a greater need for regulatory attention.

No smoking

Motel and hotel owners would have added means to maintain smoke-free rooms under a bill now moving to the House floor.

The measure (HF806) would make it a petty misdemeanor to light up in designated non-smoking rooms. It also would allow innkeepers — upon conviction of the violators — to collect up to \$100 to recoup cleaning and deodorizing costs to restore the room to its previous condition.

"It's not my intention to deputize every innkeeper in the state," Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault) said prior to the bill's approval March 18 by the full Commerce and Economic Development Committee.

"If there was a violation, they would call the appropriate local authority who could act on it the same way they do for other violations of the state Clean Indoor Air Act," he said.

Companion legislation is pending in the state Senate.



CHILDREN

Chronic truancy equals neglect

Truancy may conjure quaint images of impish kids heading for the local swimming hole on a sunny day, but it is becoming a growing and vexing problem.

"The most important job a child has is going to school," Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls) told the Judiciary Committee's Civil Law Subcommittee March 12. "Sadly, we're not working hard enough on that in too many cases in Minnesota."

Skoglund has authored a bill (HF251), which was approved by the full Judiciary Committee March 15, that would tighten the state's truancy law by expanding the legal definition of child neglect.

Parents and others responsible for a child's care are already obligated to provide necessary food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and protection from harm. Skoglund's bill adds "education" to the list.

Five- to 10-year-old kids are a growing truancy problem, particularly in inner city schools, according to Hennepin County officials. Skoglund's bill would mandate that the county take action upon receipt of a truancy complaint.

That action, Skoglund said, could be involvement of the county attorney's office to see that the child attend school, or "simply reaching out to a homeless family" and offering support services to enable the child to attend school.

Technically, HF251 also would include knowledge of truancy under the state's mandatory reporting law, which applies to certain social and health services professions, as well as teachers. But some teachers are already reporting chronic truants to social service workers, who, depending on the county, may or may not take action on the complaint. HF251 "would require action," Skoglund later said.

The bill would not apply to those who school their children at home, Skoglund told the panel.

'Home alone' bill advances

Lawmakers are trying to make sure there's no real-life sequel to the hit-movie "Home Alone."

A House subcommittee approved a bill (HF49) March 17 that would impose felony penalties on parents who fail to provide "necessary supervision" that is "appropriate to the age of the child."

The bill was prompted by the true story of an Illinois couple who left their pre-teen children alone while they vacationed for a week.

Current law provides for gross misdemeanor penalties for child neglect or endangerment. But Rep. Kathleen Blatz (IR-Bloomington), the bill's chief author, said existing statutes "just don't cut it."

The bill allows greater prosecutorial discretion, Blatz said, by broadening present law.

Members of the Criminal Justice and Family Law Subcommittee heard sordid tales of parental neglect during the hearings, including a case in Hennepin County in which a child was almost starved to death through neglect. Assistant County Attorney Fred Karasov charged the parent with first-degree assault, committee members were told, because that was the most applicable felony charge available.

Blatz's proposal would create a felony penalty for willful acts of a parent "which result in the substantial harm to a child's physical, mental, or emotional health."

Furthermore, the bill would retain a gross misdemeanor penalty for child neglect and endangerment, but would require prosecutors to demonstrate that a parent or other custodian caused "harm, or likelihood of substantial harm" to a child rather than the much higher standard of "substantial harm."

HF49 will be included as part of the 1993 omnibus crime bill before moving on to the full Judiciary Committee.



Rheeane Ginelle of St. Louis Park, (3) was one of 300 children and parents who came to the Capitol March 18 as part of Early Childhood Family Education Parent Rally Day.

drivers' license and motor vehicle registration data bases. Because of objections raised by business and community interests, McGuire altered the bill to allow shielding of names only in public motor vehicle registration files, and only if a statement is signed indicating that a concern for personal or family security prompted the request for data privacy.

Current law allows car owners signing a similar statement to shield their address in the department's drivers' license records.

Responding to those concerned that criminals might use the provision to escape community scrutiny, Rep. Kathleen Blatz (IR-Bloomington) said that the measure had been weakened enough and that something should be done to hinder stalkers trying to track down their victims.

"This thing has been compromised down to almost nothing," said Blatz.

The subcommittee also struggled with language that would allow the targets of residential picketing to get restraining orders against groups or individuals performing the picket.

Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls) said that he worried about abuse of the judicial system to silence legitimate speech: "I just worry that we're doing more than we want to, here, denying people their right to free speech."

After some debate, the provision was amended to apply only to repeated instances of picketing. The subcommittee also decided to make it clear that local ordinances that detailed certain restrictions on targeted residential picketing — such as allowable distances from the targeted home — would not be nullified by the bill.

Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), chair of the subcommittee, said that further refinement of HF59 would probably continue.



DRUGS

Seeking drug war reinforcements

Law enforcement agencies around the nation are banding together to enlist the National Guard's help in the war on illegal drugs, and Minnesota may soon be joining their ranks.

A bill (HF232) that would allow Minnesota National Guard units to lend their equipment and expertise to law enforcement agencies in other states was approved by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee March 15. It would also allow units from other states to operate in Minnesota.

The proposal is aimed primarily at making better use of equipment and resources funded by the federal government, said Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls), the bill's author.

It would not expand the police powers of the Guard, and units would not be sent to other states unless they were invited, Skoglund said. If units went to other states, the decision would be subject to a rigorous review.

"It provides the National Guard a supporting role to law enforcement," said Lt. Col. Jon Cieslak of the Guard's adjutant general's office. "We are not, in any correct sense, surrogates for law enforcement."

Several states are discussing ways for their National Guard units to collaborate to battle illegal drug traffic by way of formal compacts. The bill would allow Minnesota's National Guard to participate.

Guard units within the state already are allowed to assist law enforcement agencies, providing things like helicopters to crack down on illegal drug traffic. Some units even operate in places like Panama to support federal agencies.

The bill would allow the Guard to:

- provide information to the federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies,
- make equipment and bases available,
- give training,
- and supply personnel for administrative, interpretive, or analytic purposes.

Rep. Betty McCollum (DFL-North St. Paul) said the bill is a major shift from the National Guard's mission of providing aid in time of natural disaster and supplanting regular troops in time of war. She voted against the bill, which now moves to the House floor for consideration.



CRIME

Stalking bill approved

After weeks of debate, discussion, and compromise, a subcommittee approved an anti-stalking bill and incorporated it into the emerging 1993 crime bill March 17.

Before approval, the Criminal Justice and Family Law Subcommittee amended two provisions of the bill (HF59) in an attempt to pen "balanced" language for legally complex issues.

First, Rep. Mary Jo McGuire (DFL-Falcon Heights), the bill's chief sponsor, narrowed the bill's effect on public information kept by the Department of Public Safety.

A prior version of the bill would have allowed anyone to shield his or her name from both



DWI

Tougher DWI laws offered

A House Judiciary subcommittee heard contentious testimony March 12 and 17 on legislation that would lower the legal threshold for a drunk driving conviction in Minnesota, among other reforms.

The measure (HF98) authored by Rep. Peggy Leppik (IR-Golden Valley) would lower the legal intoxication level from 0.10 to 0.08 percent blood-alcohol content.

Lowering the legal limit would send a message to people to drink less, said Steve Simon, a University of Minnesota Law School professor and member of the state's task force on repeat DWI offenders. Simon said that his work has shown that the number of automobile fatalities declines with the amount of alcohol consumed.

But opponents said that lowering the limit wouldn't do much good, noting that Simon's own study found that the average blood alcohol percentage among those arrested for DWI was 0.16. Scarce resources ought to be focused on enforcing the laws already on the books, said Dennis Randelin, a Cloquet police officer.

John Berghund of the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association said that the proposal would hurt the industry he represents because casual drinkers might be scared away from a second glass of wine at dinner, for example, even though they would not be impaired by it.

"It's going to affect our business tremendously," said Charlie Hall, a bowling lane owner and representative of a statewide bowling proprietors' association.

But the state Department of Public Safety

supports the legislation, and Robert Mooney of the department's crime lab said that a reliable — although dated — study demonstrates that any blood-alcohol level above 0.04 increases accident rates. Kathy Swanson of the department's Traffic Safety Division said that alcohol content above 0.08 impairs driving skills enough to increase accident rates "exponentially."

The Criminal Justice and Family Law Subcommittee is assembling an omnibus DWI bill (HF900) from seven separate proposals. HF98 was held over for further consideration.



EDUCATION

Funding for school desegregation

Desegregation efforts for school districts in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth would receive major funding increases under a bill sponsored by Rep. Alice Hausman (DFL-St. Paul).

HF866 would provide resources based on needs, Hausman told the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee March 17.

Superintendents from the three school districts said that their communities need additional help from the state to address the needs of their diverse populations.

Minority student enrollment has increased significantly in each of the three cities. For example, minority enrollment in St. Paul has increased from 15.86 percent in 1976 to 45.4 percent during the 1991-1992 school year. And the numbers continue to grow.

"We are getting an average of 30 new Southeast Asian students per month," said Curman

Gaines, superintendent of the St. Paul School District.

Poverty is another issue hitting some districts especially hard. In Minneapolis, 35 percent of the students are from Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) households and only 45 percent of the students come from two-parent homes, John Davis, Minneapolis School District interim superintendent, told division members.

The bill also would:

- more than double the governor's recommended level of funding for integration aid to districts implementing state-mandated desegregation plans. The measure calls for an increase from \$15.8 million per year to \$34.5 million per year. Minneapolis would receive \$17 million each year; St. Paul, \$15 million; and Duluth, \$1.98 million;
- increase the amount of additional funding a district receives for each student on AFDC;
- increase state funding for transportation;
- increase state payments for special education;
- authorize grants of up to \$500,000 per district for districts which have unmet "chapter one" (remedial reading) needs; and
- provide \$400,000 in 1994 and \$7 million in 1995 to develop inter-district school desegregation programs.

Continued discussion of HF866 is expected later this session.

Levy for libraries

Regional public library districts could be established and would be able to levy taxes for library purposes if a bill approved March 18 by the House Education Committee becomes law.

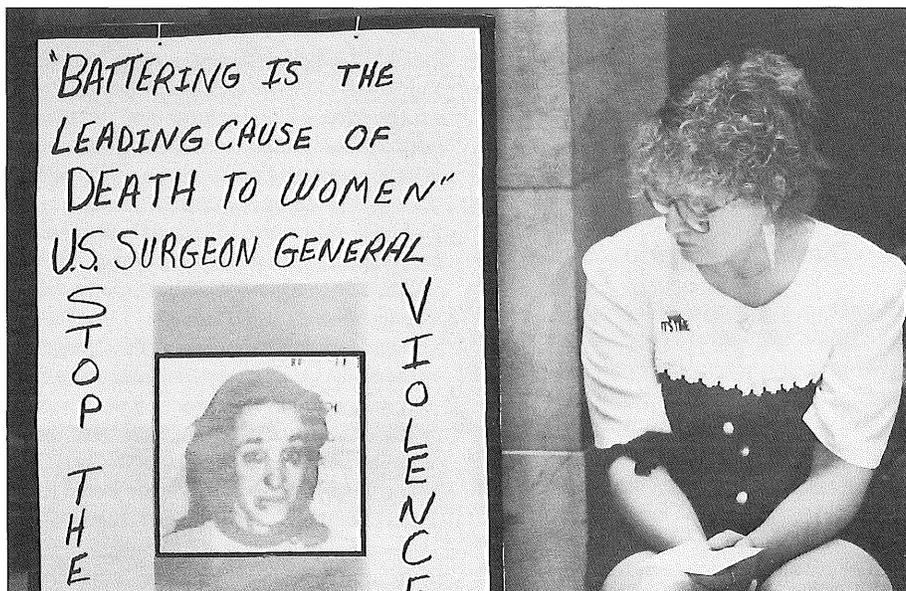
Currently, each city or county participating in a regional public library system must certify the library levy. Because some of the 12 regional public libraries serve numerous cities and counties, the budget process "gets very cumbersome," Rep. Harold Lasley (DFL-Cambridge) told the K-12 Education Finance Division of the Education Committee March 17.

His bill (HF99) would allow a library district to be formed by a majority vote in a region-wide referendum, or if a majority of the area's city councils and county boards approve its formation.

At the same meeting, some legislators questioned the effect of taking the levy authority away from the local level. "I think accountability is lost when you move the accountability away to a larger district," said Rep. Becky Kelso (DFL-Shakopee).

Rep. Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn) said that the counties and towns in her district were working well together on library issues. "I feel this would stifle that cooperation," she said.

Lasley said that he thought only two or three regional library systems would be interested in becoming districts. Federal and state appro-



Sheila Majerle examined a photo of a domestic abuse victim while listening to survivors' testimony during a rally held at the Capitol March 17 by advocates for battered women. A total of 31 women died at the hands of partners, family members, or acquaintances in 1992, according to the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women.

priations for regional public libraries would not be affected by this change.

HF99 was referred to the Taxes Committee.

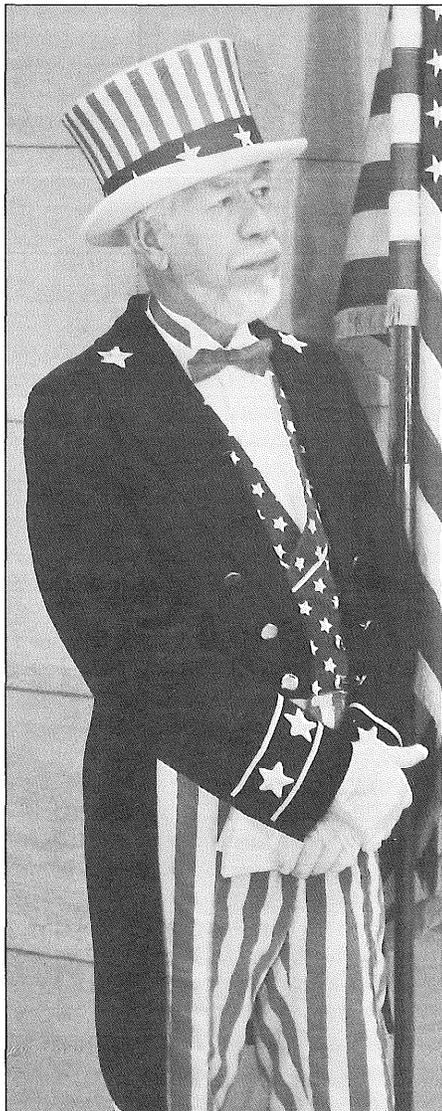


ELECTIONS

Campaign reform bill amended

Lawmakers struck a provision from this year's campaign finance reform bill March 15 that would have increased candidates' public subsidies to combat last minute "independent expenditures."

HF163, authored by Rep. Wally Sparby (DFL-Thief River Falls), would have appropriated \$371,000 for candidates to match money spent within the last 30 days of a campaign by individuals or groups not associated with a candidate. The bill also would have required those



Uncle Sam (Bill LaBissoniere) watched the Freedom of Information Award proceedings prior to speaking before a group in the State Capitol rotunda March 16.

making the expenditures to file a notice with the Ethical Practices Board.

But Rep. Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls) offered an amendment to delete that proposal, citing budget constraints and free speech issues.

Rice said that the notification requirement was in conflict with First Amendment principles. In effect, the proposal said, "If you want to say something, you have to give notice of what you intend to say," explained Rice.

Rep. Don Frerichs (IR-Rochester) replied that current law doesn't allow a candidate to adequately respond to an interest group's targeted efforts, which can involve expenditures of thousands of dollars.

"Where are you going to find that kind of money to fight that kind of an attack three or four or five days before an election?" asked Frerichs. "It just isn't possible."

Rice responded that existing law does have some protection against independent expenditures: complicity with groups or individuals to spend money for a candidate's own benefit is forbidden if the candidate has accepted public financing.

The Ethical Practices Board has requested an additional \$150,000 appropriation just to fulfill its current obligations in enforcing and administering the state's campaign finance laws, Rice added. Rice said the committee needed to first make sure the Legislature wasn't creating a financially "crippled" board before expanding campaign financing laws.

The committee granted the board's funding request, approving an amendment to HF163 that would appropriate \$215,000 for the upcoming biennium. The extra funding would allow the board to hire 2.5 new employees.

HF163 was approved, as amended, by the Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee after hearings March 15 and 16.

The bill now moves to the House Ways and Means Committee.



EMPLOYMENT

Dislocated worker shifts

A proposal to spread funds now earmarked for a dislocated workers program to a broader set of jobs and training programs is generating sharp criticism from some House lawmakers.

The plan, proposed by Gov. Arne Carlson, is included in an omnibus spending bill (HF328) now being presented to House policy committees.

It would take the 0.1 percent wage tax now paid by business owners to the dislocated workers fund and spread it among several new and existing employment services encompassed under an expanded job skills partnership program.

Specifically, the proposal would give at least \$1.4 million yearly for state-sponsored services aiding displaced homemakers and would target at least \$1.1 million annually for a grant program designed to link employers with schools and other non-profit institutions to devise job-specific training courses.

Total spending for the proposed work force investment fund would be \$12.6 million over the next two-year budget cycle, according to the state Department of Jobs and Training.

A House Commerce panel March 17 took no action on the proposal, but members of the International Trade, Technology and Economic Development Division indicated it will be closely scrutinized.

"This is going to be very controversial," said Rep. Bob Milbert (DFL-South St. Paul), recalling the clamor caused by the original legislation authorizing the wage tax surcharge for the dislocated workers fund. "To lose that focus would be a tremendous change in philosophy," he said. "I don't think that's right."

The dislocated workers program was created in 1989 to retrain out-of-work Minnesota residents who are unlikely to find jobs in their former occupation following a plant closing or widescale layoffs in a particular industry.

Displaced homemakers currently can qualify for assistance under the dislocated workers program, but would receive a higher profile under the proposed change, jobs and training officials said.

HF328 now moves to the full Commerce and Economic Development Committee for further consideration.



ENVIRONMENT

Mille Lacs Treaty approved

The House Environment and Natural Resources Committee voted 18-8 to endorse the state's negotiated compromise with the Mille Lacs Ojibwe band March 18.

It was the committee's third hearing on the issue. A marathon Senate hearing on the issue earlier this week ended without a vote, leaving the agreement's fate uncertain.

The agreement would allow the Ojibwe government to regulate its band's fishing on a 6,000 acre area of Mille Lacs Lake (4.5 percent of the lake's total surface), six additional lakes, and on 26 miles of the St. Croix and Rum Rivers. DNR and Ojibwe conservation officers would jointly ensure compliance with the band conservation code and state game and fish laws.

Netting of walleye would be permitted, although band harvesting within the Mille Lacs Treaty Fishing Zone (TFZ) would be limited to

the same average "take" as the rest of the lake (currently 4 pounds per acre.) This rate would allow the Ojibwe to harvest a maximum of 24,000 pounds annually. The Band has proposed to refrain from spearing on Lake Mille Lacs during spawning season, although it does retain the right to do so.

