Former Gov. Harold Stassen looked up to the balcony in the House chamber March 10 and apologized that his wife, "first lady of grace," couldn't be there as she was 53 years ago when he first addressed the Legislature in 1939.

Stassen, who is 84 and in the midst of his 10th campaign for the U.S. presidency, told the small crowd that she had a fractured hip and couldn't be there with him. His voice still resonating like a world-class politician, the "boy wonder" former governor then gave a booming rendition of his "seven mighty moves" to make America great.

That Stassen has witnessed profound changes in government since he last stood in the exact spot where he gave his inaugural messages of 1939, 1941, and 1943, goes without saying. A lot has happened.

In his first message he called for the creation of a "real civil service law for state employees" and by 1943, in his last inaugural address to the Legislature, Stassen was able to boast of his success. State government is now filled with "able servants of the public instead of corporals in a political army," he said.

There were many other sections of Stassen's inaugural addresses that hinted of ancient history. He referred to the University of Minnesota as "our University"—back when there was only one. And there was a call to regulate "war training schools . . . many of which are not conducting proper training and have rather the aspect of a racket connected with it."

But it's also surprising how many things have remained the same. In his 1939 call for a civil service law, Stassen urged lawmakers to resist the "blanketing in" of political cronies—just as a committee chair this week urged colleagues not to allow the "grandfathering" of professionals who would be exempt from state licensing (see story page 6).

The former governor also lamented the existence of "at least 64 different governmental boards, bureaus, agencies and departments" in state government, just as a legislator this week called for the consolidation of the myriad state agencies connected with environmental policy (see story page 13).

"They send inspectors and field agents trudging on each other's heels to far comers of the state," said Stassen, stating the same concerns that are being repeated today.

And then, of course, there is the budget.

"We find that our position might well be characterized by the predicament of Mother Hubbard in that nursery rhyme," said Stassen in 1939. The problem then, however, was a $4 million deficit. Today, it's $569 million.

—Grant Moos
HealthRight bill approved

Just two days after a bipartisan agreement was announced on a health care access bill, the Health and Human Services Committee approved the measure March 12 without adding a single amendment.

While other states wait to see what the federal government is going to do, Minnesota is going to enact health care access and reform, said committee chair Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls).

Greenfield said the new HealthRight plan offering health care to uninsured Minnesotans would be implemented for families with children by Jan. 1, 1993, and for others by Jan. 1, 1994.

To be eligible for the plan, you would have to be a permanent resident of Minnesota, have no employer health plan, not be eligible for Medical Assistance, and have gone four months without insurance, said Greenfield.

The HealthRight plan and the rest of the package would be funded with a five cents per pack tax on cigarettes and a 2 percent tax on health care provider revenues.

John Kingery of the Minnesota Hospital Association said his organization doesn't have an official position on the bill, but thinks that HealthRight should be funded with a much broader tax.

"Health care is a fundamental right and so is education, but we wouldn't have teachers pay for all of it," said Kingery. He added that seven hospitals closed in Minnesota in 1991.

The major reform package, which the governor and legislative leaders formally agreed to March 9, affects virtually every area of health care in the state.

Insurance companies would no longer be able to apply widely varying rates that Greenfield called "discriminatory." Premium costs would only be allowed to vary 50 percent based on age, 25 percent on health history, 5 percent on residence, and no variance would be allowed based on gender.

EdVest proposed

State officials say one way to convince parents to plan now for children's college education is to get parents' attention while they're filling out their taxes.

A proposal to allow parents to invest their state tax refunds directly into U.S. savings bonds so they could be used later for college was presented this week before two House Appropriations Committee divisions. Neither division took action on the plan.

The EdVest proposal was first advocated by Gov. Arne Carlson last week in his budget address to state lawmakers. Starting next year, parents could check a box at the bottom of the state tax returns indicating that they want their refund transferred into the bonds, under the measure.

For every $50 in refunds invested, parents would receive a bond paying $100 at maturity, said state finance officials.

The program would cost about $350,000 a year to implement, said Ron Hackett of the Department of Finance at a March 12 presentation before the
Too many lawyers

Does Minnesota have too many lawyers? Rep. Steve Dille (IR-Dassel) thinks so. That's why he's sponsoring a bill that would require a plan to eliminate the state subsidy of the University of Minnesota Law School.

