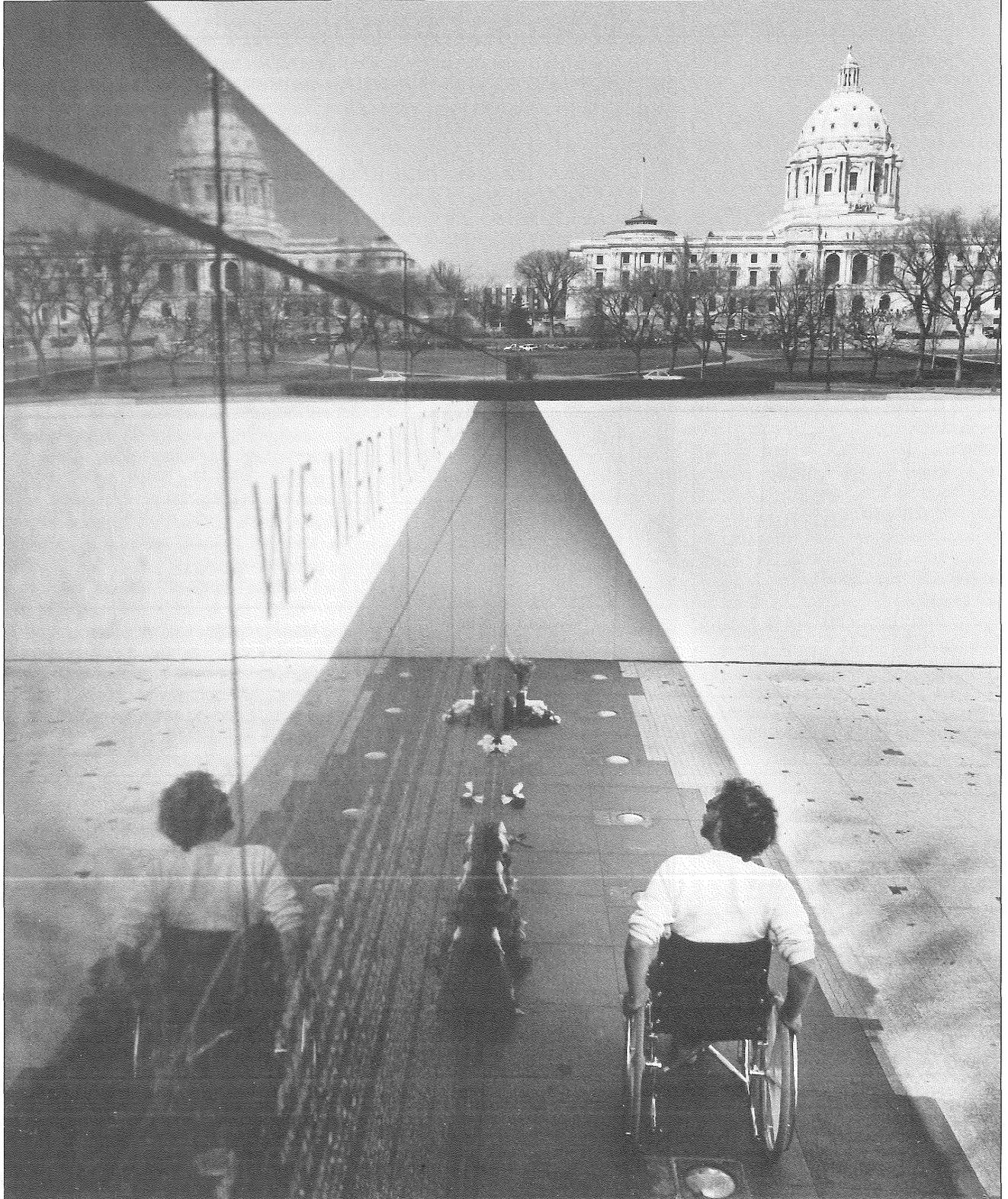


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## Flashback

The evolution of ideas for new laws at the Legislature is always a slow one, but few have progressed more slowly than the 18-year legislative effort to include discrimination against gays and lesbians under the state's Human Rights Act (*see page 13*). The only other time such a measure had been voted on by the full House was in 1975, which also marked the first time such a bill was even introduced in the House.

The idea failed that year on a 51-68 vote — a margin of defeat that seems surprisingly close given that it occurred 18 years ago. In the intervening years before this session, the concept of gay and lesbian rights never caught on in the Legislature. Little more happened in the House until 1983, when a similar bill was approved by the Judiciary Committee and was all set for a vote on the House floor. Chief author Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls), however, withdrew the bill, apparently because there weren't enough votes to pass it.

Another lull set in until 1991, when the proposal was resurrected once again. But the bill still never even emerged from the Judiciary Committee, failing on an 11-13 vote. That series of setbacks over nearly two decades makes the bill's passage this year all the more unusual, and is testimony to how quickly public opinion, and the attitudes of the people who represent them, can change.

That this year's *soon-to-be-law* took so long in coming (Gov. Arne Carlson, who was a co-sponsor of the 1975 gay rights bill when he served in the House, has said he will sign it) is no real surprise given the strongly held views of the many people who oppose the concept. And although the argument can be made that extending rights to homosexuals is analogous to the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s, the gay rights issue appeared even more divisive — if the vote totals in the House are any indication.

The 1955 House vote that established the Fair Employment Practices Commission, the forerunner of today's Department of Human Rights, was 96-30. And the vote on a subsequent 1961 addition to the state's human rights law that banned housing discrimination based on race, creed, or national origin, was approved on an 84-41 vote.

As Rep. Clark has often said, "Change is hard." It wasn't until recently that many gays and lesbians felt comfortable enough to "come out of the closet." As uncomfortable as that makes some people feel, it also allows them to get to know people for who they are.

The most riveting speech from the Legislature on this issue came from Sen. Dean Johnson (IR-Willmar), a Norwegian Lutheran minister who is also a National Guard chaplain. He said the person who made the "greatest impact" on his decision is Capt. Pam Mindt, a National Guard colleague who may be discharged because she is a lesbian. Had he never known Mindt, Johnson may very well have voted no.

No matter what your position on this issue, what better illustration is there that all politics is personal.

— Grant Moos

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On the cover: Dan Rowe, a disabled Vietnam veteran, got a close-up look March 29 at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It was March 29, 1973, that the last serviceman left Vietnam. Rowe served in the Marine Corps in 1968-69.

—photo by Tom Olmscheid

# Highlights

Alleviating symptoms . . .

## Prescribing marijuana for medical conditions

People with certain medical conditions that could be alleviated by smoking marijuana might be able to get a prescription for the weed as soon as this August.

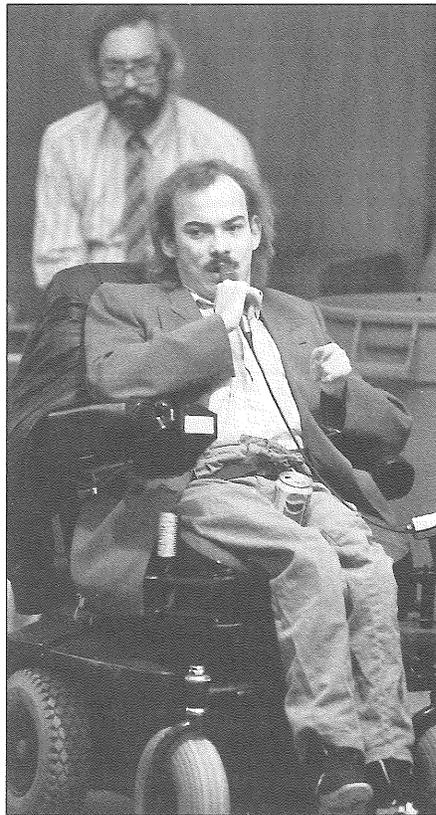
Under a bill (HF332) approved March 30 by the Health and Human Services Committee, doctors who prescribe marijuana for treatment of a medical condition, pharmacists who fill the prescription, and patients who use prescribed marijuana all would be exempted from criminal sanctions. A defendant charged with smoking marijuana also would be allowed to mount an affirmative defense that the marijuana was needed to treat a medical condition.

Advocates of the bill argued that smoking marijuana can relieve symptoms of nausea in cancer chemotherapy patients, limit the damage of glaucoma, help control epileptic seizures, and alleviate AIDS-related symptoms such as loss of appetite.

Darrell Paulsen of West St. Paul, who has cerebral palsy, testified that smoking marijuana controls his spasticity and muscle tension to the point where he is able to get out of bed and to attend to his personal care — things he ordinarily could not do without a personal care attendant.

"When I use marijuana, I can live an almost completely independent life," he said.

Opponents argued that marijuana has a negative side effect — a high — and that the bill could open the door to marijuana smokers claiming they were self-medicating. Health care workers who tend to AIDS patients face enough risks without having to worry about the side effects of secondary marijuana smoke, said Rep. Arlon Lindner (IR-Corcoran).



Darrell Paulsen of West St. Paul testified in favor of a bill (HF332) before the Health and Human Services Committee March 30 that would allow people with certain medical conditions to use marijuana for medicinal purposes. The measure was approved.

Rep. Dave Gruenes (IR-St. Cloud) wondered about doctors' liability if a patient received

prescribed marijuana laced with a more dangerous drug.

Marc Kurzman, an attorney and bill proponent, responded that prescriptions would be filled at drugstores and not by school yard drug pushers. Only the University of Mississippi is currently allowed to grow marijuana, but legislators raised the possibility of legal marijuana farms in Minnesota.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls), characterized HF332 as a matter of life and death to some patients. "I want them not to be criminals," she said of those patients who use the drug illegally now to meet medical needs.

Before H332 was approved on a voice vote, the committee added an author's amendment stating that the law is not intended to condone the use of marijuana for anything other than a medical purpose. The bill now moves to the Judiciary Committee.

A sunset provision, which would repeal the marijuana law on August 1, 1995, allows a two-year period during which the benefits and drawbacks of legal marijuana use by patients can be weighed.

With HF332, Minnesota moves to the forefront of a national debate. The country's new surgeon general, Dr. Jocelyn Elders, is on record as supporting the right of physicians to prescribe marijuana in the treatment of disease. But a report issued by the National Institutes of Health last year concluded there were better, safer drugs available than marijuana cigarettes.

HF332 now moves to the Judiciary Committee.

—Ruth Hammond



### AGRICULTURE

#### Dairy bill wins approval

A measure to protect dairy farmers' incomes won approval from the full House April 1 on a 118-12 vote.

The bill (HF661) would require wholesalers to pay assessments on selected dairy products — including milk, cream, ice cream, cottage cheese, and yogurt — if the price paid to farmers falls below a certain amount. The assessments would go into a special fund to be distributed to farmers.

Cheese and butter would not be subject to the assessments.

"This is an attempt to stabilize an industry that has been falling in this state for years," said Rep. Steve Wenzel (DFL-Little Falls).

He said 30,000 Minnesota dairy farmers have left the business since 1975; at least 1,100 of them stepped aside during the past year.

The bill also would deregulate retail dairy prices. An amendment approved 92-38 on the House floor would protect small-volume retailers from unfair competition by keeping all stores from selling milk and other dairy products below the retailer's basic cost. Previous versions of the bill would have allowed milk to

be sold as a "loss leader."

Opponents of the provision said the policy would put smaller businesses at a disadvantage, since they couldn't compete with large chains undercutting their milk and dairy prices.

HF661 now moves to the state Senate for consideration.

#### Deer farm bill passes

The roughly 300 farmers who raise deer for a living don't want to buck the system, they just want to be treated like all other livestock farmers.

A bill (HF277) putting the Minnesota Department of Agriculture in charge of regulating farms that raise deer, elk, and other members of the cervidae animal family won easy approval March 29 from the Agriculture Committee.

Under the bill, authored by Rep. Doug Peterson (DFL-Madison), those deer-raising operations would no longer be considered game farms under the control of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Deer and elk farmers have said DNR regulations are keeping a potential alternative farm industry from expanding.

The bill includes provisions that would require fencing tall enough so that the domestic animals couldn't jump over them, would require meat inspection to comply with federal regulations, and would allow the DNR some authority in regulating the farms in the native elk area of northwestern Minnesota.

It also would give extend the same sales tax break for farm equipment that other farmers receive so cervidae farmers would get a tax break when buying those special tall fences. Peterson said the revenue impact of that tax break is negligible.

HF277 now moves to the Taxes Committee for consideration.

## Easing genetic engineering rules

Genetic engineering firms would no longer be regulated by the state in some cases under a bill approved March 29 by the Agriculture Committee.

The bill (HF634), sponsored by Rep. Jim Tunheim (DFL-Kennedy), would exempt firms from state permits — or from filing environmental assessment worksheets before releasing genetically altered material into the environment — if similar clearance is given by federal agencies.

Tunheim told the panel that Minnesota's regulations are proving a stumbling block to the fast-growing industry. In particular, Red River Valley potato growers are missing out on a chance to use a genetically altered potato that resists insects and requires fewer pesticides. Wisconsin and North Dakota, which have fewer regulations, are being allowed to use those spuds, he said.

"The industry feels the federal permit is sufficient," he said. Minnesota's permit process mirrors that of the federal government's, he added, making the additional delay unnecessary.

State Agriculture Commissioner Elton Redalen told the panel that his agency is taking a neutral stance on the bill.

"We don't think it has been a hindrance," he said of the regulations. "... The process is still moving forward in Minnesota, we think, even with the additional rules."

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



## BONDING

### Prison bonds approved

Just over \$10 million in state-authorized bonds to begin the conversion of Moose Lake Regional Treatment Center into a state prison was approved April 1 by the Judiciary Finance Division.

The prison is expected to house its first inmates before the end of the year. It eventually will hold 620 inmates.

Another \$515,000 in bond funds were approved for the first phase of building a security cottage at the Minnesota Correctional Facility at Red Wing. The facility is the only one of its kind in the nation which has no secure unit. The panel has heard testimony from both local residents and law enforcement officials supporting its construction.

The division is also urging a capital needs study of the state's prison system to be undertaken by the departments of Corrections and Administration. The study should determine security needs, operating costs, and whether state-owned, leased, or leased facilities with an option to purchase are the best use of tax dollars.

The provisions of the approved projects will be included in the division bonding proposal.



## BUSINESS

### Saving mining jobs

Taconite companies would be required to keep their plants in operating condition for at least one year after they close under a bill now heading for the House floor.

The measure (HF316), which cleared the Commerce and Economic Development Committee April 1, would block steelmakers from dismantling taconite processing plants after a shutdown in order to give state and regional officials time to find a new buyer.

Supporters said allowing an owner to sell the plant for scrap all but guarantees it will never reopen. A shutdown also affects the income of school districts and the University of the Minnesota, all of which receive a portion of the mineral royalties for ore taken from the mines, they said.

"We not only want to keep the jobs up in our area but keep providing money for the students in the state," said Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia), one of several lawmakers from the Iron Range who are sponsoring the legislation.

The commerce panel added an amendment directing the Department of Natural Resources to define "salable operating condition" for the plants through its rule-making process.

Seven taconite plants currently operate in

northeastern Minnesota. One — the former Reserve Mining Co. facilities in both Silver Bay and Babbitt — shut down for several years but was maintained in operating condition while a purchaser was sought.

Cyprus Mineral Co. eventually bought the plants, bringing more than 500 people back to work, Rukavina said.



## CHILDREN

### Foster care, child care licensing

In-home child-care providers and foster parents convicted of certain violent crimes would be permanently barred from working in those fields under a bill approved March 29 by the Judiciary Committee.

The measure sponsored by Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center) would prohibit such felons from receiving licenses from the Department of Human Services to either operate an in-home child care center or to become foster parents.

The law is needed because children in foster homes and home day-care have the "greatest risk of being abused," said Carruthers.

Currently, Department of Human Services (DHS) rules prohibit or hinder certain felons from receiving licenses to become foster parents or to provide in-home child-care. However, the DHS has the authority to review the cases of people who have been denied licenses and to reinstate them if it is deemed appropriate.

The bill would prohibit the DHS from granting such "waivers" to persons convicted of certain felonies, including first-, second-, and third-degree murder, first-, second-, and third-degree criminal sexual conduct, and using minors in a sexual performance. Convicted pimps would also be permanently barred from obtaining such licenses.

The bill also would prohibit for 10 years the granting of licenses to those convicted of other violent crimes, including fourth-degree sexual conduct, first- and second-degree manslaughter, kidnapping and aggravated robbery. The bill also would stipulate a seven-year licensure wait for persons convicted of various lesser offenses involving children or vulnerable adults.

Carruthers said that although he recognized that convicted criminals applying for these licenses may be able to rehabilitate themselves, he designed the law to protect those who are most vulnerable.

"We don't want to get into the position that the rights of the license holder are greater than the rights of the child," Carruthers said.

Carruthers also amended his bill to direct the state to review the cases of convicted criminals who received licenses from the DHS through its review process.

HF18 now moves to the Health and Human Services Committee for consideration.



## CONSUMERS

### Caller ID approved

Metropolitan area telephone subscribers soon could have access to a half-dozen new services, including caller identification, under a proposal approved March 29 by the Regulated Industries Committee.

The measure (HF87) would direct the state Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to establish operational parameters — including privacy considerations such as blocking mechanisms — for the new services by Jan. 1, 1994. The four Twin Cities-area telephone companies then would have until Jan. 1, 1995, to upgrade their equipment to make the services available for subscribers.

A motion to amend the bill to ensure services are available statewide by 1997 was defeated by the committee.

In addition to caller identification, the so-called CLASS services (Custom Local Area Signaling Service) would offer subscribers distinctive ringing features, selective call acceptance and rejection, call tracing, and automatic redial. The optional services would be billed separately from basic telephone service fees.

"People are asking for these services," said Michael Nowick, executive secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota Telephone Association.

He said surveys indicate that three of every five customers have expressed interest in using at least some of the custom-calling features, with about 30 percent specifically asking for caller identification.

The PUC last year authorized a Mankato telephone exchange to offer caller identification on a trial basis to determine potential problems with the service. Results of that trial are to be presented to the commission later this month, said PUC chair Don Storm.

HF87 now moves to the House floor.

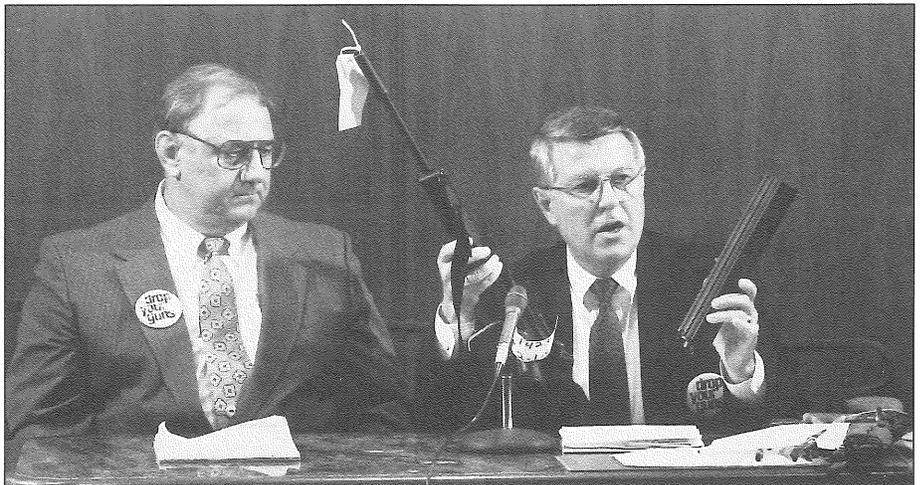


## CRIME

### Comprehensive DWI bill

The Judiciary Committee approved a bill March 31 imposing harsher penalties on repeat DWI offenders and on drivers who are convicted of drunken driving while transporting kids under age 16. The bill also would allow courts to suspend for up to 90 days the drivers' licenses of those convicted of driving while possessing illegal drugs.

The sponsor of HF900, Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center), said it made sense to write "open-bottle" legislation to penalize drivers carrying illegal drugs in the same way drivers are now penalized for driving with open containers of alcohol in a car.