In return for the TFZ, plus 7,500 acres of land and a one-time payment of \$8.6 million, the Mille Lacs Band would relinquish all rights to commercially harvest walleye, big game and timber in the 3-million acre territory the band ceded in 1837.

The Sandy Lake band of Ojibwe was among those testifying against the agreement. The Sandy Lake band — one of 12 other tribes which signed the 1837 treaty — is not included in the agreement.

Assistant Attorney General Scott Strand told legislators that other Minnesota bands which might make similar 1837 treaty claims would have difficulty winning in court. Strand said those bands — with the exception of the Wisconsin Ojibwe — did not occupy the ceded territory, as did the Mille Lacs Ojibwe.

Opponents testified against netting walleye, and said the agreement would result in a loss in tax base and business. Adjacent land owners also object to exclusion from the TFZ. (Riparian owners within the TFZ would be able to fish within the area.)

"We do not want a deal. . . whatever the court decides, we live with," said Bud Grant, representing the Hunting & Angling Club. "We think the citizens of this state are totally against this," Grant said.

Jeff Chaffee, an attorney who represents nine counties in the area, told legislators that the agreement would result in a tax and financial loss to counties when the state buys resorts and lands for the 7,500 acre area.

The agreement contains provisions which would allow riparian and resort owners to sell their property to the state if they follow certain guidelines. Counties would receive in-lieu taxes, and would be reimbursed for land and the value of the timber on the land, according to DNR deputy commissioner Ron Nargang.

The treaty bill, (HF575) sponsored by Rep. Dave Battaglia (DFL-Two Harbors), also would prohibit casinos on any new lands transferred to the band.

The bill now moves to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee.



Dale Hanks, of the Sandy Lake Band of Ojibwe, spoke in opposition to the negotiated agreement with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians during a March 18 Environment and Natural Resources Committee hearing.

High-tech hunting

If you find a black box strapped to a tree in the back 40, it could be evidence of just another wishful deer hunter.

Infrared monitoring — a technology used in advanced weapons and home security systems — has now moved to fields and woods where it is used to track the movement of game.

But Rep. Sidney Pauly (R-Eden Prairie) believes such infrared tracking systems take the challenge out of hunting, and she is sponsoring a bill that would ban their use for hunting.

On March 16, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee approved HF250 and referred it to the House floor.

Hunting catalogs offer readers infrared monitors that "silently detect the body heat of game" and record the exact date and time that animals break infrared light beams.

More advanced models photograph the wild animals, and record the time and date of each photo so hunters can find patterns in animal movements. One company says its system is capable of recording more than "1,000 events so you can map out specific game patterns to make your hours in the field the most productive."

"They hunt when you can't," an ad tells shoppers.

Pauly — a deer hunter herself — said that the monitors have apparently cropped up in the past two years. "I like to hunt," said Pauly. "But is this hunting?"

No U of M coal plant

The University of Minnesota's (U of M) plan to continue burning coal at a renovated steam plant alongside the Mississippi River was rejected by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 16.

The committee approved a bill (HF513) which would ban state agencies from authorizing permits to rebuild the coal facility near downtown Minneapolis. The measure is sponsored by Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls.).

If approved by the Legislature, the measure could force the university to move its steam facility off the riverside location to an alternative site.

The U of M Board of Regents signed a contract in 1992 to rebuild its coal-burning power plant and use a "multi-fuel" boiler, which the university says would provide the flexibility to burn more than two dozen fuels, and allow the co-generation of heat and electricity.

The university considered proposals for a gas-fired facility away from the river, but after a 9-3 Board of Regents vote, signed a contract with Foster Wheeler Power Systems to renovate the river facility. The proposed facility is the largest capital project ever undertaken by the university.

Opponents of the coal facility have said the university did not consider the environmental impact of coal storage and transportation, or heavy metal emissions when it awarded the contract. Additionally, they say, the U of M did not permit a state environmental review of the project until after it had signed a contract with Foster Wheeler.

A university document prepared for the Environment and Natural Resources Committee said "the state constitution prohibits enacting legislation that impairs contracts" — a statement disputed by some legislators who have reviewed the contract.

Minneapolis City Council member Joan Campbell, who testified in favor of HF513, said that \$400 million has already gone into reclaiming the river, and that the city "stands ready to get the plant off the river."

Steve Johnson, river management supervisor

Committee deadlines

April 2 - First committee deadline

For continued consideration, a bill or its companion must have passed through policy committees in the house of origin by this date.

April 16 - Second committee deadline

For continued consideration, a bill must have passed through policy committees in both bodies by this date.

(Finance and revenue bills are exempt from the first and second deadlines.)

in the Department of Natural Resources, said the bill could increase opportunities for riverfront access. "The Mississippi River is no ordinary river," Johnson testified. "In all of the length of the Mississippi River, there is only one waterfall, and it is right there."

Lake Superior water trail

A water trail on the edge of Lake Superior from Park Point in Duluth to the Canadian border would be created for kayakers and canoeists under a measure approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 16.

The measure — which does not seek state funds — would require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop rest areas on existing public lands for campers who would use the water trail.

The DNR would work with other public agencies and private resorts that own land along the lake to create the rest areas, and develop a water trail map designating available rest stops for the water travelers.

Sponsored by Rep. Becky Lourey (DFL-Kerrick), **HF882** also would allow the DNR to accept land donations and easements, as well as public and private funds, for rest area development.

The bill now goes to the House floor for consideration.

LCMR projects approved

Recreational and wildlife enhancement projects totaling \$40.8 million received preliminary approval March 18 from the House Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee.

The 97 programs in the two-year funding package match the recommendations put forward earlier this year by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR), a 16-member panel composed of eight members each from the state House and Senate.

In approving the original LCMR recommendations — which will be included in the omnibus environmental spending legislation now being assembled — the finance committee rejected a move by Gov. Arne Carlson and administration officials to significantly alter the commission's allocations.

"In the 20 years I've been on the LCMR, never once has a governor tried to interfere," said Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth).

New projects comprise slightly more than half — \$21.2 million — of the 1993-95 LCMR proposals, with the remainder aimed at continuing programs begun in previous sessions. The largest single item among the approved proposals is nearly \$6.4 million for new and continuing grants for the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) program.

The proposal also targets about \$17.2 million for improvements at 25 state or regional parks and trails.

LCMR programs are largely funded through a 2-cent per pack tax on cigarettes and from earnings from lottery revenues dedicated to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.



GAMBLING

State of the lottery

The buying frenzy caused by the recent \$59.1 million Powerball prize is helping the Minnesota Lottery meet its financial projections, lottery officials say.

But legislators shouldn't expect lottery contributions to the state to increase because the level of competition for gambling dollars is so high. "We hope to be able to maintain market share," said George Andersen, lottery director.

Andersen defended the state's high payouts, citing a study of two Minnesota lottery games which showed that higher payouts yield higher profits. Minnesota Wildside, with a 66 percent payout, produced \$1.3 million in state profit, while Hibernation Hoopla, with a 70 percent payout, turned a profit of \$1.8 million.

Advertising is also a critical aspect of lottery operations, Andersen told the Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee's State Government Finance Division. A comparison of two games with similar payout showed that

spending an extra \$181,000 in advertising yielded an additional \$510,000 in profits.

But some legislators were concerned that the state's advertising for the lottery was having an adverse effect on compulsive gamblers. Andersen said that the lottery was working on a television commercial that would address the issue of compulsive gambling.

In response to recent criticism from the press, Andersen said that lottery's administrative expenses fell from 13.8 percent of sales in fiscal year 1990 to 11.6 percent in fiscal year 1992.

Forty percent of the lottery profits are dedicated to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, with the remaining 60 percent going to the state's general fund.



GOVERNMENT

Keeping the lid on tax hikes

Voters would have to approve most pay raises for local government employees under the governor's proposed "wage restraint" bill.

Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon), the bill's sponsor, said the bill was in response to the deficit facing the state. "We are either in a layoff environment, a tax environment, or a wage-restraint environment," he said.

The bill would require voter approval if two things happen: the total amount of salaries and benefits of local government employees increase over the previous year's level, and any proposed property tax for 1994 is greater than the 1993 amount.

The bill calls for a uniform statewide referendum date of Sept. 14.

The purpose of the bill is to make sure voters want their taxes increased to pay for increased compensation for public employees, Sviggum told the Education Committee's K-12 Education Finance Division March 7.

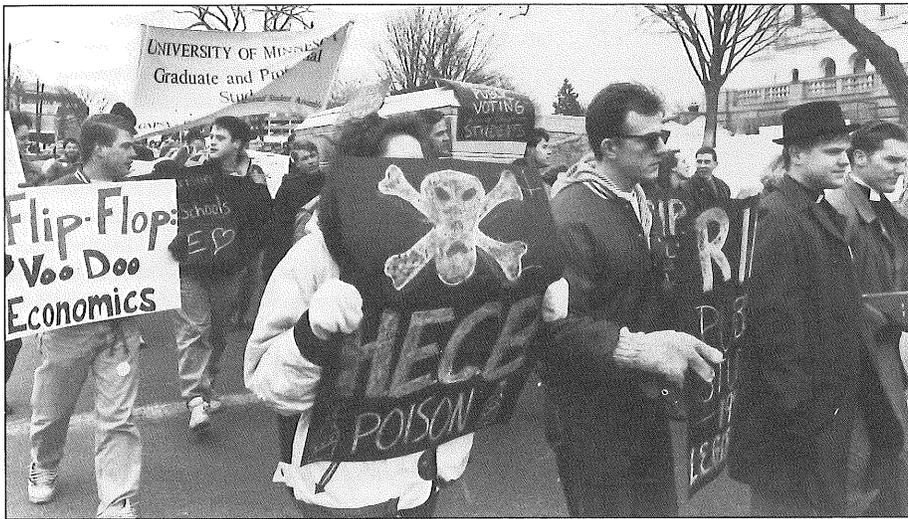
But division members expressed concern that the bill would create serious problems for school districts — and the children they serve — because of the nature of teacher contracts. Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids) said that every school district will have some increase in "total compensation" because the total cost of health insurance benefits will increase. And current negotiated teacher contracts call for step and lane increases — agreements that increase teachers' salaries as they gain seniority (steps) and raise their education levels (lanes).

So, even without a new salary raise, almost every school district would need a referendum to meet their current employee contracts if the bill is passed. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) said that if voters rejected the referendum the result could be layoffs and larger class sizes.

HF234, which would apply to all local government units, was discussed in the division,



George Andersen, director of the Minnesota State Lottery, testified March 17 before the Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee's State Government Finance Division.



A group of University of Minnesota and State University System students held a mock funeral procession, marking "the death of low tuition" outside the State Capitol March 18. State technical college students later rallied against tuition hikes in the Capitol rotunda.

although, technically, it was never referred there. The bill remains before the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee.



HEALTH

Phantom health savings

Cost savings in health care as outlined in Gov. Arne Carlson's proposed budget are not real cost savings, representatives of hospitals and nursing homes argued before the Human Services Finance Division of the Health and Human Services Committee March 17.

Adjustments in nursing home reimbursements rates would mean layoffs of low-wage workers, many of whom might be forced back onto the public assistance rolls, said Mark Thomas, president of the Ebenezer Society in Minneapolis.

Hospitals that are already losing money because of low Medical Assistance reimbursements would have to shift more of the cost of serving the poor onto their insured customers, resulting in higher health insurance rates for everyone, hospital representatives said. And inner-city hospitals such as Hennepin County Medical Center, where only 10 percent of the patients are "private-pay," would need to gather operating funds through higher property taxes.

Hennepin County Commissioner Emily Ann Staples said the medical center would lose an additional \$3 million in state funding in 1994 and \$10 million to \$12 million in 1995, under the governor's proposed budget. Because the hospital does not turn away poor patients, it would have to make up that deficit through local taxes. "Such a property tax increase would be dramatic. The governor surely didn't understand the impact here," Staples said.

There was one commendation for the gover-

nor, however. Roseann Eshbach of the Legal Services Advocacy Project said she was pleased to see that Carlson has revised his budget to remove a \$10,000 limit on in-patient hospital care that had been proposed for General Assistance Medical Care recipients. But she would still like the governor to rethink his decision to bar undocumented aliens from the program.

Budget discussions will continue next week.



HIGHER EDUCATION

U of M pleads its case

The University of Minnesota has been well-steeped in the hard lessons of sacrifice in recent years, even before the term became a political buzzword, according to its president, Nils Hasselmo.

Spending cuts and tuition hikes called for in Gov. Arne Carlson's budget proposal would push the university too far, damaging its mission as a teaching and research institution, Hasselmo told the Higher Education Finance Division March 15.

"I believe very firmly that the state's investment in the University of Minnesota has paid very handsome dividends," he said. "At this time we need a breather."

In the 1991-93 biennium, the university did more than its share of sacrifice. Asking for no increased funding, the institution only requested protection from cuts.

The university's budget, however, was cut by \$43 million, prompting hikes in tuition, a one-year salary freeze, and elimination of 1,000 jobs. Still, the university kept to its ambitious reallocation program begun in 1991.

The governor's proposal would disrupt the course of that reallocation plan, and the university's beneficial effect on the state through

its research and economic development activities would be dramatically diminished, Hasselmo said.

The governor's supplemental budget eased the more harsh tuition hikes envisioned earlier this year, but tuition would still increase by about 11 percent over the next biennium.

The gradual withdrawal of state support for more than half a dozen "practitioner-oriented" graduate programs, including nursing, social work, and business administration, would likely destroy or seriously damage them, Hasselmo said.

The testimony will be considered when the panel begins deciding on its proposed budget.

Student aid plan questioned

Gov. Arne Carlson is selling his higher education plan as benefiting lower income students, but two top State University System officials say it will have the opposite effect.

"The clear winners would be students at higher income levels," Mike Lopez, the system's vice chancellor, told the Education Committee's Higher Education Finance Division March 12.

The driving philosophy behind the governor's budget, administration officials have told the panel on several occasions, is redirecting state dollars to students instead of institutions. The goal of that philosophy is to guarantee greater access to higher education to deserving students from lower income levels.

But the proposal's specifics fail two critical tests, said Terrence MacTaggart, chancellor of the State University System.

"It doesn't make it clear that the money will actually go to poorer students, and it doesn't make clear that it won't damage those who don't qualify [for financial aid]," MacTaggart said.

Right now, state grants to university students tend to favor students from upper income families, Lopez told the panel. The State University System's analysis of the governor's proposal "would amplify that trend."

At the same time, students in the State University System are being asked to pay a greater share of their instructional costs through tuition, while the state's share of support has declined. The governor's plan also continues that trend.

The testimony was part of the panel's lengthy budget-setting process.

Teacher pool grows

Minnesota universities are turning out 40 percent more teachers than they did 10 years ago, even while the demand for teachers dwindles, according to a study by the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

Only 40 percent of Minnesota's teachers who graduate from college now are able to find full-

time jobs—a drop from 60 percent a decade ago.

There now are 102,000 licensed teachers in Minnesota, and only 52,000 of them are teaching. And the number of teachers graduating from the state's colleges grows by some 3,800 annually.

Despite the gap, state universities, which produce more than half of Minnesota's new teachers, increased their number of graduates by nearly 60 percent in the past decade.

The rate for private colleges grew by 47 percent between 1981 and 1991. University of Minnesota graduates in teacher education rate fell 10 percent during the decade.

Jobs are particularly hard to land in elementary education, where there are three times as many licensed teachers as there are jobs. The Minnesota Department of Education projects that only about 100 new elementary teaching positions will be created between now and 1995. Minnesota schools districts will eliminate nearly 250 elementary education jobs annually between 1995 and 2000.

Placement rates are even lower for graduates in social studies and physical education, where only 25 percent of the graduates are able to obtain full-time jobs in their field.

(The study found no significant differences in overall teacher placement rates for public and private colleges.)

Joel Alter, program evaluator who led the study, told the Education Committee March 16 that he is encouraged by public university plans to reduce enrollments over the next five years. But the proposals are modest in comparison with the number of jobs available, he said.

University plans to reduce admissions vary. Mankato State University has agreed to reduce enrollments by 20 percent over the next five years, while the University of Minnesota's Duluth campus has lifted enrollment caps in its teacher education programs.

The report recommends reducing teaching enrollments, reducing the number of teacher education programs, and better employment information for students—a recommendation endorsed by a number of committee members.

"In Europe, there is a penalty for preparing people for jobs that aren't there," said Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids). "It's absolutely wrong [to send students into a field] in which you have a 40 percent chance of getting a job."

The study addresses the entire higher education system in the state, including community colleges and technical colleges. (See *Session Weekly*, March 5, 1993, p. 11.)



Roger Brooks, left, and Joel Alter, right, of the Legislative Auditor's Office, delivered a report on the state's higher education programs to the House Education Committee March 16.



HOUSING

Tenants' rights strengthened

A bill strengthening tenants' rights by requiring landlords to disclose certain information and provide tenants with copies of written leases before eviction was approved by the Housing Committee March 17.

The bill (HF531) was scaled back considerably from the original version presented by Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul) two weeks ago. That proposal was criticized by committee members who thought the requirements and penalties assigned to landlords were too burdensome.

The bill approved March 17 includes the following provisions:

- Before tenants could be evicted, they would have to be given a copy of a written lease. However, a landlord would not have to provide a copy of the lease if the tenant was being evicted for nonpayment of rent or malicious destruction of property. Dawkins' original proposal required the landlord to give each tenant a written copy of the lease within five days after the tenant signed it.
- Landlords would need to disclose to tenants and prospective tenants any impending contract for deed cancellation or mortgage foreclosure, unless the new building owner agrees to honor existing leases following foreclosure. Landlords argued that the requirement could spell certain doom for a financially shaky building, but tenants' advocates said renters needed protection from moving into a building they would soon be forced out of

through no fault of their own.

- Landlords would have to give tenants and prospective tenants copies of housing code violations or condemnation orders, if the violations were not fixed within the time allotted by housing inspectors. The bill would require disclosure only to the tenants whose units were affected by the violation, or to all tenants if the violation was in a common area.
- Tenant screening services, which provide prospective landlords with information about risky tenants, would need to make timely disclosures to a tenant seeking information in his or her file. Services cannot list unlawful detainer actions against a tenant unless they accurately record the disposition of the case.
- Apartment caretakers would be included among those defined as tenants, giving them some protection from being evicted without warning.

An approved amendment offered by Rep. Darlene Luther (DFL-Brooklyn Park) would require all owners of buildings with 12 or more units to provide their tenants with written leases. Presently, many landlords have only oral agreements with their tenants. There would be no penalty for landlords who do not comply.

HF531 was referred to the Judiciary Committee for further consideration.

Transitional housing funds

Transitional housing could receive double the funding recommended by Gov. Arne Carlson under a bill approved by the Housing Committee March 15.

