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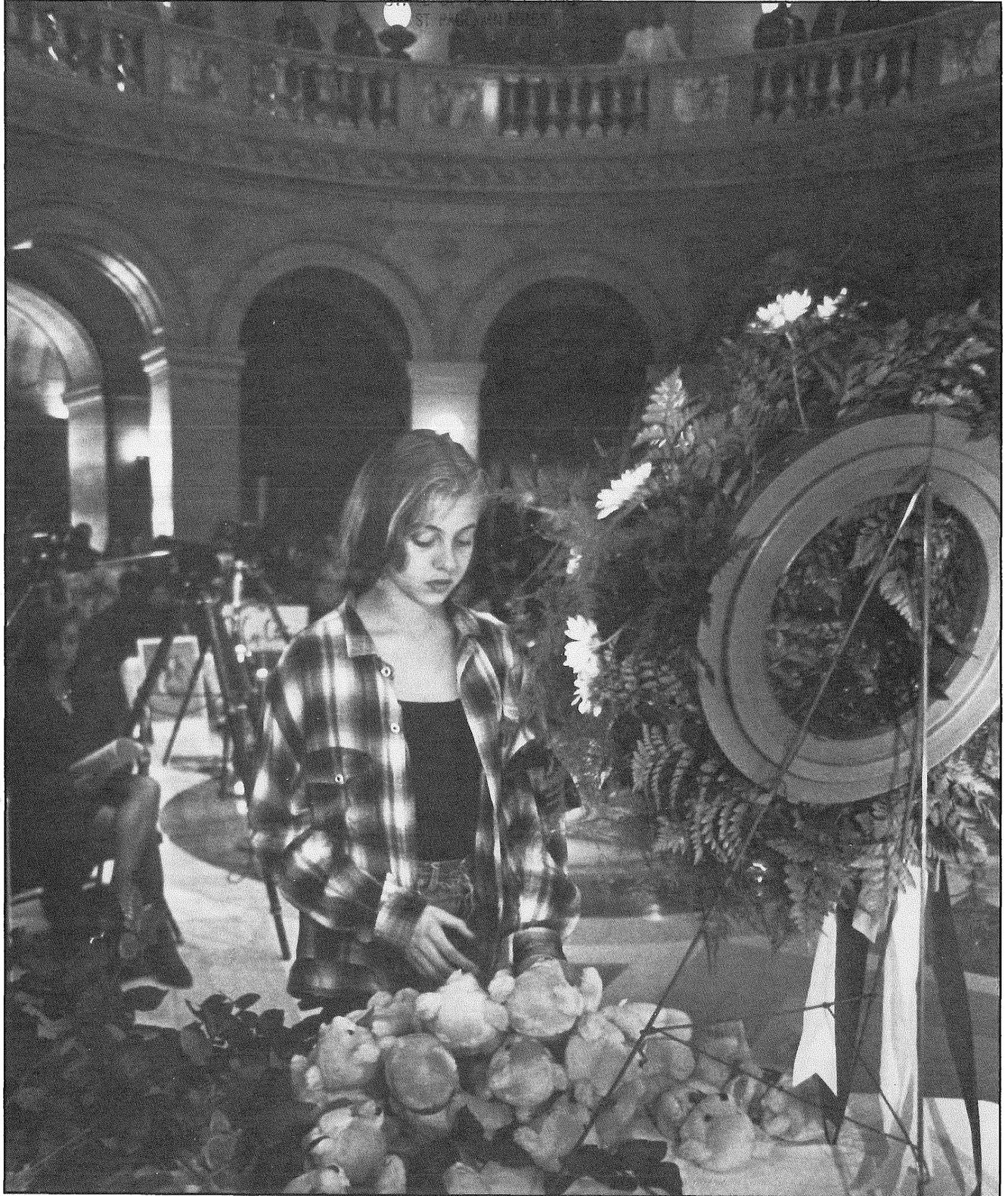
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On the cover: Participants in a rally for Battered Women's Action Day at the Capitol placed roses and teddy bears under a wreath memorializing the estimated 28 women and 13 children killed by domestic violence in Minnesota last year. The March 16 rally was organized by the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women.

— photo by Laura Phillips

Highlights

Holy cow . . .

Debate over growth hormone shifts to labeling

Most product labels tell consumers what they're buying. But the House Agriculture Committee approved a bill March 14 that would allow some milk labels to inform consumers of what they're not buying.

HF2386, sponsored by Rep. Steve Trimble (DFL-St. Paul), would allow milk producers who do not treat their cows with recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH) to label their dairy products with the phrase: "Milk in this product is from cows not treated with rBGH."

The Agriculture Committee approved the bill 13 to 6. It now moves to the House Commerce and Economic Development Committee.

The growth hormone, also known as Bovine Somatotropin (BST), increases milk production in cows. It is a natural protein that is

Proponents of the labeling bill said there isn't enough information on the long-term effects of the genetically engineered hormone to be sure it is safe. So why not give consumers the option to decide whether they want milk from cows treated with rBGH?

Ricci Teague, a 16-year-old student from Royalton, was among several people to testify in favor of the bill.

"I do not feel comfortable drinking milk with this hormone in it," Teague said. "I have the right to choose what I eat, and all I'm asking for is the labeling of milk so I can continue to exercise that right."

Those who oppose the bill said the FDA has deemed the product safe, adding that the "rBGH-free" label would create a stigma for milk products from cows that are treated with the protein.

Although the Minnesota Department of Agriculture doesn't officially oppose the bill, a letter written by the department and submitted to committee members reads: "We believe labeling is unnecessary because milk from treated cows has been found safe for humans and animals and because there is no difference in the milk from [rBGH] treated and untreated cows."

Regardless of the safety of rBGH, the bill's supporters told the committee that consumers are asking for milk from cows not treated with it.

Chris von Rabenau, who operates a whole foods community co-op in Duluth, said he receives numerous requests for "rBGH-free" milk.

"The product that consumers are asking for isn't there," von Rabenau said.

The bill would establish a process to inspect and certify milk from cows that are not treated with the hormone. Milk producers that receive the certification would then be able to provide affidavits to companies that use the milk in products, such as cheese and ice cream.

The bill also requires that all non-treated cows and the milk they produce be kept separate from cows and milk treated with rBGH — if the producer wishes to label the products.

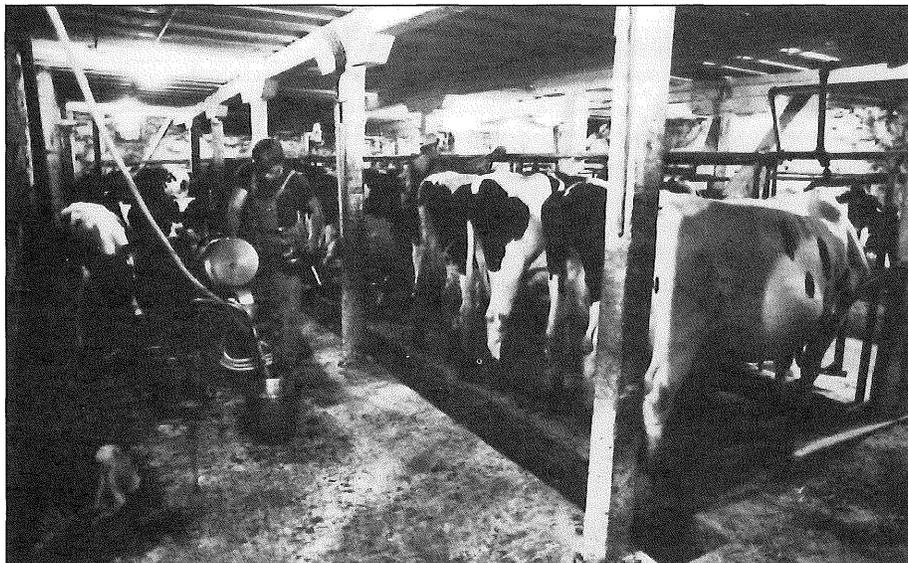
The cost is not yet known, but **HF2386** would appropriate money from the state's general fund to the commissioner of agriculture to administer and enforce the rBGH labeling program.

"We're not debating whether [rBGH] is safe, we're debating essentially a labeling issue and a consumer's right to know," said Rep. Steve Wenzel (DFL-Little Falls), chair of the Agriculture Committee.

Rep. LeRoy Koppendrayner (IR-Princeton) voted against the proposal and said labeling will lead consumers to believe there is something wrong with milk from cows that are treated.

"Those of us who know better should be telling the consumer this is identical to any other milk you drink," said Koppendrayner.

— Amber Brennan



A Minnesota farmer milked cows at his farm recently. The dairy industry came into the public spotlight after the FDA deemed a hormone — that would increase cow milk production — safe for cows and consumers. The Agriculture Committee approved a bill March 14 that would allow hormone-free products to be so labeled.

produced in the pituitary gland of all cattle.

The biotechnology industry has worked for several years to produce a synthetic version of the hormone to increase milk production in cows. In February, the genetically engineered version won approval from the United States Food and Drug Administration.

"[Labeling] puts a question in the consumer's mind, said Dwight Hasselquist, a farmer and vice president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau. "What is wrong with that product that is not labeled?"

"It suggests that we're going to do something that is not moral, that is detrimental to the consumer [by using rBGH]," he said.



AGRICULTURE

Tough manure!

A farmer who follows all government rules for one year couldn't be sued by neighbors who dislike the smell of manure, if a bill approved by the House Agriculture Committee March 14 becomes law.

Bill author Rep. Jerry Bauerly (DFL-Sauk Rapids), said the measure is aimed at reducing the "nuisance lawsuits relative to dust and smell from farming."

Such conflicts sometimes arise in newer housing subdivisions that are built in the country near established farms.

The measure (HF2493) would protect farms that have met all federal, state, and local standards for one year from lawsuits accusing them of creating a "public or private nuisance."

Current law requires a farm to operate successfully for six years before it's eligible for the same protection.

"If you're abiding by all the laws and rules that you need to abide by, folks can't drag you into court," Bauerly said, in describing the bill's intent. He said farmers usually win nuisance lawsuits, but they can be costly enough to "break you in the process."

Although some smells and other aspects of farming may bother new neighbors, Bauerly said a farm should be protected if it's meeting all the governmental guidelines. If a farm violates zoning codes or other rules, the protection would not apply.

If a farm is expanded or significantly altered, the one-year period would be reinstated from the start-up date of new operations.

The bill also would require that anyone selling property in an area zoned for agriculture notify any buyers of that fact and of the practices common to farming.

Bauerly said nearly 40 other states have similar legislation.

HF2493 now goes to the House Judiciary Committee.

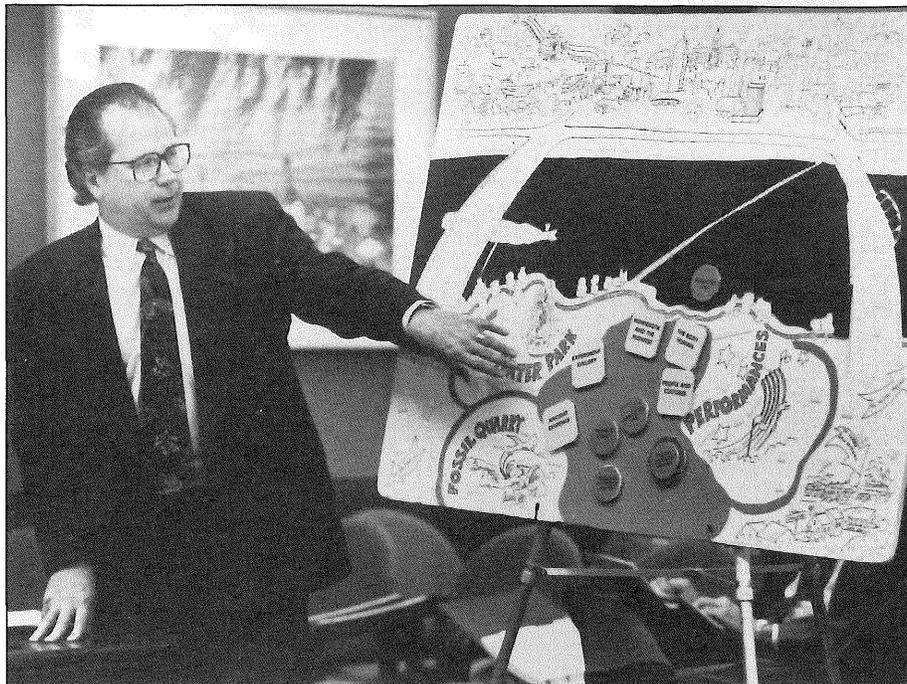


BONDING

Museum capital city

The Science Museum of Minnesota and the Minnesota Children's Museum would each receive state money for their construction projects in downtown St. Paul if two House bills now under consideration become law.

The science museum receives nearly a million visitors a year, twice as many as it was



Jim Peterson, president of the Science Museum of Minnesota, showed members of a House finance committee March 15 a design for the science museum which would be built between the Wabasha and Robert streets bridges in west St. Paul. He asked the Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee to fund the new museum.

designed to accommodate, said museum Director Jim Peterson.

As a result of the overcrowding, large school groups visiting the museum often must eat their lunches on the floor, Peterson told members of a House finance committee March 15.

The museum wants to construct a 325,000-square-foot building on 11 acres of city-owned property on the south bank of the Mississippi River between the Wabasha Street and Robert Street bridges.

The plans call for the new museum to integrate the Mississippi River and the surrounding area into its exhibits, Peterson told members of the House Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee.

If fully developed, those exhibits would include a hands-on archeology dig on the river bank and a floating biology laboratory traveling up and down the river, he said.

The larger museum would be a needed boost for St. Paul's "long-neglected river front," said Rep. Carlos Mariani (DFL-St. Paul), a sponsor of the bill (HF2348).

The bill containing the funding request currently contains no dollar amount, but Mariani said the request would likely be for \$10 million. Peterson said the museum would eventually need \$30 million from the state to relocate to the river front.

If the bill becomes law, the state would sell bonds to raise the money.

At the same committee meeting, Mariani also presented a bill proposing that the Minne-

sota Children's Museum get \$1.25 million in state bond proceeds to help fund its relocation. It wants to move from its current site near the state fairgrounds to downtown St. Paul.

The popularity of the children's museum means that it, too, is overcrowded, said Ann Bitter, museum president.

The bonding money requested in the bill (HF2442) would allow for more exhibits and activities, she said, which would ensure enough visitors to keep the museum self-sufficient.

The committee took no official action on either bill, but will consider each later when it assembles an omnibus committee bonding bill.

Ice time for girls

Women and girls would be assured access to ice for their hockey and ringette games under a bill sponsored by Rep. Bob Milbert (DFL-South St. Paul).

Milbert wants to build two metropolitan area ice centers which would be required to devote 50 percent of their ice time to female sports.

The House Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee's State Government Finance Division approved the bill (HF2914) March 16 and referred it to the House Capital Investment Committee.

The committee heard emotional testimony from women who told legislators about being harassed and discriminated against when they asked for ice time at local rinks.

Kati Norsten, a ringette player at South St. Paul High School, said her family received harassing phone calls in the middle of the night after her father demanded ice time for girls. Her team was eventually given time to play — at 5 a.m., she said.

Milbert estimates it would cost \$13.8 million for both ice arenas. State bonds could be sold to pay for the projects or the state could use money it earned from the sale of Metropolitan Center in Bloomington.

The measure specifies that the city or county where the arenas are located contribute \$2 million to the project. That contribution could be in the form of land, access roads, or utilities, Milbert said.

The division sent the bill along with \$53.8 million in bonding recommendations to the Capital Investment Committee. But the division didn't assign a priority ranking to **HF2914** or recommend funding.

The other bonding recommendations, which did receive priority ranking, included \$5.5 million for a new roof and other outside renovations to the Capitol, and \$6 million to help build the Lake Superior Center Authority in Duluth, which would host educational programs about Lake Superior.