Minneapolis Police Chief John Laux, right, and Minneapolis City Council member Walt Dziedzic threw their support behind a bill March 26 that would allow cities in the seven county metro area to adopt gun control ordinances that are more restrictive than under state law. The measure was approved by the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Cracking down on repeat offenders, persons convicted of DWI for a third time in a five-year period would receive a mandatory 45-day jail sentence, up from the current 30 days. The bill also would severely limit the conditions under which a person charged with a fourth DWI within 15 years — or a fifth or subsequent conviction in a lifetime — could be released from jail pending trial. In such cases, the defendant could be released from jail only if either the maximum bail amount is imposed, or if the offender agrees to submit to random, weekly alcohol testing and report weekly to a probation officer. Those agreeing to the random testing and weekly reporting also would need to forfeit their license plates.

"These people are really dangerous," Carruthers said.

Provisions in the bill also would make it a gross misdemeanor for transporting a passenger under the age of 16 while drunk if the passenger is a least three years younger than the driver.

HF900, the omnibus DWI bill, was assembled from seven separate proposals in the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice and Family Law Subcommittee. The bill approved by the full committee does not contain language suggested by an earlier proposal that would have lowered the legal threshold for a drunk driving conviction from 0.10 to 0.08 percent blood-alcohol content.

HF900 now goes to the House floor for further debate. The full Senate is expected to debate a similar bill next week.



## EDUCATION

### Added state aid for Onamia schools

A plan by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (also known as Chippewa) Indians to build its own school presents some serious funding problems for the Onamia school district, some lawmakers say.

The school district could lose up to 15.5 percent of its student body (130 of 840 students), and more than \$600,000 in corresponding state and local aid when the Ojibwe school opens this fall.

Kent Baldry, Onamia's superintendent, told the K-12 Finance Division of the Education Committee that his district needs legislative assistance to deal with the unanticipated loss of revenue and added costs due to expected teacher and staff layoffs.

While the community is doing what it can to downsize and reduce operating funds, the citizens served by the Onamia school system shouldn't have to jeopardize their programs and bear the entire financial burden, Baldry said.

HF1146 would provide special aid to Onamia to adjust for the loss of pupils to the nonpublic school located on the Mille Lacs reservation.

The bill also includes provisions that would:

- continue to pay state aid — but at less than current funding levels — to Onamia for students who will attend the reservation school. The district will receive 0.5-pupil-unit credit for each student moving to the Mille Lacs school for the 1993-1995 school years, regardless of age. Currently, kindergarten students statewide receive aid at the 0.5 rate, elementary students equal 1.0 pupil unit, and senior high student equal 1.3 pupil units.

- provide early retirement incentives to veteran staff;
- require the state to pay for unemployment

- costs for staff terminated because of the decline in pupils leaving the school district to attend the reservation school for 1993-1995;
- require the state to pay for additional transportation costs due to the new school; and
- make the state pay 100 percent of the tuition bills for special education and medical treatment programs for students who attend the Mille Lacs Ojibwe school.

Rep. LeRoy Koppendrayer (IR-Princeton), the bill's sponsor, said that the district needs state help because there is no way of knowing how many students will decide to go to the reservation school. He said the decision to build a reservation school was "totally unplanned and unbudgeted for" by the school district.

But some legislators objected to having the state pick up the costs of unemployment. "It seems to me that when other districts shrink, the state doesn't pick up the costs," said Rep. Peggy Leppik (IR-Golden Valley).

The division did not take action on **HF1146**.

## K-12 capital investment

School districts need more flexibility to deal with the costs of repairing, updating, and equipping their buildings, lawmakers say.

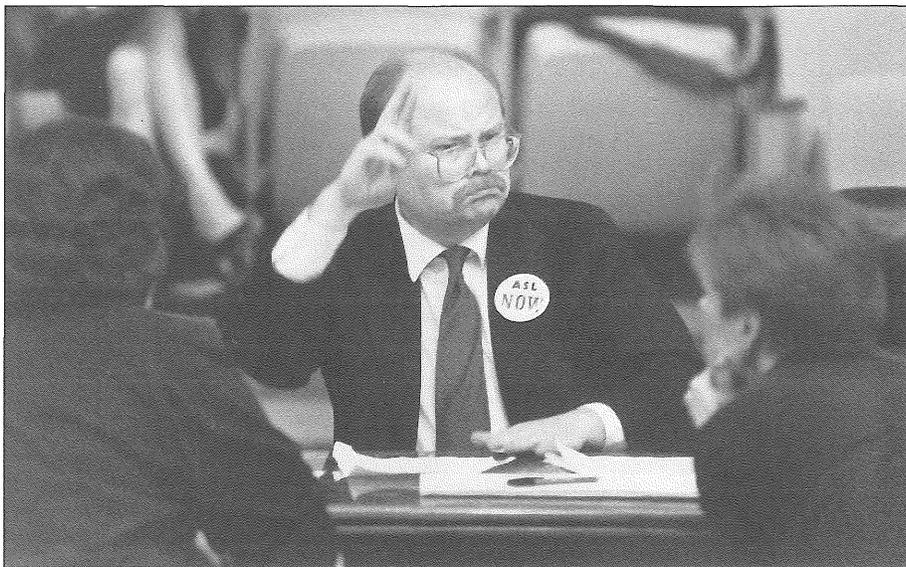
Rep. Becky Kelso (DFL-Shakopee) said that the Facilities Subcommittee of the Education Committee tried to expand options for local school districts trying to repair and update aging buildings while accepting the fact that neither local school districts nor the state can address the magnitude of the problem this year.

A report by the Minnesota Department of Education estimates that over \$1 billion in repairs and upgrades are needed to bring the state's 1,200 K-12 schools up to health, safety, fire, and handicapped access codes.

**HF502** would provide school districts with expanded options for dealing with these costs, but just "nips at" the total problem, Kelso said.

The bill would:

- create a new capital facilities revenue program to help large districts deal with health and safety problems in aging buildings. The program would allow a district to issue general obligation bonds without voter approval. To qualify, the district would need to have more than 1 million square feet of space, more than 66 students per grade, insufficient health and safety revenue, and a facilities plan approved by the state commissioner of education;
- enable all school districts to issue bonds without voter approval for certain major facilities projects (such as roof repair). The district would have to repay the bonds from its capital expenditure facilities revenue;
- split the current cooperative secondary facility grant — for districts which join together for the construction of a secondary school — into two parts. It would lower the basic amount of the grant from \$6 million to \$5



Doug Bahl, president of the Minnesota Association of Deaf Citizens, testified on behalf of a bill before the Education Committee March 30 that would have eliminated the requirement that teachers of the deaf be proficient in American sign language. The bill (**HF1129**) was defeated.

million and provide an additional grant of \$1 million if the facility would contain a significant number of noneducational student and community service programs. The provision encourages school districts to explore ways of putting school buildings to multiple use;

- require that school districts applying for maximum effort school loans — state loans to districts that can't finance construction projects through conventional bond sales — show that they have encouraged the integration of social service programs into the facility. The restriction on using loan money to construct day care space also would be eliminated;
- allow a school district with a building less than 10 years old to put money normally reserved for facilities toward equipment costs, to give districts with newer buildings more flexibility in meeting their equipment needs. Kelso said that a number of legislators had presented the subcommittee with bills addressing this problem because districts with new buildings have greater equipment needs than capital needs — but they haven't been able to transfer the money from one fund to another;
- codify the standard under which younger children — pre-school through second grade students — would be allowed to attend classes on levels other than the first floor. Kelso said that this section acknowledges the fact that certain school districts don't have the ability to spread their schools out on just one floor, but must also move up;
- broaden the capital expenditure health and safety revenue program to include "environmental management activities." These include health, worker safety, and pollution standards necessary to comply with standards established by the departments of Health, Public Safety, Labor and Industry, and the Pollution Control Agency;
- cap health and safety revenue — including the

new capital facilities revenue program for schools over 1 million square feet — at \$64 million in fiscal year 1995;

The K-12 Education Finance Division of the Education Committee voted to incorporate **HF502** into the omnibus education bill, which it will vote on later this session.

## ELECTIONS

### Campaign reform

A campaign finance reform bill won approval from the last of three committees on March 30.

**HF163** was approved by the Ways and Means Committee with most of the reforms suggested by Common Cause intact.

But before the the bill becomes law it will have a difficult hurdle to clear. Gov. Arne Carlson has stated he won't sign any campaign reform bill unless it contains term limitations on legislators, which the current House version lacks.

That doesn't bother bill author Rep. Wally Sparby (DFL-Thief River Falls), who predicts he will have the two-thirds House vote needed to override a veto by the governor.

The major reforms in the proposal would:

- end public financing for unopposed candidates;
- increase public disclosure of campaign contributions from political action committees (PACs);
- ban "friends of" committees, thus ending the common practice of shifting campaign money from one political campaign to another; and
- reduce the total amount of money candidates may raise for their campaigns.

**HF163** now goes to the House floor.

## Voters' guide plan approved

Voters having trouble picking candidates would get help from the Secretary of State's office under a bill approved by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs, and Elections Committee March 29.

The bill (HF271) would require the state to publish a voter's guide containing information about political candidates and distribute it to each household prior to a general election. The guide also would provide basic election information such as polling sites and procedures, said Rep. Harold Lasley (DFL-Cambridge), the bill's chief author. The estimated cost of publishing the voter's guide would be \$500,000.

Lasley said the bill is aimed at heightening awareness about elections, to better inform voters and increase participation in the process. The bill is backed by Common Cause and the League of Women Voters.

An amendment that changes how the Secretary of State's Office would edit the material submitted by candidates also was approved, but did not allay concerns raised by the Minnesota Newspaper Association about having a state official disseminating political information.

"That's what *Pravda* does," said Mark Anfinson, attorney for the association, referring to the one-time communist newspaper that was the official government mouthpiece of the former Soviet Union. His group supports the state offering general information about elections, but said a dangerous line is crossed when delving into political information.

Laying aside the First Amendment issues, he said, the state is opening itself up to potential defamation lawsuits.

Several panel members agreed. "It seems to me this is a solution in search of a problem," said Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester). Voters already are inundated with information, he added, and those who care enough to become informed have ample means of doing so.

But other representatives said the guide would be valuable. In isolated areas of rural Minnesota voters don't have ready access to the information they need to make their decisions, said Rep. Kris Hasskamp (DFL-Crosby).

After being approved on a divided voice vote, HF271 was referred to the Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee.

## Voting by fax

"One man, one fax" may soon become the updated version of the revered constitutional principle of "one man, one vote," under a bill approved March 29 by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee.

The bill (HF377) would make access to alternative methods of voting — including by

fax machine, mail, and absentee ballots — much easier. Rep. Brian Bergson (DFL-Osseo), the bill's author, told the panel that the proposal should improve Minnesota's strong tradition of voter participation. The proposal is backed by the Office of the Secretary of State.

The bill also would allow voters to use an absentee ballot without having to give a reason for doing so, as is now required by law.

Voters also could vote by fax machine seven days before the election if they are hospitalized or outside the state. Provisions in the bill would ensure the validity of those ballots. And rural cities having populations under 1,000 could hold their elections by mail.

The bill also would allow voters in the military or residing outside the United States to file write-in ballots that don't specify candidates, but simply the party for whom they wish to vote. Bergson said the provision grew out of the Persian Gulf War, when military personnel were kept from voting, even though they wanted to participate in the election.

Joe Manske, director of the Office of the Secretary of State's Election Division, said the party language is based on so-called "submarine" language being developed by the federal government. It draws its name from submarine crews who are at sea for months on end, receiving little or no political information, yet wish to vote.

Rep. Ron Abrams (IR-Minnetonka) objected to that provision, saying Minnesota has never allowed a party-only designation in general elections. Having voters choose individual candidates, he said, allows them to retain their independence.

Abrams' amendment to strike that provision of the bill failed on a 6-7 vote. HF377 now moves to the House floor for consideration.



## ENVIRONMENT

### Wetland rules delayed

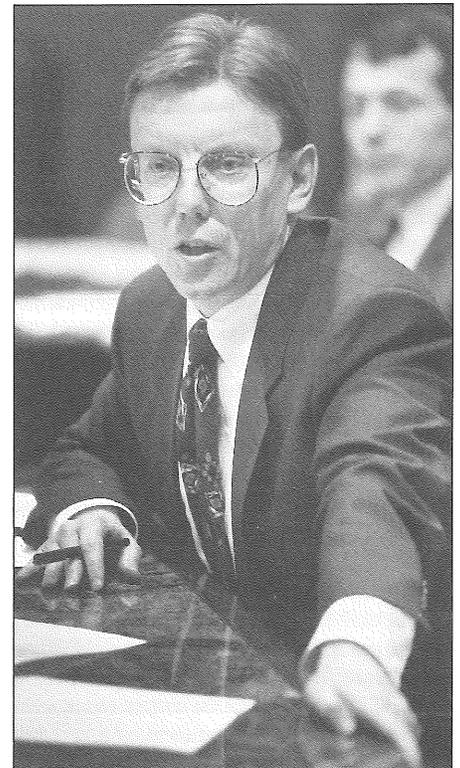
In the final 57 seconds of the 1991 legislative session, Minnesota's landmark Wetlands Conservation Act was approved. But the law may not go into effect for another year.

The Agriculture Committee March 29 approved a bill (HF1405) to delay the effective date of the rules that detail how the law will be applied until March 1994. Under current law, the permanent rules are scheduled to kick in on July 1, 1993.

Rep. Jeff Bertram (DFL-Paynesville), author of the bill and a prime mover behind the wetlands act, said more study is needed to see how the rules will affect landowners and local governments.

"I think the biggest thing we have to deal with are misunderstandings and misperceptions," he said.

The delay would allow additional hearings



Tom Triplett, director of Minnesota Business Partnership Inc., answered questions after presenting his report on education finance March 30. He spoke before the K-12 Education Finance Division of the Education Committee.

on the rules to be held before the next legislative session. The permanent rules, fashioned by the Board of Water and Soil Resources, were assembled over the last 18 months after extensive public and administrative hearings. Temporary rules for the wetlands law went into effect last year, and would stay in force under Bertram's plan.

The 1991 law stiffened the "no net loss" concept of saving wetlands. The interim rules say that every acre of wetland that is lost from filling, drainage, or burning must be replaced with another acre of wetland.

The law requires such replacement, but also recognizes that different types of wetlands have different functions and values to the public. As now written, the proposed permanent rules would require lost wetlands to be replaced with those of similar value — which has been one of the prime sticking points with landowners. In addition to providing fast-disappearing wildlife habitat, wetlands are valuable for flood control and keeping unwanted sediments from reaching lakes and rivers.

The 1991 law also requires local units of government to monitor compliance with wetlands regulations in most cases. The interim rules allow those governmental units to accept that responsibility, but there is no penalty if they don't.

Environmental and sportsmen's groups have opposed the delay of the permanent rules. Don Arnosti of the National Audubon Society told

the panel that the proposed permanent rules have been 18 months in the making, providing plenty of time for analysis.

Rep. Wally Sparby (DFL-Thief River Falls) said, however, that the permanent rules don't reflect what lawmakers had intended the wetlands act to do.

Built into the 1991 Wetlands Act was a provision stating that "the rules must not be adopted earlier than 60 days after submittal to the Legislature." While the Legislature cannot amend or alter the proposed permanent rules, it does have the authority to further delay their implementation.

The bill's next stop is the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

## Free deer permit for farmers

Minnesota farmers would be given a free permit to hunt deer on their own land under a bill approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 31.

**HF472** would entitle owners or tenants living on at least 40 acres of farm land to a free license to take one deer by firearm or archery on their own property.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples), said the proposal is a goodwill effort to give farmers something back for the expenses they incur in having deer on their farms. Krueger said that one farmer told him there were 1,000 deer on his farm.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) opposes the proposal because of the potential revenue loss; deer hunting permits cost \$22. A DNR spokesman said the department has worked hard to reduce the damage that deer cause on private land.

But "passage of this bill in western Minnesota would be the biggest PR [public relations] thing the DNR ever did," said Rep. Doug Peterson (DFL-Madison).

A representative of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association spoke in opposition to the bill, saying that the bill would open the door to all special interest groups asking for a free license.

In other hunting-related issues, the committee voted against two bills which would have given special consideration to certain applicants for deer permits. **HF626** would have given preference to deer hunters over 65 and **HF734** would have given preference to hunters under the age of 16.

**HF472** originally allowed farmers a free permit to take a deer anywhere in the state, but was amended by the committee so that the permit only applied to deer on farm property.

The bill was referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee for further consideration.

## Exotic fines

A bill setting penalties for transporting "nuisance species" such as Eurasian milfoil and zebra mussels from one body of water to another was approved by the Judiciary Committee March 31, but with substantially weaker penalties.

When the Environment and Natural Resources Committee sent **HF864** to the Judiciary Committee March 23, the bill specified a civil penalty of \$2,000 for launching watercraft with zebra mussels or Eurasian milfoil into "noninfested" water. That penalty was reduced to \$1,000 by an author's amendment before the Judiciary Committee.

The bill is intended to be "more of an educational tool," said Rep. Loren Jennings (DFL-Harris), author of the legislation.

In addition, the amendment lowers the proposed civil penalties for damaging or moving a milfoil buoy marking infested waters from \$250 to \$150.

Other fines approved by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee remain in the bill. (See March 26 *Session Weekly*, p. 9.)

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

## Pollution prevention

A bill approved April 1 by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee would include more Minnesota businesses and agencies in the 1990 Minnesota Toxic Pollution Prevention law.

"This bill moves away from regulation to prevention," said Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth). "It is attempting to make a good law better."

The 1990 law to help manufacturers develop pollution prevention programs not only has reduced toxic emissions in the state, it also has economically benefited industry, said Munger.

Currently, 550 Minnesota manufacturers fall under the law, which requires them to develop specific pollution and toxic release prevention plans, and pay fees when toxic pollutants are released into the environment.

A 1992 Minnesota Office of Waste Management (OWM) report found that toxic chemical releases from those manufacturers declined 35 percent between 1988-1991. The agency predicts an additional 33 percent reduction between 1991 and 1993.

Through their pollution prevention programs, OWM says, dozens of Minnesota companies have turned from expensive, ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons in manufacturing processes to more economical and environmentally friendly water-based cleaning systems.

Under **HF892**, up to 400 additional non-manufacturing facilities such as airlines, utilities, service firms, and government agencies would be included in the law's requirements.

Minnesota manufacturers currently pay \$1 million into the program, which the OWM uses to provide non-regulatory assistance and education to businesses to help them reduce pollution. The program also promotes cooperation among businesses and public interest groups.

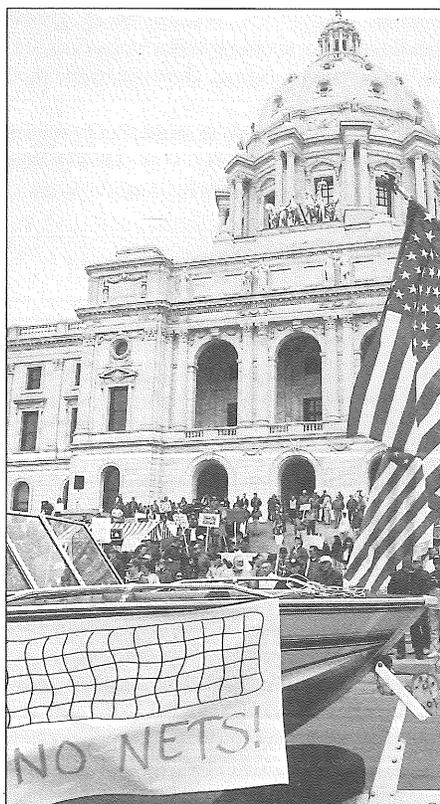
Companies pay an average of \$2,000 in fees under the law, although the range is substantial. Several large Minnesota manufacturers, for example, pay the current \$30,000 annual maximum fee for releases of 1.5 million pounds or more of toxic chemicals.

The proposed legislation would result in an estimated \$400,000 to \$500,000 increase in fee revenue, according to the OWM.

**HF892** also would require the firms and agencies to submit annual reports on the amount and type of toxic chemicals they use.

Additionally, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency would be required to complete its rulemaking on health-based standards for air toxic emissions by Jan. 1, 1995. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has been developing those standards for a number of years.

**HF892** now moves to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee.



A boat parade preceded a rally to draw attention to the management of natural resources in the state. The event, sponsored by the Hunting and Angling Club, took place March 27.

## Financing environmental cleanup

A measure that would extend the state's hazardous waste tax to far more Minnesota businesses in order to clean up contaminated industrial sites was approved by the Environmental and Natural Resources Committee March 30.