Transitional housing is regarded as a positive alternative to long stays in homeless shelters because a stable residence allows people to concentrate on the issues that led to their homelessness, supporters say. These issues might include finding employment, dealing with chemical dependency, or recovering from an abusive relationship. Homeless families or individuals are allowed to live in transitional housing for up to two years, during which time they pay 25 percent of their income as rent.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Kay Brown (DFL-Northfield), said the existing transitional housing program has already demonstrated some success, with employment among last year's participants doubling from 8 percent upon entrance to the program to 16 percent upon exit. Forty-three percent of participants moved directly from transitional housing into independent permanent housing.

HF538 allocates \$880,000 for the 1994-95 biennium to cover the operating costs of transitional housing. The allocation would be in addition to \$840,000 that Gov. Arne Carlson already has recommended for transitional housing in 1994-95. The funds are administered by the Department of Jobs and Training and grants are distributed to programs throughout the state.

Going easy on heirs

An elderly Iron Range woman who inherited her mother's home was distressed to learn that she would have to pay the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency \$4,000 for a furnace her mother purchased with a housing rehabilitation loan nine years earlier.

The heir contacted Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia), inspiring her representative to sponsor **HF278**. The bill would reduce the amount of a rehabilitation loan that an heir has to repay.

In the case of Rukavina's constituent, if the mother had lived just one more year, the loan would have been forgiven. That's because housing rehabilitation loans to low- and moderate-income people don't have to be repaid if the borrower continues to own and live in the fixed-up property for 10 years after the date of the loan.

Rukavina said a carpenter he knows discourages older people from taking out rehabilitation loans to make needed repairs because of the burden that may be placed on their heirs. "Heirs shouldn't have to pay \$4,000 for a 10-year-old furnace," Rukavina said.

If passed into law, the bill would reduce the heir's loan responsibility by the amount that the original borrower would have already repaid had regular payments been required. It would be effective for borrowers who die on or after, July 1, 1991.

When Rep. Kay Brown (DFL-Northfield) objected to making the law retroactive, Rukavina said, "It's no secret the intent of this bill is to help my constituent." A proposed amendment by Brown to delete the retroactive date failed.

Legislators who favored the bill cited other cases in which heirs were saddled with loans they couldn't afford to repay. But Bev Turner of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency said that arrangements can be worked out in hardship cases, and objected that the new law would place a burden on the agency because it changes contracts already in force.

Turner estimated that forgiving the loans of deceased borrowers could cost the agency as much as \$150,000 a year, which would reduce the number of new rehabilitation loans that could be offered.

The Housing Committee approved **HF278** March 15 and referred it to the Health and Human Services Committee.



HUMAN SERVICES

Food for kids

The federal Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program has had demonstrable success in preventing early childhood health care expenses. The program provides coupons for specific nutritional grocery items — such as baby formula, juice, and cereal — each month to at-risk pregnant women and their young children. Yet, because of limited federal funding, only 40 percent of Minnesotans eligible for the WIC program are being served.

Under a bill (**HF789**) approved by the Health and Human Services Committee March 18, the state would provide an additional \$43 million in funding to the WIC program in 1994-95 so that all eligible Minnesotans can be served. The present annual Minnesota contribution to WIC is \$890,000, or just 2 percent of the total program funding.

Before the vote, Rep. Tony Onnen (IR-Cokato) asked whether the bill was necessary, given that President Clinton was trying to expand funding on the federal level. Luanne Nyberg, director of the Children's Defense Fund of Minnesota, said the federal expansion wouldn't occur for at least three years, and meanwhile some Minnesota children would not get adequate nutrition for proper brain development.

"There are kids in our state now who will be in our schools without all their brain cells," she warned.

HF789, sponsored by Rep. Bob Anderson (DFL-Ottertail), was referred to the Health and Housing Finance Division of the Health and Human Services Committee.

Halting food stamp abuse

It would be harder to commit food stamp fraud under a bill approved by the Health and Human Services Committee March 18.

Rep. Bill Macklin (IR-Lakeville) sponsored **HF621** to address problems exposed by a television news investigation, which found some food stamp recipients selling their federally issued food stamps for 50 cents on the dollar inside a county services building. The bill would make food stamp fraud a crime against the state that could be punished by imprisonment and fines. It would also allow police officers or welfare fraud investigators to confiscate food stamps from unauthorized persons.

But a major cost-saving section of the measure, which had been one of Gov. Arne Carlson's budget initiatives, was deleted before approval. That section was designed to save about \$400,000 a year in duplicate issuance of assistance checks that had already been fraudulently cashed.

As originally written, the bill would have

reduced the validity period of welfare checks from 60 days to seven. Duplicates for checks reported stolen or missing would then not be made until nine days after the date of the original check, making it impossible to cash the original check after a duplicate had been issued.

Opponents argued that the nine-day waiting period would create an undue hardship on innocent victims of theft, whose rent and utility bills would still be due at the beginning of the month.

After that provision was deleted, **HF621** was approved and referred to the Judiciary Committee for further consideration.

Helping AFDC families

A bill that could make it possible for teens in families receiving public assistance to save the wages they earn for college was approved by the Health and Human Services Committee March 18.

HF714 would require the state commissioner of the Department of Human Services to seek a federal waiver to exclude teenage students' income when considering the family's eligibility for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). Those teenagers' savings also would be excluded from AFDC resource limits. Presently, a teenager's savings account must be spent down before the family is eligible for AFDC.

Another provision in the bill would require the commissioner to seek a federal waiver in order to raise the maximum equity value of a car that AFDC recipients are allowed to have from \$1,500 to \$4,500. This change is requested "because of the need of AFDC recipients for reliable transportation to participate in education, work, and training to become economically self-sufficient," the bill says.

HF714 is sponsored by Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul). Upon approval, the measure was referred to the Human Services Finance Division of the Health and Human Services Committee.

Work for welfare concept revived

Unemployed parents in two-parent families receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) may be required to work at least 16 hours a week, under a bill approved by the Health and Human Services Committee March 16.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Gary Worke (IR-Waseca), said the new law is necessary in order for the state to comply with federal requirements. **HF532** not only meets family's economic needs but, with its emphasis on employment and training, helps children learn to become responsible adults, he said.

Under the proposed Community Work Experience Program (CWEP), the unemployed

parent could be required to work up to as many hours a week as it takes to "earn" their AFDC grants if they were being paid the prevailing minimum wage. Unemployed parents under age 25 without a high school diploma would be required to enroll in an educational program in lieu of the work experience. Exceptions to these requirements would only be made for good cause.

Opponents to the measure argued that the work requirement doesn't help recipients learn any marketable skill, and that it is unnecessary to teach basic work skills because those defined as "unemployed parents" already have work experience.

To alleviate government workers' concerns about being displaced by AFDC recipients, Rep. Edwina Garcia (DFL-Richfield) offered an amendment stipulating that county boards must obtain written approval of the job duties assigned to CWEP workers from representatives of the appropriate government employee bargaining units. The amendment was approved, in spite of Worke's objection that the unions' failure to concur might keep the state from meeting the federal work component requirement.

The bill also would require AFDC recipients to try to sell any property valued at over \$1,000 and to reimburse the county for overpayment of public assistance when the recipient is able to sell the property. If the family does not make a good faith effort to sell the property, it must repay any "overpayment" of its assistance grant on the basis of the property's fair market value. Families would be allowed to keep their homes and any motor vehicle whose value does not exceed \$1,500.

HF532 was approved by the Health and Human Services Committee March 15 and referred to the Judiciary Committee.



LABOR

Refund bill gains

Lawmakers are hoping a monetary carrot, rather than a stick, will convince workers' compensation insurers to return most of a \$402 million premium refund to Minnesota businesses.

A bipartisan proposal (HF187) approved March 15 by the Labor-Management Relations Committee would give insurers up to 5 percent of the windfall for their administrative costs in exchange for splitting the remainder among their policyholders. Any unreturned money would revert to the Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association fund (WCRA), a move that supporters said reduces the insurers' motivation to challenge the measure in court.

"Either way, they [the insurance companies] are not going to get the money," said Rep. Alan Welle (DFL-Willmar). "It either stays with

WCRA or it goes back to the people who paid the premiums.

At least one large insurance company already has pledged to spread the refund among its policyholders, Welle said.

HF187 would use the annual statements insurers file with the state Department of Commerce to determine the refund share for individual businesses.

The bill, which now moves to the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, also gives the Department of Commerce broad powers to ensure the refund gets to businesses. These include the authority to levy fines of \$2,000 a day and to suspend the operating licenses of insurers for failure to comply promptly.

"It puts the onus back on the insurers to return the money and not on the Legislature [by] passing some law that somehow is going to push this thing into court," Welle said. "Our objective is get the money back to employers. This is a way to do it."



LAW

Gay/lesbian rights bill approved

Gays and lesbians would be protected from discrimination under state law as a result of a bill that was given final approval on a 78-55 vote in the House March 18. The bill passed after amendments outlining what the measure would not do were added during the three-hour debate.

The proposal, sponsored by Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls), would add "sexual or affectional orientation" — or the perception of that status — to the Minnesota Human Rights Act. The bill would make it illegal to discriminate in employment, housing, or access to public accommodations, credit, or education.

"This bill is not about behavior," said Clark. "It's about what some of us happen to be."

She added that Minnesota has witnessed "a clear pattern of loss of opportunity" among homosexuals.

Although Clark said her proposal contained "language that should put people at ease" — including exemptions for religious organizations — she accepted amendments that detailed further exemptions to the law, as well as provisions of any unintended effects.

Amendments to the bill included:

- clarification that pedophilia is not covered by the definition of "sexual orientation;"
- clarification that nothing in the bill would affect the state's criminal laws;
- a statement that the bill should not be interpreted as requiring public schools to promote homosexuality;
- an exemption for religious organizations that discriminate in hiring for their religious activities; and

- an exemption for nonpublic institutions whose primary purpose is to serve children (such as the Boy Scouts or 4-H Clubs).

However, many opponents remained unsatisfied.

Rep. Tony Onnen (IR-Cokato) said that he thought the bill would promote preferences for gays and lesbians. "We are giving them special rights at the expense of someone else," he said.

And House Minority Leader Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) said that adding another group to the Human Rights Act was itself a form of discrimination. "The passage of this bill shows that discrimination is alive and well in Minnesota," he said.

But Rep. Kathleen Blatz (IR-Bloomington) said she had researched similar measures in seven other states and found no instances of "special privileges" being granted to homosexuals because of anti-discrimination laws. Blatz said she had challenged opponents of HF585 to show her how the bill would create preferences for gays and lesbians, and that she had not been given any evidence.

Blatz voted against a similar bill in 1991, but said she regretted her decision. "I voted my fears of what might be," she said.

The additions to the bill will now have to be reconciled with the Senate's version, which received preliminary approval on March 18.

Protecting the disabled

The new federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) means sweeping changes in how disabled people are protected from discrimination. It may also mean changes in Minnesota's human rights law.

A bill (HF588) sponsored by Rep. Tom Pugh (DFL-South St. Paul) would bring state law in compliance with the ADA and give people with disabilities greater protection from employers who refuse to hire them because of their impairments.

In one sense, Pugh told the Civil Law Subcommittee March 17, his bill doesn't do anything new — it restores state law that was effectively struck down in a landmark Minnesota Supreme Court case. That case effectively allows discrimination against employees who receive workers' compensation benefits following an injury.

Along with affording new protection against discrimination, Pugh's bill also allows disabled people to have a trial by jury in civil cases, rather than simply before a judge.

Attorneys representing businesses objected to the bill's expanded protection. Larry Ulrich of the Minnesota Employment Law Council said Minnesota already provides sufficient protection against discrimination. The bill would lead to more lawsuits and higher damage awards which would unnecessarily harm employers, he told the panel.

David Beaulieu, commissioner of the state Department of Human Rights, said the Carlson administration supports the bill because it brings the state into compliance with the ADA. Advocates for the disabled, along with attorneys specializing in discrimination law, also backed the bill.

The subcommittee was scheduled to hear more testimony on the bill March 19.

Surety bonds grounded

The constitutionality of Minnesota providing financial aid to an ailing Northwest Airlines has never been put on trial, mostly because the courts wouldn't rule on the matter unless a Bloomington couple challenging the deal posted a \$30 million bond.

A bill (HF747) sponsored by Rep. Howard Orenstein (DFL-St. Paul) would prohibit those bond requirements should such a case arise in the future. The measure was approved by the Judiciary Committee's Civil Law Subcommittee March 12.

Orenstein said the bond requirement effectively shut off access to the courts in the case, which had raised a half dozen constitutional issues. His bill would require courts to rule on those questions before requiring surety bonds.

The bonds can now be required in non-constitutional cases against agencies to prevent lawsuits from being used to delay public works projects. It was "extremely unusual" for the Minnesota Supreme Court to require the Bloomington couple, Earl and Carolyn Pike, to post those bonds without ruling on the constitutional issues they had raised, Orenstein said.

The 1991 Legislature approved \$350 million in bonds as part of a \$620 million financial aid package to the airline for the building of two aircraft maintenance facilities in Hibbing and Duluth. The Pikes represented a group of citizens who questioned the loan, claiming it had no public benefit.

In their suit against the state and the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), the Pikes were ordered by the court to post the bonds before the case could proceed, a decision ultimately backed by the state's high court. The state argued successfully that the bonds were needed because of potential financial damages caused by the litigation delay.

Orenstein, an opponent of the Northwest deal, told that panel that after the MAC, legislative, and executive branch decisions, the couple was left with no recourse after access to the courts was denied.

"I just think the result of that was fundamentally unfair," said Orenstein.

The bill's next step is the full Judiciary Committee.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Trading cars for sex

State law would be expanded to include prostitution among the offenses for which a citizen could be forced to forfeit his or her automobile under a bill approved March 16 by a House subcommittee.

Last week, Rep. Richard Jefferson (DFL-Mpls) presented a bill (HF72) that would have allowed cities to pass ordinances imposing forfeiture for the gross misdemeanor offense. But members of the Subcommittee on Local Government Relations asked Jefferson to rewrite the bill to add the provision to state law, instead of authorizing individual cities to pass their own conflicting ordinances.

The revised version of HF72 was praised as a bill that would make inner-city neighborhoods safer for women and girls who are now harassed by johns in search of a prostitute. When a similar ordinance was in effect in St. Paul, the city confiscated 100 vehicles used by johns in a four-block area in six months, said St. Paul City Councilman Bill Wilson. A ruling last year that the St. Paul ordinance was unconstitutional is what requires the passage of a state law, say proponents of the measure.

HF72 would allow city attorneys to be responsible for handling the forfeitures, remov-



Mary Petersson, Rochester city councilmember, and other members of the League of Minnesota Cities gathered March 18 in the State Capitol rotunda. The League's Legislative Lobby Day was spent sharing the concerns of cities with area representatives and legislative leadership.

ing that burden from the state. The bill was weakened somewhat in that only motor vehicles used to commit the offense would be subject to forfeiture. In Jefferson's original proposal, a vehicle used to transport a solicitor to the site of the solicitation (a car parked outside a bar, for example) could be subject to forfeiture.

Rep. Teresa Lynch (IR-Andover) said she was concerned that people seeking prostitutes might find some way around the law, by parking a distance away, for instance.

The bill now moves to the full Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

Reorganizing the Met Council

The governmental body that represents more than half the people in the state of Minnesota needs to be reorganized and streamlined, many in the Legislature agree. But they don't agree on just how.

That's why five different bills have been drafted this session to reorganize the Metropolitan Council, an agency with a 17-member board appointed by the governor that does long-range policy planning for the metropolitan area.

The Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee met in Stillwater March 15 to hear public reaction to the proposed metropolitan government reform.

The five proposals (HF641, HF959, HF1053, HF1090, and HF1188) differ in terms of how they would restructure both the Metropolitan Council board and the various commissions that now advise or are overseen by the Metropolitan Council, such as the Metropolitan Transit Commission, the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission, and the Metropolitan Airports Commission.

Debate among witnesses and legislators March 15 centered on whether an elected body or an appointed body would be better able to set parochial concerns aside and keep the interests of the whole metropolitan region in mind.

Rep. Myron Orfield (DFL-Mpls), the sponsor of HF641, pointed out that the Metropolitan Council spends \$500 million to \$600 million a year and levies almost \$100 million in property taxes. "Shouldn't an organization that has that large a budget be an elected body?" he asked witnesses, most of whom belonged to local government units.

Steve Loeding, chair of the Dakota County Board, did not think so. He pointed out that each member of an elected Metropolitan Council board would represent 125,000 people, or about four times as many as each state House member represents. Loeding feared that an elected board would assume the position of "a controlling authority" and would be less cooperative than the present council.

Another witness, Tom Mahwold of Minneapolis, favored an elected board. "You have the Metropolitan Transit Commission, which is

appointed by the RTB (Regional Transit Board), which is appointed by the Met Council, which is appointed by the governor. So by the time you get down to transit planning funding and administration, you have a very select group of people who are basically appointed by one person — the governor," he said.

By the end of the hearing, the witnesses had offered more reorganization strategies than are contained in the five bills now before the Legislature. Three of those bills were heard by three subcommittees of the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee March 18, and all will be the subject of continuing debate before the committee.



TOURISM

Limiting recreation liability

The costs of operating campgrounds, resorts, and other recreational areas will continue to skyrocket unless a law further defining "participant responsibility" is passed, according to Minnesota tourism and hospitality officials.

HF887, sponsored by Rep. Kris Hasskamp (DFL-Crosby), is similar to the proposed 1993 ski safety act (HF163). Both proposals aim to relieve recreational areas from the threat of personal injury lawsuits and "help assure the continued availability. . . of enterprises that offer recreational activities to the public."

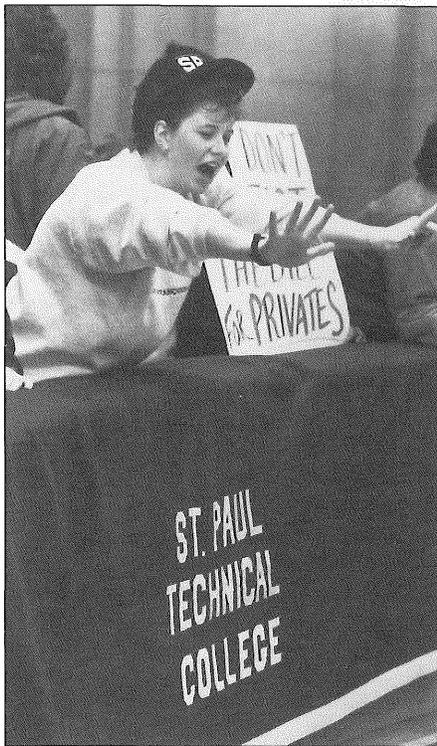
The bill, approved March 17 by the Commerce and Economic Development Committee's Tourism and Small Business Division, would place increased responsibility on individuals to "assume the inherent risks" of recreational activities. Under the bill, this would include "any activity undertaken for exercise, relaxation, or pleasure," such as picnicking, exploring caves, nature study, or bird watching, as well as hunting, fishing, and camping.