The division also recommended \$250,000 for improvements to the Capitol cafeteria, but only on the condition the food is improved.



BUSINESS

Business start-ups

Small business entrepreneurs not only need money, but sound technical advice to make a start-up business succeed. The sponsors of two bills approved by an economic development subcommittee March 16 say their measures would provide both.

Rep. Becky Lourey (DFL-Kerrick) has sponsored **HF2218** which would lend money to small start-up businesses. Rep. Roger Cooper (DFL-Bird Island) has sponsored **HF2084** which would help start-up businesses in southwestern Minnesota with technical business advice.

Lourey's bill would create a "micro business loan pilot project" through which community development corporations could provide loans to beginning small businesses. The community development corporations would apply to the Department of Trade and Economic Development for grants to fund the loans. The maximum loan would be \$15,000.

Lourey told the International Trade and Economic Development Division of the House Commerce and Economic Development

Committee that this program is necessary to help create jobs.

The program is designed for people who don't need much money, but do need someone to share the risk of starting a business. Although **HF2218** doesn't specify a dollar amount, Lourey said the loan program would cost about \$1 million.

The bill was referred to the full Commerce and Economic Development Committee for further review.

Cooper's bill (**HF2084**) calls for technical support for start-up businesses in southwestern Minnesota and would establish a "regional technology coordinator" in Minnesota Technology Inc.'s Redwood Falls office.

Minnesota Technology Inc. is a public, non-profit corporation that assists existing small- and medium-sized businesses become more competitive. But currently it does not work with start-up manufacturers.

Cooper's bill would set up a three-year pilot project to specifically assist start-up manufacturers in southwestern Minnesota. So far the proposal contains no money, but \$200,000 is being sought for the project.

Although there is some help for prospective entrepreneurs, supporters of Cooper's bill say the resources aren't as comprehensive as is needed for start-up businesses. They stress that the measure is a technical assistance bill — not a financial assistance one. And they also stressed that current resources would not be duplicated.

John Otteson, the owner of Brown-ton-based Buffalo Creek Specialties which makes food seasonings, expressed a need for the technology coordinator.

"Economic growth will not come from the 3Ms or the General Mills," he said. "Economic growth will come from the small companies."

HF2084 bill now goes to the full Commerce and Economic Development Committee.



CRIME



Bad dog

Dogs that are considered dangerous would be branded with a special dog tag, under a bill approved March 14 by the House General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee.

The bill (**HF2362**), sponsored by Rep. Lyndon Carlson (DFL-Crystal), would require dangerous dogs to wear tags containing the designated state dangerous dog symbol. The precise design and material for the dog tag would have to be worked out.

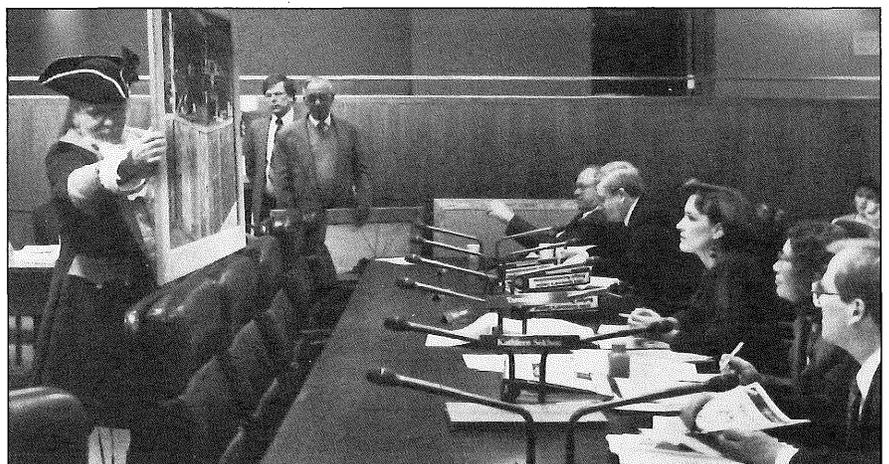
Current law requires the owner of a dangerous dog to place a sign in his or her yard warning passersby about the animal.

A dangerous dog is defined as one that does any of the following: inflicts substantial bodily harm on a human without provocation; kills a domestic animal without provocation while off the owner's property; or is found to have been potentially dangerous.

The bill also expands the legal definition of "potentially dangerous dog."

Presently, Minnesota cities and counties can regulate "potentially dangerous dogs," which are defined as those inclined to unprovoked attacks on humans or pets, or those that chase people on public property "in an apparent attitude of attack."

HF2362 would include dogs that simply



Perry Vining showed up at the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee March 14 dressed as a 1798 White Oak Fur Post Company agent. Vining is program director for the White Oak Society in Deer River, Minn. He requested a \$344,000 grant for improvements to his post's tourism and education facility.

"chase or approach" people on private property, but excludes the dog owner's property.

The bill now goes to the House Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee.

Juvenile justice

House members, after a prolonged debate March 17, approved a new juvenile crime bill on a 129-to-0 vote.

The bill (HF2074), poses heavier consequences for young offenders.

But Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls), the bill's chief sponsor, told lawmakers that the bill's \$18.5 million appropriation is "mainly for prevention."

Money is allocated for more judges, public defenders, probation officers, and juvenile prison space, as well as several programs to help at-risk teens.

A 14-month long study by the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Task Force on the Juvenile Justice System laid the groundwork for the House bill.

Although a portion of the bill focuses on prevention, another part creates no-nonsense tough penalties for juvenile offenders.

The bill specifies that after Aug. 1, 1994:

- Juveniles over the age of 16 charged with first-degree murder or first-degree criminal sexual conduct would be automatically prosecuted as adults and face adult penalties.
- "Drive-by shootings" would be added to the list of crimes which receive a mandatory minimum sentence. Also, a minor carrying an assault weapon in a public place would face a felony charge rather than a misdemeanor.
- A new category of "serious youthful offender" would be established and defined as a 14- to-17-year-old charged with a felony. Juvenile court judges could use their discretion to decide who is a "serious youthful offender."
- A 16- or 17-year-old juvenile could be labeled a serious youthful offender if the juvenile meets the standards to be tried as an adult and if a prosecutor identifies the juvenile as one.
- A 14- to 17-year-old who is considered a serious youthful offender would be entitled to legal representation and a public jury trial. If found guilty, the juvenile would receive both an adult criminal sentence and a juvenile sentence. The adult penalty would not be imposed if the minor successfully completed the juvenile penalty. However, should a serious youthful offender commit another crime — or violate the terms of the juvenile penalty — the adult criminal penalty would then be im-

posed. Court records for "serious youthful offenders" would be forwarded to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and kept on file for 15 years after the disposition of a case.

- Juveniles, 14 and older, would be tried as adults only for felony offenses. Current law allows them to be tried as adults for any offense, but those cases are relatively rare.
- There would be a presumption to try a 16- or 17-year-old as an adult if the juvenile court decides a prison sentence is likely or if the juvenile used a firearm while committing a felony. In other words, juveniles would face an adult trial unless they prove they warrant a juvenile hearing. There would be a presumption to try a 14- or 15-year-old as an adult for first- or second- degree murder.
- Juvenile courts would maintain jurisdiction over a juvenile until the individual's 23rd birthday, unless the court terminates its jurisdiction before that. Under current law juvenile court supervision ends at age 19.
- Most juvenile court conviction records would be kept on file for three more years than current law mandates — until the offender reaches the age of 26, or until 28 for sex offenders.
- A juvenile court could issue a subpoena requiring the presence of a minor's parent or guardian at any hearing held during a delinquency proceeding. A parent or guardian who does not comply could be held in contempt of court.
- A peace officer could issue a ticket ("notice to appear" citation) to a juvenile for a misdemeanor-level infraction. This is a simple alternative to a police officer going to a county attorney to file a time-consuming petition to juvenile court.

The juvenile justice bill provides the Department of Corrections with \$1.5 to create several small, secure regional facilities to hold serious youthful offenders. A maximum of 50 more beds would be available in Minnesota. Corrections officials would have an additional \$1 million for community programs as an alternative to detention.

With more juveniles being tried as adults, the district courts would have more cases, so \$372,000 would be appropriated to create four new judgeships. About \$3.9 million would go to hire more public defenders, and the Department of Corrections would receive \$3 million to hire more probation officers.

To help teenagers stay out of trouble, the Department of Education would receive \$3.5 million for pre-school education programs and violence prevention grants; and the Department of Jobs and Training would receive \$2 million to create after-school and summer programs for at-risk youth.

HF2074 now goes to the Senate for consideration.



DEVELOPMENT

Reinventing itself

A State Board of Invention was created last year on the condition it receive no state funding. Now the original author of last year's measure is asking that the board be permitted to receive state funds.

Bill sponsor Rep. Tony Kinkel (DFL-Park Rapids) said the prohibition against using state funds was inserted into his bill last year by the Senate.

HF1961, introduced this year, would simply restore his proposal to its original form so state funds could be used. But the bill makes no mention of a specific dollar amount.

The bill was heard March 15 in the House Commerce and Economic Development Committee and referred without recommendation to the House Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee for further review.

The board is designed to assist potential inventors by streamlining the process of obtaining U.S. patents for their ideas and other details associated with selling an invention.

Under current law, the 11-member board may receive federal grants and private contributions to pay for its operation, but no state money.



EDUCATION

K-12 bonding changes

The House Education Committee approved a bill March 15 to spend \$51 million on construction and new equipment projects for K-12 education this year.

The sale of state bonds would pay for the projects.

The bill (HF2199) is nearly identical to the version passed by an education subcommittee last week (See March 11, 1994, *Session Weekly*, page 5).

The only change from the bill's original form is a \$2 million increase in grants for school districts to make their buildings handicapped accessible (from \$3 million to \$5 million).

To make up the difference, the committee decreased by \$2 million the allocation for grants to make public libraries handicapped accessible (from \$5 million to \$3 million).

The bill now moves to the House Capital Investment Committee.



Sarah Hunter carried her sons, Luke, right, and Sam to Rep. Pam Neary's office. Hunter was part of an early childhood learning group, which came to the Capitol from Stillwater March 15 to talk about continued funding.

Updating 'Cold War' textbooks

A bill to raise the allowance Minnesota gives its schools for books and other supplies was heard by an education subcommittee March 16.

Proposed by Rep. Becky Kelso (DFL-Mpls), **HF2162** would call on the state to spend an additional \$18.8 million a year for school books and other equipment.

The proposal would boost the current equipment expense formula from \$63 to \$100 per pupil.

Kelso said too many schools are using history books that pre-date the Persian Gulf War, the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the dismantling of the Berlin Wall.

Kelso added she's seen students use science books from the 1960s and other "appalling situations where we're trying to prepare kids for the future."

School districts supplement the state money. In 1991, for example, school districts actually spent an average of \$110 per pupil on textbooks, workbooks, library books, and audio-visual equipment, according to the Department of Education.

The K-12 Education Finance Division's Facilities Subcommittee is scheduled to vote on the proposal March 23.

School bus driver day

The House of Representatives gave final approval March 14 to a bill that would declare the second Monday in January "School Bus Driver Day" in Minnesota.

Sponsored by Rep. Bob Anderson (DFL-Ottertail), **HF1811** calls on schools to use the day for special programs honoring Minne-

sota school bus and Head Start drivers (See March 11, 1994, *Session Weekly*, page 9).

The measure, which was approved on a 98-33 vote, now moves to the Senate for further review. The Senate version of the bill awaits a hearing in the Senate Education Committee.

Religious holiday exception

Recognizing an important Jewish holiday, the Minnesota House passed a bill March 14 that could have some students in school a few days early this fall.

HF1845, sponsored by Rep. Jim Rhodes

(IR-St. Louis Park), passed 129 to 0.

The measure would allow districts the option of starting the 1994-95 school year on the Thursday or Friday before Labor Day.

Minnesota law currently prohibits school districts from starting classes before Labor Day. This year, however, Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, begins the day after Labor Day, which is usually the first day of school.

Jewish children do not go to school on Rosh Hashanah, known as two of the most holy days in the Jewish religion. The days are traditionally set aside for confession and introspection. Under **HF1845**, school districts could start school early to allow Jewish students to attend the first day of school. (See March 11, 1994, *Session Weekly*, page 7.)

Paying back schools

A bill that would pay back \$172 million of the \$664 million Minnesota owes its school districts won approval March 11 from the House Ways and Means Committee.

The bill is identical to the versions approved by the House education and taxes committees. (See March 4, 1994, *Session Weekly*, page 7, and March 11, 1994, *Session Weekly*, page 13.)

Currently, the state is required to repay districts that "shift" their regular local property tax funds to replace late state aid payments. The law, however, does not authorize the state to repay districts that cover the late payments with local referendum levies — extra property tax money their local taxpayers voted to give the district.



Teaching Excellence Award winner Richard Thomson, right, director of admissions and former basic electronics teacher at NEI College of Technology in Columbia Heights, was honored at a March 14 ceremony before the Higher Education Finance Division of the Education Committee.

HF1925, sponsored by Rep. Kathleen Velenga (DFL-St. Paul), would ensure that districts with local referendum levies are repaid.

Without the law change, the state would have to withhold \$51 million of the full \$172 million that has been earmarked to be returned to school districts in 1994.

The state began borrowing money from the school districts in the 1980s during a series of budget crises.

The bill now awaits approval on the House floor.



ENERGY

Dead lines

Northern States Power Company would have to move its electric poles and power lines from Indian Mounds Park on the east side of St. Paul to comply with a bill approved by the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 15.

Rep. Steve Trimble (DFL-St. Paul), sponsor of **HF2043**, said that the utility poles stand on a "sacred burial site," burial mounds constructed more than 2,000 years ago by what archaeologists call the Hopewell People.

Most of the mounds have been destroyed, but the remaining few became part of the city park in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood 100 years ago.

Trimble said that NSP can move their lines around or under the bluff, "as long as they don't dig into the mounds themselves."

Kent Larson, NSP's regional manager in St. Paul, opposed the bill and said that moving the electrical lines and poles would cost \$75,000 to \$100,000. Some were installed in 1936, and some in 1965.

"The concern we have with this is not the [cost], but the precedent that would be set," Larson told committee members.

"This is not an isolated case," he said. He explained that many people ask NSP to move power lines. The Public Utilities Commission rules allow NSP to charge for removing or burying power lines, according to Larson. This bill, however, would not compensate NSP for relocation work at Indian Mounds Park.

HF2043 now goes to the House floor.



Greenpeace activists Bob Lyons, Paul Olsen, and Jennifer Blomstrom, left to right, hung a banner over an NSP billboard at Rice Street and University Avenue March 14. The banner protested construction of a nuclear storage site at the NSP Prairie Island facility.



ETHICS

Ethics bill approved

Nearly all lobbyist gifts to lawmakers would be banned under a bill approved by the House March 17 on a 117-to-13 vote.

Under the bill, a lobbyist, business, or special interest group could not give any gift to a legislator. A legislator, in turn, could not accept a gift from anyone or any group attempting to influence legislation.

Such gifts would include money, property, a service, a loan, or a promise of future employment. Although not specifically listed, food and beverages would also be considered a gift, and, therefore, banned.

The original version of the bill, which the House passed March 3 after extensive debate, did not ban lobbyist spending. Instead, it required lobbyists to report anything over \$5 spent on a legislator and the name of the legislator who accepted it.

The Senate toughened the bill, and the House voted to adopt the stricter guidelines.

With approval from both the House and Senate, **HF1863** now goes to Gov. Arne Carlson for his consideration.

There are a few exceptions to the ban on gifts; a lawmaker may accept a plaque or similar memento recognizing service or a meal after he or she has appeared at a meeting to give a speech or answer questions on an issue.