The bill (HF1102) is one of several measures being debated this year in an effort to deal with the 1.2 billion pounds of hazardous waste generated in Minnesota each year and the 189 hazardous waste sites and landfills waiting on the Superfund cleanup list.

HF1102, authored by Rep. Sidney Pauly (IR-Eden Prairie), would generate \$4.5 million for Superfund hazardous waste cleanup projects by instituting a new \$13.40 per ton tax on hazardous waste. While the tax rate would be lower than the \$16- to \$32-per cubic yard tax now in law, the number of waste products taxed would broaden considerably.

The legislation would additionally make low-interest loans of up to \$50,000 for cleanup projects.

Fewer than 300 Minnesota firms are now required to pay the hazardous waste generator tax. It is estimated that HF1102 would extend the law to an additional 4,000 Minnesota businesses. Waste that is *treated* is now exempt from the tax, but it would not be with HF1102.

However, some 16,000 Minnesota businesses and institutions that produce less than 2,640 pounds of hazardous waste annually would not be subject to the tax.

Since its creation a decade ago, the Superfund has received \$17 million in state funding, but the fund is shrinking rapidly. Proponents of HF1102 have said that expanding the tax to include more hazardous waste generators would help stabilize the fund.

Hazardous waste can include drycleaning chemicals, degreasing solvents from auto body shops, metal plating wastes, unused pesticide products, and residues from wood preserving operations.

The hazardous waste tax proceeds would be used only to clean up abandoned industrial waste sites, and would not be used for the 62 abandoned municipal landfills on the Superfund list.

The bill now moves to the Taxes Committee for further consideration.



## GOVERNMENT

### Looking for a stash of cash

Members of the Judiciary Finance Division have been working like a chain gang in recent weeks to hammer out a way to pay for the state's criminal justice system.

Caught between ever-increasing demands for dealing with the state's growing crime problem and state resources that seem to be dwindling even faster, as of March 30 the panel was \$53 million over its assigned spending target of \$664 million.

The panel's jurisdiction includes all correctional facilities, courts, the Attorney General's Office and other criminal justice agencies.

Working groups, rather than formal subcommittees, have been examining areas of the budget.

Some of their preliminary recommendations include increasing real estate filing fee surcharges from \$2 to \$4, which Rep. Mike Delmont (DFL-Lexington) said would raise \$1.8 million. The dollars would be earmarked for legal aid services to low-income people who would otherwise have no access to those services. Delmont said 42,000 people used those services last year, but 18,000 were turned away.

Various court fees would be increased to restore salary cuts recommended in the governor's budget for court employees. Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center) said the increased fees would raise \$2.3 million.

The funding decisions are especially difficult for the Department of Corrections. Recently increased sentences means a higher demand for prison space. Orville Pung, commissioner of corrections, told the panel that Stillwater State Prison is now over its capacity, and demands for new beds are only going to increase in the future.

Recommendations to trim the budget for prisons by excluding inflation and with flat budget cuts would mean staff layoffs and elimination of programs, Pung said. Even though it may make corrections institutions more volatile, there is not much choice, he said.

The panel's deliberations on spending will continue in the coming weeks.

### Public Safety bill tabled

A bill that would abolish the Department of Public Safety and disperse its functions to other agencies hit an unexpected roadblock when its author asked a panel to table it.

Presenting his bill (HF272) to the Judiciary Finance Committee April 1, Rep. Loren Solberg (DFL-Bovey) said his plan would save more than \$2 million a year, based on early estimates. Most of that savings comes from jobs abolished in the administrative functions of the agency.

Other jobs, and the money to pay for them, would be transferred to the departments of Transportation and Corrections, the Office of the Attorney General, and others.

But when Rep. Doug Swenson (IR-Forest Lake) began quizzing Solberg on the timing of the bill's introduction, and Rep. Bill Macklin (IR-Lakeville) questioned whether the proposal had been studied enough, Solberg asked that the bill be tabled.

Swenson questioned whether the departure of Mark Shields as superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and his subsequent move to the Attorney General's Office was related to the plan. The BCA is part of the Department of Public Safety, whose commissioner is appointed by the IR Gov. Arne Carlson, while the state Attorney General is Hubert H. Humphrey III, a DFLer.

Solberg vehemently denied a connection.

As for further study, Solberg said the Legislature spent \$3 million to fund a cost-savings study under Carlson's Commission on Reform and Efficiency (CORE). His plan incorporates the same kind of ideas for delivering public services at lower costs, he said, even though the governor has backed away from an added gasoline tax that would fund needed positions with the State Patrol.

"If you want to study things, we can study things like mad," Solberg said. "My role here is to save money."

After a divided vote, the committee decided to hear the bill again at a later date.

### Eliminating DPSv

In the first proposal to be fashioned from the Commission on Reform and Efficiency's (CORE) recommendations, a House panel April 1 voted 13 to 9 to abolish the state Department of Public Service (DPSv).

The department is responsible for protecting the public interest in the areas of weights and measures, telecommunications, and energy.

The bill (HF981), heard March 30 and April 1 by the Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee, would transfer the department's duties to the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Agriculture, and the Public Utilities Commission. Of the department's 134 positions, 8.5 would be eliminated.

Chief author Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls) said his purpose is not to save dollars.

"This isn't so much a money-saving [idea], as it is placing functions where they belong. . . . It's a reorganization bill," he said.

Rice emphasized that no regulatory functions would be changed by the proposal. Only the agencies performing them would be altered.

Kris Sanda, current DPSv commissioner, said any proposal to reform state government should meet three criteria: It should save money, help consumers, and "reinvent" government. HF981

fails on all three counts, she said.

"Re-arranging is not reinventing government," Sanda said.

She described her department as a successful \$10 million business, saying "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." Sanda calculates the biennial savings of the bill to be \$37,000.

Under the bill, current Weights and Measures Division duties would be transferred to the Department of Agriculture. The division's staff ensures that a gallon of gas at each of the state's 30,000 pumps is really a full gallon, and that the state's 15,000 grocery scales are accurate.

The DPSv has regulated the state's telephone systems since 1915. These duties would be transferred to the Public Utilities Commission, (PUC) as would conservation improvement programs and other responsibilities related to state energy policy.

The Residential Utilities Division of the Attorney General's Office would be renamed the Utility Consumers Division, and would absorb the current DPSv consumer advocacy role in public utility and telecommunications matters before the PUC.

The CORE recommendations state that abolishing the DPSv "would improve accountability."

The bill now moves to the Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Committee.

## A pay raise for state officials?

Statewide elected officials and judges won't get any salary increases between July 1995 and July 1997 if the Legislature accepts the recommendations of the Legislative Coordinating Commission's Compensation Council.

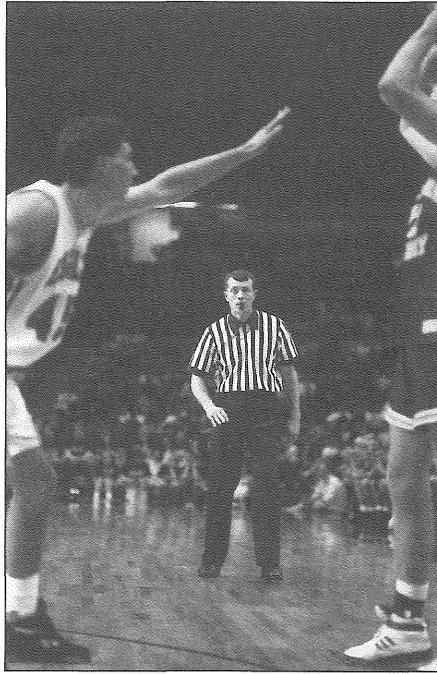
At the sometimes rancorous meeting, council members voted down a proposal to give those state officials cost-of-living raises during that time period.

Instead, the council recommended that the salaries of constitutional officers — who include the governor and attorney general — be frozen.

Although council members couldn't agree on what to do with salaries for legislators and judges, their lack of a formal recommendation means those salaries would stay the same during that period — assuming the Legislature adopts the recommendations.

(A motion to freeze the salaries of legislators failed on a tie vote, leaving no recommendation. A motion to make no recommendation on judges' salaries also failed. But since the council already voted against a cost-of-living increase for judges, and no other motion was made, there is, in effect, no recommendation.)

But that doesn't mean all elected officials' salaries will stay the same between now and then because earlier decisions by the council are



As the House Minority Leader, one of Rep. Steve Sviggum's primary tasks is to be the chief architect of the Independent-Republican's partisan attacks upon the DFL. But in his other life as a high school referee, Sviggum's job is to remain ever so neutral. Here, Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) is seen calling 'em-as-he-sees-'em during the Class A High School boys championship game between Maple River and Faribault Bethlehem Academy March 27. For the record, Maple River won, 33-29.

set to take effect. Legislators, whose salaries were frozen in 1992, are scheduled to receive a 6 percent increase on July 1, 1993. And judges received a 6 percent pay increase effective Jan. 1, 1993.

Council member Rep. Connie Morrison (IR-Burnsville) abstained from the vote regarding pay for legislators. "My income as a legislator is unimportant to my family income," she said. But Morrison said she would find it hard to vote against a raise for other legislators who may depend on that income to support their families.

Members of the House of Representatives now earn a base salary of \$27,979. That will rise to \$29,657 on July 1, 1993, the result of a previous council recommendation, unless the Legislature chooses not to fund the increase.

Sen. Allan Spear (DFL-Mpls) voted in favor of the 1995-1997 cost-of-living increases. He said that sudden jumps in pay to make up for years of frozen salaries make a bad impression on taxpayers. Higher legislative pay has attracted an abler group of people, he argued. Twenty years ago, when pay was \$8,400 a year, legislators tended to "milk lobbyists" for unofficial compensation, he said.

Some members questioned the council's very existence, saying the 16-member appointed body of citizens and legislators gave state lawmakers a way to abdicate their responsibility for

approving their own pay increases. Chair Ernest Lindstrom said the present system, in which funding for pay raises is buried in a massive appropriations bill, was "secretive," "exclusive," and "deceptive" to the public. The council then passed a recommendation by a 7-4 vote that the Legislature "act more openly" in setting salaries, and be required to take separate recorded votes on the salary issue.

The council was established in 1983 to assist lawmakers in the politically charged task of setting their own salaries, and those of other constitutional and judicial officials. According to state law, the council's recommendations "may be expressly modified or rejected."

## Salary increase eliminated

Two of the state's top educational administrators will not be getting a pay raise under a bill approved March 30 by the Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee.

Members deleted a provision of **HF1199**, sponsored by Rep. Leo Reding (DFL-Austin), that would have given the chancellor of the state technical college system a \$2,250 salary increase, and the director of the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) a \$2,300 pay hike. Each represents a 2.5 percent boost in salary.

The deletion means the technical college chancellor's annual salary remains at \$90,550 and the HECB director's pay stays at \$91,050. Both administrators received a pay increase in January 1992.

"These are not the times to be granting pay raises to people," said Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul).

On Dec. 22, 1992, the Legislative Commission on Employee Relations recommended the 2.5 percent pay hike, which would have matched the raise all unionized state employees received in July 1992. The HECB had requested a 5 percent increase; the technical college system requested 3 percent.

As approved, the bill does include a commission-recommended salary of \$103,600 for the chancellor of the new Higher Education Board, who is charged with overseeing the integration of the state university, technical, and community college systems. The salary equals the current salary of the chancellor of the state university system.

A failed attempt was made to delete the salary recommendation, labeled a "staggering number" by one committee member. Deletion of the provision would have knocked the salary down to \$90,000, the amount ratified by the 1992 Legislature for an acting interim chancellor of the Higher Education Board.

**HF1199** would also ratify the state troopers' negotiated salary agreement. Minnesota Highway Patrol members — and conservation officers and gambling enforcement officers in the same bargaining unit — have been without a

new contract since July 1991.

The 20-month stalemate was aggravated last May when the Legislative Commission on Employee Relations voted 9-1 to reject a negotiated 7.5 percent pay hike spread over two years. **HF1199** would retroactively adopt a raise of 6.75 percent for the current biennium, which will expire in July 1993.

The bill now moves to the Ways and Means Committee.

## Private — not state — computers

By April of next year, the Department of Human Services envisions that its computer system, MMIS, will be able to instantly reveal to pharmacists whether a prescription would be covered by Medical Assistance. It also would show whether the patient is taking any other medicine that would cause an adverse reaction with the new prescription.

But Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley) believes the department did a poor job of getting MMIS, which processes Medical Assistance bills, functioning. So he has sponsored a bill that would remove the electronic management system for prescriptions from direct state control.

**HF869** would require the state commissioner of human services to contract with a private vendor to develop, implement, and operate a new computer system. The purpose of the system would be to process pharmacists' claims for Medical Assistance-reimbursed prescriptions at the point of sale. Those claims amount to \$100 million annually.

The system would have to be implemented by Dec. 31, 1993.

The state's pharmacists have waited far too long to have their claims handled by the state's MMIS system, which received federal approval in 1990, committee members said. Rep. Brad Stanius (IR-White Bear Lake) said four years was a long time to get a computer system up and running, noting that larger tasks, such as defeating Iraq in the Persian Gulf War, took much less time.

**HF869** was approved by the Health and Human Services Committee March 30 and now goes to the committee's Human Services Finance Division.



## HEALTH

### Return of the swab teams

What proponents say is the number one environmental health problem for children — lead poisoning — is addressed in a bill approved by the Health and Human Services Committee March 30.

**HF961** would strengthen the state's lead abatement program. It would require the state Department of Health to provide or contract for

lead cleanup teams known as "swab teams." The teams would be sent out to reduce lead exposure in residences where tested children or pregnant women have elevated blood lead levels.

Recent studies have shown the highest concentrations of lead poisoning cases have been in the inner-city neighborhoods of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Under the bill, the swab teams would need to respond within five days after a lead abatement order is issued by the Department of Health. The cost of the cleanup would generally belong to the contaminated building's owner, who would be forbidden to increase the rent on a dwelling in retaliation for being ordered to do a lead abatement.

Tenants would be relocated during the cleanup process. The tenant would be allowed the option of terminating his or her lease at the time of the lead abatement without further liability, and would not have to pay rent on his or her lead-contaminated home during the relocation period. Grants, available through the Department of Health, would be used to pay for safe housing for the tenants during the cleanup period.

**HF961** also would establish standards for the licensing of lead inspectors and authorize fines of up to \$5,000 per day for violation of lead abatement rules. The bill would create a lead abatement demonstration and training grant program within the state Department of Jobs and Training.

The bill is sponsored by Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls). Clark estimated the annual cost of screening children for lead in affected neighborhoods and helping landlords fix up their properties at \$7.5 million. In its current form, the bill calls for no specific funding amount.

**HF961** now moves to the Judiciary Committee.

## Prescriptions for optometrists

A bill to expand optometrists' scope of practice is moving ahead despite strong opposition from ophthalmologists. **HF134** was passed by the House March 29. The vote was 102-30.

The bill would allow licensed optometrists who are specially board-certified to prescribe and administer topical legend drugs. Optometrists who receive special training would be able to treat patients who have eye diseases such as glaucoma and cataracts and certain eye injuries.

Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) fought back efforts to prevent optometrists from treating patients with glaucoma or providing steroids.

The amendment's sponsor, Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Minneapolis) said, "I think the amendment would provide some safety in the extension of practice." He said that of the 32 states which have expanded the scope of prac-

tice for optometrists, only 14 allow optometrists to treat glaucoma.

Saying she was speaking from experience, Rep. Peggy Leppik (IR-Golden Valley) spoke in support of the amendment. Leppik said that the treatment of glaucoma has become a very personal issue for her since learning two weeks ago that she has the eye disease. She read the warning label on her medication, and concluded that "these drugs for glaucoma are very powerful drugs."

But Vellenga argued that the amendment would "gut" the bill which is intended to increase the accessibility and affordability of eye care. She said that optometrists would receive special training to treat patients with glaucoma. The amendment failed on a 51-80 vote.

Ophthalmologists are medical doctors and receive eight to 10 years of training, whereas optometrists are not medical doctors and receive four years of training — not including the additional training called for in the bill.

**HF134** now moves to the Senate for consideration.

## Grants for the mentally ill

Mentally ill people who enter the hospital for a short-term stay may find upon release that they've lost their apartment and household goods.

To avert the homelessness that could hinder such people's recovery, Rep. Marc Asch (DFL-North Oaks) has sponsored a bill that sets up a short-term rental assistance program for financially strapped mentally ill people who require short-term hospital care. The funds, to be administered by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, could be used to help pay for up to 90 days of rental assistance.

The bill (**HF1275**) was given preliminary approval by the Health and Housing Finance Division of the Health and Human Services Committee March 30, without a specific amount of funding attached.

Along with all other measures that require state funding, the proposal will be incorporated into the 1993 omnibus Health and Housing Finance Division bill.

## Controlling health care costs

Health care costs in Minnesota would be frozen through the end of 1993 to aid the start up of state-authorized health care service networks under a bill approved March 31 by a House panel.

The proposal (**HF1179**), sponsored by Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), would prohibit insurers from increasing premiums and ban all health care providers from hiking their fees before Jan. 1, 1994. After that date, yearly increases would be limited to 10 percent or less.

**HF1179** attempts to lay a foundation to meet the ambitious cost-containment guidelines established in last year's MinnesotaCare legislation. Most of the bill's provisions were developed by the Minnesota Health Care Commission, a 25-member working group of providers, insurers, and consumers that first met last August. The commission presented their recommendations to lawmakers in January.

The temporary price freeze, however, was not among their suggestions. It was proposed last month to prevent insurers and providers from artificially raising rates in anticipation of other legislative cost control measures.

Under the bill, the lynchpin in achieving those systemwide savings would be competing integrated service networks (ISNs). The networks — which supporters envision will serve 90 percent of the state by 1998 — expand on the model of health maintenance organizations (HMOs), offering a group of "subscribing" clients medical services at a fixed price.

The strategy, instead of charging on a fee-per-service basis, is to discourage unnecessary procedures and hold down costs, the commission said. The proposed freeze on health care costs also would allow the ISNs to better compete with the HMOs.

Both HMOs and ISNs essentially are health care cooperatives — doctors, insurers, hospitals and other health care personnel working together to serve patients. They typically share overhead costs such as equipment and administrative personnel to reduce non-medical costs.

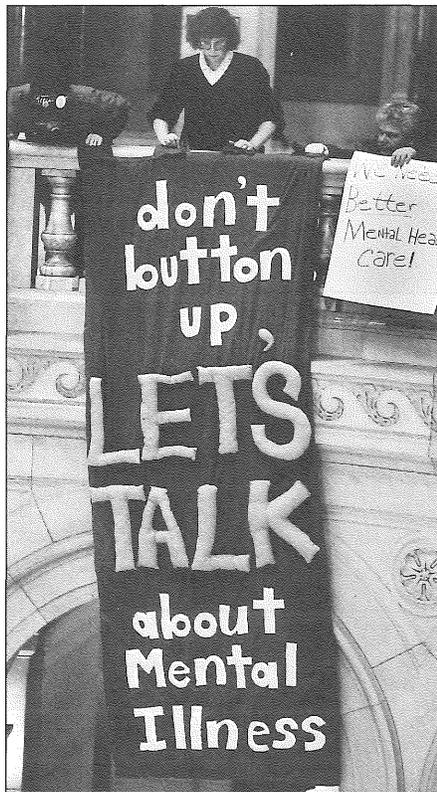
Nothing in the bill would require any health care entity to join ISNs, Greenfield said. He said the proposal would create voluntary practice parameters for ISNs, with the Department of Health monitoring compliance with minimum performance standards.

The proposal also would rely on "global budgeting," which would give the state Department of Health authority to set a total annual spending cap for health care throughout the state, with budgets for ISNs adjusted for yearly changes in their clientel.

"If you read the national news, you won't see anything that's totally different from this proposal," said Greenfield. "It's managed competition and that's what most people think the president's [health care] proposal ultimately will be."

Greenfield and other proponents said the entire proposal, approved by the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee by a 9-7 margin, would keep annual growth in health care expenses to half the projected national average and save Minnesota residents about \$7 billion over the next five years.

Other versions of the same bill (**HF1178**, **HF1180**) were to be presented to other House policy committees to meet the April 2 committee deadline. The differences in the separate bills will be reconciled when they reach the Human Services Finance Division of the Health



Advocates for people who suffer from mental illnesses rallied in the Capitol rotunda March 31 in support of measures to increase state support of programs to aid the mentally ill. The rally was sponsored by the Mental Health Association.

and Human Services Committee, chaired by Greenfield.