However, Logan Foreman of the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association worried that the measure would only discourage tourism in Minnesota. He told division members that the bill would place a burdensome "primary assumption of risk" on an individual, and would remove any possibility for claims of negligence against a resort, ski area, or other recreational area.

By approving HF887, Foreman argued, vacationers in Minnesota would have little hope of financial recovery should they be injured while participating in any activity.

Foreman also pointed out that the prohibitive costs involved in running a recreation area are caused by high insurance rates, and not by litigation costs.

Hasskamp amended the bill to ask the Department of Commerce to annually examine



Rachel Fischer, a St. Paul Technical College student, voiced her opposition to any tuition increase during a March 19 rally of technical college students in the Capitol rotunda.

liability insurance rates. The provision also would authorize the commissioner to order a "reasonable competitive rate" where rates are found to be excessive.

Hasskamp also said she does not wish to take away the responsibility of recreation areas to provide safe facilities, adding that she wanted to simply "clarify some of the intent of self-responsibility."

HF887 now moves to the full Commerce and Economic Development Committee for further consideration.



TRANSPORTATION

Gas tax debated

A possible 5-cent per gallon increase in the state's gas tax is receiving solid support from county officials, construction workers, and others who contend Minnesota roads will deteriorate severely without it.

"Transportation cannot operate in a crisis mode," said Jim Mulder, executive director of the Association of Minnesota Counties. "We can't wait two years and then pass a gas tax and expect to do all of the things people want done. It takes planning, long-range thinking, and it takes a lot of resources to make roads happen," Mulder told the House Transportation and Transit Committee March 12. His is the latest in a

diverse chorus of public and private interests pressing lawmakers in recent weeks to raise the gasoline tax from the present 20-cent-per-gallon rate.

Although House DFLers have not adopted a formal position, a bipartisan coalition in the state Senate is showing signs of supporting the 5-cent gas tax.

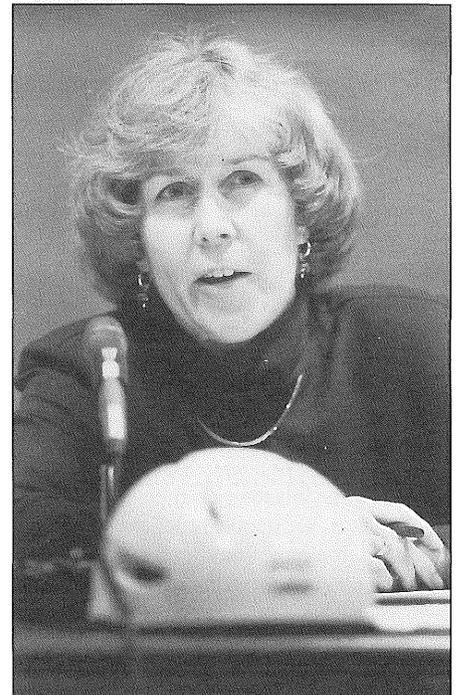
But the proposal has strong opponents, including Gov. Arne Carlson, who have vowed to not raise taxes. Carlson has said an increase in the state gas tax — on top of an expected federal energy tax increase — would be too much for the average Minnesotan to take.

Mulder urged legislators to actively challenge Carlson's opposition this year, telling them that "the last good opportunity for our gas tax [in Minnesota] may be this session."

Road workers also testified that a gas tax hike would revive currently shelved projects and resurrect hundreds of jobs in an industry experiencing high levels of unemployment.

"Those aren't jobs flipping burgers," said Richard Thomas of Ames Construction Inc. in Burnsville. "These people earn \$15-\$20 an hour with good benefits. These are the kind of jobs you can support a family on."

That prompted a response by Rep. Eileen Tompkins (R-Apple Valley), who said proponents have not adequately made a case that state roads are in bad condition. "We are all concerned about unemployment, but we don't build roads just to keep people in jobs, we build them because we need them."



Ann McKinsey recounted her experience of being struck from behind by a truck while bicycling on a North Carolina highway for members of the Transportation and Transit Committee March 17. She testified in favor of a mandatory helmet law for bicycling minors (HF515).



A drive to honor POWs

A bill saluting Minnesota prisoners of war by giving them special license plates at no charge won approval from the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee March 15.

In sobering, often chilling testimony in support of the bill (HF327), veteran Richard Carroll of Eagan, who was held prisoner during World War II, described the horrific experiences of American soldiers captured in recent wars.

There are now about 800 ex-POWs in Minnesota, Carroll told the panel. The vast majority served in combat during World War II, and their average age is 72.

Former POWs already are allowed to buy special license plates at regular fees, said Rep. Kris Hasskamp (DFL-Crosby), the bill's author. Her bill would eliminate all passenger vehicle license costs (tabs, plates, and registration fees) for those veterans.

"These people have served our country in a very special way," Hasskamp told the panel. Waiving the license fees is a modest way of saying "thanks."

HF327 now moves to the State Government Finance Division of the Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee for consideration.



A false alarm forced employees and visitors of the State Office Building into the cold on St. Patrick's Day. But security officers informed members March 18 that, unfortunately, false fire alarms are common occurrences within the buildings they patrol.

William Lunz, director of Capitol Security, said that his office was forced to respond to 86 false alarms last year, tripped by anything from burnt popcorn to cigarette smoke. The regularity of the false alarms could be dangerous when real fires happen, commented Rep. Don Frerichs (IR-Rochester). "People don't pay attention to the doggone things," explained Frerichs, referring to the recent false alarm.

Lunz noted that there were 12 actual fires in the Capitol complex in 1992. He added that Capitol Security has been asking the Department of Administration for a new alarm system.

Never one to miss a chance to plug his hometown, Rep. Roger Cooper (DFL-Bird Island) said one of the duties of the Metropolitan Council is to develop light rail transit — whose western terminus would, of course, be Bird Island.

"Where did you say the northern terminus would be?" asked Rep. Irv Anderson (DFL-Int'l Falls), at a meeting of the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee March 15 at Stillwater.

"International Falls, Mr. Chair," Cooper replied.

Never mind that Rep. Howard Orenstein's bill, HF747, was related to the lawsuit fighting a 1991 state financial aid deal to Northwest Airlines (see story, page 15).

The St. Paul DFLer couldn't resist adding a bit of new terminology to the lifeless language associated with parliamentary procedure. Presenting the bill to the Civil Law Subcommittee March 12, he said: "I move that HF747 be cleared for takeoff!"

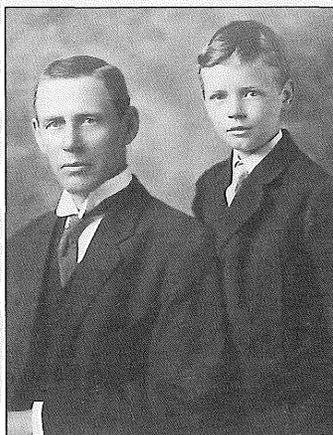
It's a fact!

Charles A. Lindbergh State Park near Little Falls, Minn., is not named for the famous transatlantic soloist.

It's named after his dad.

Charles Sr., born Charles August Mansson, came to the United States from Sweden as an infant in 1859. At the age of 20, he attended Grove Lake Academy, an intensive all-male school where course work "lasted from nine in the morning until nine at night" according to Bruce Larson in *Lindbergh of Minnesota*. Students lived in dorms and were identified by number rather than name. Tuition was \$6 per week.

Lindbergh later attended law school at the University of Michigan, and then opened a practice in Little Falls. There, in 1901, he built a "handsome" three-story house just north of where



Charles Lindbergh, Sr., and son Charles, Jr.

the Pike Creek flows into the Mississippi River.

The house, full of red oak paneling, fireplaces, and even a third-floor billiard room, burned to the ground Aug. 6, 1905. One theory has it that a maid started the fire by overturning a lamp while curling her hair. The house was then replaced by a smaller one-and-a-half-story structure that remains today within the state park's borders.

The elder Lindbergh went on to become a Minnesota congressman, serving from 1906-1916, famous for his reformist views and opposition to American involvement in World War I.

After his death on May 24, 1924, in Crookston, Minn., his ashes were scattered over the family homestead from a plane flown by his son, Charles Jr.

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Brown a strong voice for rural housing, transportation

Rep. Kay Brown (DFL-Northfield) has been active in state DFL politics since she moved to Northfield in 1984. So when 20-year House veteran Robert Vanasek decided last year to join the Minnesota High Technology Council, Brown jumped at the opportunity to run for the vacant seat.



Rep. Kay Brown

"Life has been good to me. . . . Now I'd like to give something back," she said.

Originally from South Dakota where she served as vice president of development at Yankton College, Brown has been a high school teacher and a small-business owner. She also served for seven years as the executive director of the Northfield Arts Guild, where she managed the organization through a restructuring period, steered a renovation effort of the guild's office building, and watched the membership level rise to nearly 600.

She's also been active in the League of Women Voters and the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, and has served on the Rice County DFL Central Committee.

Yet her path to the Legislature was no cakewalk. She bested three other candidates for

the DFL endorsement and then survived a primary battle before winning last November by 1,300 votes.

Despite her own accomplishments, it's hard to read up on Brown without stumbling upon the name of Robert Vanasek, former speaker of the House and 20-year representative for northern Rice and Le Sueur counties — Brown's new constituents.

"Each member of the Legislature comes as a unique representative from their district," Brown says. "I do intend to call on Bob Vanasek — as his representative."

Brown both admires and respects Vanasek's service to the area, particularly "his ability to see both sides of an issue." That ability to compromise is something Brown hopes will serve her and her new constituents well.

District 25A stretches from Northfield to Le Center, and includes both Carleton and St. Olaf colleges and the Green Giant plant in Montgomery — divergent interests that can prove tough to balance.

Brown said she'll focus specifically on the problems that touch all of them: rural transportation and affordable housing.

As a current partner in D.H. Gustafson and Kay Brown Associates, a consulting firm which creates affordable housing for low and moderate income families, the latter is a policy area she

knows well. Already she's proposed new legislative solutions.

One bill (HF538) would mark \$880,000 in transitional housing grants. The grants would provide homeless individuals or families with housing and support services for up to two years. (See story, page 12.)

Another proposal (HF246) would lift a restriction in current law that could result in more funding for late-activity buses for school districts. It's just one example of the transportation needs of rural areas, she said.

No matter what the issue, staying in touch with her constituents is something Brown says is essential to being an effective legislator.

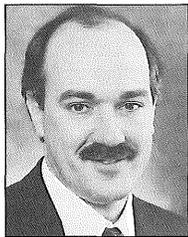
—John Tschida

District 25A

Population: 32,603
Distribution: 56 percent of residents live in urban areas, 44 percent rural
Counties: Dakota, Scott, Rice, LeSueur
Largest city: Northfield
Location: southern Minnesota
1992 presidential election results:
 Clinton/Gore: 47.4 percent
 Bush/Quayle: 27.8 percent
 Perot/Stockdale: 24.1 percent
 Other: 0.7 percent

Rookie lawmaker Tomassoni inks two-year deal

Jack Kemp. Bill Bradley. Mo Udall. Even Gerald Ford successfully made the jump into the electoral arena after hanging up his sports jersey for good.



Rep. David Tomassoni

Add Rep. David Tomassoni to the list of former athletes who've turned to politics. A high school and collegiate standout, and later a defenseman in the Italian hockey leagues,

Tomassoni is perhaps the first former Olympian to gain a seat in the Legislature since Wendell Anderson came to the state Capitol in 1962.

But what makes Tomassoni's athletic career a bit unique is that he played for the Italian Olympic squad in 1984 — not Team USA.

Tomassoni, 40, also had a National Hockey League tryout with the New York Rangers after graduating from Denver University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. Returning to Minnesota for good in 1990 with his wife, Charlotte, two sons, Dante and Danny, and daughter, Chauntell, he set up shop as an insurance broker and also filled in as an assistant coach for the Chisholm High School hockey team.

One would suspect his on-ice renown — particularly in the puck-happy Iron Range cities of Hibbing and Chisholm — gave him a leg up on the competition for the District 5B seat.

But it was an unsuccessful run for a county commissioner's post four years earlier that Tomassoni credits for allowing him to emerge from a crowded primary field last September and to roll to an easy win in November.

"The '88 race gave me some important name recognition," he said. "That was my first taste of politics. I didn't win but I liked what I got involved in. I can't tell you exactly why we won this time — we ran a real issued-oriented campaign and it just worked."

Because of the overwhelming impact tacite mining plays in the lives of his constituents, Tomassoni said revitalizing the often-beleaguered industry will be among his chief legislative concerns.

"The focus has to be to save what [jobs] we have and try to find something else" and plan for the future, he said. "We have to figure out how to compete worldwide."

Tomassoni said he expects to make some tough decisions as he and his colleagues work to get the state's balance sheet back in order. He said the task has been aided by a talented caucus

staff, and his new constituents giving him time to grow into the job.

Past experiences also have taught him how to roll with the punches, explore alternative methods to achieve a goal, and to just relax when the situation warrants.

"I was over there [in Italy] for 16 seasons and in that time they made 16 different rules for foreign players," he said. "There were 16 different regular season formats and 16 different playoff formats."

"I never knew which team I could play on from season to season, so I signed 16 separate one-year contracts. This is my first two-year contract ever."

—Dave Price

District 5B

Population: 32,467
Distribution: 100 percent of residents live in rural areas *
County: St. Louis
Largest city: Hibbing
Location: northeastern Minnesota
1992 presidential election results:
 Clinton/Gore: 61.2 percent
 Bush/Quayle: 18.6 percent
 Perot/Stockdale: 19.6 percent
 Other: 0.6 percent

* U.S. Census definition

Committee, Floor & Final Action

How a bill becomes a law in Minnesota

The bill status tracking sheets are designed to give you the latest information on bill action during the week preceding each issue (Thursday, 2:30 p.m. to Thursday, 2:30 p.m.). Since it is impossible to provide a cumulative list of all bill action due to space limitations, we urge you to save each issue of the *Session Weekly* and mark the bills you want to follow.

The bill status tracking sheets provide you with the bills under current consideration, their chief authors, and titles to indicate content. They are organized first by committee or division; then, numerically by House File number. Most bills have companions in both the House and the Senate.

If certain bills are not listed during a particular week, it means that no further action has been taken on them.

Abbreviations are used throughout the bill tracking sheets to save space. Though they may seem baffling at first, a glance at the key which appears at the top of each page can quickly remedy the problem. The boldfaced terms in this introduction appear as column headings on the bill tracking sheets.

The major section headings on the bill tracking sheets are divided into three stages that parallel the lawmaking process, namely: **committee** action, **floor** action, and **final** action.

Committee action

Under committee action, bills are **introduced** in written form and **referred** to an appropriate committee for consideration. A bill on farming, for example, would most likely be sent to the Agriculture Committee. Each committee chair decides which bills will be taken up during the session.

The committee or division holds hearings and discussions on the bill, and then sends a **committee report** citing the committee's recommendation for action to the floor of the House (or Senate). Typical actions include "recommended to pass

(rp)," "recommended to pass as amended (rpa)," "not recommended to pass (nrp)," and "**re-referred** (re) to another committee or division."

Floor action

When the committee report reaches the floor, the full body debates the bill and considers amendments. All legislators then **vote** on the bill in its final form. **Final passage** requires at least 68 "yes" votes in the House; 34 in the Senate.

Since companion bills are processed through both bodies concurrently, there comes a point where the House and Senate must agree on the bill. Therefore, the first body to pass a bill sends it to the other body for a **first reading** where the bill is **substituted** for its companion and replaces it in the process.

If the bills the House and Senate pass differ, either the first body agrees to accept the second body's version, or a **conference committee** is appointed to work out the differences. Typically, either three or five members of each body are named to such committees.

Once the conference committee reaches a compromise, the bill is sent back to the full House and the full Senate for approval. Sometimes the bill differs from the ones members in each body approved. But if both bodies **concur and repass** the bill, it is given a **chapter number** and sent on to the **governor** for action — approval or disapproval.

Final action

If the governor disapproves or vetoes (v) the bill, it cannot become law unless two-thirds of the members in both the House and the Senate vote to override the veto. If the governor approves or **signs** the bill, it becomes law.

Copies of bills are available through the Chief Clerk's Office, 211 State Capitol, St. Paul, MN 55155, (612) 296-2314.