GOVERNMENT

Capitol vision

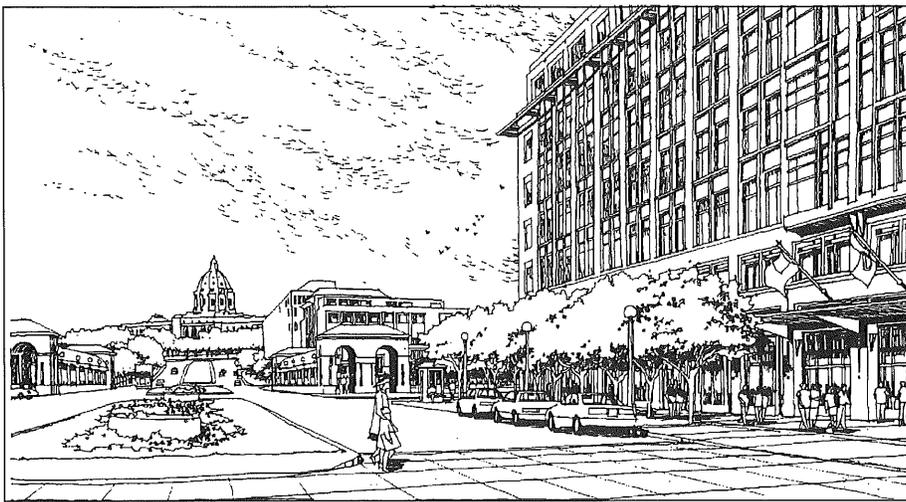
Minnesota's state government needs to expand — by 10 new buildings — to meet its space needs into the next century, according to a recently released report.

The buildings would be grouped around the state Capitol and cost \$615 million in 1993 money. Construction would take nine years.

"The Strategic Plan for Locating State Agencies" — a study conducted by the Department of Administration and several consulting firms — proposes to tie the new Capitol area complex with downtown St. Paul by creating a commercial corridor along Cedar Street.

The plan calls for constructing office buildings totaling more than two million square feet. The departments of health and human services would each get a new building with 500,000 square feet. The departments of education, military affairs, and public safety also would move into new buildings. Furthermore, two state office buildings would be built to the north and west of the Capitol. One would house multiple smaller state agencies and boards; the other, lawmakers, legislative staff, and some constitutionally elected officials and their staffs.

Dennis Spalla, assistant commissioner for



South Capitol Area development under the plan viewing north on Cedar Street from 10th Street.

the Department of Administration, told members of the House Capital Investment Committee March 8 that the study predicts a 2 percent annual growth rate for state agencies.

He said that "in the long run" new buildings were preferable to leasing existing office space in older buildings. Each agency has different space, parking, and utility needs that older buildings may not be able to handle.

The first steps to construction are in Gov. Arne Carlson's bonding proposal, which contains \$1.5 million for pre-design work on several building projects. That is in addition to the state selling bonds to pay for delayed road, utility, and other infrastructure improvements in and around the Capitol. Also, the governor's proposal includes \$13.4 million this year for a Transportation Building renovation.

Square dancing vs. disco

Square dancing may have therapeutic value for those recovering from hip, knee, or back surgery, but that doesn't mean it's for all Minnesotans.

Despite its bona fide wholesomeness, the House General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Elections Committee March 14 failed to make the square dance the official folk dance of Minnesota.

The setback marked the second time that square dancing has suffered a legislative setback. Although the Senate approved a similar measure in 1992, the House declined to join in.

This year, the proposal hit its first snag when Rep. Tim Commers (IR-Mendota Heights) offered an amendment that would have made disco dancing the official state dance.

"I'm still somewhat emotionally scarred from the fourth and fifth grade when I had to square dance," Commers revealed. He added that square dance instructions like "change

your partner" were improper. The amendment failed.

Members also voted down a motion to put **HF2089** on the House Consent Calendar, where non-controversial bills are considered.

A motion to reconsider the bill and put it on the general list of bills going to the House floor also failed. That makes the chances of square dancing receiving the state's official state blessing this session relatively slim.

The measure is sponsored by Rep. Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn).



HEALTH

Child health screenings

A bill to provide cost-effective health care screenings for children — and to streamline the screening process — was heard by the House Health and Human Services Committee March 15.

The bill, which was referred to a finance division, would provide grants to coordinate immunizations and health screenings, including those that are required before a child enters kindergarten or the Head Start pre-kindergarten program.

The issue, as understood by Rep. Gil Gutnecht (IR-Rochester), is one of responsibility. Law requires that children be immunized before entering school, but in many cases, that is not happening, he said.

Rep. Stephanie Klinzing (DFL-Elk River) who sponsors **HF1452**, said that the screenings were "very valuable, but not very easily accessible." As the mother of a kindergartner, she said that screenings are scheduled at "inconvenient times." The program would offer screenings over a much longer period of time, she said, which would provide some leeway for parents.

Under the bill, grants would be awarded to

community health boards, which are local boards set up under law to help administer some state health programs. Those boards would need to work with school districts, social service organizations, public health agencies, Head Start programs, and health care providers. They also would need to coordinate and provide a central location for screenings and immunizations.

Grant recipients would be required to work to increase screening and immunization rates, eliminate duplication of records, establish a centralized record-keeping system, and access other governmental grants and private contributions.

Although the bill doesn't specify how much to spend on grants, Klinzing said that three to five grants of approximately \$200,000 each could be awarded over the next two years.

Child health screenings, according to Mid-State Community Health Services, are the first step in determining a child's health care needs. They provide an inexpensive and simple way to identify problem areas which require further medical attention.

The committee took no action on the bill and referred it to the Health and Housing Finance Division for further review.

Torture, not culture

Coinciding with the March 16 observance of Battered Women's Action Day at the Capitol, members of the House Judiciary Committee approved a bill that would ban female genital mutilation — sometimes referred to as "female circumcision."

The mutilation of a woman's genitals is a local custom in many African countries. With African immigrants coming to Minnesota, doctors report seeing cases of varied forms of genital mutilation.

HF2434 is sponsored by Rep. Linda Wejman (DFL-Mpls). Rep. Sidney Pauly (IR-Eden Prairie) has sponsored a similar bill (**HF2233**).

The measure would require the Minnesota Department of Health to carry out education and prevention programs in communities that practice ritual female genital mutilation. The programs should inform the community "about the health risks and emotional trauma inflicted by those practices."

Under the bill, anyone performing genital mutilation would be guilty of a felony; consent to the procedure could not be used as a courtroom defense. Legitimate medical procedures performed by licensed physicians are permitted.

Dr. Doris Brooker, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Minne-

sota, told the committee that children and adolescents are subjected to disfiguring operations that include severing the clitoris, cutting the labia, and sewing the vagina shut. She said these operations are done in unhygienic conditions.

"There is absolutely no medical, therapeutic, or diagnostic reason for this procedure," Brooker said. "It is absolutely unjustified and unethical — it is physical assault." Brooker noted that there is not an Islamic religious mandate for this practice, although the ritual often "has a religious overlay."

Carol Hogard, a women's studies instructor at Minneapolis Community College, explained that the subject is difficult to talk about "because it is totally unbelievable." Asked about the reason for the practice, she replied, "It is done to control female sexuality."

"This is not culture, it is torture," she said. "Once it's done women have serious health problems for the rest of their lives."

The World Health Organization estimates that 80 to 100 million women have had their genitals maimed, according to Hogard, making this the most widespread form of torture in the world. Kenya has banned the practice, she said.

Outreach work in France and Somalia educates people about the dangers of genital mutilation, Hogard said.

HF2434 was incorporated into the omnibus crime bill (**HF2351**), which is still being assembled.



HOUSING

More housing funds

More money would be available for special housing programs, including some to help the homeless and low-income people buy homes, if a bill approved March 14 by the Housing Committee becomes law.

But high-income home owners would have to deduct less of their mortgage interest payments on their state income tax returns to pay for those programs.

Bill sponsor Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls) said cutting back on the interest payment deductions would free up \$20 million annually to spend on a variety of housing programs.

The proposal (**HF2428**) would only affect home owners with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$75,000 a year — who comprise fewer than 9 percent of the state's home owners, said Clark, chair of the committee.

Under **HF2428**, a married couple filing jointly with an adjusted gross annual income between \$75,000 and \$100,000 could deduct only a portion of their mortgage interest payments in excess of \$10,000.

A couple with an adjusted gross annual income greater than \$100,000 could only deduct a maximum of \$10,000 in mortgage interest payments.

Under current law, there are no such restrictions. The bill now goes to the House Taxes Committee.



LABOR

Calling all whistle-blowers

People from around Minnesota who suspect wrongdoing in government could dial a toll-free number in the Office of the State Auditor to report the abuse, under a bill approved March 14 by the House Labor-Management Relations Committee.

And public employees would be granted broader protection under the state's "whistle-blower law," which is designed to shield employees from retaliation by their employers.

Current law protects all employees who report violations of state or federal laws or rules at their workplace. It also protects employees who refuse to carry out an employer's request because the employee thinks it's illegal.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Kathleen Sekhon (DFL-Burns Township), would extend a new kind of protection from employer retaliation for public employees and private-sector people who work with public agencies.

Under her proposal, employees, who, in good faith, report questionable conduct — even if the conduct is not a violation of state or federal law or rules — would be covered.

The proposal states that employees who report an improper use of a government office, the gross waste of public funds, or other abuse or neglect of duty by a public agency or public officer, would be included under the whistle-blower law.

The bill would also call on the state auditor's office to review the matters reported and, if necessary, take further action.

The measure specified no specific dollar amount for the hot line, but Sekhon said she will request an appropriation of \$4,000 to pay for it.

HF2292 now goes to the House Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee for further review.

Minimum wage \$6.50?

Minnesota's minimum wage for most businesses would rise from the current \$4.25 an hour to \$6.50 by 1997 under a bill the House Labor-Management Relations Committee approved 9 to 7 March 14.

Beginning in January 1995, the minimum wage would rise 75 cents each year until hitting \$6.50 per hour in January 1997. After 1997, the minimum wage would be tied to the Consumer Price Index and increase accordingly, said bill sponsor Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia).

The bill (**HF2243**) now goes to the House floor for debate.



HIGHER EDUCATION

College, university projects

The House Education Committee approved a bill March 15 that calls on the state to spend \$235.5 million this year for construction projects and new equipment at the state's colleges and universities.

The sale of state bonds would pay for the improvements.

The amount the committee approved is \$1.5 million higher than the Higher Education Finance Division called for in its original bonding bill (see March 11, 1994, *Session Weekly*, page 12).

The full Education Committee adopted an amendment offered by Rep. Peter Rodosovich (DFL-Faribault) that allocated \$1.9 million instead of \$490,000 to renovate the science building at Fergus Falls Community College.

HF2600 now moves to the House Capital Investment Committee.

Sprinklers for buildings

All Minnesota buildings more than 74 feet tall and not equipped with a sprinkler system would have to be outfitted with one under a bill sponsored by Rep. Bob Johnson (DFL-Bemidji).

The House Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee's Subcommittee on Administrative Rules approved the bill (**HF392**) March 16 and referred it to the full committee.

If the Legislature approves, owners of those buildings would have 15 years to install the sprinklers.

Tom Brace, state fire marshal, said fires in high-rise buildings are difficult to fight without sprinkler systems.

But at least one lawmaker worried that the bill may present a hardship to some property owners.

If condominium owners have to pick up the cost, it could run \$1,500 to \$2,000 per owner, said Rep. Phil Krinkle (IR-Shoreview).

Proponents argue a minimum wage increase is vital for people struggling to support families. Those opposed say an increase will cause businesses to shut down.

If the bill becomes law, Minnesota's minimum wage would be higher than the federal rate of \$4.25 an hour. Currently, six states and the District of Columbia pay more. Iowa pays its workers \$4.65 per hour.

Under Rukavina's proposal, businesses with sales of less than \$362,500 per year — which now pay \$4 per hour in minimum wage — also would see 75-cent annual increases, to \$6.25 by 1997.

The committee passed the bill along party lines after hearing about two hours of testimony from about 10 people. DFLers supported the increase; IRs did not.

A minimum wage hike would mean "lay-offs, hiring freezes, and stores closing in the retail field," said Judy Cook, a lobbyist for the Minnesota Retail Merchants' Association.

"Few businesses have the increased business growth that they could support this," said Cook. "Many businesses on main streets are struggling to survive. Those retailers had to fight a major depression in the farm economy, flooding, and a flight of rural dollars to the cities."

Elliott Eisman, who owns a McDonald's restaurant in Plymouth, said if the minimum wage is raised 75 cents, those earning more than minimum wage now would clamor for raises too, costing businesses even more money.

Those arguments didn't matter to those thinking of families.

Brian Rusche, a lobbyist for the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, said: "A person that works full time shouldn't be poor. A full-time, year-round worker should be able to meet the poverty line for a family of three."

"A lot of people are trying to make it and feed a family on minimum wage, Rukavina said. "But minimum wage hasn't kept up to inflation. It's intended to be at 50 percent of what an average industrialized wage earner is making. But it hasn't kept up since 1980."



LAW

Burning the flag

The House March 14 passed an anti-flag burning bill 100-to-24 after two hours of debate.

Questions of politics arose as DFLers and IRs fought over whether flag burning was an issue of free speech or one of patriotism.

"You are a true American by your words,

your actions, and your deeds. Not by a symbol," said Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) who opposed the bill.

Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester) supported the bill and drew a distinction between being allowed to speak your mind and performing an action that many consider offensive.

"Freedom of speech does not incorporate actions," he said.

The bill (HF1880), sponsored by Rep. Brian Bergson (DFL-Osseo), now goes to the Senate.

The bill calls on the U.S. Congress to pass a constitutional amendment allowing states to prohibit the "physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

Bergson explained that 48 states, including Minnesota, currently have such laws on the books.

Raymond Galazen of Duluth, state commander of the American Legion, has said that 37 states have passed this resolution; if 38 states do, then Congress can be petitioned to offer the constitutional amendment.

To survive, the constitutional amendment must pass by a two-thirds majority in both the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate. Furthermore, three-fourths of the states would need to ratify the amendment within seven years. (See March 4, 1994, *Session Weekly*, page 11.)

Emergency 911

Distraught or panicked callers to 911 emergency lines have no say when their calls are replayed on TV or radio newscasts.

But a bill approved March 15 by the House Judiciary Committee's data privacy subcommittee would change that. HF2024 would require an individual's permission before his or her 911 call could be broadcast.

News organizations could still obtain transcripts of 911 calls, but would have to pay for the cost of transcribing the call. Police, fire, and 911 personnel could still use audio recordings to help with investigations and to train dispatchers.

Bill sponsor Rep. Loren Jennings (DFL-Harris) was motivated by an incident last December in Ramsey, Minn., where Dean Helgeson arrived home to find his wife and two young children murdered. The killings were committed by his 14-year-old son, who later shot and killed himself.

Local newscasts repeatedly played the tape of Helgeson's anguished call to 911. In emotional testimony, Robert Hoene, Helgeson's brother-in-law, told legislators that many family members heard the tape on TV news reports; some even heard it on the radio while driving to the funeral.

Hoene said TV news "took full and maxi-

mum advantage" of the audiotape, and engaged in varied speculations about the crime for several days. In testimony supporting the bill, Hoene mentioned that dozens of people approached him after the murders to say they were appalled by the use of the 911 audio tape in news reports.

Following the incident, 911 emergency operators heard from numerous callers who announced that they wouldn't call 911 to report a crime, said Anthony Palumbo, assistant Anoka County attorney. He backed the bill and noted, ironically, that the Helgeson 911 call was released at the direction of his office.

Gary Hill, managing editor at KSTP-TV in St. Paul, and Mark Anfinson, attorney for the Minnesota Newspaper Association, both urged committee members to vote against the measure. Hill said that the bill discriminates against TV and radio broadcasters.

It would be a "very serious policy mistake" to privatize 911 audiotapes, said Anfinson. He argued that access to the tapes is necessary for the media to monitor the efficiency of 911 emergency services; law enforcement agencies cannot be trusted in this regard, he said.