## HUMAN SERVICES

### Reorganizing dental care

Because of low reimbursement rates, confusing paperwork, and other reasons, many dentists are reluctant to treat Medical Assistance (MA) recipients. As a result, those with MA benefits have trouble finding a dentist willing to treat them.

The state could make a radical change in the way it handles dental care for those with MA, General Assistance Medical Care, and MinnesotaCare benefits next fall, under a bill approved by the Health and Human Services Committee March 30.

Instead of paying fee-for-service, the Department of Human Services would contract with one or more nonprofit health service plans or health maintenance organizations, such as Delta Dental, to provide all dental services for publicly assisted clients.

The state would pay the dental health plans on a prospective per capita basis, and dentists enrolled in the plan would provide care to qualified patients as needed.

Patient enrollment would be mandatory beginning Oct. 1, except for MA recipients, for

whom enrollment would be voluntary until a federal waiver is granted. MinnesotaCare recipients would continue to make a 50 percent copayment for non-preventative services.

**HF1295** is sponsored by Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls). The bill will be considered next by the Human Services Finance Division of the Health and Human Services Committee.

### GAMC and illegal workers

A bill that would have barred illegal immigrants from receiving General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) failed to win the approval of the Health and Human Services Committee March 30.

**HF485**, sponsored by Rep. Kevin Goodno (IR-Moorhead), incorporated cost-saving measures recommended by Gov. Arne Carlson.

The bill was opposed by representatives and advocates of the Hispanic community, who argued that illegal immigrants contribute far more to the local economy than they take from it.

Nevertheless, Goodno argued, those undocumented workers are violating federal law by living here.

But bill opponents said **HF485** offered no real cost savings because medical care costs would be shifted to counties, and defending the state against a lawsuit for violation of civil rights would cost thousands of dollars in attorney's fees.

## LABOR

### Workers' comp costs detailed

Insurance companies would have to provide employers with detailed explanations of their workers' compensation insurance costs under a measure approved March 29 by the Labor-Management Relations Committee.

The proposal (**HF1382**) would require insurance companies to disclose how workers' compensation rates for specific businesses were determined — including history of workplace safety, medical, and legal costs and other factors — whenever a policy is renewed or terminated.

"This will help everyone understand workers' comp premiums and it will help a lot of people make accurate assessments," said Rep. Robert Ness (IR-Dassel), author of the bill. The proposal was later amended into a larger package (**HF1185**) of workplace insurance changes adopted by the labor panel.

**HF1185** also carries a provision that would require legal guardians to be appointed in certain cases following the award of a sizable lump sum workers' compensation settlement. Guardians could be appointed for minors, people who suffer debilitating injuries, or in cases where the injured person gets workers' compensation ben-

efits for more than 13 weeks.

The committee also approved separate proposals that would:

- require construction firms that subcontract a portion of a job to pay workers' compensation and unemployment insurance costs for those employees (HF1387);
- ensure that injured workers receiving benefits prior to the enactment of last year's workers' compensation reform law continue to receive a 6 percent annual cost of living adjustment. The 1992 law lowered the adjustment to 4 percent (HF1022);
- give unemployed workers who take jobs outside their regular field a 30-day trial period to determine if that new job is acceptable without jeopardizing their unemployment compensation benefits (HF1423); and
- request the state Department of Jobs and Training to study rule changes that would allow battered women to receive unemployment benefits if they have to quit their job to escape domestic violence (HF343).

All five bills now move to the House floor for consideration.



## LAW

### Gay rights bill passes

Gays and lesbians in Minnesota would be protected from the same kinds of discrimination as other minority groups under a bill given final approval by the House March 31.

The House approved revisions made to the bill by a House-Senate conference committee, giving final passage on a 77-53 vote. The Senate approved the identical measure April 1, so it now heads to the desk of Gov. Arne Carlson, who has said he will sign it into law.

Specifically, the bill would add "sexual orientation" to the state Human Rights Act, which details several protected groups.

Final debate on the bill (HF585) was barely a flicker of what took place nearly two weeks before, when the House approved it 78-55 after a long, emotionally charged session.

House Minority Leader Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) said the state's Human Rights Act amended by the bill is intended to protect people, not behavior. He called it "an infringement on the religious beliefs of many people in this state."

But Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester) disagreed, saying that the measure protects the dignity and rights of a group of Minnesotans without condoning what they do. Protecting rights and advocating behavior are distinct issues, he said.

The bill passed by the House and Senate kept intact amendments added by the House on March 18, but deletes references made to "affectional orientation."

Following the vote, Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls), the bill's author, told her colleagues she stands ready to help anyone explain the bill when they face constituents who have been deeply divided over the issue.

### Blocking access to clinics

Protesters who intentionally block access to clinics where abortions are performed would face more severe penalties under a bill approved March 30 by the Judiciary Committee.

Chief author Rep. Howard Orenstein (DFL-St. Paul) said he drafted HF1220 to give the criminal justice system the tools it needs to handle the impending visit of Operation Rescue to the Twin Cities this summer.

"The state has a duty to ensure that protests in front of abortion clinics take place in peace, without violence and in a way that respects the rights of others," said Orenstein.

The bill would make it a gross misdemeanor to intentionally block access to a medical facility. Currently, protesters who block access to medical clinics are usually only cited for trespassing, Orenstein said. The misdemeanor offense is not taken seriously by the criminal justice system, which leads to "revolving door" justice that too quickly lets disruptive protesters return to abortion clinics, Orenstein said. The gross misdemeanor penalty would allow courts to sentence violators to up to one year in jail and a \$3,000 fine.

The bill also specifies that a person who intentionally blocks access to a medical facility could be assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for each violation.

Abortion clinics are not military installa-

tions, said bill supporter Jeri Rasmussen, executive director of the Midwest Health Center for Women. Nevertheless, she said, disruptive and occasionally violent anti-abortion protests at her clinic have forced her staff to become trained in handling bomb threats, preparing for chemical attacks, and detecting letter bombs.

"To say that such activity is peaceful is to redefine that word," she said.

Opponents of the bill told members that vague language in portions of the bill would restrict the First Amendment rights of protesters, thus making the bill unconstitutional. In addition, opponents argued that other portions were too specific, and unfairly punished one type of protesters.

"This bill is clearly directed against people who are pro-life," said James Tarsney, an attorney testifying against the bill.

Because the intent of HF1220 is to restrict a particular kind of protest, Tarsney said, it is similar to a St. Paul "hate crime" ordinance that was found unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Rep. Warren Limmer (IR-Maple Grove) argued that the bill was unwise because it would outlaw the kind of protests Martin Luther King Jr. and Mohandas Gandhi used to effect progressive social changes.

"History has been changed by people who have blocked access," he said.

The committee approved the bill on a voice vote. It now moves to the House floor for debate.



Gloria Eberhard of Oakdale held her 7-month-old son, Kyle, during a March 29 rally sponsored by the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life. The rally was held to support HF290, known as the Women's Right to Know bill, that would require doctors who perform abortions to provide women with information about other options to deal with their pregnancies.

## Human rights extension fails

A bill that would have extended the time window for filing a discrimination complaint or lawsuit failed in the Health and Human Services Committee March 30.

**HF216**, sponsored by Rep. Linda Wejcman (DFL-Mpls), would have extended the deadline for formally filing a discrimination complaint to two years. Current law has a one-year limitation.

**HF216** also would have made it illegal for employers to ask job applicants if they ever have filed a discrimination complaint. It also would have limited the rights of someone accused of sexual harassment to present evidence of the complainant's sexual conduct with other individuals.

Legislators expressed reluctance to pass a law that would create higher enforcement costs for the state Department of Human Rights. Committee Chair Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley) said he opposed the bill because he thought the two-year deadline was too long and because he was generally "anti-litigation."

A similar measure (**SF57**) has been approved by the Senate Judiciary and Rules and Administration committees and is pending on the Senate floor.

So technically, the measure remains alive for this session; to be considered further this session, a bill must have been approved by policy committees in the house of origin by April 2.

## Tanning restrictions sought

Minors would have to get their parents' permission before using a tanning booth if a bill approved April 1 by the Commerce and Economic Development Committee becomes law.

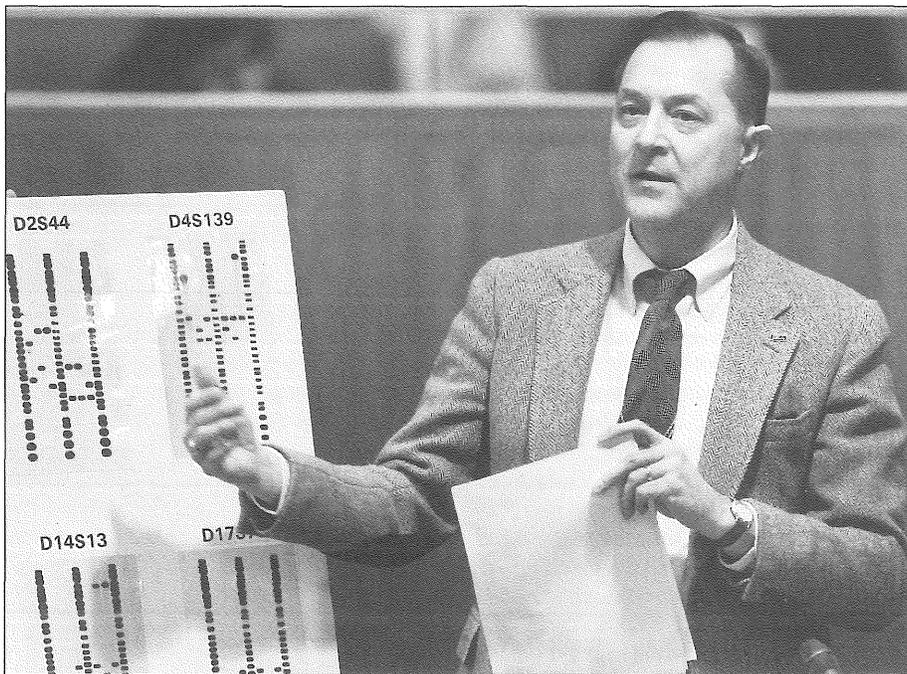
Under the measure (**HF1384**), the parents or guardians of youths under age 18 would have to accompany them to the tanning facility and sign a release form before the minor could use the machines.

It also would require warning signs be posted alerting customers to the potential adverse effects of prolonged exposure to ultraviolet radiation.

The proposal, sponsored by Rep. Marc Asch (DFL-North Oaks), attempts to set minimum construction and safety standards for tanning facilities. Violations would constitute a petty misdemeanor.

It would not require statewide licensing, inspections or fees, Asch said, although cities still would be free to set tougher licensing regulations than those contained in his bill. Two cities, Minneapolis and Bloomington, currently license tanning facilities.

**HF1384** now moves to the House floor for consideration.



Frank Dolejsi of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension explained his agency's methods of DNA testing to members of the Criminal Justice and Family Law Subcommittee March 27. Dolejsi testified in support of a bill (**HF1422**) that would expand the mandatory DNA testing of convicted sex offenders.

## Revisiting surety bond issue

A bill that would give Minnesota courts more leeway in deciding whether people filing suit against the state need to post surety bonds was approved by the Judiciary Committee March 29.

Bill sponsor Rep. Howard Orenstein (DFL-St. Paul), said the proposal (**HF747**) developed out of what he said was the "inherent unfairness" in current law that required a Bloomington couple to post a \$30 million bond to challenge the financial-aid package the 1991 Legislature authorized for Northwest Airlines.

Current law requires the posting of a bond by anyone who challenges the actions of a public body, including its decision to sell bonds. In the Northwest deal, the Legislature approved the sale of \$350 million in bonds to Northwest as part of an overall \$620 million financial-aid package. In return, Northwest agreed to build two aircraft maintenance bases in Duluth.

**HF747** would direct courts to base their surety-bond decisions on a consideration of "whether the action presents substantial constitutional issues or substantial issues of statutory construction." In addition, the measure would direct the courts to take into consideration the likelihood that parties would win their lawsuits.

"This bill isn't going to revive any frivolous cases," Orenstein told the committee.

Orenstein, who opposed the 1991 Northwest deal, said he decided to take up the Minnesota Court of Appeals' challenge to lawmakers to look into the surety bond issue. The court said it was obligated to rule that the Bloomington couple post the \$30 million bond, Orenstein said, but said in its written decision that it

was reluctant to do so because the law in this instance was "extremely severe in its application."

The current law operates backwards, Orenstein told the committee, because it requires the surety bond posting before the court decides on the constitutional issues raised by such lawsuits.

Orenstein described his bill to the committee as conservative legislation because it vests more power in the public at large and ensures that the Legislature doesn't overstep its authority.

The bill was approved on a voice vote and referred to the House floor for further consideration.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Two-way radio

In times of emergency, law enforcement units may need to communicate across city boundaries, but no efficient two-way radio link now exists between municipalities in the metropolitan area.

A bill approved by the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee April 1 attempts to resolve that communications gap. **HF986** would establish a 31-member metropolitan telecommunications board representing local governments, law enforcement agencies, and other interests. With staff support from the Metropolitan Council, the board would develop a cost-effective public sector radio communications system for the metropolitan area. The study is expected to cost \$400,000 to \$500,000 over five years.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Steve Kelley (DFL-Hopkins), originally called for the Metropolitan Council to borrow state funds earmarked for acquiring highway right-of-ways in order to fund the development of the plan.

But Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center) said the Council should use its own funds collected by its annual property tax levy for the project. Carruthers' amendment specifying that the Council could not use right-of-way funds was added to **HF986**, which was then approved. It now moves to the House floor.

## More MAC members

The Metropolitan Airports Commission would be expanded to include more representation from cities most affected by airport noise, under a bill approved by the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee March 30. The governing body of each municipality affected by noise — Bloomington, Eagan, Mendota Heights, and Richfield — would appoint a commissioner whose term would be the same length as the city's mayoral term.

**HF431** was opposed by committee members who said the increased membership might lead the commission to focus mainly on noise, when it has other important airport issues to consider. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Edwina Garcia (DFL-Richfield), was approved on a close voice vote and now goes to the House floor.



## TRANSPORTATION

### High speed rail still on track

Approval for the second phase of a study for a high-speed rail route linking Minneapolis-St. Paul with Chicago was granted by the Transportation and Transit Committee March 26.

The second phase of the study calls for a detailed route analysis and would implement a plan for design and construction; the first phase of the study essentially roughed out a "pencil sketch" of the proposal.

The route would be along a southern corridor that would include Rochester, LaCrosse, Madison, and Milwaukee. The speed options studied in the first phase were 125, 185, and 300 miles per hour. At 300 miles an hour, it would only take two hours and 15 minutes to get from the Twin Cities to Chicago.

Whether Minnesota will spend money on the second phase of the study will depend on whether Wisconsin, Illinois, and the federal government make equal contributions.

The total cost of the study is estimated at \$2 million, with each of the four units of government kicking in \$500,000.

The bill calling for the study (**HF1052**) is sponsored by Rep. Don Frerichs (IR-Roches-

ter). The bill now moves to the Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee.

## LRT bonding?

A bill authorizing the state to issue transportation bonds for bridge construction was amended March 26 to include bonding for a light rail transit (LRT) system.

The amendment offered by Rep. Carlos Mariani (DFL-St. Paul) was attached to **HF5** in the Transportation and Transit Committee.

Mariani's amendment calls for state authorized bonds of an unspecified amount to cover the costs of LRT construction. The bonds would be sold only after the Metropolitan Council approves a completed application for federal financial assistance to help build LRT facilities on the central corridor between the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The application for federal assistance was required by a 1991 law.

The amended **HF5** was approved and referred to the Capital Investment Committee for further consideration.



## VETERANS

### Saluting Persian Gulf vets

A plan that would give Minnesotans a chance to vote on whether to give bonuses to Persian Gulf War veterans whizzed through a House committee faster than a Patriot missile.

Similar bonuses have been paid to veterans of other recent wars, said bill sponsor Rep. Mike Delmont (DFL-Lexington). The proposal (**HF465**) was approved by the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee March 29.

Delmont's bill would submit the question to voters in the 1994 general election so Minnesotans could decide for themselves whether to



Kelly Ferber, mayor of Fergus Falls, testified before the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee March 29 in support of a measure (**HF794**) to bring a veterans home to Fergus Falls. This marks the 11th time the bill's author, Rep. Bob Anderson (DFL-Ottertail), has attempted to gain approval for the home. The measure was approved by the committee.

approve a bonus — just as they did in 1948 for World War II vets and in 1972 for Vietnam vets.

"The reason it's being put in the form of a constitutional amendment is so the people of the state of Minnesota can say 'thank you' to those veterans," Delmont said.

The amount of the bonus to each vet is not specified in the bill. Delmont said that would be up to lawmakers to decide if the amendment is approved in 1994. The bonuses would apply to any veteran who served in the Persian Gulf theater, including those who were involved in support operations remote from the Gulf.

A similar bill won the approval of a policy committee in 1991, but stalled in the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee.

**HF465** now moves to the Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee.

### Past state bonuses for veterans

War	Bonus per month of service	Maximum bonus	Method of approval
World War I	\$15.00	none	State law
World War II serving overseas serving stateside	\$15.00 \$10.00	\$400.00 \$270.00	1948 Constitutional amendment
Korean War serving overseas serving stateside	\$15.00 \$7.50	\$400.00 \$200.00*	Considered extension of World War II bonus
Vietnam War MIA/prisoner of war with Vietnam medals no Vietnam medals	... \$15.00 \$15.00	\$1,000.00 \$600.00 \$300.00	1972 Constitutional amendment

\*The maximum is \$400.00 if veteran holds Korean Service Medal



**Members of the Agriculture Committee** got an unexpected lesson in English history March 29, courtesy of the far-reaching mind of Rep. Roger Cooper (DFL-Bird Island).

Rep. Andy Steensma (DFL-Luverne) was presenting his bill on eliminating archaic hay and straw standards. Numbered **HF1066**, Cooper asked the obvious question: "Would this apply to *Norman County*?" Steensma, puzzled but polite, began explaining that his wasn't a county bill, when Cooper interjected: "Then I suppose this is a Norman conquest?"

The year 1066 marked the defeat of Anglo-Saxons by William the Conqueror, who thus became England's first Norman king. William defeated Harold at the battle of Hastings — and not the one in Dakota County.

**During a budget presentation** before the Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee March 31, Secretary of State Joan Growe mentioned a request for \$12,000 to purchase the red "I Voted" stickers given to voters on election day. The

stickers are very popular among voters, Growe said, and help increase voter turnout.

Committee Chair Rep. Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls) agreed the stickers are very popular, and said he caused quite a stir at the Capitol last year when he showed up on election day wearing six or seven of them.

**If you start crossing the street** on the "Walk" signal, and the "Don't Walk" signal starts flashing, are you supposed to stop dead in your tracks or are you allowed to finish crossing the street? Believe it or not, present law is unclear on the matter. That's why Rep. Howard Orenstein (DFL-St. Paul) has sponsored a bill (**HF113**) clarifying that a pedestrian who entered the street on the "Walk" signal can lawfully be in the intersection when the "Don't Walk" signal is flashing. Under the bill, the pedestrian "must be given the right-of-way" by all vehicles.

**HF113** was approved by the Transportation Committee March 26 and won final approval on the House floor April 1.

**Minnesota drivers' licenses are too easy** to alter, causing headaches for police officers trying to track down forgers and for merchants who end up accepting too many bad checks. A bill sponsored by Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley) would require the state to develop new drivers' licenses and identification cards that must be "as impervious to alteration as is reasonably practicable." The new, more secure cards would be issued beginning July 1, 1994. **HF569** was approved by the Transportation and Transit Committee March 26 and was sent to the Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee for further review.

**The penalty for drivers who fail** to have their children under the age of four buckled up in a car seat would be raised to \$50 — double the current level — under a bill approved March 26 by the Transportation and Transit Committee. However, the bill stipulates that the fine could be waived or reduced if the driver can prove that he or she bought a car seat within 14 days of the violation. The bill, **HF477**, sponsored by Rep. Lyndon Carlson (DFL-Crystal), now moves to the House floor.

It's not often that someone "really devoid of political ambition" becomes governor.