Committee/Division Abbreviations

AG	AGRICULTURE
AGR	AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT
CA	CAPITAL INVESTMENT
CCP	COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION
GED	COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CED/itt	International Trade, Technology & Economic Development Division
CED/t	Tourism & Small Business Division
CP	CRIME PREVENTION
CP/cpf	Crime Prevention Finance Division
ECF	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE
ED	EDUCATION
ED/ed	Education Division
ED/edf	K-12 Education Finance Division
ED/hif	Higher Education Finance Division
EN	ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
EN/f	Environment & Natural Resources Finance Division
ENF	ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE
ET	ETHICS
ETC	ETHICS & CAMPAIGN REFORM
FA	FAMILY SERVICES
FN	FINANCE
FN/sg	State Government Division
FI	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
GA	GAMING REGULATION
GL	GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS
GOR	GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & REFORM
GO	GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING
GO/sgf	State Government Finance Division
HC	HEALTH CARE
HC/f	Health Care & Family Services Finance Div.
HH	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
HH/hhf	Health & Housing Finance Division
HH/hsf	Human Services Finance Division
HO	HOUSING
JEC	JOBS, ENERGY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JEC/f	Jobs, Energy & Community Development Finance Division
JU	JUDICIARY
JU/jf	Judiciary Finance Division
LA	LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
LG	LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
MLG	METROPOLITAN & LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MLG/t	Metropolitan and Local Government Tax Div.
RI	REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY
RA	RULES & ADMINISTRATION
RU	RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION
TA	TAXES
TT	TAXES & TAX LAWS
TPT	TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC TRANSIT
TR	TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT
TR/f	Transportation & Public Transit Finance Div.
VG	VETERANS & GENERAL LEGISLATION
WM	WAYS & MEANS

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		AGRICULTURE										
HF0608	Mosel	Nurseries—stock	2/25 AG	AG	3/15 rpa							
SF0708	Morse	certificate exemption allowed	3/4 AGR	AGR	3/18 rpa	re EN						
HF0661	Wenzel	Dairy prices—	3/1 AG	AG	3/15 rpa	re ENF						
SF0730	Sams	fair trade practices act	3/8 AGR									
		CAPITAL INVESTMENT										
HF0218	Stanius	Capital budget—	2/9 CA	CA	3/18 h†							
SF0182	Johnson, D.E.	governor's proposal	2/1 FN									
HF0261	Cooper	School accessibility	2/9 CA	CA	3/16 —	re ED						
SF0381	Beckman	bonding authorized	2/18 ED									
		COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT										
HF0280	Rukavina	Disabled persons—job opportunity	2/11 CED	CED	3/18 rp	re GO						
SF0559	Novak	grant program established	3/1 JEC									
HF0399	Opatz	Unclaimed property—state	2/18 CED	CED	3/16 rpa							
SF0578	Wiener	reporting requirements changed	3/1 CCP	CCP	3/15 rpa							
HF0454	Clark	DTED—annual reports on job	2/18 CED	CED	3/18 rp							
SF0932	Runbeck	creation efforts required	3/15 JEC									
HF0550	Osthoff	Job Skills Partnership Board—	2/22 CED	CED	3/18 rp	re GO						
SF0610	Riveness	education official added	3/1 JEC									
HF0554	Carruthers	Roofers—licensing, testing	2/22 CED	CED	3/16 rpa							
SFnone		standards established										
HF0643	Luther	Cosmetologists, estheticians	3/4 CED	CED	3/16 rpa							
SF0809	Belanger	regulated under statute	3/11 CCP									
HF0654	Perit	Secretary of State—	3/1 CED	CED	3/16 rp							
SF0704	Finn	housekeeping bill	3/4 JU									
HF0806	Rodosovich	Smoking in non-smoking hotel rooms	3/4 CED	CED	3/18 rpa							
SF0666	Finn	made petty misdemeanor	3/4 CCP									
		Int'l. Trade, Tech. & Ec. Dev. Division COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT										
HF0316	Rukavina	Iron mine facilities—	2/11 EN	CED	3/17 rp	re CED						
SF0487	Janezich	salable condition required	2/25 EN									
HF0328	Frerichs	Economic development agencies—	2/15 ECF	CED/itt	3/17 rpa	re CED						
SF0188	Runbeck	omnibus funding bill	2/1 JEC									
HF0835	Luther	Concentrated residential area	3/4 CED	CED/itt	3/17 rp	re CED						
SFnone		action program established										
		Tourism & Small Business Division COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT										
HF0887	Hasskamp	Recreational activities—	3/8 JU	CED/t	3/17 rpa	re CED						
SF0719	Stumpf	participant responsibility defined	3/8 JU									
		ECONOMIC DEV., INFRASTRUCTURE, & REGULATION FINANCE										
HF0163	Sparby	Campaign reforms—	2/9 GL	ECF	3/16 rpa	re WM						
SF0152	Luther	rules modified, limits set	1/28 ETC									
		EDUCATION										
HF0099	Lasley	Regional public library	1/25 LG	ED	3/18 rp	re TA						
SF0124	Stumpf	districts—authorized to create	1/28 ED									
HF0315	Seagren	School instruction hours—	2/11 ED	ED	3/18 h	re ED/edf						
SF0367	Belanger	flexibility allowed	2/18 ED									
HF0322	Ness	Career counseling developed—	2/11 ED	ED	3/18 h	re ED/hif						
SF0503	Beckman	postsecondary systems	2/25 ED									
HF0571	Greiling	School board member—	2/25 ED	ED	3/18 rp							
SF0511	Morse	district employment regulated	2/25 ED									
HF0894	Bertram	Cold Spring schools—	3/8 ED	ED	3/18 h†							
SF0770	Bertram	Rocori name retained	3/8 ED									
		K-12 Education Finance Division EDUCATION										
HF0107	Kelso	ECFE—funding change	1/25 ED	ED/edf	3/15 h							
SF0066	Mondale		1/25 ED									

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HF0114	Steensma	Chandler/Slayton schools—	1/25 ED	ED/edf	3/12 ht						
SF0435	Vickerman	cooperation year set	2/22 ED								
HF0276	Peterson	Joint Powers District No. 6011—	2/11 ED	ED/edf	3/12 ht						
SFnone		revenue exemptions allowed									
HF0362	Davids	Preston/Harmony schools—	2/15 ED	ED/edf	3/12 ht						
SF0318	Benson, D.	referendum alternative allowed	2/15 ED	ED	3/12 ht						
HF0389	Jennings	Reorganization debt levy—	2/15 ED	ED/edf	3/12 h						
SF0260	Johnson, J.B.	allowed	2/11 ED	ED	3/12 h,ot						
HF0536	Steensma	Lake Benton/Verdi schools—	2/22 ED	ED/edf	3/12 ht						
SF0806	Lesewski	levy dissolution	3/11 ED								
HF0545	Girard	Echo schools—	2/22 ED	ED/edf	3/12 ht						
SF0999	Lesewski	referendum authorized	3/18 ED								
HF0839	Winter	Slayton school district—	3/4 ED	ED/edf	3/12†						
SF0927	Vickerman	general education exemption	3/15 ED								
HF0886	Hausman	Education K-12 Finance—	3/8 ED	ED/edf	3/17 h						
SF0841	Ranum	finances modified	3/11 ED								
		ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES									
HF0095	Lourey	Willow River schools—	1/25	EN	3/16 rp						
SF0081	Chmielewski	land sale authorized	1/25 EN								
HF0250	Pauly	Hunting—	2/9 EN	EN	3/16 rp						
SF0987	Terwilliger	infrared monitoring prohibited	3/15 EN								
HF0333	Steensma	Southwest regional water system	2/15 LG	EN	3/16 rp	re GO/sgf					
SF0355	Vickerman	study—funded	2/18 JEC								
HF0390	Jennings	Solid waste sales tax—	2/15 EN	EN	3/16 rp	re ENF					
SF0870	Lessard	funds appropriated	3/11 EN								
HF0421*	Wenzel	Lindbergh State Park—	2/18 EN	EN	3/2 rp		3/11	131-0	3/15		
SF0347	Samuelson	lands added	2/18 EN								
HF0513	Kahn	Coal-fired steamheating—	2/22 EN	EN	3/16 rpa						
SF0963	Johnson, J.B.	prohibited in certain areas	3/15 EN								
HF0546	Walman	Dorer Hardwood Forest—	2/22 EN	EN	3/2 rpa		3/15	130-0			
SFnone		motor sports prohibited									
HF0575	Battaglia	Mille Lacs Chippewa	2/25 EN	EN	3/18 h						
SF0220	Morse	treaty agreement—ratified	2/9 EN	EN	3/16 ht						
HF0582	Welle	Sibley State Park—	2/25 EN	EN	3/16 rp	re ENF					
SF0523	Johnson, D.E.	bond issue for land	2/25 EN								
HF0607	Johnson, A.	Hunting by disabled—	2/25 EN	EN	3/16 rp						
SF0483	Merriam	crossbow allowed for big game	2/25 EN								
HF0699	Pauly	Mineral leasing and research—	3/1 EN	EN	3/16 rp						
SF0848	Janezich	changes provided	3/11 EN								
HF0882	Lourey	Lake Superior water trail—	3/8 EN	EN	3/16 rpa						
SF0712	Solon	authorized	3/8 EN								
		FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE									
HF0296*	Bertram	Credit unions—	2/11 FI	FI	2/24 rpa		3/15	80-53	3/18		
SF0276	Chandler	investment powers redefined	2/11 CCP	CCP	3/4 rpa						
HF0639	Asch	Medicare insurance—	2/25 FI	FI	3/17 rpa						
SFnone		technical revisions									
HF0640	Huntley	Property insurance—technical	2/25 FI	FI	3/17 rpa						
SF0948	Oliver	changes in state-required plan	3/15 CCP								
		GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS									
HF0232	Solberg	National Guard—counterdrug	2/9 GL	GL	3/15 rpa						
SFnone		activities compact ratified									
HF0233	Solberg	National Guard—governor's	2/9 GL	GL	3/15 rpa						
SF0331	Lesewski	authority clarified	2/15 VG	VG	3/11 rpa						
HF0327	Hasskamp	License plates—fees	2/15 GL	GL	3/15 rpa	re TR					
SF0088	Samuelson	exempted for POW's	1/25 TPT								
HF0509	Delmont	Election laws—	2/22 GL	GL	3/15 rpa						
SF0567	Marty	technical corrections	3/1 ETC	ETC	3/8 rpa						
HF0516	Opatz	Election results—minimum	2/22 GL	GL	3/15 rpa						
SF0270	Cohen	vote requirement decreased	2/11 ETC								

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		GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING		GO								
HF0122	Bertram, Jeff	Video lottery machines—	1/26 GL	GO	3/16 h,at							
SF0164	Bertram, Joe	legalized, regulated	2/1 GA									
HF0167	Bauerly	Development—capital account for	2/1 CED	GO	3/18 rpa	re JU						
SF0338	Johnson, J.B.	small business loans recreated	2/15 JEC									
HF0506	Johnson, B.	Department of Employee Relations—	2/22 GO	GO	3/18 h							
SF0211	Chandler	training pilot projects allowed	2/9 GOR									
HF0667	Haukoos	Volunteer firefighter relief associations—	3/1 GO	GO	3/18 rpa							
SF0587	Larson	nonprofit registration simplified	3/1 GOR									
HF0889	Krueger	Trade and Economic Development—	3/8 GO	GO	3/18 rpa							
SF0916	Metzen	duties clarified	3/15 JEC									
HF1023	Johnson, A.	Blind Council, Consumer Advisory	3/11 GO	GO	3/18 rpa							
SF0913	Larson	Council—renamed, modified	3/15 JEC									
		HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES										
HF0142	Anderson, R.	Nursing assistant evaluation program—	1/28 HH	HH	2/23 rp		3/4	133-0				
SF0119*	Sams	certain options modified	1/28 HC	HC	2/11 rp		2/25	62-0	3/1			3/10 (5)
HF0203*	Kelley	Medical practitioner licensing—	2/1 HH	HH	3/4 rpa		3/15	133-0	3/18			
SF0094	Piper	requirements modified	1/25 HC	HC	2/25 rpa							
HF0226	Cooper	Ambulance service mandatory for	2/9 HH	HH	3/9 rpa		3/15	131-0	3/18			
SF0319	Vickerman	health maintenance organizations	2/15 HC									
HF0236	Welle	Nursing facility intra-family	2/9 HH	HH	3/16 rpa	re HH/hsf						
SF0230	Johnson, D.E.	sales allowed for upon owner's death	2/9 HC									
HF0407	Brown, K.	Rice County facilities exempted	2/18 HH	HH	3/16 rp	re HH/hsf						
SF0540	Neuville	from group housing bed moratorium	2/25 HC									
HF0408	Van Dellen	Child support provisions,	2/18 HH	HH	3/16 rpa	re JU						
SF0296	Knutson	birth certificates modified	2/15 FA									
HF0436	Greenfield	Medical Assistance— hospital	2/18 HH	HH	3/16 rp	re WM						
SF0282	Berlin	reimbursement rate modified	2/11 HC	FN	3/11 rpa		3/18	67-0				
HF0532	Worke	AFDC eligibility modified;	2/22 HH	HH	3/16 rpa	re JU						
SF0399	Stevens	work experience program created	2/18 FA									
HF0611	Greenfield	Children's mental health fund,	2/25 HH	HH	3/16 rpa	re ED						
SF0377	Berlin	service system created	2/8 HC	ED	3/18 rpa	re GOR						
HF0621	Macklin	Food stamp fraud criminalized;	2/25 HH	HH	3/18 rpa	re JU						
SF0450	Runbeck	other welfare fraud penalties set	2/22 FA	FA	3/18 rpa	re CP						
HF0714	Dawkins	AFDC waiver sought exempting	3/1 HH	HH	3/18 rpa	reHH/hsf						
SF0661	Piper	minor schoolchildrens' wages	3/4 FA									
HF0778	Kinkel	MinnesotaCare regional boards to	3/4 HH	HH	3/18 rpa	reHH/hsf						
SF0831	Sams	include members from each county	3/11 HC									
HF0789	Anderson, R.	Women, infants, children—	3/4 HH	HH	3/18 rp	reHH/hhf						
SF0735	Pogemiller	nutritional program funding increased	3/8 FA									
HF0828	Orenstein	Chiropractic services provided	3/4 HH	HH	3/18 rp							
SF0699	Sams	utilization review procedures	3/4 HC									
		HOUSING										
HF0278	Rukavina	Housing rehab loan repayment	2/11 HO	HO	3/15 rpa	re HH						
SF0488	Janezich	modified for heirs of borrowers	2/25 JEC									
HF0481	Rest	Northwest Hennepin Human Services	2/22 HO	HO	3/17 rpa	re HH						
SF0443	Reichgott	Council given demonstration grant	2/22 JEC									
HF0481	Rest	Northwest Hennepin Human Services	2/22 HO	HO	3/17 rpa	re HH						
SF0443	Reichgott	Council given demonstration grant	2/22 JEC									
HF0531	Dawkins	Tenants—written leases provided;	2/22 HO	HO	3/17 rpa	re JU						
SF0415	Anderson	landlord disclosures required	2/22 JU									
HF0538	Brown, K.	Transitional housing programs	2/22 HO	HO	3/15 rp	re HH						
SF0514	Anderson	appropriated more money	2/25 JEC									
		JUDICIARY										
HF0045	Bishop	Durable power of attorney	1/14 JU	JU	3/8 rpa		3/11	130-0				
SF0040*	Reichgott	for health care established	1/14 JU	CP	2/18 rpa		3/4	53-10	3/8†			
HF0047	Dawkins	Real estate law—	1/14 JU	JU	2/22 rpa†		3/4	132-0				
SF0048*	Betzold	miscellaneous changes	1/19 JU	JU	2/9 rpa		2/25	62-0	3/1		3/8	3/12 (6)

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†HF0122-1/28 GL reGO
†HF0167-recalled from floor; reGO

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HF0208	Bishop	Human rights—protection for the disabled expanded	2/1 JU	JU	3/15 rpa†						
SF0859	Cohen		3/11 JU								
HF0216	Wejcman	Human rights violations—statute of limitations expanded	2/9 JU	JU	3/15 rpa†	re HH					
SF0057	Marty		1/21 JU	RA	3/11 rp						
HF0251	Skoglund	Child neglect—definition expanded	2/9 JU	JU	3/15 rpa						
SF0288	Ranum	to include failure to provide education	2/15 CP								
HF0264	Johnson, R.	Protective services expanded—children living with perpetrators of child abuse	2/9 JU	JU	3/15 rp						
SF0234	Finn		2/9 CP	JU	3/8 rp						
HF0341*	Pugh	Business Corporation Act—amended	2/15 JU	JU	3/1 rp		3/11	130-0	3/18		
SF0265	Finn		2/11 JU	JU	3/11 rpa						
HF0499	Wejcman	Child support—execution, garnishment effective until judgment satisfied	2/22 JU	JU	3/15 rpa†						
SF0384	Berglin		2/18 JU								
HF0577	Sloglund	Restitution payments through the revenue recapture act	2/25 JU	JU	3/15 rpa†	re TA					
SF0321	Ranum		2/15 CP								
HF0591	Dawkins	Uniform conciliation court law	2/25 JU	JU	3/15 rpa†						
SF0532	Finn		2/25 JU								
HF0592	Pugh	Homestead exemption capped for credit repayment	2/25 JU	JU	3/15 rpa†						
SF0576	Spear		3/1 JU								
		LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS									
HF0187	Welle	Workers' Comp—reinsurance fund surplus distribution ordered	2/1 LA	LA	3/15 rpa	re FI					
SF0176	Moe		2/1 JEC	CCP	3/8 rpa						
HF0678	Sarna	Labor—quality management pilot program established	3/1 LA	LA	3/15 rp	re JU/f					
SF0731	Metzen		3/8 JEC								
HF0700	Farrell	Railroads—employee job priority status assured after mergers	3/1 LA	LA	3/15 rpa						
SF0654	Riveness		3/4 GOR								
		REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY									
HF0295	Jacobs	Energy—utility cost rate adjustments authorized	2/11 RI	RI	3/15 rpa						
SF0424	Chmielewski		2/22 JEC								
HF0522*	Rukavina	Utilities—property easements requirements clarified	2/22 RI	RI	3/1 rpa		3/11	130-0	3/15		
SF0405	Solon		2/18 JEC								
HF0820	Jacobs	Energy—district heating loan program repealed	3/4 RI	RI	3/15 ht						
SF1018	Novak		3/18 JEC								
HF0821	Jacobs	Energy—public facilities group removed from conservation plan	3/4 RI	RI	3/15 ht						
SFnone											
HF0822	Jacobs	Energy—conservation investment loan guidelines changed	3/4 RI	RI	3/15 h,a†						
SF0974	Johnson, J.B.		3/15 JEC								
HF0823	Pelowski	Energy—Pipeline Safety Advisory Council made permanent	3/4 RI	RI	3/15 ht						
SF0921	Novak		3/15 TPT								
HF0824	Pelowski	Energy—excavation procedures near pipelines modified	3/4 RI	RI	3/15 rpa						
SF0701	Novak		3/4 JEC								
HF0832	Jacobs	Energy—utility needs forecast requirements modified	3/4 RI	RI	3/15 ht						
SF0973	Johnson, J.B.		3/15 JEC								
HF0834	Jacobs	Energy—conservation analysis rules for state agency eased	3/4 RI	RI	3/15 rpa	re GO					
SF0788	Finn		3/8 JEC								
		TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT									
HF0057	Murphy	School bus regulations clarified	1/19 TR	TR	3/17 rp						
SF0497	Murphy		2/25 TPT	TPT	3/11 rpa	Re RU					
HF0515	Wejcman	Bicycle helmets—required for children under 18	2/22 TR	TR	3/17 h,a						
SF0660	Flynn		3/4 TPT								
HF0658	Wejcman	Handicapped transit permits—penalties	3/1 TR	TR	3/17 rpa	re JU					
SF0563	Vickerman		3/1 TPT								
HF0659	Wejcman	Handicapped parking permits—emergency, temporary issuance	3/1 TR	TR	3/17 h,a						
SF0561	Flynn		3/1 TPT								
		WAYS & MEANS									
HF0427	Winter	Taxes—omnibus technical corrections	2/18 TA	WM	3/15 rp						
SF0585	Pappas		3/1 TT								
HF0442	Rodosovich	Higher Education Coordinating Board—deficiency appropriation	2/18 ED	WM	3/4 rp		3/15	132-0			
SFnone											

JU
†HF0208-a in committee and subcommittee
†SF0057-2/18 JU rpa re RA

†HF0216, 0499, 0577, 0591, 0592-a in subcommittee
†SF0040-3/8 amended on House floor
†SF0234-2/18 CP rpa re JU

RI
†HF0820, 0821, 0822, 0832-incorporated into
HF0834

†HF0823-rolled
†HF0833-laid over

Bill Introductions

HF1030-HF1288

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HF1030—Bertram (DFL)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Firearms; right to keep and bear arms not abridged and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1031—Limmer (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Firearms; right to keep and bear arms not abridged and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1032—Olson, E. (DFL)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Firearms; right to keep and bear arms not abridged and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1033—Girard (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Firearms; right to keep and bear arms not abridged and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1034—Sparby (DFL)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Firearms; right to keep and bear arms not abridged and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1035—Winter (DFL)
Judiciary
Security guards allowed to request identification from persons on guarded premises and provided drivers' license and motor vehicle registration data.

HF1036—Asch (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Human services interpretive guidelines provided, vulnerable adult maltreatment prevention and data practices studied, and license applicant investigations clarified.