"If your 911 system is not operating efficiently, the consequences can be catastrophic," Anfinson said.

HF2024 is expected to become part of HF2028, the omnibus data privacy bill, which is still being assembled.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Elected vs. appointed

The Metropolitan Council needs to be more accountable to the public and that's why its 16 appointed members should be elected rather than appointed.

That's the message contained in a bill approved by a House government subcommittee March 11.

The governor has appointed members of the Metropolitan Council since the body's inception in 1967. The council coordinates growth and development, roads and transit, sewage, and other regional issues for the seven-county metro area and the 100 cities that make up the region.

It now spends \$600 million each year in state money and levies \$100 million annually in property taxes, said Rep. Myron Orfield (DFL-Mpls), the bill's sponsor.

After approving the bill (HF2276), the House Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee referred it to the House Transportation and Transit Committee.

Orfield and other lawmakers have tried

before to revamp the Metropolitan Council. In 1993, five bills were introduced to change its makeup. At that time Orfield tried but failed to require that council members be elected.

This year's bill would enact recommendations made by a metropolitan governance study group created by the 1993 Legislature. The study called for the election of council members and for the elimination of the Regional Transit Board, Metropolitan Transit Commission, and Metropolitan Waste Control Commission. These duties would then be shifted to the Metropolitan Council.

"[The council] decides which cities will grow and which will not, where the roads and sewers will go and where transit will run," Orfield said. "It's deciding how the region's future will go and it should be elected."

Few governors since the council's creation have had time to oversee the members they appoint. When governors expressed little interest in metropolitan issues, special interest groups began controlling the Metropolitan Council, Orfield said.

But Dottie Rietow, the council's chair, testified against the bill. She said an appointed council "gives us the freedom to focus on the future from a long-term perspective." The governor is also able to name a diverse Metropolitan Council.

If elections were held council district's would contain about 196,000 people, about six times the size of the House's 32,000-person legislative districts.

Orfield's bill includes an amendment authored by Rep. Betty McCollum (DFL-North St. Paul) which details election and campaign finance rules for Metropolitan Council candidates.

Under the amendment, candidates would have equal time on public access cable television. The Metropolitan Council also would have to mail out a voter's guide outlining candidates' issue positions to citizens living in a district with an upcoming election.



TAXES

Property tax refunds

A bill that would make more Minnesotans eligible for a property tax refund in 1994 passed the House 130 to 0 March 17.

To qualify for a refund under current law, a property owner's taxes must have gone up more than 12 percent and increased by at least \$100. But because so many people will see a property tax increase this year, the Department of Revenue, using its discretion



Chuck Slocum, co-chair of Minnesotans for Term Limits, watched as petitions favoring term limits filled the air in the Capitol rotunda March 17.

as allowed under law, increased that threshold to \$300.

That increase limits the number of people eligible for a refund and makes sure the department doesn't exceed the state's \$5.5 million budget cap for refunds.

This bill, sponsored by House Taxes Committee Chair Rep. Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope) removes the cap and essentially retains the \$100 limit.

The language in the House bill was folded into the Senate's version. It will now travel through the process as **SF1709**. The Senate passed its bill, sponsored by Sen. Phil Riveness (DFL-Bloomington) 64 to 0 March 14. Although the House passed the Senate version, it made some minor amendments. That means the bill now goes back to the Senate where members will take another vote.

The bill deals specifically with the state's "targeting" refund program which is separate from the renters' credit and circuit breaker tax refund programs.

The bill would appropriate an additional \$6.2 million in fiscal year 1995 to pump the refund program up to \$11.7 million. The bill is a one-shot deal and eliminates the cap only for taxes payable in 1994. The additional \$6.2 million would come from the state's general fund.

Because the refund forms already have gone out with the \$300 threshold printed on them, the bill would mandate that each county mail a postcard or letter to property owners notifying them of the new law and that they may be eligible for a refund.



TOURISM

Welcome to Minnesota

The House Commerce and Economic Development Committee March 15 approved a bill asking the state to create a coordinator of international protocol and affairs.

The bill (**HF1900**), sponsored by Rep. Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth), said the position is needed to make the state more appealing to international visitors. (See March 11, 1994, *Session Weekly*, page 14.)

The "coordinator of international protocol and affairs" position would be created within the Minnesota Trade Office.

"I think we could do more . . . to attract overseas tourists," said Jaros.

He said the coordinator's responsibilities would include monitoring programs that host international visitors to Minnesota and advising Minnesotans on how to treat official visitors from other nations.

The bill, which as yet does not specify the cost of the new position, was referred to the House Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Finance Committee.

Limiting tourism liability

Growing numbers of Minnesota resorts are dropping horseback riding, waterskiing, wind surfing, canoeing, and other activities for fear of landing in court.

To protect resort, campground, and other recreational landowners from "frivolous" lawsuits, Rep. Kris Hasskamp (DFL-Crosby) is sponsoring a bill that would make it more difficult to hold them responsible for accidents that occur on their property.

The Tourism and Small Business Division of the House Commerce and Economic Development Committee approved the bill March 9. It now moves to the full committee.

Hasskamp cited a recent survey of operators of 500 Minnesota recreational sites in which 40 percent said they've dropped at least one activity due to the cost of insurance or its potential for legal problems.

"Having recreational opportunities pulled back because of potential liabilities will have a major effect on our tourism," Hasskamp told the commerce division.

Under **HF887**, a resort owner must be proven guilty of "gross negligence" to be held liable for an accident. Gross negligence is more difficult to prove than "regular negligence," which is the standard to which resort owners are held under current law.

Negligence is considered an accidental oversight, but gross negligence is considered an extremely irresponsible act that is just shy of intentional. A jury would decide the difference.

The measure also gives greater protection to private landowners who allow snowmobilers and others to use their property free of charge. Under the proposal, that kind of landowner could not be held liable for any injuries unless he or she intentionally caused an accident.

HF887 offers another protection from "nuisance lawsuits" by requiring the plaintiff who loses a case to pay a resort or property owners' attorney's fees and costs.

Jane Tschida, a lobbyist from the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, said her group opposes the bill because it creates "absolute immunity" for private landowners.

In addition, Tschida said the bill "will practically keep [resorts] from being responsible for any kind of negligence. It's very difficult to prove something grossly negligent."

Hasskamp said the bill is not intended to discourage legitimate claims but to encourage resorts to offer as many activities as possible, and for private landowners to continue to allow recreational use of their land.

Rep. Tony Kinkel (DFL-Park Rapids) supported the bill, but reminded the panel that the insurance industry also should be held

accountable for indirectly forcing resorts to cut back on certain activities.



TRANSPORTATION

No driving for dropouts

Teenagers who don't go to school should lose their driver's licenses. That's the message two House members want to send teens before they drop out of school.

"Driving is a privilege, not a right," Minority Leader Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) told members of the House Transportation and Transit Committee March 11.

Sviggum is the sponsor of a bill (**HF1145**) that would deny a driver's license to anyone under 18 years old who has not graduated from or is currently not attending a secondary school.

The bill also authorizes the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to suspend a person's license for 30 days after it receives notice that the person has dropped out of school.

Sviggum said he drafted the bill to combat the high dropout rate for high school seniors, which he said is 19 percent statewide. Although Minnesota has a high school graduation rate of about 90 percent (among the highest in the country), the dropout rate is measured differently.



Lee Perish of Minneapolis participated in a rally asking legislators to allow Metro Mobility users to help plan a renewed agency. The rally was held March 16 in the Capitol rotunda.

If adopted, Minnesota would follow other states, such as Florida, which have enacted similar laws.

Both Sviggum's bill and a similar bill (**HF2322**) sponsored by Rep. Kris Hasskamp (DFL-Crosby) define a dropout as someone with more than 10 consecutive, or 15 total, unexcused absences in a single semester.

Under both bills, dropouts would only get their licenses back when they return to school full time or turn 18. In addition, Hasskamp's bill stipulates that students expelled from school would have their licenses suspended for up to 90 days.

Educators need more effective ways to manage the "problem students" who habitually disrupt the classroom, said Jim Christenson, a science teacher at Crosby-Ironton High School who spoke in support of Hasskamp's bill.

Expulsions and in-school suspensions are largely ineffective with these troublemakers, he said, but denying them the ability to drive may just work.

"Students value their driver's licenses more than perhaps anything else," Christenson said.

Although the committee heard testimony on the bills, it took no official action. A vote is expected later.

Handicapped parking posse

All Minnesota cities could establish citizen parking patrols to tag vehicles illegally parked in handicapped-only spaces if a House bill now under consideration becomes law.

Lawmakers two years ago granted such authority to the state's three largest cities: Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth. Last year, the Legislature expanded that authority to "second class" cities, or those with populations between 20,000 and 100,000.

Under the provisions of **HF2426**, all incorporated cities in Minnesota, regardless of population, would be authorized to train volunteers to issue citations to drivers who illegally park in handicapped-only zones.

Such "parking posses" are needed in both small and large cities because police don't have the time to enforce the law, said Rep. Tony Kinkel (DFL-Park Rapids), chief author of the bill. Kinkel presented his bill at the March 16 meeting of the House Transportation and Transit Committee.

Although the committee heard the bill, it took no official action. A vote is expected later.

The current fine for illegally parking in a handicapped-only space is between \$100 and \$200.

Rep. Steve Sviggum . . .

Minority leader's success will be measured Nov. 8

To those who know Minority Leader Steve Sviggum, there's no question about his sincerity.

He's a staunch believer in the principles of the Independent-Republican Party of Minnesota, and a well-known conservative in its ranks.

So when it comes to choosing between family and politics, there's no question upon which side this 42-year-old lawmaker, devoted father of three, farmer, and part-time basketball referee falls.

Blood wins every time.

When asked what he would do if any of his children decided to join the DFL, he paused and said: "I'd be a bit disappointed, but I would respect their decision."

He has a dream of some day campaigning for his grade school daughter, Marit, for a seat in the U.S. Congress. "I could never go to Washington myself, but she could. . . . Of course I'd campaign for her harder if she ran as a Republican," he joked.

The Independent-Republican from Kenyon in southeastern Minnesota has served as minority leader for nearly two years, which qualifies Sviggum as an elder statesman for the post.

Since 1960, the average tenure for minority leaders has been just 2.7 years. Some leave, burned out from the frustration of seldom winning legislative battles. Others, like managers of professional sports teams, are asked to leave.

"I enjoy the job a lot, but I enjoy my family, too," said Sviggum. "Could I do it for 10 years? No."

The down side to minority rule is clear: Fewer Independent-Republican bills make it into law or are heavily compromised if they do.

"You run for office to make decisions, to set the agenda," Sviggum said. "It is frustrating when you can't."



Minority Leader Steve Sviggum

Although he spends less time with his mother and two brothers on his 440-acre beef, corn, and soybean farm, he tries to work there whenever possible. The farm duties and basketball refereeing offer necessary distractions from the day-to-day grind of state politics.

Fifth Judicial District Judge Terry Dempsey, Sviggum's predecessor as minority leader, said his replacement has done well handling his leadership role.

"He is articulate and well-informed on the issues. . . . Steve doesn't make enemies. Maybe that is [due to] his background as a referee — he can make a decision without causing a riot."

Being in the minority isn't pretty, Dempsey said. "You have to be negative. You're com-

plaining all the time. . . . People say, 'Here we go again — gripe, gripe gripe.'

"You are constantly being blamed for things and you have no control over anything. The minority has no rights."

In politics, success as a minority leader means getting more of your own party elected, winning a majority, and controlling the legislative process.

With all 134 House members up for reelection this November, Sviggum hopes the IRs will do just that. The IRs have won control of the House just once in the past 20 years, and that was 10 years ago.

Although the DFL has had its public relations troubles this year, Sviggum said IRs must shine this legislative session to ensure victory at the polls.

"We can hope for more stubbing of the toes" by the DFL, but IRs must present a positive agenda of important bills and maintain a confrontational, watchdog-style on the floor with DFLers, said Sviggum.

This session, IR legislation will revolve around several familiar themes. Some include 'no new taxes,' a ballot question on term limits for state and federal elected officials, workers' compensation reform, tougher crime legislation, welfare reform, and the expansion and creation of jobs through the elimination of state sales tax on equipment purchased by businesses.

So, like winners and losers in the basketball tournaments he often referees, Sviggum's tenure as minority leader will be measured by a single event — in this case the Nov. 8, 1994, elections.

"He needs another 25 IR members [elected to the House] and then he'll be outstanding," said Dempsey.

— K. Darcy Hanzlik

Liquor and ballots did not mix for the 1878 Legislature.

That year, lawmakers declared that for voters to cast ballots coherently on election day, all Minnesota bars should shut down for most of the day.

The law closed saloons from 5 a.m. until 6 p.m. on election days. Liquor stores were barred from opening at all.

"Experience had shown that in the larger

Do you know?

cities patrons of saloons had at times purchased liquor for immediate consumption in inordinate quantities" on election day, wrote William Folwell in *A History of Minnesota*. Such indulgences increased intoxication "to a degree that caused disorder. . . and, in some instances, disqualified [citizens] from the

intelligent exercise of the cherished elective franchise," Folwell added.

To ensure that the law was followed, violations carried stiff fines. Saloonkeepers serving drinks faced \$25 to \$100 fines for each offense. Additionally, every mayor had to remind bar owners of the law. Mayors who forgot to make a proclamation faced up to a \$1,000 fine and 60 days in jail.

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HF2650—Bergson (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections

Judges, judicial appointees, and judicial office candidates provided political conduct restrictions.

HF2651—Reding (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

Investment Board management of funds provided changes.

HF2652—Jennings (DFL) Health & Human Services

Special transportation service reimbursement rates adjusted.

HF2653—Dawkins (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association provided revised post-retirement adjustments and annuity reserve fund established.

HF2654—Carruthers (DFL) Taxes

Redevelopment districts exempted from certain state aid reductions.

HF2655—Lasley (DFL) Education

Secondary vocation aid modified.

HF2656—Orenstein (DFL) Transportation & Transit

Motor vehicles provided quarterly registrations.

HF2657—Vellenga (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

State park special permits to physically handicapped persons provided.

HF2658—Kahn (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

State University System annuity reduction waived for faculty returning to teach part time after retirement and employer-paid health insurance mandated.

HF2659—Hasskamp (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Minimum wage payment provided to on-call employees.

HF2660—Kinkel (DFL) Taxes

Tires; used tire sales considered isolated and occasional sales for sales and use taxation exemption.

HF2661—Johnson, R. (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

Gambling receipt deposit required within five business days.

HF2662—Lourey (DFL) Health & Human Services

Displaced homemaker program appropriated money.

HF2663—Johnson, A. (DFL) Judiciary

Juvenile offender information release provided to schools and victims, juvenile liaison officer designations required by schools, information policy training prepared, and money appropriated.

HF2664—Kelso (DFL) Judiciary

Juvenile offender information release provided to schools and victims, juvenile liaison officer designations required by schools, information policy training prepared, and money appropriated.

HF2665—McGuire (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

State park land additions provided, recreation areas provided conversion to state parks, recreation area land deleted, trail and waysides combined into a recreation area, and state park abolishment provided.

HF2666—Brown, C. (DFL) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Zoning ordinances restricted for manufactured home parks related to density, lot-size, or manufactured home setback requirements.

HF2667—Jefferson (DFL) Judiciary

African-American youths provided right step academy as an incarceration alternative and money appropriated.

HF2668—Pauly (IR) Ethics

Ethics code provided for public servants, ethics and campaign practices board established, penalties imposed, and money appropriated.

HF2669—Mosel (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Drinking water revolving fund established.

HF2670—Kahn (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

Hennepin County paramedics and emergency medical technicians included in the public employees police and fire fund.

HF2671—Rodosovich (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections

Congressional district reapportionment plan codified.

HF2672—Rodosovich (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections

Precinct combined polling place authorized, combined precincts eliminated, precinct change time limit extended three years, congressional districts required separate precincts, and precinct changes close to an election limited.