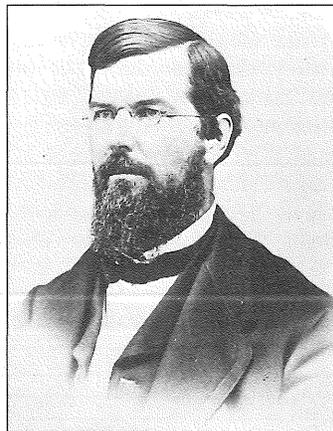
But in July 1863, without a single Minnesota citizen casting a ballot, that's exactly what happened.

Henry Adoniram Swift, an Ohio-born real estate and insurance agent, stumbled reluctantly into state politics in 1861. Republican party leaders nominated Swift for Sibley County's state Senate seat, after another candidate refused the offer. So began Swift's rapid ascent in Minnesota's body politic.

He served in the state Senate until 1863, when then-Lt. Gov. Ignatius Donnelly was elected to the U.S. House. Swift unanimously was chosen by his state Senate peers to replace Donnelly. Soon after, Gov. Alexander Ramsey moved to the U.S. Senate. Swift, as lieutenant governor, was Ramsey's legal successor, and became the third governor of Minnesota on July 10, 1863.

Since 1863 was an election year, both Swift's political peers and the local papers

## It's a fact!



Henry Swift

urged him to seek another term in office. Swift didn't want the job, and under increasing pressure published "an authoritative statement . . . that under no circumstances would he be

a candidate," wrote former Secretary of State James Baker in *Lives of the Governors of Minnesota*.

So after just six months in office, Swift's tenure as governor expired.

He did, however, consent to a repeat performance as a state senator — but vigorously opposed all efforts to have him elected to higher office.

When Alexander Ramsey completed his second U.S. Senate term, Swift's persistent colleagues urged him to seek the post. Swift refused. His legislative friends, in a losing effort, voted for him anyway.

In a letter to his wife, Swift wrote, "I am very much relieved that this senatorial contest is over as it is, and for a few minutes, I was afraid I might be elected." (At the time, the Legislature picked the U.S. senators. It wasn't until 1913 that they were chosen by popular vote.)

In 1869, the humble Swift was stricken with typhoid fever and never recovered. He died at just 45 years of age, and is buried with his family in Ravenna, Ohio.

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# 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
CED	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/fj	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

\*Unofficial listing

**1993 MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE  
BILL STATUS TRACKING SHEET**  
Bill action between March 25 - April 1

rp - recommended to pass                      h - heard  
rpa - recommended to pass as amended      v - vetoed by governor  
nrp - not recommended to pass              † - footnote  
re - re-referred to another cmte./div.      \* - version under consideration  
a - amended

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AGRICULTURE												
HF0385*	Steensma	Debtors' right—first refusal actions	2/15 AG	AG	3/8 rpa		3/25	129-0	3/31			
SF0346	Sams	provided time limit	2/18 AGR	JU	3/29 rpa							
HF0634	Tunheim	Genetic engineer—	2/25 EN	AG	3/29 rp	re ENT						
SF1263	Bertram	state regulation modified	3/24 AGR	AGR	3/31 rp	re EN						
HF0931	Peterson	Ethanol—producer payments,	3/11 AG	AG	3/29 rpa	re TR						
SF0771	Bertram	oxygenate level changed	3/8 AGR	JEC	3/31 rpa	re EN						
HF1065	Steensma	Warehouses—bond requirements	3/15 AG	AG	3/29 rp							
SF0894	Dille	for general merchandise warehouses set	3/11 CCP									
HF1066	Steensma	Hay, straw standards	3/15 AG	AG	3/29 rp							
SF0516	Murphy	law repealed	2/25 AGR	AGR	3/17 h†							
HF1149	Bauerly	Rural Finance Authority—	3/15 AG	AG	3/29 rp	re ENF						
SF0861	Sams	loans expanded	3/11 AGR	AGR	4/1 rpa	re RA						
HF1405	Bertram, Jeff	Wetlands—rule adoption	3/24 EN	AG	3/29 rpa	re EN						
SF1304	Bertram, Joe	dates extended	3/25 EN									
CAPITAL INVESTMENT												
HF0218	Stanius	Capital budget—	2/9 CA	CA	3/30 h							
SF0182	Johnson, D.E.	governor's proposal	2/1 FN									
COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT												
HF0174*	Nelson	Manufactured homes—licensing	2/1 CED	CED	2/25 rpa		3/4	130-2	3/8			3/26 (9)
SF0091	Sams	standards created for installers	1/25 CCP	CCP	3/8†		3/22	62-0				
HF0316	Rukavina	Iron mine facilities—	2/11 EN	CED	4/1 rpa							
SF0487	Janezich	salable condition required	2/25 EN									
HF0835	Luther	Concentrated residential area	3/4 CED	CED	4/1 rp	re GO						
SF1177	Luther	action program established	3/22 JEC									
HF0929	Mariani	Manufacturing opportunity	3/11 CED	CED	3/31 rp	re TA						
SF0226	Kelly	districts established	2/9 JEC									
HF0998	Rice	Crane operators—licensed,	3/11 CED	CED	3/30 rp	re GO						
SF0952	Solon	examining board created	3/15 CCP									
HF1024	Onnen	Uniform business identifier—	3/11 CED	CED	4/1 rp	re HH						
SF1150	Lesewski	feasibility study established	3/22 JEC									
HF1025	Milbert	Athletic trainers—licensed,	3/11 CED	CED	3/30 rp	re GO						
SF0832	Hottinger	advisory board appointed	3/11 HC									
HF1039	Garcia	Auctioneers—cities prohibited	3/15 CED	CED	4/1 rpa							
SF1378	Bertram	from requiring separate licenses	3/29 CCP									
HF1063	Trimble	Currency exchanges—license	3/15 CED	CED	3/30 rp							
SFnone		renewal dates extended										
HF1081	Asch	Collection agencies—additional	3/15 CED	CED	3/31 rpa	re ECF						
SFnone		prohibited activities										
HF1137	Knickerbocker	Real estate—additional agent	3/15 CED	CED	3/31 rpa	re ECF						
SF1000	Solon	disclosures required	3/18 CCP									
HF1177	Kinkel	Invention board—established	3/15 CED	CED	3/30 rp	re GO						
SF0439	Solon		2/22 CCP	JEC	3/25 rpa	re GOR						
HF1384	Asch	Tanning booths—use by	3/24 CED	CED	4/1 rpa							
SF0751	Pappas	minors restricted	3/8 CCP									
HF1446	Jefferson	Urban challenge grants	3/24 CED	CED	3/31 rpa	re GO						
SF1289	Kroening	authorized, funded	3/25 JEC									
EDUCATION												
HF0159*	Tunheim	Maximum effort capital loans—	1/28 ED	ED	2/25 rpa		3/8	133-0	3/15		3/29	
SF0158	Stumpf	time limit extended	2/1 ED	ED	3/1 rpa							
HF0415	Kelso	School bonding projects—	2/18 ED	ED	3/30 rpa	re CA						
SF1157	Ranum	funding allowed	3/22 ED									
HF0611	Greenfield	Children's mental health fund,	2/25 HH	ED	3/30 rp	re JU						
SF0377	Berglin	service system created	2/18 HC	GOR	3/29 rpa	re HC						
HF0879	Tomassoni	Open enrollment athletics—	3/8 ED	ED	3/30 rpa							
SF1122	Janezich	transfers restricted	3/18 ED									
HF0902	Tunheim	Arts Education Center—	3/8 ED	ED	3/30 rpa							
SF1325	Price	governance transfer	3/25 ED									

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HF1129	Lasley	Teachers of hearing impaired—	3/15 ED	ED	3/30 nrp							
SF1239	Ranum	licensure requirements provided	3/22 ED									
HF1332	Bauerly	Education delivery system—	3/22 ED	ED	3/30 rpa	re ED/edf						
SFnone		clarified										
		K-12 Education Finance Division										
		EDUCATION										
HF0002	Dawkins	Minnesota Youth Works—	1/7 ED	ED/edf	3/31 rpa							
SF0100	Marty	established	1/25 ED									
HF0052	Johnson, A.	Community-based program	1/4 ED	ED/edf	3/26 h							
SF0092	Johnson, J.B.	grants provided	1/25 ED									
HF0158	Vickerman	Springfield schools—	1/28 ED	ED/edf	3/29 h,a							
SF0155	Frederickson	funds transferred	1/28 ED	ED	3/17 hf							
HF0193	Kinkel	Remer-Longville	2/1 ED	ED/edf	3/29 h							
SF0151	Finn	funds transferred	1/28 ED	ED	3/17 hf							
HF0221	Tunheim	Argyle schools—	2/9 ED	ED/edf	3/29 h,a							
SF0252	Stumpf	funds transferred	2/11 ED	ED	3/19 †							
HF0263	Rukavina	Consolidated school districts—	2/9 ED	ED/edf	3/29 h							
SF0217	Janezich	aid provided	2/9 ED									
HF0381	Bauerly	Property tax mailing notice—	2/15 ED	ED/edf	3/31 rp							
SF0509	Murphy	requirement modified	3/15 ED	ED	3/26 rp							
HF0386	Johnson, A.	Commission on Children, Youth	2/15 ED	ED/edf	3/26 hf							
SF0565	Ranum	Families authorized to hire	3/1 FA									
HF0456	Bauerly	K-12 education—	2/18 ED	ED/edf	3/31 h							
SF0601	Morse	basic revenue increased	3/1 ED									
HF0502	Kelso	K-12 education—	2/22 ED	ED/edf	3/31 rpa†							
SFnone		capital investment										
HF0587	Sparby	Sparsity revenue—	2/25 ED	ED/edf	3/29 h							
SF0526	Stumpf	definitions modified	2/25 ED									
HF0627	Klinzing	St. Michael-Albertville schools—	2/25 ED	ED/edf	3/29 h							
SF0467	Adkins	funds transferred	2/25 ED	ED	3/17 hf							
HF0705	Olson, K.	School finance—business	3/1 ED	ED/edf	3/31 h							
SFnone		education tax created										
HF0706	Lasley	K-12 education—	3/1 ED	ED/edf	3/31 h							
SF0545	Krentz	financing modified	2/25 ED									
HF0800	Greiling	K-12 education—	3/4 ED	ED/edf	3/31 h							
SF0960	Reichgott	financing method	3/15 ED									
HF0856	Kelso	Teacher regional bargaining—	3/8 ED	ED/edf	3/30 h							
SF0851	Price	provided	3/11 GOR									
HF0880	Evans	Debt redemption fund—	3/8 ED	ED/edf	3/29 h							
SF0630	Marty	transfers clarified	3/4 ED									
HF0971	Hausman	Early childhood, parent educators	3/11 ED	ED/edf	3/26 h,a							
SF0866	Pappas	of color program—established	3/11 ED									
HF1146	Koppendrayner	Onamia schools—	3/15 ED	ED/edf	3/31 h							
SF1358	Stevens	money appropriated	3/25 ED	ED	3/30 †							
HF1157	Tomassoni	School year, instructional time	3/15 ED	ED/edf	3/26 hf							
SF0120	Krentz	requirements clarified	1/28 ED	ED	3/19 rpa†							
HF1202	Bauerly	Sartel schools—	3/18 ED	ED/edf	3/29 h							
SF1303	Bertram	funds transferred	3/25 ED									
HF1266	Dorn	Mankato schools—	3/18 ED	ED/edf	3/29 h							
SF1001	Hottinger	funds transferred	3/18 ED	ED	3/26 hf							
HF1368	Peterson	Interdistrict cooperation plan—	3/22 ED	ED/edf	3/26 hf							
SF1376	Stumpf	members allowed combination revenue	3/29 ED									
HF1400	Laurey	Fund transfers—	3/24 ED	ED/edf	3/29 h							
SF1078	Chmielewski	deadlines extended	3/18 ED									
HF1456	Bauerly	K-12 education—	2/18 ED	ED/edf	3/31 h							
SF0601	Morse	basic revenue increased	3/1 ED									
HF1472	Dehler	Hollinford schools	3/25 ED	ED/edf	3/29 h							
SF1365	Bertram	funds transferred	3/25 ED									
		Higher Education Finance Division										
		EDUCATION										
HF0060	Opatz	Semester system—feasibility	1/19 ED	ED/hif	3/26 rp							
SF0432	Hottinger	studied by HECE	2/22 ED									

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†HF0386-incorporated into HF0052

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†SFs0467, 1358-laid over  
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HF0322	Ness	Career counseling developed—	2/11 ED	ED/hif	3/26 rpa							
SF0503	Beckman	postsecondary systems	2/25 ED	ED	3/31 †							
HF0368	Pelowski	Technical college student	2/15 ED	ED/hif	3/26 rpa							
SF0349	Morse	association updated	2/18 ED	ED	3/25 rp							
HF0738	Kelley	Remedial instruction information—	3/4 ED	ED/hif	3/26 —	re ED						
SF1052	Mondale	provided to school districts	3/18 ED	ED	3/31 †							
		ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES										
HF0095	Laurey	Willow River schools—	1/25 EN	EN	3/16 rp		3/25	131-0				
SF0081	Chmielewski	land sale authorized	1/25 EN									
HF0277	Peterson	Livestock—cervidae farming	2/11 AG	EN	3/31 rp							
SF0237	Berg	promoted as agricultural pursuit	2/9 AGR	TT	3/30 rpa							
HF0472	Krueger	Deer permits—	2/18 EN	EN	3/31 rpa	re ENF						
SFnone		free for certain owners										
HF0597	Tunheim	Fish taken in Minnesota-Ontario	2/25 EN	EN	3/31 h							
SF0597	Stumpf	boundary waters—sale, transportation prohibited	3/1 EN									
HF0626	Rukavina	Deer permits—	2/25 EN	EN	3/31 nrp							
SF0499	Janezich	priority for age 65+	2/25 EN									
HF0734	Sparby	Deer permits—	3/4 EN	EN	3/31 nrp							
SF0484	Lessard	priority set for under age 16	2/25 EN	EN	3/11 rpa							
HF0752	Sparby	Sawyer—sale or transportation	3/4 EN	EN	3/31 h							
SF0599	Stumpf	prohibited	3/1 EN									
HF0763	Anderson	Canadian fish—	3/4 EN	EN	4/1 rp							
SF1066	Stumpf	transportation regulated	3/18 EN									
HF0764	Anderson, I.	Canadian fish—	3/4 EN	EN	4/1 †							
SF0873	Lessard	angling license required	3/11 EN									
HF0774	Tunheim	Fish—sales of certain size limited, fish prohibited	3/14 EN	EN	3/31 h							
SFnone												
HF0836*	Stanis	Game and fishing licenses	3/4 EN	EN	3/23 rp		3/29	130-0	3/31			
SF0944	Laidig	subagent options provided	3/15 EN									
HF0859	Wolf	Natural resources contributions—	3/8 EN	EN	3/31 rpa	re ENF						
SF0760	Price	allowed	3/8 EN									
HF0882*	Laurey	Lake Superior water trail—	3/8 EN	EN	3/16 rpa		3/29	132-0	4/1			
SF0712	Solon	authorized	3/8 EN	EN	3/29 rpa							
HF0892	Munger	Pollution Prevention Act—	3/8 EN	EN	4/1 rpa	re ENF						
SFnone		expanded										
HF0898	Weaver	Natural resources—	3/8 EN	EN	3/31 rpa							
SF0693	Merriam	rulemaking, powers clarified	3/4 EN	GOR	3/26 rp	re FN						
HF1102	Pauly	Hazardous waste tax—	3/15 EN	EN	3/30 rpa	re TA						
SF1132	Johnson, J.B.	restructured	3/22 EN									
HF1106	Wagenius	Hazardous waste fee system—	3/15 EN	EN	4/1 rpa	re ENF						
SF0880	Morse	restructured	3/11 EN									
HF1114	Milbert	Game and fish—omnibus bill	3/15 EN	EN	3/31 rpa							
SF0669	Berg		3/4 EN	EN	3/23 rpa							
HF1186	Sekhon	Littering penalties—	3/18 EN	EN	3/30 rp							
SF1489	Wiener	clarified	3/18 EN	EN	3/31 rp							
HF1232	Sparby	Pike fishing—	3/18 EN	EN	3/31 h,a							
SF1208	Price	size limit set	3/22 EN									
HF1291	Wagenius	Landfill cleanup program—	3/22 EN	EN	3/30 h							
SF1133	Morse	established	3/22 EN									
HF1326	Brown, C.	Pomme de Terre River—	3/22 EN	EN	3/31 rp							
SFnone		canoe, boating routes marked										
HF1391	Peterson	Camping facilities—	3/24 EN	EN	3/31 rp	ENF						
SF1395	Berg	open until end of hunting	3/29 EN									
		FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE										
HF0199	Winter	Workers' compensation—loan to	2/1 LA	FI	3/30 rp							
SF0112	Moe	state fund mutual authorized	1/26 JEC	CCP	3/3 rp							
HF0444	Huntley	Insurance—public employee	2/18 FI	FI	3/30 rp							
SF0406	Solon	health care options expanded	2/22 MLG	MLG	3/18 rp							
HF0580	Reding	Insurance—non-profits allowed	2/25 FI	FI	3/30 rp							
SF0568	Solon	to invest in dental corporations	3/1 CCP	CCP	3/8 rp							

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HF0670	Laurey	Mental health—outpatient	3/1 HH	FI	3/30 rpa							
SF0769	Berglin	benefits re-regulated	3/8 CCP									
HF1095	Stanius	Insurance solvency act—	3/15 FI	FI	3/30 rpa							
SF1446	Luther	auditing changes approved	3/31 CCP									
HF1100*	Stanius	Insurance—health coverage	3/15 FI	FI	3/24 rp		3/29	132-0	3/31			
SFnone		reinsurance association regulated										
HF1179	Greenfield	MinnesotaCare Act—integrated	3/18 FI	FI	3/31 rpa	re ED†						
SF0957	Berglin	service networks established	3/15 JU	JU	3/29 rp	re TT						
		GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS										
HF0238	Molnau	Town elections authorized	2/9 LG	GL	3/29 rp							
SF0421	Johnston	on general election day	2/22 ETC									
HF0271	Lasley	Elections—state	2/9 GL	GL	3/29 rpa†							
SF0286	Flynn	water information guide created	2/15 ECR									
HF0377	Bergson	Elections—mail, facsimile,	2/15 GL	GL	3/29 rpa							
SF1483	Marty	absentee balloting modified	3/31 ETC									
HF0449	Bettermann	Alexandria schools—	2/18 ED	GL	3/29 rp							
SF0375	Larson	school board terms changed	2/18 ED	ED	3/19 rp							
HF0465	Delmont	Persian Gulf War veterans—	3/11 GL	GL	3/29 rpa	re ECF						
SF0333	Vickerman	bonus payments proposed	2/15 VG									
HF0695	Ozment	Cemetery relocation—prohibited	3/1 GL	GL	3/29 rpa							
SFnone		without trustee or owner consent										
HF0934	Stanius	Voter registration—cards for	3/1 GL	GL	3/29 rpa							
SF0754	Runbeck	deceased residents removed	3/8 ETC									
HF0950	Skoglund	Veterans Homes Board—federal	3/11 GL	GL	3/29 rpa	re CA						
SF0605	Samuelson	funding sought for Mpls. campus	3/1 VG	VG	3/22 rp	re FN						
HF1074	Brown, C.	Candidacy affidavit filing date—	3/15 GL	GL	3/29 rp							
SFnone		publication, posting requirements provided										
HF1210	Laurey	Women's veterans memorial	3/1 GL	GL	3/29 rpa	re GO						
SF1482	Hanson	grant appropriated	3/31 VG									
HF1273	Sparby	Veterans Homes Board—	3/18 GL	GL	3/29 rpa							
SF1006	Murphy	residency definition rule	3/18 VG	VG	3/31 rp							
HF1274	Sparby	Veterans home patients—	3/18 GL	GL	3/29 rp							
SF1007	Murphy	heard by legislature	3/18 VG	VG	3/31 rp	re RA						
		GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING										
HF0007	Cooper	Ambulance service personnel	1/7 HHT	GO	4/1 rpa	re HH						
SF0020	Beckman	longevity award established	1/11 HC									
HF0055	Rukavina	Eveleth authorized to increase	1/19 GO	GO	4/1 rpa							
SF0086	Janezich	police, fire retirement benefits	1/25 GOR									
HF0157	Carlson	PERA police, fire fund prior	1/28 GO	GO	4/1 rpa							
SF1279	Luther	service credit purchase authorized	3/24 GOR									
HF0270	Sarna	St. Paul Fire Department Relief	2/9 GO	GO	4/1 rpa							
SF1488	Pogemiller	Association refund to estate	3/31 GOR									
HF0576*	Greiling	Gender balancing for advisory bodies	2/25 GO	GO	3/11 rpa		3/25	87-43	3/29			
SF0570	Wiener		3/1 GOR	GOR	3/18 rpa							
HF0819	Johnson, R.	Public employees-arbitration	3/4 LA	GO	4/1 rp							
SF0629	Riveness	authorized on health care costs	3/4 GOR	GOR	3/16 rp							
HF0834	Jacobs	Energy—conservation analysis	3/4 RI	GO	4/1 rp							
SF0788	Finn	rules for state agency eased	3/8 JEC									
HF0936	Vickerman	Jobs and Training Department renamed	3/11 GO	GO	4/1 rp							
SF0961	Frederickson	economic security department	3/15 JEC									
HF0972	Reding	Firefighters' volunteer relief	3/11 GO	GO	4/1 rpa							
SF0853	Stumpf	association pensions increased	3/11 GOR									
HF0981	Rice	State government—Department of	3/11 GO	GO	3/30 h,a							
SF1139	Solan	Public Service abolished	3/22 JEC									
HF1199	Reding	Education—	3/18 GO	GO	3/30 rpa	re WM						
SF1076	Flynn	administrative salary recommendations	3/18 GOR									
HF1311	Trimble	Mississippi River Parkway	3/22 GO	GO	4/1 rpa							
SF1160	Metzen	Commission sunset repealed	3/22 TPT									
HF1360	Jefferson	Block Minnesotans Council	3/22 GO	GO	4/1 rp	re ECF						
SFnone		provided liaison										