HF1037—Knickerbocker (IR)
Commerce & Economic Development
Mortgage payment services regulated, license and bond required, and fees imposed.

HF1038—Jefferson (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Welfare reform legislative commission established to study welfare and public assistance policy and legislation.

HF1039—Garcia (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Auctioneers exempted from additional city and town license and bond requirements.

HF1040—Opatz (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Insurance service contracts regulated.

HF1041—Kalis (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Police civil service commissions provided name striking authority after a one-year period.

HF1042—Farrell (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Child support administration, computation, and enforcement provisions modified and penalties imposed.

HF1043—Beard (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Building codes to include state facilities licensed as a hospital, nursing home, supervised living facility, or correctional facility; building inspector duties and fee provisions modified; and money appropriated.

HF1044—Krueger (DFL)
Education
Financial accounting and reporting option provided to school districts.

HF1045—Battaglia (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Timber sales regulated, permit approval limit increased, and permit modification provided for natural cause damages.

HF1046—Jennings (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Day training and habilitation facility employees provided a cost-of-living salary adjustment.

HF1047—Anderson, I. (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Bear guide nonresident license abolished.

HF1048—Jacobs (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Utility rate change subsequent conservation improvement plan requirement abolished and time limit and procedures modified, complaint hearings regulated, and utility affiliated interest modified.

HF1049—Jacobs (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Municipal utilities and cooperative electric associations to comply with electrical current or voltage standards.

HF1050—Jacobs (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Electric power generating plant classification based on primary fuel source for certificate of need process.

HF1051—Jacobs (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Municipalities required to submit a service right petition before furnishing electric service while eminent domain proceedings are pending to acquire property of an electric utility.

HF1052—Frerichs (IR)
Transportation & Transit
High-speed rail phase-II study required for rail service in the tri-state southern corridor, and money appropriated.

HF1053—Carruthers (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Twin cities metro established as a public corporation and political subdivision; Metropolitan Council and metropolitan boards, commissions, and authorities eliminated; and Metropolitan Airports Commission oversight provided.

HF1054—Pugh (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Essential employees and peace officers provided separate bargaining units upon request of either group.

HF1055—Gutknecht (IR)
Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections
Local uniform election procedures provided.

HF1056—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Public retirement plans provided increased contribution rates and benefit computation formulas, and first class city teacher plans authorized formula increased.

HF1057—Dawkins (DFL)
Taxes
Local government aid and other payment deductions provided for political subdivision debt repayment.

HF1058—Wejcman (DFL)
Housing
Renters property tax refund restricted if tenant owes rent and recovery allowed under parole leases, rent certificate obligation modified, and penalties imposed.

HF1059—Steenma (DFL)
Agriculture
Pesticide surcharge exemption provided for pesticide sanitizers and disinfectants.

HF1060—Mosel (DFL)
Agriculture
Rural finance authority loan programs provided technical eligibility changes.

HF1061—Winter (DFL)
Agriculture
Apiary law modified for exotic strain management.

HF1062—Trimble (DFL)
Agriculture
Hazardous substance labeling act repealed.

HF1063—Trimble (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Currency exchange license renewal application submission dates changed.

HF1064—Anderson, R. (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing home bed moratorium exception provided.

HF1065—Steenma (DFL)
Agriculture
Household goods storage and bond requirements provided for general merchandise storage warehouses.

HF1066—Steenma (DFL)
Agriculture
Hay and straw standards law repealed.

HF1067—McGuire (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Off-road recreational vehicle operation and registration regulated, recreational use plan required, fees and penalties provided, and money appropriated.

HF1068—Bettermann (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Aquatic farms, quarantine facilities, and private fish hatcheries regulated.

HF1069—Jennings (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation benefits and permanent total disability regulated, and certain supplementary benefits and lump-sum payments eliminated.

HF1070—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Mental illness definition modified, case manager qualification exemption extended, specialized residential treatment service requirements modified, and residential treatment funding allowed additional flexibility.

HF1071—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing home bed moratorium provisions modified.

HF1072—Lourey (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Mental health unlicensed practitioner provisions modified, and hearing instrument sellers regulated, enforcement provisions established, and penalties provided.

HF1073—Clark (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Medical assistance coverage expanded to include nutritional supplementation products.

HF1074—Brown, C. (DFL)
Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections
Candidacy affidavit filing date publication and posting requirements provided.

HF1075—Kelley (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Mortality review projects authorized, data access provided, information collected, created, or maintained disclosure limited, and penalties provided.

HF1076—Onnen (IR)
Health & Human Services
Nursing facility property-related payment rate and reimbursement modified, lengths of stay defined, certified audit of financial statements eliminated, and inflation adjustments provided.

HF1077—Farrell (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Sports facilities provided use agreement conditions.

HF1078—Farrell (DFL)
Judiciary
Motor vehicle or drivers' license data release prohibited for commercial purposes.

HF1079—Workman (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Firearms; right to keep and bear arms not abridged and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1080—Delmont (DFL)
Judiciary
Fire marshal notified of fires involving death, arson victims autopsied, and subpoena power extended to arson investigations.

HF1081—Asch (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Collection agencies and credit services organizations regulated and prohibited actions expanded.

HF1082—Erhardt (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Recreational property owners allowed to vote on bonding and property tax questions and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1083—Erhardt (IR)
Taxes
Homestead property tax application filing requirements modified.

HF1084—Erhardt (IR)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Caller identification services authorized by telephone companies.

HF1085—Erhardt (IR)
Taxes
Assessments not to include value of improvement made to certain homestead property 40 years old or older.

HF1086—Erhardt (IR)
Education
School year allowed to begin before Labor Day.

HF1087—Erhardt (IR)
Education
General education revenue reduction formula modified for large fund balances and allocation provided to the transportation and community services funds.

HF1088—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
County, city, school district, and state employees authorized purchase of up to five years of allowable service credit under certain conditions, and money appropriated.

HF1089—Knickerbocker (IR)
Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections
Hennepin County park reserve district provided redistricting date.

HF1090—Pugh (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Metropolitan Council made an elective body; transit, parks and open space, and waste control commissions and Regional Transit Board eliminated; and transportation advisory board review provided of transit assistance and contracts.

HF1091—Delmont (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Notaries public appointment and powers modified and penalties provided.

HF1092—Munger (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Oil and hazardous substance discharges provided a single corporate prevention and response plan, pipeline petroleum discharge notices required, penalties imposed, and money appropriated.

HF1093—Winter (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Title insurance act adopted.

HF1094—Stanius (IR)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
NAIC model regulation reporting requirements enacted for business with certain unauthorized multiple employer welfare arrangements; insurance company fees, data collection, coverages, notice provisions, and enforcement provisions modified.

HF1095—Stanius (IR)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
NAIC model legislation enacted; insurance company investments, assets and liabilities, and annual statements regulated; insurance guaranty association procedures modified; and holding company dividends and other distributions regulated.

HF1096—Stanius (IR)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Financial institution deposits, rates and charges, enforcement provisions, and insurance premium finance license regulated.

HF1097—Stanius (IR)
Health & Human Services
Medical program eligibility prohibited as an insurance underwriting guideline, penalty and interest abatement provided, hospital payment rate changed, homestead provisions clarified, long-term care services period ineligibility modified.

HF1098—Simoneau (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Wisconsin interstate contract authorized for treatment of involuntarily committed mentally ill persons.

HF1099—Simoneau (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Lead abatement provisions modified; hotel, resort, restaurant, and manufactured home health regulations modified; and penalties provided.

HF1100—Stanius (IR)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Health coverage reinsurance association regulated.

HF1101—Lynch (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Landfill environmental cleanup program established for closed permitted landfills, landfill and solid waste fund created, money transfers authorized, and money appropriated.

HF1102—Pauly (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Hazardous waste generator tax restructured and loan program and account established, and money appropriated.

HF1103—Simoneau (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Foodshelf association provided appropriation distribution and money appropriated.

HF1104—Orfield (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Minneapolis special service district establishment and functions regulated.

HF1105—Wejcman (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Food stamp purchase or sale prohibited.

HF1106—Wagenius (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Hazardous waste administration fee assessment and collection changed.

HF1107—Huntley (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Lake Superior safe harbors program established.

HF1108—Frerichs (IR)
Transportation & Transit
Rochester airport manufacturing and just-in-time freight shipping facility and high speed rail service feasibility studied between Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the Rochester airport, and money appropriated.

HF1109—Farrell (DFL)
Judiciary
Juvenile court case reimbursement modified to counties.

HF1110—Girard (IR)
Transportation & Transit
Mail carrier delivery vehicles authorized tires with metal studs.

HF1111—Peterson (DFL)
Agriculture
Wheat protein premiums required equal to discounts.

HF1112—Asch (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Psychology board reciprocity licensing requirement modified and disciplinary actions provided.

HF1113—Swenson (IR)
Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections
Caucus fundraisers restricted; single campaign committees required; unopposed candidates not to receive public subsidy; public subsidy recipient contributions restricted; and election campaign fund distribution modified.

HF1114—Milbert (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Game and fish stamp design contests encouraged; hunting dog training modified; red or blaze orange clothing requirements clarified for migratory waterfowl hunters; raccoon season set; rough fish, muskellunge, and mussel taking provided.

HF1115—Gutknecht (IR)
Education
Religious matters in public elementary and secondary schools provided legislative policy.

HF1116—Skoglund (DFL)
Judiciary
Pistol permit repeat violations provided felony penalty; and wire, electronic, or oral communication interception warrant time limit extended to 30 days.

HF1117—Gutknecht (IR)
Health & Human Services
Adult foster care business licensing modified; family investment plan conditions clarified; child protection/maltreatment provisions changed; and deaf and hard of hearing commission established and hearing impaired services act renamed.

HF1118—Jaros (DFL)
Taxes
Export trader net income apportionment provided for sales outside the state.

HF1119—Lindner (IR)
Health & Human Services

Adoption assistance agreement conditions changed, fund availability conditions expanded, and cost reimbursement clarified.

HF1120—Van Dellen (IR)
Taxes

Dependent income tax exemptions expanded.

HF1121—Hasskamp (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Certified public accountant licensure education requirements modified, registered accountant certification and licensure established, accountancy board membership increased, and money appropriated.

HF1122—Garcia (DFL)
Transportation & Transit

Transit buses provided right-of-way when entering traffic; handicapped parking enforcement provided at transit stops; and transportation energy emergency conservation and allocation plan to include public transit.

HF1123—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Day training and habilitation transportation exemptions, outpatient mental health service contracts, crisis assistance, family support grant eligibility, case management services, rate adjustments, and special needs exceptions clarified.

HF1124—Luther (DFL)
Taxes

Dependent care income tax credit expanded.

HF1125—Mahon (DFL)
Transportation & Transit

Buses; metropolitan area high speed bus system studied and money appropriated.

HF1126—Goodno (IR)
Labor-Management Relations

Dislocated worker fund renamed employment and training program, and job skills partnership program established and grants authorized.

HF1127—Jefferson (DFL)
Education

Education Is Our Goal, Inc. program grant authorized and money appropriated.

HF1128—Jefferson (DFL)
Education

First Step project grant authorized and money appropriated.

HF1129—Lasley (DFL)
Education

Hearing-impaired and deaf teacher licensure requirements provided.

HF1130—Osthoff (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy

St. Paul authorized to allow an on-sale intoxicating liquor license holder to dispense liquor at the Como Park lakeside pavilion.

HF1131—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

Unclassified employee retirement, individual retirement account, and supplemental retirement plans modified; technical college faculty retirement clarified; and marriage dissolution retirement plan provisions provided.

HF1132—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

Deferred compensation investment option transfers provided among insurance companies.

HF1133—Hausman (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy

Alternative fuel motor vehicle development incentives provided and alternative fuels exempted from motor fuel taxation.

HF1134—Winter (DFL)
Judiciary

Assault on a protective agent or security guard while on duty provided felony penalty.

HF1135—Knickerbocker (IR)
Commerce & Economic Development
Metrology standard compliance provided with the European Economic Community, specialized calibration services authorized for businesses competing in European markets, and money appropriated.

HF1136—Knickerbocker (IR)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Weights and measures and petroleum inspection fees provided and money appropriated.

HF1137—Sarna (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Real estate broker, salesperson, and closing agent provisions, fees, and licenses regulated; dual agency disclosure requirements provided; and real estate appraisers advisory board meetings provided.

HF1138—Mosel (DFL)
Agriculture

Rural finance authority program eligibility and participation requirements modified and application fees authorized for beginning farmer and seller-sponsored loan programs.

HF1139—Orenstein (DFL)
Judiciary

Machine gun definition to include weapons modified to fire at the same rate as a machine gun, and penalties provided.

HF1140—Orenstein (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Abortion case law codified.

HF1141—Jennings (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources

Environmental violation attorney general investigations restricted and discharge and dismissal of first-time violations provided.

HF1142—Osthoff (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

Jobs skills partnership board staff and services provided by jobs and training commissioner.

HF1143—Jaros (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

International affairs, competitiveness, and protocol advisory commission established.

HF1144—Sviggum (IR)
Taxes

Capital equipment sales and use tax exemption clarified.

HF1145—Sviggum (IR)
Transportation & Transit

Drivers' license requirements for persons under 18 years of age to include secondary school graduation or attendance and license suspension provided.

HF1146—Koppendrayner (IR)
Education

Independent School District No. 480, Onamia, provided special pupil unit definition, early retirement levy, unemployment and special transportation aid, and special aid for at-risk pupils, and money appropriated.

HF1147—Solberg (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Floodwood, Van Buren, Halden, Cedar Valley, Ness, Arrowhead, Fine Lakes, and Prairie Lake allowed to create a joint ambulance district and property tax funding provided.

HF1148—Olson, E. (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources

Water and Soil Resources Board powers and duties transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

HF1149—Bauerly (DFL)
Agriculture

Rural finance authority authorized direct loans and participation and loan limit maximums increased.

HF1150—Beard (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Health occupation review list and independent medical examinations provided for third-party payors.

HF1151—Dauner (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations

Wage payment regulations modified.

HF1152—Ozment (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Wildfire prevention and suppression in forest areas provided and penalties provided.

HF1153—Brown, C. (DFL)
Judiciary

Manufactured goods economic loss recovery limits clarified.

HF1154—Bergson (DFL)
Judiciary

Controlled substance offenders imposed at least 20 percent of maximum fine amounts, and drug abuse resistance education (DARE) programs appropriated money.

HF1155—Pugh (DFL)
Judiciary

Citizens participation act of 1993 adopted to protect citizens and organizations from civil lawsuits for exercising their constitutional rights of petition, speech, association, and participation in government.

HF1156—Ozment (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Infectious waste provisions modified.

HF1157—Tomassoni (DFL)
Education

School year and instructional time requirements, capital loan eligibility, and debt service levy and appropriation programs and policies clarified.

HF1158—Jacobs (DFL)
Taxes

Motor vehicle rental sales and use tax repealed.

HF1159—Mariani (DFL)
Housing

St. Paul provided a housing rehabilitation loan program and authorized a bond issuance.

HF1160—Hausman (DFL)
Education

Minority teacher alternative licensure in early childhood or parent education appropriated money.

HF1161—Farrell (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

Ramsey County employee authorized payment in lieu of salary deductions to obtain service credit.

HF1162—Trimble (DFL)
Agriculture

Pesticide distributors required to accept certain empty pesticide containers and used pesticide.

HF1163—Trimble (DFL)
Agriculture

Agricultural chemical response and reimbursement board account expenditures authorized for administrative costs.

HF1164—Trimble (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Water law provided miscellaneous technical corrections.

HF1165—Kelso (DFL)
Education
Violence prevention education grants appropriated money.

HF1166—Knickerbocker (IR)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Metropolitan Transit Commission part-time off-duty peace officer employees provided extended disability, survivor, and retirement annuity benefit coverage.

HF1167—Gutknecht (IR)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Legislative expense reduction study commission created and money appropriated.

HF1168—Murphy (DFL)
Judiciary
St. Louis County awarded a grant for an automated probation reporting system pilot program, and money appropriated.

HF1169—Jefferson (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Metropolitan Transit Commission required to obtain consent to use a parkway in a city of the first class.

HF1170—Bishop (IR)
Transportation & Transit
Speed limit setting by executive order authority repealed.

HF1171—Anderson, I. (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Independent School District No. 362, Koochiching County, conveyed sand and gravel rights on certain tax-forfeited land.

HF1172—Bishop (IR)
Judiciary
Child support payments exempted from creditors' garnishment and execution claims.

HF1173—Tunheim (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Kittson County authorized to sell certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water in Hallock and certain other tax-forfeited land.

HF1174—Simoneau (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing board membership to include a nursing home practicing nurse.

HF1175—Goodno (IR)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Department of Finance provided technical and substantive changes.

HF1176—Sviggum (IR)
Health & Human Services
Human service program payments rescheduled and money appropriated.

HF1177—Kinkel (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Invention board established and money appropriated.

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HF1178—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Integrated service network act adopted and money appropriated.

HF1179—Greenfield (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Integrated service network act adopted and money appropriated.

HF1180—Greenfield (DFL)
Judiciary
Integrated service network act adopted and money appropriated.

HF1181—Davids (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board reimbursement regulated for consulting services.

HF1182—Jefferson (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
D. L. Peck's addition rearrangement in Minneapolis released from state land covenant and reversionary interest.

HF1183—Simoneau (DFL)
Judiciary
Animal cruelty penalties increased for repeat violations, and pet and companion animal removal authority expanded.

HF1184—Farrell (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation assigned risk plan board membership and administration modified, market assistance plan established, and reinsurance association control transferred.

HF1185—Farrell (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation nursing home charges regulated.

HF1186—Sekhon (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Littering penalties clarified.

HF1187—Perlt (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Labor and employment related advisory councils provided extended expiration dates.

HF1188—Mariani (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Metropolitan Council transportation and sewer system planning expanded, Regional Transit Board and Transit Commission abolished, light rail transit procedures and facilities provided, and Waste Control Commission administration modified.

HF1189—Rest (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Minnetonka and Hopkins allowed to establish tax increment financing districts; manufacturing tax increment financing districts authorized; contaminated property tax imposed and cleanup of polluted lands provided; and money appropriated.

HF1190—Trimble (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Historic sites act adopted.

HF1191—Pugh (DFL)
Judiciary
Trustees prohibited from exercising certain powers.

HF1192—Skoglund (DFL)
Judiciary
Felony offender diversion program planning and implementation provided.

HF1193—Tunheim (DFL)
Taxes
Aggregate material tax reporting requirements and late payment penalties modified.

HF1194—Tunheim (DFL)
Education
Sparsity and supplemental revenue computations changed.

HF1195—Olson, K. (DFL)
Education
Higher education preparation requirements changed for vocation or technical programs.

HF1196—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Teacher retirement annuities based upon the highest three years of service.

HF1197—Johnson, A. (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Adolescent health care center grants provided to school districts and money appropriated.

HF1198—Rest (DFL)
Taxes
Vending machines and amusement devices imposed an annual decal fee in lieu of sales tax.