HF2673—Pugh (DFL) Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Open meeting law exceptions provided for preliminary personnel hearings.

HF2674—Olson, K. (DFL) Education

Special education aids and levies for school districts not reduced by medical assistance and insurance payments.

HF2675—Lourey (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

Aitkin County authorized to sell tax-forfeited land bordering public water.

HF2676—Jacobs (DFL) Regulated Industries & Energy

Brewer and wholesaler agreements regulated.

HF2677—Brown, C. (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections

Burial ground civil actions provided enforcement.

HF2678—Dawkins (DFL) Education

Youth Works Act modified.

HF2679—Dauner (DFL) Labor-Management Relations

Boiler and engine inspections modified for hobby boilers and show engines.

HF2680—Jefferson (DFL) General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections

Charitable organizations provided modified definitions and registration and waiver provisions.

HF2681—Knight (IR) Health & Human Services

Dentists exempted from MinnesotaCare health care provider taxes.

HF2682—Olson, E. (DFL) Environment & Natural Resources

Livestock damage compensation provided for damage caused by protected mammals.

HF2683—Bergson (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

National Guard Armory closure date requirement extended.

HF2684—Knight (IR) Governmental Operations & Gambling

Mandate full funding required and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2685—Wenzel (DFL) Governmental Operations & Gambling

Camp Ripley Day Care Center provided and money appropriated.

HF2686—Knight (IR) Governmental Operations & Gambling

State employment growth limited.

HF2687—Rukavina (DFL) Education

Mesabi Community College computer laboratories and library and other facilities provided capital improvements, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF2688—Lourey (DFL) Judiciary

Department of Corrections scrap paper sorting facility on prison grounds provided bond issuance and money appropriated.

HF2689—Greenfield (DFL) Health & Human Services

Neuroleptic medication administration hearing requirements clarified.

HF2690—McGuire (DFL) Judiciary

Birth certificate corrections, blood tests, and medical record information sharing provided.

HF2691—Hasskamp (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Ecologically harmful exotic species re-
lease violations provided misdemeanor
penalty.

HF2692—Wenzel (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Crow Wing County state land sale au-
thorized to resolve an encroachment.

HF2693—Pugh (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Contamination cleanup grants provided
bond issuance and money appropri-
ated.

HF2694—Lieder (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Highway state-aid dispute resolution
board established and highway fund
apportionment modified to counties.

HF2695—Lieder (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Agricultural product processing facil-
ity construction provided and money
appropriated.

HF2696—Olson, E. (DFL)
Education
Independent School District No. 38,
Red Lake, authorized to transfer funds
to its capital expenditure equipment
fund.

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HF2697—Mosel (DFL)
Judiciary
Child abuse crime prevention ex-
panded, mentally incapacitated defini-
tion provided for victims under 18,
sexual contact with a child under 13
considered first-degree criminal con-
duct, and assault and punishment pen-
alties increased.

HF2698—Reding (DFL)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling
Higher Education Board employee re-
tirement options provided upon higher
education system merger.

HF2699—Solberg (DFL)
Education
Independent School District No. 319,
Nashwauk-Keewatin, permitted full
amount of health and safety aid and use
variance provided for relocation of the
vocational center to the high school
garage.

HF2700—Farrell (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Construction industry representatives
contractors provided workers' compen-
sation requirements.

HF2701—Mariani (DFL)
Local Government &
Metropolitan Affairs
Metropolitan Waste Control Commis-
sion powers and duties clarified, uni-
form municipal contracting law com-
pliance required, and audit options pro-
vided.

HF2702—Kelley (DFL)
Judiciary
Missing and endangered children po-
lice investigation policies adopted, ju-
venile witnesses data access restricted,
pretrial evaluations expanded, man-
dated reporters to report kidnappings,
criminal alert network plan, and money
appropriated.

HF2703—Brown, C. (DFL)
Judiciary
Transit zones defined for drug and fire-
arm crimes, sexual contact offenses
provided in public transit vehicles or
facilities, and public transit vehicle,
facility, operator, and passenger offenses
clarified, and penalties provided.

HF2704—Kahn (DFL)
Judiciary
Computer theft and computer damage
crimes clarified, and civil remedies and
penalties provided.

HF2705—Nelson (DFL)
Local Government &
Metropolitan Affairs
Wadena County permitted to consoli-
date the offices of auditor and treas-
urer.

HF2706—Dorn (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing home bed moratorium excep-
tion approval process clarified related
to a total replacement.

HF2707—Kelley (DFL)
Education
Intermediate school districts and their
funding restored.

HF2708—Bauerly (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Senior citizens' property tax deferral
program adopted.

HF2709—McCullum (DFL)
Health & Human Services
AFDC need standard reformulated and
start work grants and supplemental
payments authorized.

HF2710—Kahn (DFL)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling
Citizen electronic access to state agen-
cies provided for obtaining certain li-
censes and permits.

HF2711—Bishop (IR)
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs
& Elections
Legislative candidates to run without
party designation.

HF2712—Bishop (IR)
Education
Minnesota Riverland Technical College,
Rochester campus, provided relocation
to the University Center, bonds issued,
and money appropriated.

HF2713—Dawkins (DFL)
Judiciary
Ramsey County juvenile detention cen-
ter expansions provided bond issuance
and money appropriated.

HF2714—Ness (IR)
Education
School district state aid final payment
dates advanced.

HF2715—Orfield (DFL)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling
Equal access legislative task force cre-
ated.

HF2716—Wejman (DFL)
Judiciary
Pistols; high-caliber handguns with a
caliber of more than .44 prohibited.

HF2717—Peterson (DFL)
Agriculture
Water; nonpoint source pollution fi-
nancial assistance programs created,
drinking water revolving fund estab-
lished, public facilities authority mem-
bership changed and bonding author-
ity increased, and money appropriated.

HF2718—Johnson, A. (DFL)
Education
Intermediate school districts and their
funding restored.

HF2719—Wenzel (DFL)
Judiciary
Assault, criminal sexual conduct, and
promoting minor prostitution offenses
provided mandatory minimum sen-
tences, juvenile court jurisdiction mod-
ified, sex and firearm offense felony
penalties provided, and money appro-
priated.

HF2720—Kinkel (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Beltrami, Hubbard, Mahnomon, and
Clearwater counties provided pilot
projects relating to the basic sliding fee
child care program.

HF2721—Kinkel (DFL)
Economic Development, Infrastruc-
ture, & Regulation Finance
American Indian history museum and
center provided, bonds issued, and
money appropriated.

HF2722—Anderson, R. (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Head Start program appropriated
money.

HF2723—Peterson (DFL)
Environment &
Natural Resources Finance
Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area
and State Park construction provided
bond issuance and money appropri-
ated.

HF2724—Dorn (DFL)
Judiciary
School zone probable cause arrests with-
out a warrant allowed for assault and
disorderly conduct offenses.

HF2725—Krinkie (IR)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling
Labor and professional organization
future employees and officers excluded
from public pension plan participa-
tion.

HF2726—Winter (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Health and accident insurance plan
assignments of benefits regulated.

HF2727—Olson, E. (DFL)
Education
Independent School District No. 38,
Red Lake, authorized a retroactive in-
debtedness increase.

HF2728—Bertram (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Stearns County authorized a nonpublic
sale of tax-forfeited land bordering
public water.

HF2729—Johnson, V. (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Snowmobile operation restrictions clar-
ified for minors.

HF2730—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling
Supplemental pension and deferred
compensation plans provided expanded
investment options.

HF2731—Peterson (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Walleye size limits modified.

HF2732—Peterson (DFL)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling
Independent School District No. 422,
Glencoe, retired media/technology su-
pervisor allowed the benefits of previ-
ous early retirement legislation.

HF2733—Stanisus (IR)
Education
Northeast Metro Technical College
truck driving instructional support fa-
cility construction provided, bonds is-
sued, and money appropriated.

HF2734—Carruthers (DFL)
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections
Local government election provided for counties, municipalities, school districts, and other political subdivisions.

HF2735—Cooper (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Seniors' agenda for independent living projects (SAILS) coordinating team membership modified.

HF2736—Cooper (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing care facilities provided plant and maintenance costs.

HF2737—Kahn (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Minneapolis employee authorized a prior service credit purchase in the Public Employees Retirement Association.

HF2738—Rest (DFL)
Taxes
Omnibus tax bill providing income and corporate franchise federal update conformity, estimated tax rules changed, cost recovery accelerated, capital equipment exemption and replacement phase-in provided, special tooling exemption provided.

HF2739—Clark (DFL)
Education
Language interpreting and translator services instructional program established, and money appropriated.

HF2740—Trimble (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Toxic pollution prevention act grant eligibility expanded and fee requirements changed.

HF2741—Rodosovich (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Lake Frances in Le Sueur County provided specified water level of 1,022 feet above sea level.

HF2742—Kalis (DFL)
Capital Investment
Bond authorizations canceled for accomplished or abandoned projects.

HF2743—Peterson (DFL)
Agriculture
Wheat; grain testing equipment leasing provided to country elevators for protein analysis, training and inspections provided, and money appropriated.

HF2744—Jacobs (DFL)
Taxes
Nonprofit group fundraising sales tax exemption regulated.

HF2745—Wagenius (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Underground storage tank ordinances by local governments allowed more stringent than state requirements.

HF2746—Morrison (IR)
Judiciary
Tenants provided penalties for absconding without paying rent.

HF2747—Wenzel (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Mississippi Headwaters Board comprehensive land use plan grants authorized related to substandard lots, contiguous lots in common ownership, and limited clearing in restricted zones.

HF2748—Huntley (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Medical assistance coverage provided for inpatient psychiatric services for children.

HF2749—Johnson, R. (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Chippewa tribe provided support for promoting and hosting the 1995 Indigenous Games, and money appropriated.

HF2750—Tunheim (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources Finance
Beaver damage control grant to Beltrami, Clearwater, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, and Red Lake counties appropriated money.

HF2751—Bergson (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Reports to the legislature exempted from standing requirements.

HF2752—Asch (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Building code violations by residential contractors, remodelers, and specialty contractors in the metropolitan area reporting provided to counties.

HF2753—Asch (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Intermediate care facility moratorium exception provided for a Hennepin County facility for temporary care of developmentally disabled children under 22 who are medically fragile and technology dependent, and money appropriated.

HF2754—Huntley (DFL)
Education
Collective bargaining contract deadline penalty exemption provided to school districts with negative net unappropriated operating fund balances.

HF2755—Carruthers (DFL)
Judiciary
Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council appropriated money for the northwest law enforcement project.

HF2756—Krueger (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Intellectual property copyright, trademark, trade secret, and patent protection rights provided to state and local government agencies.

HF2757—Winter (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Cooperative farming agreements expanded on hunting, game refuge, or wildlife management lands and agreements exempted from lease tax provisions.

HF2758—Pawlenty (IR)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation act adopted and money appropriated.

HF2759—Battaglia (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources Finance
Snowmobile trail maintenance and construction appropriated money.

HF2760—Anderson, R. (DFL)
Capital Investment
Bond issuance provided and money appropriated for the Minneapolis and Silver Bay veterans homes, transitional housing loans, and Head Start programs.

HF2761—Kelso (DFL)
Education
Charter school sponsorship allowed by a higher education institution, charter school allowable number expanded to 50 sites, existing school conversion requirements modified, and sponsorship assignment provided.

HF2762—Wagenius (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Head Start school bus use and operation regulated.

HF2763—Cooper (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Audiologists exempted from hearing instrument dispenser certification requirements.

HF2764—Winter (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation benefits regulated, supplementary benefits limited, lump sum payments eliminated, safety programs required, independent contractor coverage regulated, insurance study provided, and penalties imposed.

HF2765—Dawkins (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Health care coverage for legislators and statewide elected officials not to exceed the narrowest benefit set under MinnesotaCare.

HF2766—Dawkins (DFL)
Housing
Housing finance agency appropriated money and provided bond issuance for the Neighborhood Land Trust Program.

HF2767—Neary (DFL)
Judiciary
Family services and local children's mental health collaboratives provided information sharing.

HF2768—Stanis (IR)
Judiciary
Child custody share care provisions provided and support and other obligations regulated.

HF2769—Bettermann (IR)
Judiciary
Domestic abuser excluded area expanded to include surrounding areas up to 300 feet or one city block.

HF2770—Wejcman (DFL)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
Hennepin County personnel system changed to a human resources system.

HF2771—Wagenius (DFL)
Judiciary
Firearm and ammunition sales regulated in the metropolitan area, firearms offense prosecutions provided, firearms eligibility background check fees authorized, and firearm seizure provided.

HF2772—Orenstein (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Civil service pilot project established for Department of Human Services and Department of Corrections employees.

HF2773—Gruenes (IR)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Rules; LCRAR membership and duties modified, rule disapproval provided, attorney general rule review functions transferred to the administrative hearings office, agency rulemaking procedures and authority modified, and money appropriated.

HF2774—Asch (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Residential building contractors and remodelers provided recovery fund coverage disclosure requirements.

HF2775—Asch (DFL)**Transportation & Transit**

Emission control inspection stations to provide motor vehicle registration and licensing services.

HF2776—Van Engen (IR)**Health & Human Services**

Human services licensing clarified related to certain criminal convictions, residential treatment programs regulated, and child abuse reporting requirements modified.

HF2777—Pugh (DFL)**Judiciary**

Public defense services provided for misdemeanor offenses, county aid reductions provided, data disclosures provided, and money appropriated.

HF2778—Murphy (DFL)**Judiciary**

Inmate disciplinary periods provided.

HF2779—Murphy (DFL)**Judiciary**

Inmate payment use provided.

HF2780—Murphy (DFL)**Judiciary**

Sentence good time reductions modified in local correctional facilities.

HF2781—Murphy (DFL)**Judiciary**

Inmate board and room waiver reporting requirement removed.

HF2782—Brown, K. (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Employment support special services provided for persons with mental illness and money appropriated.

HF2783—Brown, K. (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Community integrated service networks provided technical assistance.

HF2784—Milbert (DFL)**Commerce & Economic Development**

Title insurance companies allowed to discharge, release, or satisfy mortgages.

HF2785—Pugh (DFL)**Judiciary**

Conciliation court judgment withholding provided from tax refunds.

HF2786—Solberg (DFL)**Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs**

Nashwauk area ambulance district established.

HF2787—Olson, K. (DFL)**Agriculture**

Farm corporation limitations changed.

HF2788—Murphy (DFL)**Judiciary**

Correctional institutions provided bond

issuance for capital improvements, and money appropriated.

HF2789—Wagenius (DFL)**Taxes**

Senior citizens' property tax deferral program adopted.

HF2790—Skoglund (DFL)**Judiciary**

Bullet damage to motor vehicles reported to local law enforcement agencies by motor vehicle repair shops.

HF2791—Brown, C. (DFL)**Agriculture**

Farming and ownership of farmland prohibited by certain corporations and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2792—Sviggum (IR)**Taxes**

Elderly and disabled maximum income amounts increased for subtraction from federal taxable income, inflation indexing provided, capital equipment eligibility expanded, special tooling exemption provided, and replacement phase-in provided.

HF2793—Solberg (DFL)**Education**

Independent School District No. 698, Floodwood, authorized to transfer money from the capital expenditure fund to the building construction fund and expend health and safety revenue on new construction.

HF2794—Knight (IR)**Judiciary**

McGruff Safe House Program renamed the McGruff Program.

HF2795—Goodno (IR)**Labor-Management Relations**

State University System instructional unit provided impasse labor agreement procedures.

HF2796—McCollum (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Toxic pollution prevention act definition added, applicability clarified, and plan submitting schedule modified.

HF2797—Rhodes (IR)**Taxes**

Assessment exclusion of value of improvements made to certain homestead property 35 years old or older extended to 1992.

HF2798—Jaros (DFL)**Transportation & Transit**

Police unmarked motor vehicles exempted from registration requirements.