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HF1528	Lasley	Education—Cambridge,	3/29 EN†	60	3/30 rp							
SF1466	Johnson, J.B.	Ind. School Dst. No. 911 land interest	3/31 EN									
		HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES										
HF0018	Carruthers	Criminal data made public;	1/7 JU	HH	4/1 rpa							
SF0190	Cohen	licenses prohibited for criminals	2/9 CP									
HF0134*	Vellenga	Optometrists authorized to	1/26 HH	HH	3/2 rp		3/29	102-30	3/31			
SF0117	Samuelson	prescribe topical legend drugs	1/28 HC									
HF0141	Simoneau	MinnesotaCare—small employers	1/28 FI	HH	4/1 —	re HH/hsf						
SF0167	Berglin	insurance program expanded	2/1 CCP									
HF0145*	Steensma	Physician licensure—	1/28 HH	HH	2/23 rpa		3/4	133-0	3/11		3/29	
SF0173	Piper	reciprocity requirements modified	2/1 HC	HC	2/25 rpa							
HF0177	Wejzman	Paternity recognition forms	2/1 JU	HH	3/30 rpa	re HH/hsf						
SF0130	Spears	created	1/28 JU	JU	3/1 rpa	re FA						
HF0216	Wejzman	Human rights violations—statute	2/9 JU	HH	3/30 nrp							
SF0057	Marty	of limitations expanded	1/21 JU	RA	3/11 rp							
HF0227*	Bauerly	Adult foster care	2/9 HH	HH	2/23 rp		3/4	133-0	3/11		3/22	3/25 (10)
SF0242	Finn	license modification	2/9 FA	FA	2/25 rpa		3/18	65-0				
HF0240	Greenfield	Nursing home surcharge on	2/9 HH	HH	3/30 —	re HH/hsf†						
SF0134*	Berglin	licensed beds changed	1/28 HC	HC	2/11 rpa		3/15	61-0	3/15			
HF0332	Clark	Marijuana, THC allowed for	2/25 HH	HH	3/30 rpa	re JU						
SF1278	Marty	specific medical treatment	3/24 HC									
HF0384	Mariani	Housing Finance Agency programs	2/15 HO	HH	4/1 —	re HH/hsf†						
SF0264	Anderson	modified, authorized	2/11 JEC	RA	3/25 —	re FI						
HF0409	Greenfield	Residential care home	2/18 HH	HH	3/30†							
SF0345	Berglin	definitions modified	2/18 HC									
HF0430*	Kinkel	Human services, health departments	2/18 HH	HH	3/11 rpa		3/25	129-0	3/29			
SF0362	Samuelson	to reduce survey duplication	2/18 HC									
HF0436	Greenfield	Medical Assistance—hospital	2/18 HH	HH	3/16 rp	re WM	3/29	132-0				
SF0282*	Berglin	reimbursement rate modified	2/11 HC	FN	3/11 rpa		3/18	67-0	3/18			
HF0481	Rest	Northwest Hennepin Human Services	2/22 HO	HH	3/30 —	re HH/hhf						
SF0443	Reichgott	Council given demonstration grant	2/22 JEC	JEC	4/1 rpa	re FA						
HF0484	Greenfield	MinnesotaCare—HealthRight Act	2/22 HH	HH	3/30 rpa	re FI						
SF0419*	Berglin	renamed, modified, corrected	2/22 HC	HC	2/25 rpa		3/18	66-0	3/18			
HF0485	Goodno	Undocumented aliens denied some	2/22 HH	HH	3/30 nrp†							
SF0400	Day	public assistance; work required	2/18 FA									
HF0489	Lourey	Social work and therapy board	2/22 HH	HH	3/30 rpa	re JU						
SF0207	Finn	requirements clarified	2/29 HC	JU	3/29 rpa†							
HF0518	Leppik	Medical Assistance prior authorization	2/22 HH	HH	3/30 rpa	re HH/hsf						
SF0606	Benson, D.D.	exemption provided for certain therapies	3/1 HC	HC	3/9 rpa	re HC/f						
HF0548	Weaver	Patients right to medical	2/22 HH	HH	3/30 rpa	re JU						
SF0247*	Merriam	record access clarified	2/9 JU	JU	3/8 rpa		3/25	64-0	3/25			
HF0562	Gutknecht	Olmstead County pilot project for	2/25 HH	HH	3/30 rp	re HH/hsf						
SF0506	Kiscaden	services to mentally retarded authorized	2/25 HC	HC	4/1 rpa	re HC/f						
HF0636	Stanius	Child care family license	2/25 HH	HH	3/30 rp	re HH/hsf						
SF0761	Runbeck	incentives provided to counties	3/8 FA									
HF0665	Greenfield	Hospital construction moratorium	3/1 HH	HH	3/30 rp							
SF0560	Berglin	made permanent	3/1 HC	HC	4/1 rpa							
HF0710	Johnson, R.	Red Lake Band of Chippewa welfare	3/1 HH	HH	3/30 rpa	re HH/hsf						
SF0527	Moe	costs reimbursed to two counties	2/25 FA	FA	3/18 rp							
HF0727	Lourey	Community action agencies awarded	3/1 HH	HH	3/30 —	re HH/hhf						
SF0623	Kroening	economic opportunity grants	3/1 JEC	JEC	3/16 rp	re JEC/f						
HF0742	Pugh	Dakota County mental health services	3/4 HH	HH	3/30 rpa	re HH/hsf						
SF0756	Metzen	pilot project continued, funded	3/8 HC	HC	3/11 rpa	re HC/f						
HF0794	Anderson, R.	Fergus Falls veterans home	3/4 GL	HH	4/1 —	re HH/hhf						
SF0555	Larson	established	3/1 VG									
HF0869	Simoneau	Medical Assistance claims adjudication	3/8 HH	HH	3/30 rpa	re HH/hsf						
SF0898	Samuelson	system required for pharmacies	3/11 HC									
HF0891	Gruenes	Home care services payment, nursing	3/8 HH	HH	3/30 rpa	re HH/hsf						
SF0791	Stevens	home preadmission screening changed	3/8 HC	HC	4/1 †							
HF0908	Luther	Radiologic technologist examiners	3/8 HH	HH	3/30†							
SF0892	Piper	board created, licensing required	3/11 HC									

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†HF1528 recalled, reGO

HH  
†HF0240 referred as SF0134  
†HF0384-3/15 re-referred to HH

†HF0409-laid over  
†HF0485-tabled  
†SF0207-2/25 HC rpa, reJU

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HF0924	Gutknecht	Nursing home bed moratorium	3/11 HH	HH	3/30 rpa	re HH/hsf						
SF0845	Kiscaden	exception provided	3/11 HC									
HF0945	Asch	Nursing Board membership	3/11 HH	HH	4/1 rpa							
SF0991	Wiener	expanded, exam clarified	3/15 HC									
HF0961	Clark	Lead abatement requirements	3/11 HH	HH	3/30 rpa	re JU						
SF0613	Berglin	modified, penalties imposed	3/1 HC									
HF0996	Lourey	Moose Lake psychopathic personality	3/11 HH	HH	4/1 —	re HH/hsf						
SF0797	Chmielewski	treatment center established	3/11 HC									
HF0997	Lourey	Moose Lake northeast regional	3/11 HH	HH	4/1 —	re HH/hsf						
SF0928	Chmielewski	services center established	3/15 HC									
HF1015	Weicman	Public health nurse home	3/11 HH	HH	3/30 —	re HH/hsf						
SF0632	Berglin	visiting program appropriated money	3/4 HC									
HF1064	Anderson, R.	Nursing home bed moratorium	3/15 HH	HH	3/30 —	re HH/hsf						
Sfnone		exception provided										
HF1071	Greenfield	Nursing home bed moratorium	3/15 HH	HH	3/30 —	re HH/hsf						
SF1146	Berglin	provisions modified	3/22 HC									
HF1076	Onnen	Nursing facility payments modified,	3/15 HH	HH	3/30 nrp							
SF1277	Johnson, D.E.	inflation adjustments provided	3/24 HC									
HF1097	Stanis	Medical program eligibility prohibited	3/15 HH	HH	3/30 —	re HH/hsf						
SF1109	Benson, D.D.	as insurance underwriting guideline	3/18 HC									
HF1098	Simoneau	Interstate contract authorized	3/15 HH	HH	3/30 rpa							
SF0840	Betzold	for treatment of mentally ill	3/11 HC									
HF1099	Simoneau	Lead abatement provisions, building	3/13 HH	HH	3/30 rpa							
SF1105	Betzold	health regulations modified	3/18 HC	HC	3/31 rpa	re HC/f						
HF1103	Simoneau	Foodshelf association provided	3/15 HH	HH	3/30 rp	re HH/hhf						
SF0968	Berglin	appropriation distribution, funding	3/15 FA	JEC	3/30 rp	re JEC/f						
HF1112	Asch	Psychology Board reciprocity	3/15 HH	HH	4/1 rpa							
SF1201	Finn	licensing requirements modified	3/22 CCP									
HF1156	Ozment	Infectious waste provisions—	3/15 EN	HH	4/1 rpa	re HH/hhf						
SF1102	Dille	modified	3/25 HC	HC	3/29 rpa	re EN						
HF1174	Simoneau	Nursing board membership to	3/15 HH	HH	3/30 rp							
SF0240	Berglin	include nursing home nurse	2/9 HC									
HF1269	Brown, K.	Homelessness prevention grants to	3/18 HO	HH	3/30 —	re HH/hhf						
SF1186	Johnson, D.J.	be appropriated to regional units	3/22 JEC									
HF1295	Greenfield	Medical assistance dental services	3/22 HH	HH	3/30 rp	re HH/hsf						
SF1136	Berglin	payment determination specified	3/22 HC	HC	3/30 rp	re HC/f						
HF1330	Olson, K.	Cottonwood County care facility	3/22 HH	HH	4/1 —	re HH/hsf						
Sfnone		for mentally retarded downsized										
HF1340	Simoneau	Guardianship duties authorized	3/22 HH	HH	3/30 —	re HH/hsf						
SF1229	Hottinger	by agencies or individuals	3/22 JU	JU	3/30 rpa	re MLG						
HF1349	Greenfield	Anatomical gifts considered	3/22 HH	HH	4/1 rp							
SF1187	Pogemiller	health care service; not a sale	3/22 HC									
HF1371	Clark	Social support services pilot project	3/24 HH	HH	3/30 —	re HH/hsf						
Sfnone		for high-rise communities funded										
HF1395	Klinzing	Housing trust fund money	3/24 HO	HH	3/30 —	re HH/hhf						
SF1173	Johnson, D.J.	appropriated to Housing Finance Agency	3/22 JEC									
HF1412	Kelley	County, school district coordinated	3/24 HH	HH	4/1 rpa	re HH/hsf						
SF1468	Piper	social services provided	3/31 FA									
HF1428	Evans	Dentistry licensing requirements	3/24 HH	HH	3/30 rp							
SF1299	Solon	modified, discipline clarified	3/25 HC									
HF1484	Simoneau	Medical malpractice noneconomic	3/25 HH	HH	4/1 rp†							
SF1317	Hottinger	damages, attorney fees limited	3/25 JU									
HF1496	Greenfield	Health care review organizations	3/25 HH	HH	4/1 rpa							
SF1318	Betzold	provided data practice guidelines	3/25 JU									
		Health & Housing Finance Division										
		HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES										
HF0156	Anderson, R.	Head Start—	1/28 HH	HH/hhf	3/30 h							
SF0122	Berglin	minimum funding level	1/28 FA	JEC	3/25 rpa							
HF0311	Onnen	CHILD program established, funded	2/11 HH	HH/hhf	4/1 h							
SF1223	Pariseau	for child abuse prevention	3/22 HC									
HF0789	Anderson, R.	Women, infants, children—	3/4 HH	HH/hhf	3/30 h							
SF0735	Pogemiller	nutritional program funding increased	3/8 FA									

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HF1275	Asch	Mental illness crisis housing	3/18 HO	HH/hhf	3/30 h							
SF1080	Johnson, J.B.	assistance account created, funded	3/18 JEC									
		HOUSING										
HF0884	Carruthers	Blighted multi-unit apartment	3/8 HO	HO	3/31 rp	re HH						
SF1348	Luther	building removal grants authorized	3/25 JEC									
HF1325*	Brown, C.	Smoke detector dwelling	3/22 HO	HO	3/24 rp		3/29	133-0	3/31			
SF1387	Johnson, D.E.	requirements expanded	3/31 JEC									
HF1608	Clark	Replacement housing definition	3/31 HO	HO	3/31 rp							
Sfnone		clarified, larger units allowed										
		JUDICIARY										
HF0037	Beard	Foreign exchange students—	1/14 HH	JU	3/29 rpa							
SF0034	Price	host families checked	1/14 FA									
HF0194	Carruthers	Libraries— fee collection provided	2/1 JU	JU	3/26 rp†							
SF0215*	Betzold	in petty misdemeanor cases	2/9 CP	CP	2/15 rpa		3/15	60-1	3/18			
HF0251	Skoglund	Child neglect—definition expanded	2/9 JU	JU	3/25		3/25	130-0				
SF0288	Ranum	to include failure to provide education	2/15 CP									
HF0511	Solberg	Hotel innkeeper authority	2/22 JU	JU	3/29 rpa							
SF0403	Hottinger	clarified; damage responsibility	2/18 JU									
HF0531	Dawkins	Tenants—written leases provided;	2/22 HO	JU	3/31 rp							
SF0415	Anderson	landlord disclosures required	2/22 JU									
HF0552	Pugh	Mortgage voluntary foreclosure—	2/22 JU	JU	3/5 rpa		3/25	130-0				
SF0440	Spear	provisions modified	2/22 JU	JU	3/22 rpa							
HF0585*	Clark	Human Rights—sexual	2/25 JU	JU	3/5 rpa		3/18	78-55†	3/22	3/25	3/31 (77-53)	
SF0444	Spear	orientation added	2/22 JU	JU	3/1 rpa		3/25	55-29	3/29	4/1	(37-30)	
HF0588	Pugh	Disabled persons—employment	2/25 JU	JU	3/26 rpa							
SF0615	Cohen	protections granted	3/1 JU									
HF0655	Orenstein	Civil service commission decision	3/1 JU	JU	3/29 rp							
SF0741	Cohen	appeals provided to employees	3/8 JU									
HF0732	McGuire	Law enforcement agencies—offender	3/4 JU	JU	3/26 rpa							
SF0631	McGowan	rehabilitation	3/4 CP									
HF0747	Orenstein	Bond order stays provided for	3/4 JU	JU	3/29 rpa							
SF0674	Cohen	actions on constitutional issues	3/4 JU									
HF0846	Ostrom	Treatment centers—absent payments	3/8 JU	JU	3/26 rpa							
SF0850	Hottinger	reported to local legal authorities	3/11 JU									
HF0864	Jennings	Exotic species inspections—	3/8 EN	JU	3/31 rpa	re ENF						
SF0883	Chandler	funded, penalties added	3/11 EN									
HF0900	Carruthers	DWI—omnibus bill	3/8 JU	JU	3/31 rpa							
SF0694	Marty		3/4 CP									
HF0915	Wejzman	Corrections ombudsman—	3/8 JU	JU	3/26 rp†							
SF0729*	Piper	biennial reporting required	3/8 CP	CP	3/15 rp		3/22	62-0	3/22			
HF0994	Blatz	Foster care, adoption—given	3/11 JU	JU	3/26 rpa							
SF1332	Merriam	time limits for placement	3/25 FS									
HF1018	Rest	Limited liability companies—	3/11 JU	JU	3/26 rpa							
SF0746	Reichgott	biennial registration required	3/8 JU									
HF1058	Wejzman	Landlord recovery for property	3/15 HO	JU	3/31 rp							
SF1532	Novak	damage, rent nonpayment clarified	4/1 JEC									
HF1153	Brown, C.	Manufactured goods economic loss	3/15 JU	JU	3/29 rp							
SF0984	Cohen	recovery limits clarified	3/15 JU									
HF1191	Pugh	Trustees prohibited from	3/18 JU	JU	3/29 rp							
SF1097	Cohen	exercising certain powers	3/18 JU									
HF1220	Orenstein	Medical facility access	3/18 JU	JU	3/30 rpa							
SF1046	Pappas	obstruction prohibited	3/18 CP									
HF1280	Skoglund	Integrated criminal justice	3/18 JU	JU	3/26 rpa	re ECF						
SF1096	Ranum	system implemented	3/18 CP									
HF1420	McGuire	Guardian, conservator	3/24 JU	JU	3/31 rpa							
SF1448	Cohen	provisions modified	3/31 JU									
		Judiciary Finance Division										
		JUDICIARY										
HF0272	Solberg	Public Safety Department—	2/9 GO	JU/†	4/1 †							
SF0114	Kelly	abolished	1/28 GOR	GOR	3/25 rpa	re CP						

JU                      †HF0194-SF0215 substituted in JU                      JU/†  
†HF0037-2/11 recalled, reED                      †HF0915-SF0729 substituted in JU                      †HF0272:tabled