HF1199—Reding (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Employee Relations Legislative Commission salary recommendations ratified for the technical college system and higher education board chancellors and the Higher Education Coordinating Board director.

HF1200—Dempsey (IR)
Judiciary
Firearm and dangerous weapon offenses provided increased mandatory minimum sentences.

HF1201—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
Reading early intervention program established for helping underachieving first grade students develop effective reading strategies.

HF1202—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
Independent School District No. 748, Sartell, authorized to transfer money from the debt redemption fund to the building construction fund.

HF1203—Mahon (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Advisory task force committee reports and expirations modified and certain advisory bodies eliminated.

HF1204—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Home care services provided automatic annual inflation adjustments, and home and personal care eligible services expanded.

HF1205—Clark (DFL)
Judiciary
Housing calendar consolidation project made permanent in the second and fourth judicial districts.

HF1206—Brown, C. (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Recorded sound or image transfers regulated and penalties provided.

HF1207—Vellenga (DFL)
Education
Learning readiness program expanded and money appropriated.

HF1208—Orenstein (DFL)
Judiciary
Peace Officer Standards and Training Board complaint and investigation procedures modified.

HF1209—Onnen (IR)
Health & Human Services
Maternal and child service program funding and chemical dependency provisions provided.

HF1210—Lourey (DFL)
Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections
Women in military service for America memorial foundation monument construction grant appropriated money.

HF1211—Wenzel (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Lottery board authority abolished to authorize additional compensation for the state lottery director.

HF1212—Rukavina (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Taconite or iron ore mining leases and lease extensions provided royalty rates.

HF1213—Dawkins (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Exit lamps provided maximum energy consumption requirements.

HF1214—Gutknecht (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Term limits; legislative and executive service limited and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1215—Garcia (DFL)
Taxes
Homestead and agricultural credit aid modified for taxing jurisdictions having a loss of tax base due to public acquisition of property.

HF1216—Rest (DFL)
Housing
Metropolitan community stabilization program provided.

HF1217—Anderson, I. (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Elected local government officials allowed to participate in the public employees defined contribution plan.

HF1218—Lynch (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Aquaculture exemption removed from wetland replacement regulations.

HF1219—Limmer (IR)
Education
Education and training savings accounts created.

HF1220—Orenstein (DFL)
Judiciary
Medical facility access interference or obstruction prohibited and penalty provided.

HF1221—Holsten (IR)
Judiciary
Serious youthful offender prosecution provided for juvenile serious felony offenses and penalties provided.

HF1222—Kahn (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Historical Society employees provided optional retirement plan.

HF1223—Milbert (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Inver Grove Heights authorized tax increment financing district extension and bond issuance.

HF1224—Milbert (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
South St. Paul and Rosemount; international ringette tournament appropriated money.

HF1225—Trimble (DFL)
Agriculture
Pesticides surcharges modified.

HF1226—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Teachers Retirement Association required to pay certain unpaid mandatory supplemental retirement plan distribution tax penalties.

HF1227—Lasley (DFL)
Education
Media center revenue provided to school districts and money appropriated.

HF1228—Kahn (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Minneapolis Community Action Council transferred employees provided membership in the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund or Public Employees Retirement Association.

HF1229—Bertram (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Fraternal benefit society insurance policies and contracts provided clarified notice requirements.

HF1230—Bertram (DFL)
Education
Higher education merger not to include technical colleges.

HF1231—Murphy (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Chemical dependency counseling licensing board established and money appropriated.

HF1232—Sparby (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Walleyed pike and northern pike limits provided based on size.

HF1233—Pelowski (DFL)
Education
Independent School District No. 861, Winona, authorized to lease education space from Rollingstone and levy for lease payments.

HF1234—Pelowski (DFL)
Education
Graduation rule adoption provided after outcome-based program evaluation and authorization by the legislature.

HF1235—Skoglund (DFL)
Judiciary
Lawyer-client sexual relations rule adoption requested of the supreme court.

HF1236—Rukavina (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Rural electric cooperatives to obtain member approval prior to disposing of cooperative assets.

HF1237—Neary (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Child crisis nurseries and respite care grant programs established and money appropriated.

HF1238—Lieder (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Traffic accident report data disclosure and use regulated and penalties imposed.

HF1239—Delmont (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Blaine authority clarified for allowing dispensing of alcoholic beverages at the National Sports Center.

HF1240—Pelowski (DFL)
Education
Higher Education Coordinating Board abolished; higher education services office created; Higher Education Advisory Council duties modified; and money appropriated.

HF1241—Abrams (IR)
Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections
Legislature reduced in size to 64 senators and 128 representatives, and senate district boundary not to cross a congressional district boundary.

HF1242—Lieder (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Polk County authorized to sell certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water.

HF1243—Abrams (IR)
Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections
Minor political party requirements clarified for income tax check-off eligibility.

HF1244—Kahn (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Metropolitan Council provided review of regional park property special assessments, and regional park property exempted from taxation.

HF1245—McGuire (DFL)
Judiciary
Licensing, security service, retirement, and motor carrier operating data classified; private and nonpublic data classifications proposed; and collection, classification, and dissemination of data provided.

HF1246—McGuire (DFL)
Judiciary
Juvenile court record data access and dissemination provided.

HF1247—McGuire (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Title certificate unlawful use penalties provided, automobile theft prevention board established, and repeat false crime report offenses provided felony penalty.

HF1248—McGuire (DFL)
Judiciary
Civil commitment act appeal time limitations clarified.

HF1249—McGuire (DFL)
Judiciary
Mental health service consent circumstances expanded for minors.

HF1250—Solberg (DFL)
Taxes
Timber unimproved property provided property tax classification.

HF1251—Mahon (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Bonds; city self-insurance revolving fund or pool use allowed for satisfying city officer and employee bond requirements.

HF1252—Hausman (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Renewable resource energy production preference established for public utilities and cogeneration and small power production facilities provided prices paid and energy costs for avoided capacity.

HF1253—Hausman (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Renewable resource energy production preference established for public utilities and cogeneration and small power production facilities provided prices paid and energy costs for avoided capacity.

HF1254—Mariani (DFL)
Education
Nursing training programs provided grants for the recruitment and retention of nursing students who are persons of color, and money appropriated.

HF1255—Carruthers (DFL)
Judiciary
Sentencing Guidelines Commission to modify the calculation of certain criminal history scores.

HF1256—McCollum (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Community development corporations provided and money appropriated.

HF1257—McCollum (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Strategic and long-range planning office abolished.

HF1258—Van Dellen (IR)
Taxes
Delinquent property tax confession and judgment provided modified market value assessments.

HF1259—Jefferson (DFL)
Local Government & Metro Affairs
Minneapolis authority extended to guarantee small business loans.

HF1260—Jefferson (DFL)
Judiciary
Minneapolis and St. Paul authorized to enact assault rifle and semiautomatic weapon regulations.

HF1261—Jennings (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Motor sports areas restricted on state lands.

HF1262—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Child passenger restraint system and seat belt offense fines increased; cigarette tax increased and self-service sales restricted; and prenatal exposure to controlled substance reporting studied.

HF1263—Asch (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

HIV and hepatitis B testing requirement extended to local correctional authority inmates and persons under custodial arrest, and emergency services personnel provided free vaccinations.

HF1264—Stanius (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Medicare beneficiary billing provisions modified.

HF1265—Limmer (IR)**Judiciary**

DWI; motorboat driving while intoxicated offense penalties increased for operators previously convicted of driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

HF1266—Dorn (DFL)**Education**

Independent School District No. 77, Mankato, authorized to use community service fund revenue to remove architectural barriers from the Lincoln Community Center to provide access to persons with disabilities.

HF1267—Milbert (DFL)**Local Government & Metro Affairs**

Regional recreation open space system property provided tax equivalent payment conditions.

HF1268—Macklin (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Solid waste collection service contracts provided and penalties imposed.

HF1269—Brown, K. (DFL)**Housing**

Housing Finance Agency appropriated money for grants to regional housing network organizations that provide housing and homeless prevention information and assistance.

HF1270—Peterson (DFL)**Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections**

Caucus fundraisers prohibited during legislative session.

HF1271—Smith (IR)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Eurasian water milfoil research and control provided milfoil stamps and boat trailer surcharges.

HF1272—Jefferson (DFL)**Transportation & Transit**

County state-aid highway money use allowed for emergency vehicle green traffic signal devices.

HF1273—Sparby (DFL)**Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections**

Veterans Homes Board authorized residency definition rule.

HF1274—Sparby (DFL)**Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections**

Veterans home patient claims heard and decided by the Legislature.

HF1275—Asch (DFL)**Housing**

Mental illness crisis housing assistance account created and money appropriated.

HF1276—Johnson, R. (DFL)**Taxes**

Homestead classification family eligibility extended to nieces and nephews.

HF1277—Sekhon (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Pharmacy board release prohibited of licensee or applicant information without permission.

HF1278—Murphy (DFL)**Education**

Equalization aid provided and money appropriated.

HF1279—Johnson, R. (DFL)**Local Government & Metro Affairs**

Bemidji authorized an additional sales tax for construction of a municipal library.

HF1280—Skoglund (DFL)**Judiciary**

Integrated criminal justice information system provided implementation and oversight and money appropriated.

HF1281—Knickerbocker (IR)**Governmental Operations****& Gambling**

Minnetonka Volunteer Firefighters Relief Association provided flexible service pension maximums.

HF1282—Reding (DFL)**Governmental Operations****& Gambling**

University system employees provided alternative retirement coverage.

HF1283—Rodosovich (DFL)**Governmental Operations****& Gambling**

Faribault fire consolidation account member authorized full postretirement adjustment.

HF1284—Orenstein (DFL)**Education**

Neighborhood learning centers in community colleges provided adjusted funding.

HF1285—Sekhon (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Department of Natural Resources state-owned land management modified.

HF1286—Murphy (DFL)**Commerce & Economic Development**

Prize notification by solicitors regulated and penalties provided.

HF1287—Johnson, R. (DFL)**Governmental Operations****& Gambling**

Teachers allowed to purchase additional service credit.

HF1288—Rukavina (DFL)**Education**

Mineral research endowed chair and scholarship accounts established and funding provided by mineral permit and royalty funding.

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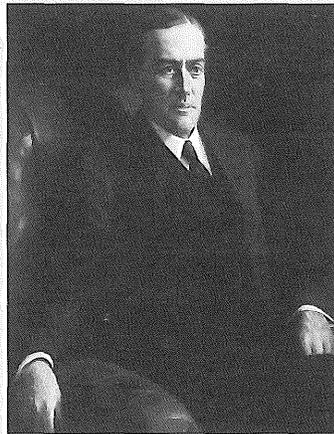
While Walter Mondale and Harold Stassen linger in recent memory, the two are not the only presidential hopefuls to hail from Minnesota.

Three-time governor John Albert Johnson, a journalist turned politician, was another native son to seek the oval office.

In October 1907, Henry Watterson, then editor of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, set the campaign wheels in motion.

"As Lincoln emerged from obscurity to take the helm, it seems to me that this man might," Watterson wrote in an *American Magazine* article. Calls of encouragement came from all corners of the nation.

Johnson, however, was a reluctant candidate. He didn't see himself as presidential timber, and he also didn't like the idea of challenging William Jennings Bryan, a party stalwart whose lust for the presidency led him to announce a third bid for the nation's highest office. (Bryan had failed in 1896 and 1900.)



John A. Johnson

Near the end of March 1908, Johnson entered the contest for the Democratic nomination in earnest. A national campaign headquarters was opened at the Grand Pacific Hotel in

Chicago, and supporters were dispatched to several states to garner support.

But as the Democratic national convention in Denver drew near, it became clear that Johnson had no chance. His supporters stood loyal to the end with Minnesota Congressman W.S. Hammond placing his name before the convention. "For more than half an hour, the great auditorium resounded with the cheers of the governor's loyal adherents. Such a display was rarely, if ever, afforded a defeated candidate," wrote Frank Day in *The Life of John Albert Johnson*.

A gracious and upbeat loser, Johnson immediately telegraphed Bryan to congratulate him.

That fall, Johnson went on to win the governorship for the third time. And William Howard Taft won the presidency, making Bryan a three-time loser.

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Committee Schedule

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to the public.

MONDAY, March 22

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Review of agency and proposed budget, Regional Transit Board.

Higher Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

Agenda: Higher Education Coordinating Board budget presentation: Duane Scribner, president, HECB; David Powers, executive director, HECB; Arlon Hauptert, director, Fiscal Services, HECB; Joseph Graba, deputy executive director, HECB; Ron Hackett, Department of Finance.

Human Services Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Department of Human Services budget presentation: governor's recommendations for programs serving the mentally ill and developmentally disabled in state facilities.

K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: Governor's budget recommendations on "Access to Excellence," abatement and other levies, Environmental Education (Articles 7 and 9). HF249 (Seagren) School districts authorized to levy for interest paid on abatement refunds. HF919 (Carlson) Arts education committees in school districts provided materials, training, and assistance under the Comprehensive Arts Planning Program.

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Allocations.

9 a.m.

Subcommittee to Review Proposed Special Legislation/Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: SF763 (Solon)/HF1004 (Murphy) Duluth Police Relief Association former member authorized a retirement annuity.

SF654 (Riveness)/HF817 (Mahon) Annuity change options provided to certain Public Employees Retirement Association retired member.

SF825 (Metzen)/HF977 (Milbert) Minneapolis Employee Retirement Fund member allowed service credit purchase.

SF833 (Kelly)/HF1161 (Farrell) Ramsey County employee authorized payment in lieu of salary deductions to obtain service credit.

SF871 (Lessard)/HFXXXX PERA defined contribution plan; shift from PERA-general for certain persons.

SFXXXX/HFXXXX PERA; coverage for employees of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association.

10 a.m.

Subcommittee on Civil Law/JUDICIARY

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

Agenda: Any bill not completed at 3/19 subcommittee meeting.

HF1018 (Rest) Limited liability companies required biennial registration, and money appropriated.

HF655 (Orenstein) Civil service commission decision appeals provided to cities and employees.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice & Family Law/JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers

Agenda: Any bill not completed at 3/19 subcommittee meeting.

HF702 (Carruthers) DWI repeat offenders ineligible to earn jail sentence good time reductions; license cancellation offense penalty increased, driver's license revocation provided for drug offenses; pretrial procedures studied; and money appropriated.

HF900 (Carruthers) Breath preliminary screening test result use allowed in drivers' license reinstatement actions.

HF914 (Luther) DWI penalties increased for offenses committed with a child under 16 years old in the motor vehicle.

HF98 (Leppik) DWI; driving while intoxicated drivers' license revocation periods increased and limited license issuance restricted to comply with federal standards, and alcohol concentration limit lowered.

HF866 (Swenson) DWI; juvenile driving while intoxicated offense provided with an alcohol concentration greater than 0.02 percent and penalties provided.

Subcommittee on Soil & Water Resources/ AGRICULTURE

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jeff Bertram

Agenda: HF687 (Rukavina) Aquatic pest control applicators licensed.

HF1059 (Steensma) Pesticides surcharge exemption provided for pesticide sanitizers and disinfectants.

HF1066 (Steensma) Hay and straw standards law repealed.

HF1062 (Trimble) Hazardous substance labeling act repealed.

HF1162 (Trimble) Pesticide distributors required to accept certain empty pesticide containers and used pesticide.

HF1163 (Trimble) Agricultural Chemical Response and Reimbursement Board account expenditures authorized for administrative costs.

HFXXXX (Bertram) Wetlands legislation.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: HF954 (Wenzel) Electric utility tariff application to include plan for allowing residential customers or developers a 10-year period to pay excess costs for extended residential electric service.

HF930 (Clark) Telephone assistance plan coverage expanded to include residential households with a member who has obtained a domestic abuse protection order, and funding priority provided for households with preschool-age children.

HF991 (Cooper) Municipalities prohibited from acquiring the property of another electric service provider through eminent domain.

HF990 (Cooper) Municipalities prohibited from using a quick take condemnation proceeding when acquiring the property of another electric service provider through eminent domain.

HF1051 (Jacobs) Municipalities required to submit a service right petition before furnishing electric service while eminent domain proceedings are pending to acquire property of an electric utility.

State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: Department of Employee Relations (DOER) budget presentation.

12:30 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wally Sparby

Agenda: HF299 (Rodosovich) Precinct boundary data procedures and requirements modified.

HF323 (Osthoff) Local uniform election procedures provided.

HF784 (Sparby) Precinct caucus time and date changed.

HF420 (Dawkins) Elective office eligibility in political subdivisions provided to eligible voters 18 years old or older.

HF449 (Bettermann) Independent School District No. 206, Alexandria, school board terms of office furnished.

HF418 (Sparby) Grand Forks AFB; President and Congress to retain Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota.

HOUSING

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

Agenda: To be announced.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Pat Beard

Agenda: HF373 (Murphy) Labor Relations Act; arbitration mandatory under certain circumstances.

HF349 (Rukavina) Unfair labor employer practices to include denial of equal time to labor organizations.
HF819 (Johnson, R.) Health group insurance coverage for essential employees provided interest arbitration.

HFXXXX (Perlt) Advisory council expiration dates.
HF826 (Simoneau) Workers' compensation minimum deposit requirements modified for self-insurers.

HF1008 (Simoneau) Dislocated Worker Program provisions modified, rapid and expeditious response activities programs established, worker adjustment services plans provided, and dislocation event services grants authorized.

HF723 (Simoneau) Public preferential employment provisions to include the same employee salary and benefits before contracting-out of services.

HF1151 (Dauner) Wage payment regulations modified.

If necessary, the committee will reconvene after Session in Room 5 to complete the agenda.

2:30 p.m.

The House meets in Session

After Session

Human Services Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Department of Human Services budget presentation: governor's recommendations for programs serving the mentally ill and developmentally disabled in state facilities.

Subcommittee on Data Privacy/ JUDICIARY

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Jo McGuire

Agenda: HF1014 (McGuire) Patient medical data release provided to family members.

HF37 (Beard) Foreign exchange student host families provided background checks.

HF18 (Carruthers) Criminal history data classified as public data, and foster care license prohibited for persons convicted of a crime of violence.

HF206 (Pugh) Photographs of incarcerated persons considered comprehensive law enforcement public data.

6 p.m.

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

112 State Capitol
Chr. Sen. Phil Riveness

Agenda: SF743 (Solon)/HF926 (Jaros) Early retirement; employer-paid health insurance provided as incentive for early retirement of certain public employees.

SF817 (Morse)/HF744 (Johnson, R.) Early retirement; employer-paid health insurance provided as incentive for early retirement of certain public employees.

SFXXXX/HF388 (Sarna) Rule of 85 option provided to state and local governments.

SF86 (Janezich)/HF55 (Rukavina) Eveleth authorized to increase pension and retirement benefits for retired police officers, fire fighters, and surviving spouses.

SF656 (Piper)/HF783 (Haukoos) Albert Lea Fire Department Relief Association provided preretirement and postretirement interest and salary increase actuarial assumptions.