HF2799—Long (DFL)**Commerce & Economic Development**

Securities regulated for face-amount certificate companies, open-end management companies, and unit invest-

ment trusts, and registration fee calculation and uniform expiration, renewal, and reporting provisions provided.

HF2800—Pauly (IR)**Transportation & Transit**

Gasoline tax calculating provided indexing formula, motor vehicle excise tax dedication provided to transit assistance, and obsolete language removed and technical corrections provided.

HF2801—Anderson, R. (DFL)**Taxes**

Fergus Falls allowed a tax increment financing district upon Otter Tail County approval.

HF2802—Jacobs (DFL)**Taxes**

Rental motor vehicle tax changed and lessors provided registration fee retention.

HF2803—Neary (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Adoption policy stated, adoption law and procedures changed, and adoption task force report provided.

HF2804—Peterson (DFL)**Judiciary**

Agricultural products and producers provided protection from false and defamatory statements, and penalties imposed.

HF2805—Asch (DFL)**Commerce & Economic Development**

Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota, to establish a unit to study the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and money appropriated.

HF2806—Huntley (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Miller-Dwan hospital established in Duluth.

HF2807—Olson, E. (DFL)**Environment & Natural Resources**

Beaver dam removal provided near public roads by local road authorities.

HF2808—Steensma (DFL)**Governmental Operations & Gambling**

Claims against the state payment requirements provided for inmates and parolees supervised by local government agencies.

HF2809—Asch (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Nursing and boarding care home patient discharges modified for nonpayment discharges.

HF2810—Simoneau (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

WIC; women, infants, and children program nutritional supplement funding increased and money appropriated.

HF2811—Mariani (DFL)**Commerce & Economic Development**

Enterprise zones created in Minneapolis and St. Paul and business incentives provided.

HF2812—Rukavina (DFL)**Commerce & Economic Development**

Windshield automobile insurance claims regulated and provided a private right of action.

HF2813—Simoneau (DFL)**Health & Human Services**

Medical assistance care rates and overpayment recovery modified and home care and alternative home care provisions provided.

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Metropolitan area soil and water conservation supervisor appointments provided by metropolitan counties.

HF2815—Mariani (DFL)**Transportation & Transit**

Road pricing finance options studied and money appropriated.

HF2816—Orenstein (DFL)**Governmental Operations & Gambling**

Attorney general fee charging procedures changed.

HF2817—Peterson (DFL)**Commerce & Economic Development**

Tourism office to establish a promotion facility at the Mall of America.

HF2818—Solberg (DFL)**Taxes**

Nonprofit community development organizations provided a reduced commercial-industrial property tax class rate.

HF2819—Dorn (DFL)**Labor-Management Relations**

State University System faculty provided revised grievance arbitrator selection system.

HF2820—Bettermann (IR)**Transportation & Transit**

Bridges; competitive design-build bids required for certain nonvehicular bridges on pedestrian facilities and bicycle paths.

HF2821—Wagenius (DFL)**Judiciary**

Grandparents provided presumptive child custody rights.

HF2822—Vellenga (DFL)
Education
Breakfast program reimbursement expanded and money appropriated.

HF2823—Tomassoni (DFL)
Education
Supplemental revenue reduction repealed.

HF2824—Vellenga (DFL)
Education
Teacher preparation programs for social studies teachers studied for inclusion of indigenous people and Midwest anthropology and history components, and graduation rule provided American Indian language, history, and culture requirements.

HF2825—Milbert (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Deer; antlerless deer nonresident multiple zone licenses authorized, archery deer license purchases provided during hunting season, handgun uses expanded for taking big game, and open firearms season ammunition requirements modified.

HF2826—Bettermann (IR)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation pilot projects authorized for 24-hour care.

HF2827—Macklin (IR)
Judiciary
Data practice protective orders provided.

HF2828—Workman (IR)
Health & Human Services
Public assistance programs restructured.

HF2829—Macklin (IR)
Judiciary
Research data; academic and scientific research work in progress and unpublished provided data classification.

HF2830—Pugh (DFL)
Judiciary
Trial court judgeships increased, deadline extended for case disposition time standard compliance, and money appropriated.

HF2831—Jennings (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Community health clinics provided increased medical assistance payments, and money appropriated.

HF2832—Dawkins (DFL)
Education
Youth service revenue increased.

HF2833—Wenzel (DFL)
Education
Instructional time definition provided of dangerously cold weather.

HF2834—Hugoson (IR)
Education
Asbestos removal or abatement project borrowing authorized by school districts.

HF2835—Olson, E. (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Transportation Regulation Board authorized to permit a class II-L carrier to own a second terminal.

HF2836—Bauerly (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Fireworks operators provided certification requirements.

HF2837—Simoneau (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation self-insurers' security fund regulated and penalties prescribed.

HF2838—Lieder (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing facilities provided a one-time medical assistance payment adjustment to provide employee health care coverage.

HF2839—Pugh (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
South St. Paul police relief association provided clarified probationary employment for relief association service credit.

HF2840—Pugh (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing home bed moratorium exception provided for relocation of a facility from St. Paul to South St. Paul, and total replacement rates established.

HF2841—Olson, M. (IR)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Non-economic detriment claims limited based on claimant's liability coverage limit.

HF2842—Dorn (DFL)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
Mankato allowed to exercise port authority powers.

HF2843—Olson, M. (IR)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Emergency Response Commission membership expanded to include emergency managers.

HF2844—Wejcman (DFL)
Judiciary
Domestic abuser excluded area expanded to include surrounding areas up to 300 feet or one city block, and murder conviction statutory requirements fulfilled using past domestic abuse acts occurring outside the state.

HF2845—Huntley (DFL)
Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulation Finance
St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center addition provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF2846—Vickerman (IR)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation provided a new general system of law and insurance provisions, plan approval provided, workers' compensation court of appeals jurisdiction and personnel transferred, and rights, duties, and remedies provided.

HF2847—Vickerman (IR)
Judiciary
Crime and crime prevention provisions provided, sentences imposed, and money appropriated.

HF2848—Knight (IR)
Judiciary
Crime and crime prevention provisions provided, sentences imposed, and money appropriated.

HF2849—Dehler (IR)
Judiciary
Crime and crime prevention provisions provided, sentences imposed, and money appropriated.

HF2850—Erhardt (IR)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation act adopted, public assistance programs restructured, economic development provided, and money appropriated.

HF2851—McGuire (DFL)
Judiciary
Sexual assault victim advocacy plans establish for judicial districts, criminal sexual conduct consent definition modified, and data collection provided.

HF2852—Krueger (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Electronic access provided to state government information and services and money appropriated.

HF2853—Gruenes (IR)
Health & Human Services
Long-term care provisions modified.

HF2854—Simoneau (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation insurance regulated, long-term benefits limited, supplemental benefits adjusted, independent contractors provided coverage, fraud prevention strengthened, permanent partial benefits adjusted, and money appropriated.

HF2855—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Health care administrative simplification act of 1994 adopted.

HF2856—Reding (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Mower County authorized to sell tax-forfeited land bordering public water to Austin.

HF2857—Lourey (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Physician substitute demonstration project established for rural communities and money appropriated.

HF2858—Onnen (IR)
Taxes
Towns exempted from sales and use taxes.

HF2859—Knight (IR)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
Metropolitan special transportation service commission established and duties transferred.

HF2860—Carruthers (DFL)
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs & Elections
Recall provided for elected state officers and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2861—Neary (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Conservation fund use provided for soil conservation activities and easements.

HF2862—Workman (IR)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
Tree and nursery stock sales prohibited by cities and towns.

HF2863—Kahn (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund provided increased pre-retirement interest assumption, investment policy guidelines required, investment panel created, state contribution modified, and excess employer asset use provided.

HF2864—Workman (IR)
Health & Human Services
Drop-in child care programs provided notice posting requirements.

HF2865—Jacobs (DFL)
Regulated Industries & Energy
Hotel definition modified related to alcoholic beverage licensing.

HF2866—Sviggum (IR)
Health & Human Services
Coroner education requirement exemption provided.

HF2867—Kahn (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

Police and fire relief associations provided minimum audit requirements, employer contribution rates changed, and reporting and notice requirements provided.

HF2868—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services

MinnesotaCare; community integrated service networks established, re-insurance and risk adjustment association created, regulated all-payer option modified, essential community providers designated, and money appropriated.

HF2869—Winter (DFL)
Agriculture

Corporate farming law modified.

HF2870—Johnson, V. (IR)
Health & Human Services

Developmental achievement centers serving persons with special needs authorized a rate variance.

HF2871—Ostrom (DFL)
Taxes

Truth in taxation newspaper advertisements provided additional information requirements.

HF2872—Bergson (DFL)
Judiciary

Witness and victim protection statewide fund created and money appropriated.

HF2873—Klinzing (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Chiropractors considered primary physicians for supervising athletic trainers.

HF2874—Wolf (IR)
Regulated Industries & Energy

Burnsville authorized to issue five additional on-sale liquor licenses.

HF2875—Murphy (DFL)
Education

Supplemental revenue reduction delayed for school districts with negative net unappropriated operating fund balances.

HF2876—Huntley (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Health care access offices established.

HF2877—Brown, C. (DFL)
Housing

Homeless housing pilot project established for severe weather conditions and money appropriated.

HF2878—Wenzel (DFL)
Agriculture

Milk federal market order system legal challenges supported and money appropriated.

HF2879—Johnson, A. (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources

Emissions testing not required until a motor vehicle registration is five years more than its model year.

HF2880—Rest (DFL)
Taxes

Elderly and disabled maximum income amounts increased for subtraction from federal taxable income, inflation indexing provided, capital equipment eligibility expanded, special tooling exemption provided, and replacement phase-in provided.

HF2881—Mariani (DFL)
Education

Mexican origin language and culture education programs provided.

HF2882—Olson, E. (DFL)
Transportation and Transit

Potato transportation requirement exemption provided for transportation from the producer to the first place of processing.

HF2883—Jefferson (DFL)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission commissioners required to pay sports facility seat or box fees.

HF2884—Johnson, A. (DFL)
Education

Sexuality and family life education evaluated in public schools.

HF2885—Winter (DFL)
Agriculture

Family farm limited liability companies and authorized farm limited liability companies provided, and authorized farm limited liability company shareholder and partner number limitation removed.

HF2886—Long (DFL)
Taxes

Open space property tax valuation expanded to include lawn bowling and croquet green property.

HF2887—Lourey (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Public health clinic reimbursement from health insurance plans required at medical assistance reimbursement rates.

HF2888—Lourey (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Community action agencies regulated.

HF2889—Cooper (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Prescription drug health insurance coverage required for prescriptions written by a nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant.

HF2890—Dauner (DFL)
Taxes

Property tax objection petition dismissal provided.

HF2891—Goodno (IR)
Health & Human Services

Student health service fees exempted from MinnesotaCare provider taxation.

HF2892—Hugoson (IR)
Agriculture

Milk; dairy product pricing provisions modified.

HF2893—Rukavina (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations

Unemployment compensation benefits extended for mining industry employees that are locked out.

HF2894—Ozment (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources

Motor vehicle salvage facilities provided waste management practice evaluations.

HF2895—Sviggum (IR)
Judiciary

Firearms; right to keep and bear arms not abridged and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2896—Solberg (DFL)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Itasca County allowed nonbinding referendum on county medical center governance.

HF2897—Lourey (DFL)
Agriculture

Rural Finance Authority Program low participation investigated in Aitkin, Carlton, and Pine counties and other locations, local lender participation promoted, and money appropriated.

HF2898—Simoneau (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development

Tobacco retailer local government licensing provided and penalties provided for sales to minors.

HF2899—Solberg (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources

Road dedication provision exemption provided for certain tax-forfeited and public lands, and tax-forfeited land sale notice and leasing provisions modified.

HF2900—Greenfield (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

Hospitals allowed closed meetings for peer review.

HF2901—Anderson, I. (DFL)
Capital Investment

Rainy River Community College in International Falls provided student housing, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF2902—Skoglund (DFL)
Judiciary

Tear gas compounds containing oleoresin capsicum possession regulated and sales restricted.

HF2903—Perlt (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance

Short-term health and accident insurance coverage plans allowed.

HF2904—Rukavina (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Nursing home bed moratorium exception provided to license 24 hospital beds in an existing facility in St. Louis County as nursing facility beds.

HF2905—Wenzel (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

Little Falls ex-school board member allowed public employees retirement association service credit purchase.

HF2906—Lasley (DFL)
Judiciary

Cambridge corrections facility provided study and construction preparation, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF2907—Vickerman (IR)
Judiciary

Safe schools program adopted and money appropriated.

HF2908—Jennings (DFL)
Judiciary

Cambridge area medium security prison feasibility study provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

HF2909—Jaros (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling

Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association authorized post-retirement adjustments based on excess investment earnings.

HF2910—Simoneau (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Informed consent requirements provided before abortions are performed and civil damage awards allowed.

HF2911—Evans (DFL)
Education

Abatement aids formula modified for school districts and money appropriated.

HF2912—Hasskamp (DFL)
Health & Human Services

Nursing home bed moratorium exception provided for a facility in Crow Wing County.

HF2913—Asch (DFL)
Education
School safety patrol members allowed to wear fluorescent reflective vests.

HF2914—Milbert (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Women's ice centers provided, women's ice centers building account established, metropolitan sports center sale proceeds provided deposit, and money appropriated.

HF2915—Milbert (DFL)
Taxes
Hunting property provided property tax classification.

HF2916—Clark (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Lead abatement provisions modified.

HF2917—Klinzing (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Food stamp outreach program established and money appropriated.

HF2918—Munger (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Wetlands wildlife legacy license plates authorized and account established.

HF2919—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
District cooperation grants created to encourage alternatives to district consolidation.

HF2920—Long (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Waste Management Office re-established as the environmental assistance office, and environmental assistance and waste management and policy planning duties transferred.

HF2921—Bauerly (DFL)
Education
Graduation Rule to include certificates of initial and advanced mastery indicating academic and occupational competencies, education programs provided certificate requirements, student employment restricted, and money appropriated.

HF2922—Simoneau (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Medical assistance and general assistance medical care provisions modified.

HF2923—Bertram (DFL)
Judiciary
Court fee and expense reimbursement eligibility expanded.

HF2924—Bertram (DFL)
Taxes
Golf course property tax classification requirements modified.

HF2925—Battaglia (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Cook County leased lakeshore property required to be re-offered for public sale.

HF2926—Mariani (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Archaeologist appointment provided by Indian Affairs Council.

HF2927—Brown, C. (DFL)
Judiciary
Fireworks advertising prohibited.

HF2928—Murphy (DFL)
Judiciary
Challenge incarceration program eligibility criteria modified.

HF2929—McGuire (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Recreational use of land civil liability of landowners provided.

HF2930—Cooper (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
County deposit provided of funds from outstanding checks.

HF2931—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing facility cost reimbursement modified.

HF2932—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing home bed moratorium exception process modified related to layaways.

HF2933—Evans (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Business information disbursement expanded.

HF2934—Krueger (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Audit legislative commission appropriated money for best practices review audits.

HF2935—Kelley (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Social workers employed in a hospital or nursing home exempted from examination requirements.

HF2936—McCollum (DFL)
Transportation & Transit
Ramsey County turnback road maintenance funding provided.

HF2937—Orenstein (DFL)
Education
Ramsey County school districts provided local source funding voluntary pilot project, and money appropriated.

HF2938—Workman (IR)
Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulation Finance
Regional Transit Board Metro Mobility appropriation limit removed.

HF2939—Vellenga (DFL)
Education
School desegregation advanced in the metropolitan area and money appropriated.

HF2940—Onnen (IR)
Taxes
Federal income tax law conformity provided to income and corporate franchise taxes, estimated tax rules changed, cost recovery subtractions accelerated, and dependent care income tax credit changed.

HF2941—Clark (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Opportunities industrialization centers provided increased grants and money appropriated.