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HF0678	Sarna	Labor—quality management	3/1 LA	JU/jf	4/1 rpa	re JU						
SF0731	Metzen	pilot program established	3/8 JEC									
LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS												
HF0053	Bettermann	Workers' compensation insurance—	1/19 LA	LA	3/29 nrp							
SF0068	Runbeck	'suitable job' redefined										
HF0169	Blatz	Workers' compensation—guardian	2/1 LA	LA	3/29 ht							
SF0480	Belanger	appointed for mentally-impaired	2/25 JEC	JEC	3/31 rpa							
HF0343	Sekhon	Unemployment insurance—	2/15 LA	LA	3/29 rpa							
SF0236	Anderson	abuse victims granted benefits	2/9 JEC	JEC	3/16 rpa							
HF0674	Bettermann	Workers' compensation insurance—	3/1 LA	LA	3/29 ht							
SF0583	Larson	premium adjustments modified	3/1 JEC									
HF1022	Rukavina	Workers' compensation insurance—	3/11 LA	LA	3/29 rp							
SF1158	Novak	certain benefits extended	3/22 JEC									
HF1184	Farrell	Workers' compensation insurance—	3/18 LA	LA	3/29 rp							
SFnone		assigned risk plan modified										
HF1185	Farrell	Workers' compensation insurance—	3/18 LA	LA	3/29 rpa							
SF1413	Chandler	changes for nursing home workers	2/29 JEC									
HF1374	Johnson, A.	Child labor—laws modified,	3/24 LA	LA	3/29 ht							
SFnone		finer raised, permits required										
HF1382	Ness	Workers' compensation insurance—	3/24 LA	LA	3/29 ht							
SF1359	Runbeck	rate explanations required	3/25 JEC									
HF1387	Anderson, I.	Construction—subcontractors	3/24 LA	LA	3/29 rpa							
SF1313	Novak	considered as employees	3/29 JEC									
HF1423	Farrell	Unemployment insurance—	3/25 LA	LA	3/29 rpa							
SF1296	Runbeck	technical modifications	3/25 JEC									
LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS												
HF0074*	Jefferson	Minneapolis government entities allowed	1/21 LG	LG	3/2 rp		3/25	76-53	3/29			
SF0524	Flynn	to impose residency requirement	2/25 MLG									
HF0220	Perlt	Oakdale authorized to annex	2/9 LG	LG	3/30 nrp							
SF0491	Price	state land for highway	2/25 MLG									
HF0259	Dauner	Publication requirements modified	2/9 LG	LG	3/30 rpa							
SF0233	Janezich	for delinquent property tax	2/9 MLG	MLG	2/22†	re TT						
HF0419	Battaglia	Cook County allowed to impose	3/24 LG	LG	3/30 rp	re TA						
SF1234	Johnson, D.J.	sales, other tax to improve hospital	3/22 TT									
HF0431	Garcia	Metropolitan Airports Commission	2/18 LG	LG	3/30 rp							
SF0508	Riveness	membership increased	2/25 MLG									
HF0893	Bertram, Jeff	Crime-prosecutor provided for	3/8 LG	LG	3/30 rpa							
SF0709	Bertram, Joe	petty misdemeanor offenses	3/4 CP	CP	3/31 rpa							
HF0951	Huntley	Duluth authorized increased	3/11 LG	LG	3/30 rpa							
SF0495	Solon	transfers to general fund	2/25 MLG	MLG	3/22 rpa							
HF0976	Simoneau	Community action agency contracts	3/11 LG	LG	3/30 rp							
SF0821	Merriam	authorized with counties	3/11 MLG	MLG	3/22 rp							
HF0986	Kelley	Metropolitan telecommunications	3/11 LG	LG	4/1 rpa							
SF1062	Mondale	board established	3/18 MLG	MLG	4/1 rpa	re GOR						
HF1026	Wenzel	Garrison sales tax authorized	3/11 LG	LG	3/30 rpa	re TA						
SF1284	Samuelson	to fund sewer system construction	3/24 MLG									
HF1057	Dawkins	Local government aid provided	3/15 TA†	LG	3/30 rp	re TA						
SF0950	Kelly	for city, county debt repayment	3/15 TT									
HF1147	Solberg	Floodwood, neighboring towns allowed	3/15 LG	LG	3/30 rp	re TA						
SF0874	Lessard	to create joint ambulance district	3/11 MLG	MLG	3/29 rp	re TT						
HF1259	Jefferson	Minneapolis authority extended to	3/18 LG	LG	4/1 rp							
SF1167	Kroening	guarantee small business loans	3/22 MLG									
HF1267	Milbert	Regional recreation open space	3/18 LG	LG	4/1 rp	re TA						
SF1152	Betzold	system property tax modified	3/22 MLG	MLG	4/1 rp							
HF1296	Lourey	Pine County allowed to extend	3/22 LG	LG	3/30 rp							
SF0716	Chmielewski	temporary land use controls	3/8 MLG	MLG	3/18 rp							
HF1353	Solberg	Aitkin County liquor,	3/22	LG	3/30 rp	re TA						
SF1153	Chmielewski	tax authorized to fund tourism bureau	3/22 CCP									
HF1404	Evans	New Brighton allowed to acquire	3/24 LG	LG	4/1 rp							
SF1005	Novak	carbon to treat water	3/18 MLG†									

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†HF0169-incorporated into HF1185  
†HF0674-referred to subcommittee for interim study

†HF1374-held over for interim study  
†HF1382-incorporated into HF1185

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†SF0233-stricken on General Orders, reTT  
†HF1057-3/18 recalled, reLG

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SF1234	Johnson, D.J.	sales, other tax to improve hospital	3/22 TT									
HF1434	Rice	Minneapolis Community Development Agency	3/24 LG	LG	4/1 †							
SF1300	Kroening	provided fund expenditure rules	3/25 MLG									
HF1454	Ness	Hutchinson allowed to erect	3/25 LG	LG	3/30 rp							
SF1391	Dille	distinction citizen signs	3/29 MLG									
HF1474	Brown, C.	County recorder fee use	3/25 LG	LG	4/1 rp							
SF1124	Janezich	allowed for information services	3/18 JU	JU	4/1 rp							
HF1479	Jaros	Duluth authorized to	3/25 LG	LG	4/1 rp	re TA						
SF1336	Solan	establish special service district	3/25 MLG									
HF1493	Perlt	Document late fee,	3/25 LG	LG	4/1 rpa							
SF0826	Price	interest allowed by counties	3/11 MLG	MLG	3/29 rpa	re TT						
		REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY										
HF0087	Perlt	Telephone caller identification service—	1/21 TR	RI	3/29 rpa							
SF0095	Price	availability	1/25 TPT									
HF0566	Jacobs	Telephones—incentive plan for	2/25 RI	RI	3/29 rp							
SF0670	Novak	noncompetitive services extended	3/4 JEC	JEC	3/15 rp							
HF0584*	Jennings	Communication-impaired persons—	2/25 RI	RI	3/8 rpa		3/25	122-2	3/29			
SF0698	Johnson, J.B.	TACIP board expanded	3/4 JEC	JEC	3/22 rpa	re FA						
HF0990	Cooper	Utilities—quicktake	3/11 RI	RI	3/29 rp							
SFnone		condemnation proceedings limited										
HF1049	Jacobs	Utilities—voltage standards	3/15 RI	RI	3/29 rpa							
SF1437	Novak	extended to cooperatives	3/31 JEC									
HF1050	Jacobs	Utilities—certificate of need	3/15 RI	RI	3/29 rp							
SF1439	Novak	based on primary fuel source	3/31 JEC									
HF1051	Jacobs	Utilities—service right petition	3/15 RI	RI	3/29 rp							
SF1436	Novak	required for municipalities	3/31 JEC									
		TAXES										
HF0129	Carruthers	Spousal maintenance collection	1/26 JU	TA	3/26 rpa							
SF0513	Beizold		2/25 JU									
HF0443*	Olson, E.	Property taxes—obsolete	2/18 TA	TA	3/9 rpa		3/25	128-0	3/29			
SF0607	Flynn	levy limits abolished	3/1 TT	TT	3/31 rpa							
HF0504	Dawkins	Property tax classification	2/22 HO	TA	3/26 rpa							
SF0675	Metzen	modified for certain property	3/4 JEC									
HF1189	Rest	Tax increment financing—Minnetonka,	3/18 EN	TA	3/26 rp							
SF1169	Mondale	Hopkins allowed to create districts	3/22 EN									
		TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT										
HF0005	Lieder	Bonding for state transportation	1/7 TR	TR	3/26 rpa	re CA						
SF0026	Lingseth	including light rail transit authorized	1/11 TPT									
HF0006	Osthoff	Drivers' license revocation	1/7 TR	TR	1/20 rp		3/18	125-1				
SF0012*	Chmielewski	opposed for drug offenses	1/7 TPT	TPT	1/21 rp		3/1	57-0	3/4		3/25 (R 1)	
HF0043	Kinkel	Town bridges replaced by	1/14 TR	TR	3/26 rpa							
SF0773	Sams	culverts allocated funding	3/8 TPT	TPT	3/30 rpa							
HF0057*	Murphy	School bus regulations	1/19 TR	TR	3/17 rp		3/25	131-0	3/31			
SF0497	Murphy	clarified	2/25 TPT	TPT	3/11 rpa	re RU						
HF0094	Laurey	Snowmobile trailer manufacturer	1/25 TR	TR	3/31 rp							
SF0035	Chmielewski	exempted from license requirement	1/14 TPT	TPT	3/31 rp							
HF0111*	Olson, K.	Jackson County—Grottum	1/25 TR	TR	3/19 rp		3/25	131-0	3/31			
SF0128	Vickerman	Memorial Highway designated	1/28 TPT	TPT	3/10 rpa							
HF0113	Orenstein	Pedestrian right-of-way	1/25 TR	TR	3/26 rpa							
SF0148	Cohen	in crosswalks clarified	1/28 TPT									
HF0314	Mariani	Highway user tax distribution funds—	2/11 TT	TR	3/31 h							
SF0357	Berglin	use for general transportation purpose (1)	2/18 TPT	TPT	4/1 rpa							
HF0324	Garcia	Mobility trust, surface transportation	2/11 TT	TR	3/31 h							
SF0187	Pappas	funds created	2/1 TPT									
HF0403	Simoneau	Light rail transit design,	2/18 TR	TR	3/26 rpa							
SF0414	Flynn	construction procedures set	2/22 MLG	TPT	3/25 rp†							
HF0469*	Gruenes	School bus drivers—license	2/18 TR	TR	3/19 rp		3/25	125-0	3/29			
SF1389	Johnston	physical testing rules changed	3/29 TPT									

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†SF0414-3/11 MLG rpa reTPT  
†SF0426-3/11 TPT rpa, reRA



# Bill Introductions

HF1502-HF1649

## Monday, March 29

### HF1502—Weaver (IR) Education

Alcohol-impaired driver education account use allowed for gambling prevention education programs, and school districts allowed to contract for gambling prevention programs.

### HF1503—Sparby (DFL) Health & Human Services

Waterwell inspectors provided well contractor licensing requirement.

### HF1504—Lourey (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

Waste Management Office appropriated money for east central solid waste commission bonds issued for a composting facility in Kanabec County.

### HF1505—Jennings (DFL) Health & Human Services

Intermediate care facility, home and community-based waived service, developmental achievement center, and semi-independent living services program employees provided salary increases.

### HF1506—Brown, C. (DFL) Education

Higher Education Coordinating Board abolished; higher education services office created; Higher Education Advisory Council duties modified; and money appropriated.

### HF1507—Lourey (DFL) Health & Human Services

Group residential housing rate exception provided.

### HF1508—Pugh (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

Administrative law judge supervisors, chief and assistant chief administrative law judge, and workers' compensation judge salaries set.

### HF1509—Brown, C. (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

Budget resolution adoption provided by the Legislature.

### HF1510—Brown, C. (DFL) Judiciary

Public defense cost payment exemption extended for counties.

### HF1511—Greiling (DFL) Education

Racial harassment and violence policy adoption required by school districts.

### HF1512—Wejcman (DFL) Judiciary

Employment discrimination claim investigations provided priority handling requirements.

### HF1513—Clark (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

Black Minnesotans Council appropriated money to establish a minority data net demonstration project.

### HF1514—Pugh (DFL) Judiciary

Statute of limitations clarified for civil actions related to materials incorporated into an improvement of real property.

### HF1515—Jefferson (DFL) Commerce & Economic Development

Urban initiative board and grant program established and money appropriated.

### HF1516—Pelowski (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

University State Board building construction plan exemption removed.

### HF1517—Hausman (DFL) Regulated Industries & Energy

Renter-occupied residence energy audits and single-metered residential building utility service payment requirements provided, landlord energy disclosure statements required, and manufactured home park utility service charges restricted.

### HF1518—McCollum (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

Shrub and tree household waste placement allowed in mixed municipal solid waste.

### HF1519—Beard (DFL) Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections

NAFTA; Congress to consider impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement on state sovereignty, the need for full legislative deliberation, and withdrawal from fast-track procedures.

### HF1520—Rice (DFL) Taxes

Urban residential investment program established in cities of the first class to provide income tax credit for residential property improvements.

### HF1521—Osthoff (DFL) Transportation & Transit

Highway transportation tax imposed on motor vehicles sales, ethanol producer payments increased, wetland replacement requirement changed for highway projects, federal surface transportation program funds allocated, and gas tax increased.

### HF1522—Clark (DFL) Financial Institutions & Insurance

Lead blood tests and treatment covered by health insurance.

### HF1523—Reding (DFL) Life and Health Insurance

Association act adopted.

### HF1524—Rest (DFL) Taxes

Property tax imposition disclosure provisions modified, mortgage registration tax exemptions provided, public debt and financial obligation issuance provided conditions and requirements, and security registration exemptions provided.

### HF1525—Perlt (DFL) Commerce & Economic Development

Abstracter liability insurance requirement exemption provided to title insurance company abstracters.

### HF1526—Dauner (DFL) Education

Operating debt levy authorized for certain school districts.

### HF1527—Steensma (DFL) Education

Independent School District Nos. 404, Lake Benton, 408, Verdi, and 583, Pipestone, provided school district election requirements.

### HF1528—Lasley (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

Independent School District No. 911, Cambridge, released from a state land reversionary interest.

### HF1529—Hausman (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

Environmental protection and conservation department and assistance and public advocacy office created, natural

resources department and various environmental agencies abolished, agency reorganization regulated, and money appropriated.

### HF1530—Perlt (DFL) Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections

Judicial seats designated by number or position in lieu of incumbent name.

### HF1531—Johnson, R. (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

Pension investment board created and money appropriated.

### HF1532—Lynch (IR) Education

American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter certification requirements provided for school districts.

### HF1533—McCollum (DFL) Taxes

Homestead classification provided for certain residential property owned by a church or nonprofit organization and undergoing renovation.

### HF1534—Lynch (IR) Rules & Legislative Administration

Term limits; legislative service limited to 10 years, executive service limited to two terms, and constitutional amendment proposed.

### HF1535—Bergson (DFL) Transportation & Transit

Brooklyn Park loan payment provided for environmental impact statement costs related to trunk highway No. 610, and money appropriated.

### HF1536—Haukoos (IR) Governmental Operations & Gambling

Legislative Advisory Commission membership modified and project review modified.

### HF1537—Dehler (IR) Local Government & Metro Affairs

City contract approval provided by petition.

### HF1538—Bergson (DFL) Taxes

Armed forces and United Nations pay provided income tax exemption.

### HF1539—Murphy (DFL) Local Government & Metro Affairs

Duluth to provide water service to Proctor, Hermantown, and Rice Lake.

**HF1540—Ostrom (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
St. Peter Regional Treatment Center program established to treat state security hospital psychopathic personality patients, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

**HF1541—Winter (DFL)**  
**Local Government & Metro Affairs**  
Nobles County authorized consolidation of county auditor and treasurer.

**HF1542—Bertram (DFL)**  
**Agriculture**  
Pesticide and agricultural chemical storage facility requirements changed and pesticide applicator licensing modified.

**HF1543—Greiling (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Environmental education curriculum implementation by school districts, environmental education information clearing house, and outcome-based environmental teacher training programs appropriated money.

**HF1544—Winter (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Homestead delayed assessment provided for property damaged by a disaster.

**HF1545—Sviggum (IR)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Executive branch governmental efficiency act of 1993 adopted and money appropriated.

**HF1546—Lourey (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Information Center established, medical education practices studied, and money appropriated.

**HF1547—McGuire (DFL)**  
**Transportation & Transit**  
Ramsey County provided consolidation of county streets, highways and roads, and state-aid funding modified.

**HF1548—Dawkins (DFL)**  
**Judiciary**  
Youth Works Act adopted.

**HF1549—Wagenius (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Hazardous substance release liability protection provided during an approved cleanup plan redevelopment, pollution abatement loan and grant program created, tax increment pollution tax districts modified, and money appropriated.

**HF1550—Hausman (DFL)**  
**Regulated Industries & Energy**  
Electric renewable energy production incentives established, low-income utility rates created, and money appropriated.

**HF1551—Skoglund (DFL)**  
**Judiciary**  
Public defender eligibility determination established through disclosure of tax information, credit card payment of fines provided, screener-collector position established and funded in the eighth judicial district, and money appropriated.

**HF1552—Hasskamp (DFL)**  
**Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections**  
Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center nurse statue appropriated money.

**HF1553—Kahn (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Pollution Control Agency Board eliminated and technical advisory council created.

**HF1554—Bettermann (IR)**  
**Education**  
Higher Education Board abolished.

**HF1555—Hausman (DFL)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Environmental and natural resources reorganization act of 1993 adopted, environmental protection department and sustainable environment policy board created, various departments, agencies, and councils abolished and duties transferred.

**HF1556—Luther (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Health enforcement consolidation act of 1993 adopted.

**HF1557—Bauerly (DFL)**  
**Agriculture**  
Milk over-order premium price payment provided to an equalization fund for redistribution to dairy farmers.

**HF1558—Erhardt (IR)**  
**Regulated Industries & Energy**  
Public Utilities Commissioner duties expanded to include portfolio assignments and time and travel allocation monitoring.

**HF1559—Neary (DFL)**  
**Transportation & Transit**  
County state-aid highway dispute resolution board established, county state-aid fund apportionment formula modified, and screening board review provided.

**HF1560—Vellenga (DFL)**  
**Education**  
Education finance restructured and money appropriated.

**HF1561—Krueger (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Agency strategic plans, outcome measures, and data collection efforts provided review; state program goals, outcome measures, and incentive system established; and worker participation committees provided.

## **Wednesday, March 31**

**HF1562—Neary (DFL)**  
**Transportation & Transit**  
St. Croix Wild and Scenic Lower River District area county state-aid highways designated as natural preservation routes.

**HF1563—Wejcman (DFL)**  
**Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections**  
Ballot candidate names not to include noneligible voters convicted of a felony, placed under guardianship, or found incompetent.

**HF1564—Hasskamp (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Woman's Right-to-Know act adopted.

**HF1565—Davids (IR)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Blufflands trail system in Fillmore and Houston Counties to include Spring Valley and Wykoff.

**HF1566—Onnen (IR)**  
**Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections**  
Burials provided in winter.

**HF1567—Opatz (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Contract Oversight Board established, professional and technical service public contracts regulated, and money appropriated.

**HF1568—Steensma (DFL)**  
**Transportation & Transit**  
Nonresident temporary vehicle permits extended.

**HF1569—Clark (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Paint; residential lead paint waste disposal regulated.

**HF1570—Clark (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Petroleum tank release cleanup fee to include a lead fee, paint wholesale tax imposed, lead fund established, penalties imposed, and money appropriated.

**HF1571—Bergson (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Contract oversight board established, professional and technical service public contracts regulated, and money appropriated.

**HF1572—Opatz (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Contract procedures modified and expenditures limited for professional, technical, and consultant service public contracts; and uses restricted for funds saved by leaving public positions vacant.

**HF1573—Rodosovich (DFL)**  
**Education**  
Private business, trade, and correspondence school act adopted.

**HF1574—Asch (DFL)**  
**Local Government & Metro Affairs**  
Local government mailings and publications restricted before an election.

**HF1575—Rhodes (IR)**  
**Commerce & Economic Development**  
Private detective and security guard training requirements clarified.

**HF1576—Van Dellen (IR)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Reform and Efficiency Commission to study human services and K-12 education systems, and money appropriated.

**HF1577—Clark (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Child care worker training pilot programs authorized and money appropriated.

**HF1578—Bauerly (DFL)**  
**Regulated Industries & Energy**  
Municipal off-sale liquor licenses provided in adjoining counties.

**HF1579—Rest (DFL)**  
**Housing**  
Residential rental bonds, housing pool allocation, unified pool mortgage bond allocation, and mortgage bond reservation procedures modified.

**HF1580—Sekhon (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Psychology Board licensing deadline extended for previously licensed psychologists.

**HF1581—Hausman (DFL)**  
**Commerce & Economic Development**  
Urban Initiative Board and grant program established and money appropriated.

**HF1582—Hausman (DFL)**  
**Commerce & Economic Development**  
Minneapolis and St. Paul enterprise zones created and business incentives provided.

**HF1583—Abrams (IR)**  
**Gen Leg, Veterans Affairs & Elections**  
Precinct caucus procedures modified for delegate and alternate elections.

**HF1584—Pugh (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Residential nonhomestead and apartment property tax class rates decreased.

**HF1585—Skoglund (DFL)**  
**Judiciary**  
Omnibus crime bill; firearm, stalking, harassment, domestic abuse, controlled substance, group, and arson penalties imposed; restitution, pretrial diversion, and felony sentencing provisions modified; and money appropriated.

**HF1586—Steensma (DFL)**  
**Local Government & Metro Affairs**  
Mandates imposed on political subdivisions provided full funding, review, and sunsets.

**HF1587—Orenstein (DFL)**  
**Education**  
Violence and Abuse Higher Education Center created, grants authorized, and money appropriated.