SF662 (Pogemiller)/HF785 (Kahn) Minneapolis Police Relief Association survivor benefit payments modified.

SF685 (Pogemiller)/HF807 (Kahn) Minneapolis Fire Department Relief Association provided service pension rates.

SF937 (Riveness)/HF973 (Mahon) Bloomington Police Relief Association provided service pension and survivor benefit payments.

SF980 (Novak)/HFXXXX Columbia Heights Police; benefit increase.

SF664 (Pogemiller)/HFXXXX PERA and MERF; continued coverage for Minneapolis Community Action Council Employees.

7 p.m.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: HF1048 (Jacobs) Utility rate change subsequent conservation improvement plan requirement abolished and time limit and procedures modified, complaint hearings regulated, and utility affiliated interest modified.

HF1049 (Jacobs) Municipal utilities and cooperative electric associations to comply with electrical current or voltage standards.

HF1050 (Jacobs) Electric power generating plant classification based on primary fuel source for certificate of need process.

TUESDAY, March 23

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Review of agency and proposed budget, Department of Public Service, Public Utilities Commission.

EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: HF329 (Ozment) Children and education services department created; youth apprenticeship enrollment options act adopted; academic excellence foundation established; education finance provisions modified; community programs promoted; and money appropriated. (Author's amendments.)

HF739 (Johnson, A.) Community education licensed instructors provided teacher designation and tenure act employment protection, and instruction offered on a noncredit basis clarified.

Overview of process of regent selection for the University of Minnesota.

Health & Housing Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson

Agenda: Public testimony regarding the governor's budget proposal.

Subcommittee on Property Taxes/TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Edgar Olson

Agenda: HF920 (Wagenius) Internal Revenue Code references updated; sales and use tax exemptions changed; sales, special, and property tax provisions modified; and collections and compliance and miscellaneous provisions provided.

Subcommittee on State Taxes/TAXES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jean Wagenius

Agenda: To be announced.

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Allocations.

10 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: HF877 (Beard) Motor vehicle shredder residue management alternative examination grant program established, motor vehicle transfer fee increased and extended, and money appropriated.

HF91 (Winter) Solid waste management county fees paid for services to state-owned property.

HF1156 (Ozment) Infectious waste provisions modified.

HF694 (Ozment) Industrial waste management regulated.

HF864 (Jennings) Eurasian water milfoil, zebra mussel, and other water-transmitted exotic harmful species watercraft inspections expanded, infested access point closings extended, aquatic nuisance species account created, and chemical treatment fee provided.

HF898 (Weaver) Natural resources commissioner rulemaking authority and other powers clarified, modified, and expanded relating to game and fish, wild rice, stromatolites, and cross-country ski passes.

HF472 (Krueger) Deer permits issued free to owner

or tenant living on at least 40 acres of agricultural or grazing land.

HF626 (Rukavina) Deer; antlerless deer permit priority provided to applicants age 65 or older and having had a permit the last three years.

HF733 (Johnson, R.) Traps provided identification requirements and penalties provided.

HF734 (Sparby) Deer; antlerless deer permit preference provided to applicants under 16 years old who have not been previously selected for a permit, and money appropriated.

HF836 (Stanisus) Game and fish license subagent options provided.

HF859 (Wolf) Natural resources gifts, contribution acknowledgements, and incidental advertising provided.

HF1114 (Milbert) Game and fish stamp design contests encouraged; hunting dog training modified; red or blaze orange clothing requirements clarified for migratory waterfowl hunters; raccoon season set; rough fish, muskellunge, and mussel taking provided.

Overview: Minnesota/Canadian border fishing.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

Agenda: HF387 (Kahn) Smoking in places of employment regulated.

HF1098 (Simoneau) Wisconsin interstate contract authorized for treatment of involuntarily committed mentally ill persons.

HF489 (Lourey) Social Work and marriage and family therapy boards provided clarified procedures and licensing requirements.

HF518 (Leppik) Medical Assistance prior authorization exemption provided to certain physical, occupational, and speech therapy services.

HF548 (Weaver) Patient's right to medical record access clarified.

HF636 (Stanisus) Child care family license incentives provided to counties.

HF332 (Clark) Marijuana and Tetrahydrocannabinols (THC) allowed for treatment of a medical condition.

Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

Agenda: Allocations. If necessary, the meeting will continue at 4:30 p.m. in the Basement Hearing Room. For more information contact John Curry at (612) 296-5533.

12:30 p.m.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

500N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

Agenda: March bond offer, Peter Sausen, assistant commissioner, Department of Finance. Discussion of CAPRA.

COMMERCE &

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. John Sarna

Agenda: HF948 (Bauerly) Residential building contractor, residential remodeler, and specialty contractor and real estate appraiser licensure requirements modified, and contractor's recovery fund established.

HF328 (Frerichs) Omnibus jobs, commerce, and department and agency appropriations bill.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson

Agenda: HF680 (Rice) St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board appointment allowed by the chair of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

HF811 (Jaros) Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority authorized a property tax levy, and port authority levy designation provided.

HF812 (Rodosovich) Faribault provided civil service status for the chief of police and director of fire and code services.

HF152 (Cooper) Town road and bridge report distribution eliminated to county auditor.

HF151 (Cooper) Town supervisor terms and road overseer and deputy treasurer employment clarified.

HF72 (Jefferson) Prostitution; motor vehicle forfeiture and impoundment provided through city ordinances for certain prostitution offenses.

HF238 (Molnau) Town elections authorized on general election day.

HF648 (Anderson, I.) Itasca County allowed to consolidate the offices of auditor and treasurer.

HF730 (Anderson, I.) Municipal contract awarding preference provided to state based bidders.

HF720 (Anderson, I.) Cartways allowed on alternative routes for landowners without access to public roads.

HF383 (Pugh) Dakota County Housing and Redevelopment Authority and the county extension committee provided composition and powers.

HF704 (Trimble) Water deficiency declarations provided required criteria, groundwater use prohibited for surface water level maintenance, water appropriation permit reviews provided, water shortage planning required, and metropolitan water plan modified.

2:30 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: Continuation of agenda from morning committee meeting.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HF670 (Lourey) Mental or nervous disorder treatment outpatient benefits regulated for mental health professionals.

HFXXXX (Reding) Regulating the Life and Health Guaranty Association.

HF580 (Reding) Health service plan nonprofit corporations providing dental plans allowed additional investments.

HF199 (Winter) Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association to provide refunds to the State Fund Mutual Insurance Company.

HF444 (Huntley) Health insurance benefit plan option provided for self-insured government unit employees.

State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: Budget presentations by the Department of Employee Relations (DOER), the Department of Finance, and the Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

WAYS & MEANS

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Loren Solberg

Agenda: HF163 (Sparby) Campaign reforms; candidates limited to one campaign committee, challengers first time spending limits higher, contribution limit lowered, public matching subsidy provided, corporate contributions modified, and money appropriated.

4:30 p.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: HF984 (Krueger) Administrative Department provisions modified. Privatization study.

7 p.m.

Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources

123 State Capitol

Chr. Sen. Gene Merriam

Agenda: Consideration of March revenue forecast effects on recommendations and make adjustments: review latest revenue forecast, John Heintz; adjust funding source for administrative budget to comply with MS116P.09, Dave Flipp; other funding recommendation adjustments, John Velin. Consideration of staff suggested language changes for 1993 recommendation, John Velin, Susan Thornton. Consideration of summer and fall plans. Consideration of proposed amendment to the Department of Natural Resources Bonding Work Programs for SNA acquisition, Bob Djupstrom.

WEDNESDAY, March 24

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Review of agency and proposed budget, Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Higher Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

Agenda: Higher Education Coordinating Board budget presentation, Joseph Graba, deputy executive director, HECB.

**Human Services Finance Division/
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Public testimony regarding the governor's recommendations for programs serving the mentally ill and developmentally disabled in state facilities.

K-12 Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: Governor's budget recommendations on education organization (article 6).

HFXXXX (Bauerly) Education organization restructuring.

Report on Minnesota Department of Education restructuring, Jim Sauter, Mary Lillesve, Minnesota Department of Education.

8:30 a.m.

**ENVIRONMENT &
NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE**

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: Allocations.

10 a.m.

Subcommittee on Civil Law/JUDICIARY

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

Agenda: Any bill not completed at 3/22 Subcommittee meeting. Other bills to be announced. For further information, contact (612) 296-5396.

**Subcommittee on Criminal Justice & Family Law/
JUDICIARY**

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers

Agenda: Continuation of any bill not completed at 3/22 Subcommittee meeting.

HF873 (Klinzing) Psychotherapist or health care professional criminal sexual conduct clarified.

HF987 (Brown) Prisoner inmate separation classifications modified.

HF872 (Blatz) Minor presence of supportive person expanded to testimony for assaults and crimes of violence.

HF354 (Weaver) Motor vehicle and bicycle regulations clarified; inmate wage fine deductions allowed; juvenile adult court certification expanded; DNA court rule adoption restricted; probation revocation provided; and medical sexual offenses clarified.

HF963 (Murphy) Snowmobile accident investigations provided by sheriffs.

HF1168 (Murphy) St. Louis County awarded a grant for an automated probation reporting system pilot program, and money appropriated.

Other bills to be announced. For further information, call (612) 296-5396.

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
& INSURANCE**

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HF90 (Hausman) Off-label drug coverage included in health insurance policies.

HF795 (Jennings) No-fault automobile insurance commercial vehicle right of indemnity not to include school buses.

HF1094 (Stanius) NAIC model regulation reporting requirements enacted for business with certain unauthorized multiple employer welfare arrangements; insurance company fee, data collection, coverages, notice provisions, and enforcement provisions modified.

HF1100 (Stanius) Health Coverage Reinsurance Association regulated.

**Subcommittee on Facilities/K-12 Education
Finance Division/EDUCATION**

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Becky Kelso

Agenda: HF502 (Kelso) Capital expenditure facilities program policy provided and clarified; integration and co-location of services encouraged; cooperative secondary facilities grant amount modified; bonds authorized; and money appropriated.

Remainder of agenda to be announced.

**State Government Finance Division/
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
& GAMBLING**

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: Budget presentations by the Department of Military Affairs, Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission, Public Employees Retirement Association, Teacher Retirement Association, Minnesota State Employees Retirement System, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, and Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund.

12:30 p.m.

**International Trade, Technology & Economic
Development Division/COMMERCE
& ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros

Agenda: HF929 (Mariani) Manufacturing opportunity districts established and tax credits and exemptions provided.

HF1135 (Knickerbocker) Metrology standard compliance provided with the European Economic Community, specialized calibration services authorized for businesses competing in European markets, and money appropriated.

HF197 (Jaros) Regional service offices established outside the metropolitan area by the Department of Trade and Economic Development.

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff

Agenda: If necessary, continuation of 3/19 meeting.

HF319 (Bishop) Motorcycle operators and passengers under 21 years of age required to wear helmets.

HF272 (Solberg) Department of Public Safety abolished.

2 p.m.

**Legislative Commission on
Pensions and Retirement**

318 State Capitol
Chr. Sen. Phil Riveness

Agenda: SF519 (Stumpf)/HF574 (Reding) Age Discrimination Act compliance and administrative changes provided to various public pension plans.

SF625 (Solon)/HF663 (Reding) St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association provided postretirement adjustment administrative expenses, and first class

city teachers retirement associations provided annuities and administration.

SF860 (Stumpf)/HF1131 (Johnson, R.) Unclassified employee retirement, individual retirement account, and supplemental retirement plans modified; technical college faculty retirement clarified; and marriage dissolution retirement plan provisions provided.

2:30 p.m.

The House meets in Session

4 p.m.

**Joint Subcommittee on Transit/
Subcommittee on Metropolitan Government/
Metropolitan Council Subcommittee/
LOCAL GOVERNMENT &
METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

200 State Office Building

Chrs. Reps. Tom Pugh, Linda Wejcman, Myron Orfield

Agenda: To be announced.

After Session

HOUSING

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

Agenda: To be announced.

**Human Services Finance Division/HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES**

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Department of Human Services budget presentation: governor's recommendations for social services programs.

6 p.m.

**Legislative Commission to Review
Administrative Rules**

112 State Capitol
Chr. Sen. John Hottinger

Agenda: Proposals to amend the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 14. Other business.

THURSDAY, March 25

8 a.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
INFRASTRUCTURE
& REGULATION FINANCE**

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Review of agency and proposed budget, Minnesota Department of Transportation.

EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: To be announced.

**Health & Housing Finance Division/HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES**

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson

Agenda: To be announced.

Subcommittee on Property Taxes/TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Edgar Olson
Agenda: To be announced.

Subcommittee on State Taxes/TAXES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jean Wagenius
Agenda: To be announced.

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: Allocations.

10 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF704 (Trimble) Water deficiency declarations provided required criteria, groundwater use prohibited for surface water level maintenance, water appropriation permit reviews provided, water shortage planning required, and Metropolitan Water Plan modified.

HF1164 (Trimble) Water law provided miscellaneous technical corrections.

HF1152 (Ozment) Wildfire prevention and suppression in forest areas provided and penalties provided.
HF1045 (Battaglia) Timber sales regulated, permit approval limit increased, and permit modification provided for natural cause damages.

HF103 (Skoglund) Fort Snelling visitor center construction appropriated money.

HF1067 (McGuire) Off-road recreation vehicle operation and registration regulated, recreational use plan required, fees and penalties provided, and money appropriated.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: HF936 (Vickerman) Department of Jobs and Training renamed the Economic Security Department.
HF981 (Rice) Department of Public Service abolished; Residential and Small Business Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General abolished; Public Utilities Commission membership reduced; and public utility and energy duties transferred.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: HF633 (Clark) New chance demonstration project money appropriated.
HF413 (Onnen) Group Residential Housing Act modified.

HF471 (Neary) Aid to Families with Dependent Children medical assistance eligibility determination to exclude child support payments.

HF501 (Garcia) Child maltreatment investigations provided in publicly licensed day-care facilities.

HF728 (Garcia) Medical Assistance and General Assistance Medical Care reimbursement increased for

masters-prepared and masters-level licensed mental health practitioners.

HF804 (Cooper) Ambulance service area changes provided exemption from contested case hearing process requirements.

HF311 (Onnen) Children Helped in Long-term Development (CHILD) program established for child abuse prevention and money appropriated.

Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: Allocations. (If necessary, the meeting will continue at 4:30 p.m. in the Basement Hearing Room. For further information, contact John Curry at (612) 296-5533.)

12:30 p.m.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: HF218 (Stanisus) Public land and building acquisition and capital improvement bond issuance authorized, bond canceling provided, appropriations reduced, and money appropriated.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: HF65 (Munger) Packaging and products provided recycled content requirements; discardable packaging imposed a waste management fee; beverages required reusable packaging or refundable recycling deposits; penalties provided; and money appropriated.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson
Agenda: If necessary, continuation of 3/23 agenda.
HF671 (Orenstein) Metropolitan Council to allocate comprehensive choice housing among cities and towns in the metropolitan area and compliance review provided.

HF761 (Pugh) Employee total compensation, claim payment rules modified; severance pay for highly compensated employees limited; certain high risk investments limited; and state auditor examination of local government grantee and contractor provided.

HF622 (Orfield) Agricultural land in the metropolitan area provided long-term protection.

HF646 (Simoneau) Charter city commission membership terms and petition procedures modified.

2:30 p.m.

The House meets in Session

FRIDAY, March 26

8 a.m.

Higher Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich
Agenda: HF368 (Pelowski) Technical College Student Association name updated.
HF738 (Kelley) Remedial instruction information

disseminated by postsecondary institutions to school districts. HF60 (Opatz) Semesters; common semester system feasibility studied by Higher Education Coordinating Board.

HF322 (Ness) Career counseling plans developed by postsecondary systems.
Possible discussion of bonding proposals.

Human Services Finance Division/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Department of Human Services budget presentation: governor's recommendations for social services programs.

K-12 Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: Continuation of Minnesota Department of Education restructuring. Discussion of the Minnesota Department of Education Administrative budget. Request to renew state education advisory councils.

10 a.m.

Subcommittee on Civil Law/JUDICIARY

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh
Agenda: To be announced.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice & Family Law/ JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phil Carruthers
Agenda: Continuation of any bill not completed at 3/24 Subcommittee meeting.
HF681 (Wagenius) Firearm regulation adoption authorized by metropolitan county cities and the Metropolitan Airports Commission.

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: To be announced.

12:30 p.m.

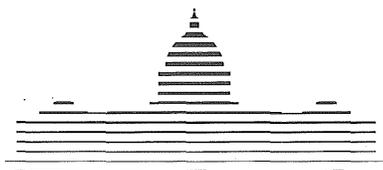
Subcommittee on Agriculture Finance & Rural Development/AGRICULTURE

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ted Winter
Agenda: To be announced.

2 p.m.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: To be announced.



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MINNESOTA INDEX

Video lottery

Number of U.S. states where video lottery has been authorized	6
Number of licensed U.S. terminals, 1992	33,319
Number of those states without a central control system to monitor gaming activity (Montana)	1
States that once permitted video lottery but have since banned the machines (Nebraska)	1
Liquor licensees in Minnesota, as of Aug. 28, 1992	5,003
Number of those that are "on-sale" licensees	2,025
Number of "on-sale" beer, liquor, and wine licensees in South Dakota, November 1992	2,198
Number of video lottery machines licensed to "on-sale" establishments in South Dakota, November 1992	6,606
Average number of video lottery machines per "on-sale" licensee in South Dakota	3
Maximum allowed by law	10
Net profit, per South Dakota video lottery machine, fiscal year 1992	\$19,319
Amount of that profit returned to the business housing the machine, under a typical 50-50 split with the machine owner	\$6,783
Ratio of video gambling machines to adult residents in North Sioux City, S.D.	1:4
Cents of every South Dakota Lottery dollar spent on video lottery	85
State of South Dakota's share of the net revenue generated by video lottery machines, fiscal year 1992, in millions	\$36.95
Percent of net video lottery dollars that now go to the state of South Dakota ...	35
Percent of net video lottery dollars that would be returned to the state under Minnesota HF122	22.5
Percent of South Dakota voters who voted to repeal video lottery, November 1992	37
Number of Iowa bars and clubs that from 1990-92 had their liquor licenses suspended for having illegal video gambling machines	74
Number of Gamblers Anonymous groups in Minnesota, 1987	4
in November 1992	31
Estimated number of slot machines in Minnesota, 1946	8,500
Estimated number of video slots in Minnesota Indian gaming casinos, 1992	10,000
Percent of 807 polled Minnesota adults who oppose video gambling machines in bars and other liquor establishments	62

Sources: *La Fleur's Video Lottery Terminal Report*; State of South Dakota Lottery Office; Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Liquor Control Division, Gambling Enforcement Division; Minnesota Department of Human Services, Compulsive Gambling Treatment Project; *Saturday Evening Post*, 12/13/47; *Minneapolis Star-Tribune/WCCO-TV Minnesota Poll*.



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