Dille said the state should not pay to produce lawyers — "a product that in my mind is in oversupply."

The state currently pays 33 percent of the law school's operating costs, with the students picking up the rest through tuition, Robert Stein, dean of the law school, told the Education Committee's Higher Education Division March 11.

Rep. Kinkel (DFL-Park Rapids) said that Dille was setting a "dangerous precedent" that wouldn't do a thing to limit the number of lawyers. He asked whether the next step would be to take the state subsidy away from other programs, such as teaching — another field in which some people think there is an oversupply.

Stein disputed Dille's assertion that the University of Minnesota is producing too many lawyers. He said that the school turned down 2,000 applicants last year and that 95 percent of the 1991 graduating class is employed.

After 45 minutes of heated discussion, the division voted 5-3 to send the bill to the full Education Committee. Techni-
cally, the Higher Education Division could not make a recommendation on the bill (HF2839) because the measure was not before it.

(For more on Higher Education, see page 10.)

Gaming

No betting by phone

The Minnesota horse racing industry needs telephone wagering to survive, said Terry McWilliams, general manager of Canterbury Downs.

But a bill heard March 12 before the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee would prohibit the racetrack — and any offtrack telearacing sites authorized by the 1991 Legislature — from accepting telephone and credit card wagers.

The Minnesota Racing Commission has adopted a rule permitting telephone wagering; this proposal would supercede that rule.

Rep. Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls) cited potential abuses by children and the 225 "professional gamblers" who have been barred from the track as reasons to oppose telephone wagers. Because of the anonymity of a phone, Rice said there is "precious little that can be done" to regulate exactly who is wagering.

The Minnesota State Lottery recently attempted to develop a similar on-line system using Nintendo systems instead of telephones.

"And I've never seen such a public outcry on a gambling issue," said Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester). The lottery ultimately scrapped the plan.

Track revenue fell for the fourth straight year in 1991, to $87 million, or just 3.5 percent of gambling dollars wagered statewide. McWilliams blames Indian gaming for the continued decline in revenue.

The racetrack wants to allow phone betting on both live and simulcast racing, and expects between 6,000 and 7,000 Minnesota to wager $15 million annually by phone. A Minnesota-only 1-800 number centered at Canterbury Downs would handle the wagering. In-person registration and a $100 deposit would be required to establish an account at the track, and code names and numbers would be issued to account holders.

Bill (HF1750) sponsor Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul), chair of the committee, said a vote on an omnibus gaming bill is expected next week.

Legalizing sports betting?

A bill to legalize virtually all forms of sports betting received a hearing March 12 before the General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee, but no vote was taken.

The bill would dedicate all net proceeds from sports betting to a state human resources account.

"I don't want to expand gambling in Minnesota," said chief author Rep. Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth). "I just want to get some of the illegal money that's already out there to benefit poor people."

Ninety percent of the profits would be divided equally between the housing trust fund, supplemental food grants distributed by the Department of Jobs and Training, and health care grants distributed by the Department of Health. The remaining 10 percent would fund compulsive gambling education and prevention programs.

A Duluth bar owner testified in favor of the bill, but the measure is opposed by the National Basketball Association, the National Football League, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Committee chair Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) took no vote on the bill (HF1783) and made clear his intentions to create a "committee consensus" omnibus gaming bill.

Workers' comp bill approved

Employers would see an estimated cost savings of 13.8 percent under a workers' compensation reform package that was speedily approved by the Labor-Management Relations Committee March 12, said the bill's chief author, Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia).

Rukavina said that changes in compensation benefits would yield 7 percent of the savings, most notably with limits placed on temporary partial disabilities.

Rukavina said the bill would save the
other 6.8 percent in the areas of medical rehabilitation and managed care deductibles. The measure would also establish a medical services review board that would monitor the effectiveness, cost, and duration of treatments. The board would also have the power to fine providers who don’t follow specified procedures.

The idea of a workers’ compensation commission within the Department of Labor and Industry was dropped, said Rukavina, because the governor is opposed to the idea.