**HF1588—Orfield (DFL)**  
**Local Government & Metro Affairs**  
Metropolitan Governance Advisory council established.

**HF1589—Molnau (IR)**  
**Local Government & Metro Affairs**  
Metropolitan Council surface transportation duties transferred to the transportation commissioner for counties not represented on the council.

**HF1590—Mariani (DFL)**  
**Education**  
Refugees and refugee family members included as students for higher education appropriations.

**HF1591—Frerichs (IR)**  
**Local Government & Metro Affairs**  
Rock Dell authorized adoption and enforcement of the state building code.

**HF1592—Smith (IR)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Telephone and budget information of the legislature release provided and the open meeting law application extended and clarified for the legislature.

**HF1593—Simoneau (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Revisor's rule bill correcting erroneous, ambiguous, obsolete, and omitted text and obsolete references, and eliminating redundant, conflicting, and superseded provisions.

**HF1594—Koppendrayner (IR)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Telephone and budget information of the legislature release provided and the open meeting law application extended and clarified for the legislature.

**HF1595—Commers (IR)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Telephone and budget information of the legislature release provided and the open meeting law application extended and clarified for the legislature.

**HF1596—Gruenes (IR)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Medical care savings accounts provided for state employees.

**HF1597—Pugh (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
St. Paul supervisors' organization provided refund repayment and member and retiree contribution payments.

**HF1598—Leppik (IR)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Acupuncture Board established and acupuncture practitioners licensed and penalties provided.

**HF1599—Gruenes (IR)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Employee medical care savings account plans prepared.

**HF1600—Olson, M. (IR)**  
**Financial Institutions & Insurance**  
Medicare supplement (medigap) community rating eliminated.

**HF1601—Frerichs (IR)**  
**Regulated Industries & Energy**  
Small Employer Health Benefit Plan definition of a small employer modified.

**HF1602—Mosel (DFL)**  
**Judiciary**  
Photographic or observation device installation prohibited in private places and penalties provided.

**HF1603—Perlt (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Contract Oversight Board established, professional and technical service public contracts regulated, and money appropriated.

**HF1604—Clark (DFL)**  
**Judiciary**  
American Indian child welfare defense corporation grants established.

**HF1605—Clark (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Hennepin County authorized to establish a nonmedical detoxification program and provided a group residential housing bed moratorium exception, American Indian detoxification program established, and money appropriated.

**HF1606—Delmont (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Contract Oversight Board established, professional and technical service public contracts regulated, and money appropriated.

**HF1607—Mariani (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
"Mazebuster" demonstration program established within the family investment plan to promote self-sufficiency of public assistance recipients, and money appropriated.

**HF1608—Clark (DFL)**  
**Housing**  
Rental replacement housing procedures modified.

**HF1609—Hausman (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
911 emergency telephone services to include emergency poison information services and funding provided.

**HF1610—Rodosovich (DFL)**  
**Education**  
Public land and building acquisition and betterment bonding provided to the technical colleges, community colleges, and state university boards and University of Minnesota, and money appropriated.

**HF1611—Sviggum (IR)**  
**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Environmental services reorganization act of 1993 adopted; environment secretary office and environmental protection and resource management departments created; various departments, agencies, and boards abolished and duties transferred.

## Thursday, April 1

**HF1612—Lourey (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Ethical practices board duties modified, standards of conduct established, and penalties imposed.

**HF1613—Dempsey (IR)**  
**Judiciary**  
Sexual offender notices required to counties before release or community placement.

**HF1614—Lasley (DFL)**  
**Transportation and Transit**  
School district bus use expanded for public transportation.

**HF1615—Van Dellen (IR)**  
**Rules and Legislative Administration**  
Initiative and referendum provided and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF1616—Van Dellen (IR)**  
**Rules and Legislative Administration**  
Budget; state spending not to increase faster than increases in the state's personal income and constitutional amendment proposed.

**HF1617—Leppik (IR)**  
**Health and Human Services**  
Child and adolescent sexual health institute planning continued and money appropriated.

**HF1618—Sarna (DFL)**  
**Commerce & Economic Development**  
Wire communication company late payment charges limited.

**HF1619—McCullum (DFL)**  
**Transportation and Transit**  
Transportation utility fee collection authorized by cities.

**HF1620—Waltman (IR)**  
**Taxes**  
Sheriff and fire department vehicles exempted from motor vehicle excise taxes.

**HF1621—Waltman (IR)**  
**Environment and Natural Resources**  
Lake Pepin shoreland redevelopment authorized by municipalities for multi-family residential structures.

**HF1622—Bergson (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Contract procedures modified and expenditures limited for professional, technical, and consultant service public contracts; and uses restricted for funds saved by leaving public positions vacant.

**HF1623—Haukoos (IR)**  
**Health and Human Services**  
Battered women shelter program funding and authority transferred to the corrections commissioner.

**HF1624—Bertram (DFL)**  
**Taxes**  
Brewer fermented malt beverage tax credit modified.

**HF1625—Bertram (DFL)**  
**Judiciary**  
Sex offender registration requirements extended to certain other murder, kidnapping, and predatory criminals.

**HF1626—Ozment (IR)**  
**Education**  
Adults with Disabilities Program revenue equalized.

**HF1627—Asch (DFL)**  
**Environment and Natural Resources**  
Genetic engineering and isolated genetic material use procedures clarified.

**HF1628—Kahn (DFL)**

**Taxes**  
Sports bookmaking bets imposed an excise tax.

**HF1629—Delmont (DFL)**

**Transportation and Transit**  
Speed limit violators in a highway work zone assessed a fine surcharge, work zone safety account created, and money appropriated.

**HF1630—Johnson, V. (IR)**

**Econ Dev, Infra, & Reg Fin**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority commissioners provided daily expense payment restrictions.

**HF1631—Dorn (DFL)**

**Taxes**  
Mankato tax increment financing district duration extended.

**HF1632—Tompkins (IR)**

**Health and Human Services**  
Nursing home bed moratorium provided an exception for hospitals providing subacute care and medical assistance coverage provided for subacute care services.

**HF1633—Blatz (IR)**

**Transportation and Transit**  
Arts license plates authorized, arts account established, and money appropriated.

**HF1634—Mosel (DFL)**

**Education**  
Independent School District No. 422, Glencoe, authorized permanent transfer from the early childhood family education fund to the capital expenditure facilities fund.

**HF1635—Evans (DFL)**

**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Registered combined charitable organizations regulated.

**HF1636—Pugh (DFL)**

**Commerce and Economic Development**  
Franchise civil actions regulated.

**HF1637—Greiling (DFL)**

**Education**  
School district nonlicensed employee procedures provided after district consolidation.

**HF1638—Winter (DFL)**

**Education**  
Child care grant program modified for post-secondary students.

**HF1639—Wenzel (DFL)**

**Agriculture**  
Milk payment bases modified.

**HF1640—Frerichs (IR)**

**Environment & Natural Resources**  
Composting provided higher waste management priority and recycling and waste composting goals provided.

**HF1641—Brown, C. (DFL)**

**Education**  
Independent School District No. 784, Appleton, referendum levy validated.

**HF1642—Greiling (DFL)**

**Education**  
Educational effectiveness program established, cost-of-living revenue created, school restructuring pilots provided, financial management practice training and requirements provided, teacher compensation studied, and money appropriated.

**HF1643—Bauerly (DFL)**

**Education**  
Post-secondary enrollment options program course financial arrangements limited and pupil unit counting modified.

**HF1644—Mosel (DFL)**

**Education**  
Independent School District Nos. 731, Arlington, and 732, Gaylord, provided early retirement and severance pay levy, and early retirement and severance pay levy authority clarified for combined districts.

**HF1645—Krueger (DFL)**

**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Innovative program initiative established to encourage innovation in state agencies and money appropriated.

**HF1646—Kahn (DFL)**

**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Video lottery games authorized in liquor establishments and pull-tab sales abolished.

**HF1647—Kahn (DFL)**

**Governmental Operations and Gambling**  
Pull-tab dispensing devices authorized.

**HF1648—Kahn (DFL)**

**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Pull-tab electronic dispensing devices authorized, taxes imposed, compulsive gambling treatment programs funded, and money appropriated.

**HF1649—Kelley (DFL)**

**Governmental Operations & Gambling**  
Information Network, Inc. Act adopted and metropolitan public information network pilot program established.

## Do you know?

Today, any politician asking a reporter to refrain from publishing a story about him or her could make headlines in the paper's next edition.

But this was not the case during the summer of 1863.

At that time, Congressman William Windom's reelection campaign was just getting started. His kickoff speech took place in St. Paul's Bridge Square, where a sizable crowd gathered. H.P. Hall, a reporter for the *St. Paul Press*, was there, too.

Windom, while delivering his stump speech, noticed Hall feverishly taking notes, and shortly after the day's events, Windom paid Hall an office visit.

When the congressman arrived, he found Hall already had prepared "a couple of columns" on the speech. Windom asked to review what the reporter had written.

"Upon seeing it he begged me not to print it," Hall would later write in *Observations, Being More or Less a Political History of Minnesota*.

Far from being critical, the article touted the congressman's "brilliant oratory," and "great enthusiasm."

So why didn't Windom want the column in print?

"He said he had but one speech and could not well prepare another, and he was intending to deliver this one all over the state," Hall wrote.

The reporter agreed to Windom's request and withheld the story. Windom was re-elected, later served in the U.S. Senate, and became Secretary of the Treasury for U.S. President James Garfield.

Hall didn't report the details of Windom's request in print until 1904, four years after Windom's death. Hall also noted that "before he died, Mr. Windom's ability was greatly developed, and he left an enviable national reputation."



William Windom

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# Committee Schedule

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## MONDAY, April 5

8 a.m.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

**Agenda:** Committee bonding bill. Agency review and proposed budget, MnDOT, Office of Transit.

### Higher Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

5 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

**Agenda:** Draft bill proposal presentations by working groups. Summary presentation of the working group's financial proposals, Lisa Griskey, Susan Nemitz, fiscal analysts. Committee bill summary, Kerry Fine, House Research.

8:15 a.m.

### Human Services Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

**Agenda:** Continuation of public testimony, if necessary.

8:30 a.m.

### K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

**Agenda:** Report on minority students and education - "Children of Color: A wake up call to the Community," Elaine Salinas, students and parents.

HF350 (Vellenga) Omnibus K-12 Education Finance bill (Amendments to Article 9).  
HF10 (Bauerly) Youth apprenticeship program established and money appropriated.

10 a.m.

### JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

**Agenda:** HF1439 (Skoglund) Nonfelony enforcement commission created to study sentence proportionality and enforcement of petty misdemeanor, misdemeanor, and gross misdemeanor offenses.

HF72 (Jefferson) Prostitution; motor vehicle forfeiture and impoundment provided through city ordinances for certain prostitution offenses.  
HF698 (Blatz) Victim's rights applicability provided in juvenile court proceedings; towing fee notice and waiver provided for victims of auto theft; and restitution procedures clarified.

**Subcommittee on Data Privacy/JUDICIARY** will meet immediately following the full committee meeting. **Agenda:** HF489 (Lourey) Social work and marriage and family therapy boards provided clarified procedures and licensing requirements.

HF738 (Kelley) Remedial instruction information disseminated by postsecondary institutions to school districts.

HF1245 (McGuire) 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) Juvenile court record data access and dissemination provided.

HF1389 (McGuire) Donor fundraising information from the University of Minnesota and state universities considered private and nonpublic data.

HF1009 (McGuire) Public utility employee or customer reporting violation provided identity protection.

SF247 (Weaver) Medical records access rights clarification.

### REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

**Agenda:** HF825 (Jacobs) Omnibus liquor bill. Contains the following:

HF307 (McCullum) Military identification card allowed as proof of age for purchasing or consuming alcohol.

HF463 (Perlt) Limousines and chartered buses provided legalized possession, consumption, sale, and furnishing of alcoholic beverages.

HF541 (Battaglia) Schroeder in Cook County authorized to issue an off-sale liquor license to an exclusive liquor store.

HF918 (Pawlentny) Apple Valley authorized to issue on-sale liquor licenses on zoological gardens property and to allow a retail on-sale intoxicating liquor license holder to dispense liquor on certain county-owned property.

HF1130 (Osthoff) St. Paul authorized to allow an on-sale intoxicating liquor license holder to

dispense liquor at the Como Park lakeside pavillion.

HF1239 (Delmont) Blaine authority clarified for allowing dispensing of alcoholic beverages at the National Sports Center.

HF1322 (Johnson, V.) Houston County authorized to issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses to establishments in Crooked Creek and Brownsville.

HF1410 (Jacobs) Identification card allowed as proof of age for purchasing or consuming alcohol.

HF1475 (Jennings) Isanti County authorized to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the Dusty Eagle in Dalbo regardless of its qualification as a restaurant.

(Following bills not part of the Omnibus liquor bill)

HF771 (Greenfield) Minneapolis licensed liquor establishments allowed extended hours license.

HF885 (Dehler) Dice use allowed in licensed liquor establishments for deciding payment for alcoholic beverages, food, or other lawfully sold items.

HF751 (Jacobs) Telecommunications carrier rate equality provided, public filing of rates required, investigation of complaints furnished, price increase and service discontinuation notice granted, penalties and certification supplied.

HF1133 (Hausman) Alternative fuel motor vehicle development incentives provided and alternative fuels exempted from motor fuel taxation.

### State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

300N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

**Agenda:** Allocations/bills.

12:30 p.m.

### LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Pat Beard

**Agenda:** HF535 (McGuire)/SF44.1 (Spear) Employees provided liability indemnification by employers.

HF1041 (Kalis)/SF903 (Beckman) Police civil service commissions provided name striking authority after a one-year period.

HF1054 (Pugh)/SF911 (Metzen) Essential employees and peace officers provided separate bargaining units upon request of either group.

HF606 (Pugh)/SF225 (Metzen) Assigned risk plan coverage eligibility provided upon rejection by a licensed insurance company.

HF540 (Rukavina)/SF142 (Hottinger) Workers' compensation rehabilitation services and consultations expanded.  
HF1495 (Jacobs)/SF1188 (Price) Child labor law penalties provided for death or serious bodily harm.

2:30 p.m.

The House meets in Session

## TUESDAY, April 6

8 a.m.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice  
**Agenda:** To be announced.

### Health & Housing Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

400S State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson  
**Agenda:** Allocations.

### K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga  
**Agenda:** HF1406 (Olson, K.) Basic revenue use provided for violence prevention program in-service education and staff development programs, and school districts to provide students with challenging instructional activities and experiences.  
HF350 (Vellenga) K-12 Education Finance Omnibus bill (Amendments to Articles 6, 11, 12)

### 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:** HF1285 (Sekhon) Department of Natural Resources state-owned land management modified.

HF644 (Lourey) Aitkin County authorized to sell certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water.

HF189 (Ostrom) St. Peter provided release from reversionary interest to lands included in Traverse des Sioux State Park.

HF366 (Rukavina) St. Louis County authorized private sale of state land in Virginia.

HF581 (Rukavina) St. Louis County authorized to sell Babbitt certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water.

HF542 (Battaglia) Cook County authorized to sell certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water.

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HF947 (Bauerly) Sherburne County authorized sale of certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water.

HF258 (Perlt) Washington County authorized to sell certain land bordering public water to Oakdale.

HF1492 (Orfield) Hazardous chemical reporting requirement violations provided administrative penalty orders.

HF1494 (Orfield) Air pollution violations imposed criminal penalties.

### GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

10 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

**Agenda:** HF318 (Bishop) Optical disk storage provided for government records.

HF441 (Kahn) Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund (MERF) investments managed independent of fund.

HF378 (Reding) Investment Board management of funds regulated and Investment Advisory Council expiration date eliminated.

HF613 (Carruthers) Open meeting law exceptions and conditions modified.

HF964 (Reding) Department of Public Safety commissioner authorized to apply for federal natural disaster assistance funds.

HF1043 (Beard) 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.

HF520 (Dorn) Independent School District No. 77, Mankato, Teachers Retirement Association basic member authorized second chance Medicare coverage referendum.

HF690 (Winter) Worthington city employee disability benefit reduction reduced for coordination with workers' compensation benefits.

HF768 (Jaros) Grain inspector provided state retirement system service credit purchase.

HF147 (Reding) State university and community and technical college teacher individual retirement account plan employer contribution rate increased and fund transfers provided from the Teachers Retirement Association.

HF192 (Reding) Heating plant facility employees of the University of Minnesota provided continued state retirement system coverage after transfer to a new heating plant employer.

HF570 (Reding) Police and fire fund pension benefit multiplier increased.

HF598 (Reding) Survivor coordinated plan coverage benefits expanded for certain public employees and teachers.

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

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

HF1161 (Farrell) Ramsey County employee authorized payment in lieu of salary deductions to obtain service credits.

HF1282 (Reding) University system employees provided alternative retirement coverage.

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

SF306 (Bergson) State department and administrative board and agency heads and members appointment procedures and requirements clarification.

### Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room  
State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

**Agenda:** Bills, riders, language. 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:** HF950 (Skoglund) Veterans Homes Board required to apply for federal funding needed to complete the renovation or replacement of facilities at the Minneapolis campus.

Statute search for various bonds authorized by the State of Minnesota, Alan Hopeman, House Research. New all state debt guideline, Peter Sausen, assistant commissioner, Department of Finance.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building  
Chr. Rep. Chuck Brown

**Agenda:** SF789 (Kelly)/HF913 (Orenstein) St. Paul special laws validation.

SF262 (Kelly)/HF439 (Farrell) St. Paul design districts, framework, advisory committee and review.

HF517 (Dawkins) St. Paul authorized special assessments for certain public parking facility services.

HF1104 (Orfield) Minneapolis special service district establishment and functions regulated.  
HF1251 (Mahon) Bonds; city self-insurance revolving fund or pool use allowed for satisfying city officer and employee bond requirements.

HF1541 (Winter) Nobles County authorized consolidation of county auditor and treasurer.

2:30 p.m.

#### HOUSE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

**Agenda:** Testimony regarding telephone services.

#### State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

**Agenda:** Allocations/bills.

### WEDNESDAY, April 7

8 a.m.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

**Agenda:** To be announced.

#### Higher Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

**Agenda:** Committee bill presentation.

#### Human Services Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

**Agenda:** To be announced.

#### K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

**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.

#### JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

**Agenda:** To be announced. For further information, contact (612) 296-5396.

#### State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

**Agenda:** Allocations/bills.

2:30 p.m.

#### The House meets in Session

5 p.m.

#### HOUSE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

**Agenda:** Testimony regarding telephone services.

6:30 p.m.

#### State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

**Agenda:** Allocations/bills.

### THURSDAY, April 8

8 a.m.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

**Agenda:** To be announced.

#### Health & Housing Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson

**Agenda:** Allocations.

#### K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

**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:** HF514 (Sparby) Petroleum product emergency release reporting requirements modified; accountability committee established, and petroleum tank release cleanup fee, reimbursement, and consultant and contractor registration requirements modified.

HF1424 (Munger) Agricultural chemical and liquid gas storage tanks exempted from notification, environmental protection, and tank installer training and certification requirements.  
HF687 (Rukavina) Aquatic pest control applicators licensed.

HF1404 (Evans) New Brighton allowed to acquire granular activated carbon without a bond for treatment of contaminated water for portable consumption.

HF1190 (Trimble) Historic sites act adopted.  
HF96 (Tunheim) Personal watercraft; water ski towing rearview mirror requirements clarified.  
HF813 (Hasskamp) Deer muzzle-loading season provided statewide.

HF733 (Johnson, R.) Traps provided identification requirements and penalties provided.

#### GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

**Agenda:** Continuation of 4/6 agenda.

#### Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room

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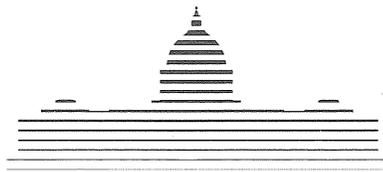
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2:30 p.m.

#### The House meets in Session

### FRIDAY, April 9

Good Friday. No committee meetings scheduled.



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Sources: Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights; Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council; National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; The North Star Project: *Out and Counted, A Survey of the Twin Cities Gay and Lesbian Community*; *Homosexuality, An Introduction to the Debate*, Jon Steinberg; *Are Gay Rights Right?* The Berean League of Minnesota, Roger Magnuson.



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