HF2942—Onnen (IR)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
Cemeteries abandoned or neglected by nonprofit organizations not considered an employment relationship or liability for local governments.

HF2943—Van Dellen (IR)
Education
Speech disciplinary sanctions on students limited and civil action provided.

HF2944—Clark (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Patient and resident disclosure rights clarified.

HF2945—Jefferson (DFL)
Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulation Finance
Minneapolis appropriated money for a grant to the Hennepin Center for the Arts.

HF2946—Dawkins (DFL)
Judiciary
Witnesses provided privileged communication to licensed social workers.

HF2947—Pugh (DFL)
Judiciary
Residential building contractors, remodelers, and specialty contractors provided payment of attorney fees in civil actions.

HF2948—Long (DFL)
Taxes
Omnibus tax bill providing income and corporate franchise federal update conformity, estimated tax rules changed, cost recovery accelerated, capital equipment exemption and replacement phase-in provided, special tooling exemption provided.

HF2949—Kelley (DFL)
Governmental Operations & Gambling
Access Minnesota board established to increase public access to government information and services and money appropriated.

HF2950—Wejcman (DFL)
Judiciary
Witness and crime victim court attendance fees increased, employer retaliation prohibition extended to witnesses, restitution order enforcement provided, victims provided notice of offender release, and reparations modified.

HF2951—Rukavina (DFL)
Taxes
Hospitals and health care providers exempted from taxation and individuals, estates, and trusts imposed a tax liability surtax.

HF2952—Opatz (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Health care providers provided malpractice liability requirements.

HF2953—Kahn (DFL)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board authorized to transfer conveyed land related to the Stone Arch Bridge.

HF2954—Johnson, A. (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Farm liability insurance policies studied for pollution coverage.

HF2955—Rice (DFL)
Commerce & Economic Development
Foreign trade office re-establishment studied and money appropriated.

HF2956—Wejcman (DFL)
Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulation Finance
Light rail transit in the central corridor provided bond issuance and money appropriated.

HF2957—Carlson (DFL)
Judiciary
Fire insurance policy coverage protection extended to contract for deed vendors.

HF2958—Carruthers (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Medicare supplement premium rates regulated.

HF2959—Winter (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Long-term care health insurance policy waiting period length clarified.

HF2960—Asch (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Medical Practice Board provided revoked license reinstatement procedures.

HF2961—Murphy (DFL)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling

Youth program established and Wage Subsidy Program repealed.

HF2962—Murphy (DFL)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling

Emergency Jobs Program modified and money appropriated.

HF2963—Weaver (IR)
Commerce & Economic Development

Automobile insurance claims standards violations provided private remedy.

HF2964—Asch (DFL)
Judiciary

School safety patrol stop violations provided gross misdemeanor penalty.

HF2965—Ozment (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources

Motor vehicle used parts dealers reim-

bursed for waste tires and money appropriated.

HF2966—Osthoff (DFL)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling

Public employees insurance cooperative task force established and money appropriated.

HF2967—Wejcman (DFL)
Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis, and the Municipal Building Commission provided trade and craft contract negotiation authority.

HF2968—Carruthers (DFL)
Judiciary

Prosecutor authority clarified to initiate continuances for dismissal, escapes from custody penalty increased, and technical changes provided.

HF2969—Knight (IR)
General Legislation, Veterans Affairs
& Elections

Legislature reduced in size to 51 senators and 102 representatives.

HF2970—Carruthers (DFL)
Judiciary

Data Practices Act civil actions not to include awarding of attorney fees and maximum available exemplary damages reduced.

HF2971—Knight (IR)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling

Constitutional officer and legislator compensation increases restricted and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2972—Knight (IR)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling

Legislators residing within 60 miles of the Capitol not to receive per diem.

HF2973—Evans (DFL)
Governmental Operations
& Gambling

Restrooms; buildings provided required ratio of women's to men's restroom facilities.

HF2974—Asch (DFL)
Transportation & Transit

Drivers' license reinstatement after alcohol-related violations provided pre-paid automobile insurance requirements.

HF2975—Kinkel (DFL)
Taxes

Alcoholic beverage sales tax rate increased, chemical dependency treatment account provided funding, and sliding fee schedule eliminated.

HF2976—Weaver (IR)
Ethics

Conflicts of interest disclosure requirements clarified.

Rep. Leo Reding . . .

'Living Technicolor legislator' announces retirement



Retiring is something that Rep. Leo Reding has gotten good at.

He has retired twice already — once in 1982 from the House and again in 1985 from his job as a meat cutter at the Hormel plant in his native Austin.

Now, the 69-year-old legislator from District 27B in rural southeastern Minnesota has announced his second retirement from the House. This legislative session will be his last. Really. He means it.

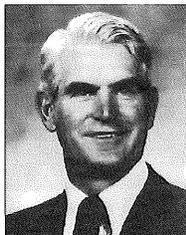
Reding first came to the House in 1975, but left after four terms because of the stress of numerous special sessions. He returned to the House in 1987 after his successor, Pat Piper, was elected to the Minnesota Senate.

He was first elected at a time when Greater Minnesota members still had a slight edge in power over their metropolitan colleagues. Since then, Reding has seen rural members' clout gradually decline.

Now, he said, it's time for a younger — perhaps more aggressive — member to take control and strongly argue for the interests of Greater Minnesota.

In addition, after working as a public servant for more than 16 years and always answering to the concerns of his constituents, Reding said it's time for him to spend more time on his 69-acre wooded farm that he and his wife, Marian, have outside Austin.

"My goal is to see how many birds and animals I can attract to that," he said.



Rep. Leo Reding

Greatest accomplishment: Bringing the majority of the state's police and firefighter associations into the Public Employees Retirement Association.

Reding, who has chaired the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, said that prior to the efforts he and others made in this area, many police and fire retirement accounts were underfunded and could easily have become a tremendous burden to taxpayers.

The consummate nature lover, Reding has been involved with much legislation designed to protect the Minnesota outdoors. This session, for example, Reding is carrying a bill to preserve a Native American flint quarry and a bill to establish two nature trails.

But he quickly added that he will miss the House of Representatives.

"I've had some really unique years here," Reding said. Indeed, the DFL lawmaker said those years included witnessing two of the most unusual developments in Minnesota politics.

Those two events, Reding said, are the 1978 elections that left the House deadlocked with 67 representatives from each party, and the 1990 election of Gov. Arne Carlson, who didn't win his party's primary election.

"There's just a lot of awfully good memories," Reding said, making it impossible to select one as his favorite. But high on his list are the heated public battles he had with

other representatives only to later effectively work with them on other legislation.

Reding said he has survived in the House by learning the fine art of building alliances and gathering the votes he needs to pass bills. In fact, that wisdom is encapsulated in the advice he would give to the person who replaces him next year: "You can't do anything up here without 68 votes."

Reding's unique style of dress has also given him another reputation around the Capitol. The sports jackets he wears are often in shades of purple, green, or orange. His pastel attire once led a Twin Cities weekly newspaper to dub him the "living Technicolor legislator."

Reding takes all such kidding in stride, because he knows that he has served his constituents in southeastern Minnesota well. "I have helped a lot of people," he said. "And that's kind of neat."

— Tim Walker

Committee Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.
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are open to the public.

MONDAY, March 21

8 a.m.

Higher Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

Agenda: Higher Education Board/Merger,
Higher Education Coordinating Board working
group presentation. Public testimony.

K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: Discussion of fiscal implications of
education delivery organizations legislation.
HFXXXX (Olson, K.) Recommendations on
education service delivery.
HFXXXX (Carlson) Restoring intermediate
school districts.
HF2718 (Johnson, A.) Restoring intermediate
school districts.
HF2136 (Erhardt) Restoring intermediate school
districts.
HFXXXX (Sviggum) Exception to contract settle-
ment deadline for combining districts.
HF2161 (Kelso) Increasing number of school
districts that may apply for ITV revenue.
HF2541 (Krueger) Setting transportation aid.
HF2256 (Vellenga) Changing school district
transportation formulas for excess nonregular
transportation revenue and the late activity bus
levy.

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

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

Agenda: Presentation of governor's supplement-
al budget request.

Human Services Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Public testimony on governor's supple-
mentary budget recommendations for Human
Services.

10 a.m.

JUDICIARY

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

Agenda: Any bill not completed at 3/18 meet-
ing.

HF2028 (McGuire) Omnibus data practices
bill.

HF1155 (Pugh) S.L.A.P.P. lawsuits.

Other bills to be announced. For further infor-
mation, call 296-5396.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

Agenda: HF2588 (Jacobs) Modifying provi-
sions relating to liquefied petroleum gas sales;
establishing an account.

HF2590 (Jacobs) Classifying and requiring in-
formation on applications for the municipal
energy conservation investment loan program.

HF2591 (Jacobs) Eliminating duplicate report-
ing relating to energy demand forecasting infor-
mation by public utilities.

HF2589 (Jacobs) Specifying ten-county area as
carbon monoxide control area; requiring an-
nual registration of oxygenate blenders; speci-
fying records that must be maintained by oxy-
genate blenders and allowing for audits.

HF2150 (Gruenes) Appropriating money to
facilitate public sector regional telecommunica-
tions systems statewide; including matching
fund for pilot project development in the cen-
tral Minnesota region.

HF1847 (Morrison) Providing a consumer re-
bate for the purchase of residential low-emis-
sion wood or biomass combustion devices;
providing for rulemaking by the PCA and De-
partment of Public Service.

HFXXXX (Jacobs) Relating to alcoholic bever-
ages; defining terms; amending Minnesota Stat-
utes 1992, Sec. 340A.101, Subd. 13.

SF788 (Johnson, J.); HF834 (Frerichs) Clarify-
ing maximum energy consumption require-
ments for certain exit lamps; eliminating ad-
vance forecast reporting requirements for pub-
lic electric utilities submitting advance forecasts
in an integrated resource plan; updating the
municipal energy conservation loan program;
eliminating the district heating loan program;
providing for certain energy related matters
with respect to rental property.

State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: HF2066 (Cooper) Providing for fi-
nancial audits of certain cities and towns; estab-
lishing audit accounts.

HF2341 (Cooper) State government; requiring
prompt payment for grantees.

HF1862 (Hausman) Relating to state depart-
ments and agencies; Environmental Quality
Board; providing that the board may provide its
own staff and administration.

HF2310 (Krueger) Establishing a debt collec-
tion entity.

Supplemental budget.

12:30 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bernie Lieder

Agenda: HF2435 (Osthoff) Animals; changing
procedures concerning certain abandoned
animals.

HF2677 (Brown, C.) Burial grounds; modify-
ing provisions for enforcement of certain civil
actions.

HF2538 (Weaver) Elections; simplifying cer-
tain prerequisites to petitioning for a removal
election of a county official.

HF2680 (Jefferson) Charitable organizations;
changing definitions; modifying registration and
waiver requirements.

HF377 (Bergson) Elections; changing certain
requirements and procedures for absentee and
mail voting.

HOUSING

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

Agenda: HF2432 (Rest) Federal taxable in-
come deduction for certain mortgage loans.

HF2766 (Dawkins) Capital improvements, sale
of bonds and appropriating money for neigh-
borhood land trust program.

HF2135 (Jefferson) Prohibiting manufactured
home parks from allowing seniors to keep small
pets.

Subcommittee on Unemployment & Workers' Compensation/ LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Farrell

Agenda: HF2454 (Jacobs) Workers' compen-
sation, paramedics in presumption for occupa-
tional disease.

HF2643 (Murphy) Workers' compensation, civil
air patrol volunteers.

HFXXXX (Simoneau) Workers' compensation,
technical changes in self-insurance.

HF2258 (Sekhon) Workers' compensation,
modifying provisions relating to vocational re-
habilitation.

HF2041 (Girard) Workers' compensation, Wis-
consin system.

HF2371 (Evans) Unemployment insurance, self-
employment assistance program.

HFXXXX (Rukavina) Unemployment insurance,

extended benefits for locked out employees in the mining industry.
HFXXXX (Perl) Unemployment insurance housekeeping bill.
HF2160 (Kelso) Workers' compensation, insurance and benefit changes.
HF2700 (Farrell) Workers' compensation, independent contractors.
HFXXXX (Farrell) Group self-insurance changes.
Additional bills may be added.

2:30 p.m.

The House meets in Session.

4:30 p.m. or after Session

Subcommittee on Education Standards/ EDUCATION

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Alice Johnson
Agenda: HF2079 (Johnson, A.) Education/licensure of interpreters, translators for deaf or hard of hearing students. Public testimony.

6 p.m.

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

125 State Capitol
Chr. Sen. Phil Riveness
Agenda: To be announced.

Subcommittee on Higher Education Policy/ EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chrs. Reps. Howard Orenstein, John Dorn
Agenda: HF1240 (Pelowski) Eliminating the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board. Public testimony.

7 p.m.

Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: Bonding recommendations.

TUESDAY, March 22

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Overview of Department of Trade and Economic Development.

EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: HF2571 (Wejcman) Expanding PSEO to include Opportunities Industrialization Centers.
HF2580 (Wejcman) Opportunities Industrialization Centers.

HF1227 (Lasley) Library media resource grants.
HF2261 (Kelley) Library information resource grants.
HF2133 (Carlson) Librarians of color.
HF932 (Greiling) Encouraging schools to employ people of color and women as administrators.
HF1457 (Kinkel) Increasing the number of higher education representatives on State Board of Education.
(The meeting will continue at 7:30 p.m. in Room 5 of the State Office Building, if necessary.)

Health & Housing Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ann Rest
Agenda: HF2281 (Rukavina) City aid provided for calendar year 1994 and thereafter.
HF2789 (Wagenius) Senior citizen's property tax deferral program adopted.
HF2708 (Bauerly) Senior citizen's property tax deferral program adopted.
HF2385 (Morrison) Fiscal disparities; areawide net tax capacity municipal contribution limited to 15 percent of net tax capacity.
HF2082 (Wejcman) Minneapolis provided clarified procedures in assessing special assessments.
HF2518 (Neary) Homestead tax capacity determination method modified.
(Committee will recess and reconvene at 4:30 p.m. in the Basement Hearing Room).

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: Presentation of governor's supplemental budget request.

10 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF892 (Munger) Air Toxic Emissions Act of 1993 adopted and money appropriated.
HF2622 (Anderson, I.) Land sales, St. Louis and Itasca counties.
HF2623 (Anderson, I.) Land sale, Itasca County.
HF2067 (Sekhon) Land sale, Anoka County.
HF2178 (Cooper) Land sale, Meeker County.
HF2187 (Koppendrayer) Land sale, Mille Lacs County.
HF2321 (Dauner) Land sales, Clay and Wilkin counties.
HF2572 (Waltman) Land exchange, Wabasha and Fillmore counties.
HF2675 (Lourey) Land sale, Aitkin County.
HF2692 (Wenzel) Land sale, Crow Wing County.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: HF2567 (Pauly) Vacation donation.
HF1927 (Tunheim) Requiring a Medicare coverage referendum for certain public employees.
HF2269 (Tunheim) Annuity accrual date.
HF1913 (Farrell) Relating to St. Paul Police consolidation account.
HF985 (Weaver) Police and fire disability benefit.
HF662 (Orfield) Relating to Minneapolis Teacher Retirement Fund service credit.
HF664 (Greiling) Job sharing incentive provided in teacher retirement programs for experienced teachers.
HF1881 (Dempsey) City of Red Wing police pensions.
HF1909 (Reding) Police and fire relief survivor spouse benefits.
HF1416 (Reding) Austin Fire Department Relief Association, health insurance coverage for spouses.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: HF2085 (Lourey) Clarifying the standards for payment rates for developmental achievement centers.
HF2076 (Simoneau) Requiring the commissioner of human services to see reform waivers in the program of AFDC.
HF1948 (Goodno) Providing for the restructuring of certain public assistance programs.

Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY

300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: Final bonding recommendations. Supplemental request: DOC, Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Judicial Standards, Ombudsman for Corrections. (Possible evening hearing.)

12:30 p.m.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: HFXXXX (Krueger) For the State Government Finance Division, bonding bill.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: HF2139 (Knickerbocker) Real estate broker trust accounts regulated and residential real property and estate definitions clarified.
HF2273 (Knickerbocker) Insurance and real property licensing terms and fees regulated.
HF1829 (Brown, K.) Requiring copies of evacuation plans for residents of manufactured home parks.
HF1857 (Brown, K.) Modifying the compact on industrialized/modular buildings; requiring a study of state administration, regulation, and enforcement, appropriating money.
HF2695 (Lieder) Agricultural product process-

ing facility construction provided and money appropriated.

HF2218 (Lourey) Micro business loan pilot program established for community development corporations and money appropriated.

HF2799 (Long) Securities regulated for face-amount certificate companies, open-end management companies, and unit investment trusts, and registration fee calculation and uniform expiration, renewal, and reporting provisions provided.

HF2784 (Milbert) Title insurance companies allowed to discharge, release, or satisfy mortgages. HF2084 (Cooper) Minnesota Technology, Inc., to establish a southwest regional technology pilot project to provide technical business assistance.

HF2811 (Mariani) Enterprise zones created in Minneapolis and St. Paul and business incentives provided.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Chuck Brown

Agenda: HF2363 (Neary) Relating to Washington County; providing for a reverse referendum to make certain county offices appointive rather than elective.

HF2529 (Haukoos) Relating to Freeborn County; permitting the appointment of the recorder and auditor/treasurer.

HF2634 (Lourey) Relating to transportation requiring understandable notice of requirements for appealing town road damage awards.

HF2375 (Jefferson) Relating to local economic development; authorizing the city of Minneapolis to establish a jobs park.

HF2305 (Jefferson) Relating to cities of first class; allowing them to require auto junkyards to be covered from elements and from sight.

HF2071 (Mariani) Relating to the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission; clarifying the powers and duties of the board.

3:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Budgets and Salaries/ Legislative Coordinating Commission

229 State Capitol
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson

Agenda: Personnel matters. Legislative plan for employee benefits.

3:45 p.m.

Legislative Coordinating Commission

229 State Capitol
Chr. Sen. Allan Spear

Agenda: Report of the subcommittee.

6 p.m.

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

125 State Capitol
Chr. Sen. Phil Riveness

Agenda: To be announced.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Chuck Brown

Agenda: HF2401 (Dempsey) Relating to the state building code; providing for the disposition of certain receipts from permit surcharges.

HF2605 (Dorn) Relating to transportation; bonding; abolishing requirement that electorate approve bonds in excess of tax limitations for airports.

HF2621 (Anderson, I.) Relating to rural development finance authorities; authorizing a city-county rural development finance authority.

HF2666 (Brown, C.) Relating to local government; prohibiting the adoption of certain zoning ordinances by municipalities and counties.

HF2673 (Pugh) Relating to government; providing that a public body may close one or more meetings for preliminary consideration of charges against an individual.

HF2705 (Nelson) Relating to Wadena County; permitting the consolidation of the offices of auditor and treasurer.

HF2770 (Wejman) Relating to counties; Hennepin; changing the personnel system to a human resources system; making other changes to the system.

HF2786 (Solberg) Relating to local government; authorizing establishment of Nashwauk area ambulance district.

HF2126 (Orfield) Relating to statewide comprehensive land use planning coordination; appropriating money.

HF2171 (Orfield) Relating to metropolitan government; requiring the Metropolitan Council to adopt rules allocating comprehensive choice housing among cities and towns in metro area.

HF1882 (Macklin) Creating the public contractors performance and Payment Bond Act by amending existing provisions.

6:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Elections/ GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Harold Lasley

Agenda: To be announced.

WEDNESDAY, March 23

8 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATION FINANCE

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice

Agenda: To be announced.

Higher Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

Agenda: Financial aid working group presentation. Public testimony.

Human Services Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Continuation of public testimony from 3/21 hearing, if necessary. Remainder of agenda pending.

K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

Agenda: HF1989 (Seagren) Part H program. AE3-10 Special education rules recommendations of the Task Force on Education for Children with Disabilities.

HF1935 (Lasley) Expanding funding for teacher education for teachers of deaf and hard of hearing students.

HF2674 (Olson, K.) Clarifying that special education aids and levies for school districts are not reduced by medical assistance and insurance payments.

HF2141 (Olson, K.) Requiring school districts having certain residential facilities to provide summer programs.

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia

Agenda: To be announced.

10 a.m.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

Agenda: HF2379 (Bishop) Relating to insurance; prohibiting insurers from obtaining or using HIV antibody test results arising out of exposure and testing for emergency medical service personnel.

Other bills may be added.

JUDICIARY

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: Any bill not completed at 3/21 meeting.

HF1911 (Carruthers) Bail reform.

HF2236 (Dawkins) Bail reform.

HF2597 (Pugh) Pretrial bail evaluations.

HF2453 (Weaver) Pretrial bail evaluations.

HFXXXX (Wejman) Omnibus DWI.

HF2351 (Skoglund) Omnibus crime bill.

Other bills to be announced. For further information, call 296-5396.

State Government Finance Division/ GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING

300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger

Agenda: Continuation of 3/21 agenda.

12:30 p.m.

**Tourism & Small Business Division/
COMMERCE &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Tunheim
Agenda: To be announced.

2:30 p.m.

**COMMERCE &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: HF1884 (Evans) Requiring a report to the legislature evaluating emergency weather procedures in manufactured home parks; appropriating money.
HF1918 (Evans) Requiring implementation of a system of consolidated business licensing; requiring the state to provide citizens with electronic access to state agencies for the purpose of obtaining certain licenses and permits.
HF1919 (Evans) Manufactured home park sales application fees clarified.
HF1923 (Perlt) Changing filing procedures for certain organizations.
HF2805 (Asch) Appropriating money to establish a unit in the Humphrey Institute to study the North American Free Trade Agreement.
HF2523 (Brown, C.) Concrete and masonry workers provided licensure as residential contractors.
HF2415 (Rhodes) International Business Partnership Program eligibility clarified.

HOUSING

500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Karen Clark
Agenda: HF2524 (Beard) Consumer protection, certain application fees must be refunded.
HF2308 (Dawkins) Rental tax equity pilot project for St. Paul.
HFXXXX (Brown, K.) Shelters.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: HF2227 (Krueger) Electricity, stray voltage, and electromagnetic field conduction studied, complaint procedures and remedies provided, and money appropriated.
HF1363 (Brown) Requiring automatic location identification and two dedicated circuits in each 911 emergency telephone service system; authorizing fee to fund enhanced 911 service; establishing 911 trust fund.
HF411 (Kelley) Setting goals for implementing advanced telecommunications technology and services; requiring implementation of the goals.

Subcommittee on Facilities/K-12 Education Finance Division/EDUCATION

500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Becky Kelso
Agenda: Article 5 recommendations.

**Subcommittee on Unemployment &
Workers' Compensation/
LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS**
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Farrell
Agenda: Continuation of 3/21 agenda.

6 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: HF2480 (Simoneau) Medicare health insurance counseling and assistance program established and money appropriated.
HF2329 (Neary) Child care facility staff retention and recruitment grant program established and money appropriated.
HF2120 (Kelley) Health-related boards allowed to establish a program to protect the public.
HF916 (Kelley) Changing names of certain health-related boards. Changing disciplinary procedures.
HF2327 (Simoneau) Therapy service providers provided hearing appeals, state agency hearing provisions modified, and medical assistance prior authorization requirements modified.
HF2296 (McGuire) Therapy service providers provided hearing appeals, state agency hearing provisions modified, and medical assistance prior authorization requirements modified.
HF1876 (Luther) Modifying eligibility for payments to residents of shelter facilities.
HF2184 (Clark) Pesticide poisoning treatment included in general assistance medical care emergency service eligibility, pesticide poisoning and reporting and education provided, and money appropriated.
HF2776 (Van Engen) Human services licensing clarified related to certain criminal convictions, residential treatment programs regulated, and child abuse reporting requirements modified.
HF2148 (Brown, K.) Mental health emergency and emotional crisis service requirements provided monitoring and evaluation and advisory committee established.
HF2813 (Simoneau) Medical assistance care rates and overpayment recovery modified and home care and alternative home care provisions provided.
HF2629 (Lourey) Moose Lake Regional Treatment Center community care pilot project established for certain committed patients, and emergency admission standards and notice requirements clarified.
HF2307 (Mariani) Family ombudspersons functions and groups restructured.
HF1598 (Leppik) Establishing a system of licensure for acupuncture practitioners.
HF2320 (Clark) Public improvement bond issuance provided for jobs and training, housing, and trade and economic development projects, and money appropriated.
HF2581 (Clark) Prescription drug contracting authority provided, correction orders authorized, formulary and drug technology assessment committees established, and price disclosure and costs savings required.
HFXXXX (Clark) Lead abatement implementation charges

6:30 p.m.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT &
METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Chuck Brown
Agenda: HFXXXX (Jefferson) Relating to sports facilities; providing for public ownership; appropriating money.

THURSDAY, March 24

8 a.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
INFRASTRUCTURE &
REGULATION FINANCE**
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION

200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: HF2561 (Kelso) Transferring Head Start from Department of Jobs and Training to the Department of Education.
HF1979 (Asch) Restoring increased number of school days.
Other bills may be added. For further information, please call 296-4374.

Health & Housing Finance Division/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson
Agenda: To be announced.

TAXES

5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ann Rest
Agenda: HF2744 (Jacobs) Nonprofit group fundraising sales tax exemption regulated.
HF2660 (Kinkel) Tires; used tire sales considered isolated and occasional sales for sales and use taxation exemption.
HF2552 (Wenzel) Child passenger restraint systems exempted from sales and use taxes and motor vehicle excise taxes.
HF2792 (Sviggum) Elderly and disabled maximum income amounts increased for subtraction from federal taxable income, inflation indexing provided, capital equipment eligibility expanded, special tooling exemption provided, and replacement phase-in provided.
Edgar Olson's "veterinary supplies sales tax exemption." Discussion of a sales tax exemption for certain veterinary supplies.

8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE

Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: To be announced.

10 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: To be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Re-referrals under Rule 5.10 and pension bills.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: All bills not acted on in 3/23 meeting.

Judiciary Finance Division/JUDICIARY
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy
Agenda: Continuation of 3/22 agenda. (Possible evening hearing.)

12:30 p.m.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: HFXXXX (Rice) Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulated Finance Division bonding bill.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: Any bills not heard on 3/23.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Chuck Brown
Agenda: To be announced.

2:30 p.m.

The House meets in Session.

After Session

CAPITAL INVESTMENT
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: Continuation of 3/22 and 3/24 agenda.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Pat Beard
Agenda: Continuation of subcommittee agenda from 3/21 and 3/23 meetings.
HF2577 (Rukavina) Establishing a retraining and targeted training grants program for certain workers.
Other bills may also be added.

Subcommittee on Civil Law/JUDICIARY
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

Agenda: HF2603 (Pugh) Liability; personal injury liability provisions consolidated and recodified for good samaritans, volunteer and charitable activities, public benefit or function activities, and other miscellaneous activities.
HF1757 (McGuire) Recreational trails.
HF628 (Stanius) Immunity from liability for volunteer athletic physicians and trainers.
HF2596 (McGuire) Dram Shop.
HFXXXX (Rhodes) School official immunity from civil liability and increased parental liability for a minor's action.
Other bills to be announced. For further information, please call 296-5396

6:30 p.m. or After Session

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bernie Lieder
Agenda: To be announced.

K-12 Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: HF2696 (Olson, E.) Independent School District No. 38, Red Lake, authorized to transfer funds to its capital expenditure equipment fund.
HF2225 (Krueger) Motley-Staples independent school district permitted to recognize referendum levy revenue in the capital expenditure fund.
HF2527 (Kinkel) Independent School District No. 118, Remer-Longville, authorized to transfer funds from the bus purchase fund to the capital fund for facility repair and technology-related equipment without a levy reduction.
HF2097 (Dehler) Independent School District No. 738, Holdingford, allowed to transfer money from its debt redemption fund to its general fund.
HF2101 (Olson, M.) Independent School District No. 882, Monticello, authorized to transfer money from its capital expenditure fund to its transportation fund.
HF2224 (Smith) Independent school district No. 879, Delano, authorized a referendum revenue special election and fund transfer from its capital expenditure fund to its general fund.
HF1954 (Evans) Increasing and ensuring needed before and after school programs.
HFXXXX (Vellenga) Metropolitan desegregation.

FRIDAY, March 25

8 a.m.

Higher Education Finance Division/ EDUCATION
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich
Agenda: Working group reports. Public testimony.

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.

TAXES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ann Rest
Agenda: HF2802 (Jacobs) Rental motor vehicle tax changed and lessors provided registration fee retention.
HF2592 (Rukavina) Mineral interest and unmined taconite and iron sulphides provided increased taxation.
HF2220 (Battaglia) Two Harbors allowed to use lodging tax for preservation, display, and interpretation of the tugboat Edna G.
HF2104 (Commers) Eagan allowed to establish a special service district on Cedarvale retail area property.
HF2285 (Kelley) Hopkins allowed to establish a special service district for housing improvements.
HF2290 (Solberg) Greenway Joint Recreation Board and Lakeview Cemetery Association provided additional levy authority.
HF2207 (Bauerly) Benton County allowed to establish an economic development authority.
HF1267 (Milbert) Setting conditions for tax equivalent payments.
HF1215 (Garcia) Providing state aid for loss of tax base due to public acquisition of property.
HF2372 (Goodno) Agricultural processing facilities allowed property tax exemption in border cities.
(Committee will recess and continue again at 1 p.m. in Room 10.)

10 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: To be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & GAMBLING
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Re-referrals under Rule 5.10 and pension bills.

JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: Any bill not completed at 3/23 meeting.
HF553 (Carruthers) Spiritual health care.
Other bills to be announced. For further information, call 296-5396.



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MINNESOTA INDEX

Minnesota counties

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| Number of Minnesota counties | 87 |
| Number of counties that saw a population decline in the past decade | 49 |
| Percent of the state population living in the seven-county metropolitan area | 50 |
| Percent living in Hennepin County | 25 |
| Percent chance a Grant County resident is of Norwegian descent | 50 |
| Percentage of whites in Hennepin County in 1990 | 89 |
| in Ramsey County | 88 |
| Percentage of Hispanics in Hennepin County in 1990 | 1 |
| Percentage in Kandiyohi County | 4 |
| Percent decline in the number of Hennepin County farms between 1974 and 1987 | 6 |
| Percent decline, during the same time, in the state | 14 |
| Percent chance a Minnesota miner works in the six-county Itasca County region | 76 |
| Number of Minnesota counties "very dependent" on farming as a source of income | 12 |
| Number of counties "very dependent" on mining | 16 |
| Percentage growth in the number of people over 80 in Lac qui Parle County during the past decade | 33 |
| Rank, out of nine age groupings, of people over 80 in the Lac qui Parle population | 9 |
| Percent chance a Nicollet County resident is under 17 | 25 |
| Percent of households in Olmsted County in 1990 occupied by married people with children | 32 |
| Total percentage employment growth in Olmsted County from 1969-1988 | 78 |
| in the metropolitan area | 61 |
| in the non-metropolitan area | 36 |
| Percent decrease, from 1970 to 1988, in Clay County residents receiving income from farm sources | 22 |
| Percent chance of working in the service industry in Marshall County before 1980 | 0 |
| Percentage of Minnesota counties that saw a growth in service jobs during the past decade | 100 |
| Percent of people living in poverty in Olmsted County, 1989 | 7 |
| in Hubbard County | 17 |
| Number of square miles in the St. Louis County School District | 2,700 |
| Number of students in that school district | 2,600 |

Source: *Minnesota County Profiles*, Minnesota Extension Service



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