HF1952 now moves to the House floor.

Business

Selling the World Trade Center

The Minnesota World Trade Center Corp. (MWTCC) would become a private corporation and eventually sold under a measure approved by the Economic Development Committee March 12.

But the bill also calls for $1.4 million in funding for the center so it can maintain its value to avoid a “fire sale” in the future, said the bill’s chief author, Rep. Richard Krueger (DFL-Staples).

The 1991 Legislature authorized $1 million in funding for the center, but Gov. Arne Carlson vetoed the appropriation — leaving the fate of the center uncertain.

The center has received state funds since it was created in 1988. The intent was for the corporation to move toward financial independence within 10 years.

The measure is intended to preserve the state’s investment in the center, which is housed in the World Trade Center building in St. Paul, said Krueger. The legislation is directed at the MWTCC, but not the building itself, which is owned by a private firm.

World Trade Center Board Chair Lee Berlin testified in support of the measure. Berlin said privatization of the quasi-state agency would allow the corporation to move faster and be more competitive in world markets.

MWTCC’s board would evaluate proposals to buy the corporation according to the buyer’s ability to:

- Maintain the mission and vision of the World Trade Center.
- Pay for the assets or ownership of the corporation.
- Assume any corporation liabilities.
- Fund continuing development, promotion, and marketing of the center’s programs, services, and business activities.
- Maintain and expand employment in Minnesota.

The corporation would sell its assets, including furniture, memberships, and rent-free use of five floors in the World Trade Center for several years. Proceeds remaining after the sale would be returned to the state’s general fund.

The sale is expected to take between 15 and 20 months, said World Trade Center President Richard Nolan, who was unable to attend the meeting.

HF2596 now moves to the Appropriations Committee for consideration.

(For more on Business, see page 9.)

Transportation

LRT bills on track

State transportation officials would have the final say on building light rail transit (LRT) lines in the Twin Cities under bills advancing through House committees this week.

“This has been muddled for so long,” said Rep. Edwina Garcia (DFL-Richfield), who co-chaired an interim subcommittee on light-rail issues. “It’s time to put someone in charge, let them decide what should be done, and then trust their judgment.”

A measure (HF2310) clarifying state and local government roles in planning and construction won approval March 11 in the Transportation Committee. It would place the Metropolitan Council in charge of most preliminary LRT planning and engineering. But the final decision on starting construction would rest with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

Similar language was also included in a bill (HF1541) outlining metropolitan agency control that was approved March 12 by the Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

The proposals generally give county and other local governments only advisory roles in planning for LRT.

A separate amendment to HF2510 is now under consideration that would remove the Regional Transit Commission from making most LRT decisions.

Hennepin County Commissioner John Derus told lawmakers March 11 that reaching an agreement with the various governmental agencies involved in light rail transit planning was “like herding cats.” Derus testified before the House Transportation Committee.

Both provisions concern some long-time LRT proponents.

Hennepin County Commissioner John Derus told the Transportation Committee that county governments have carried the bulk of LRT planning to date.

He later compared the process of keeping together sometimes-divergent governmental units to “herding cats” and suggested that recent compromises could unravel if lawmakers tinker too much with the original bill (HF2510).

March 9, 1874

On this day, Cook County was established and named after Major Michael Cook of Faribault. Cook was a prominent citizen who moved to Minnesota in 1855, worked as a carpenter, was both a territorial and state senator, and died fighting in the Civil War.

March 13, 1858

On this day, a county was established and named with the Ojibwe word for snake, “kanabec.” Kanabec County’s territory includes the Snake River.
Anti-noise bill advances

People in Richfield and other communities that are beneath the primary flightpaths around Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport could find a little more solitude in the near future.

The Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee approved a measure March 10 that would require the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to spend about $17 million over the next four years for noise abatement improvements to homes. Money is already being collected through a $3 surcharge on every passenger who uses the facility.

The proposal would add nearly $5 million over current MAC funding plans for noise mitigation, but is significantly less than bill author Rep. Edwina Garcia (DFL-Richfield) and other proponents sought.

Garcia originally proposed using half of MAC's estimated $300 million construction budget over the next seven years for anti-noise programs. She later amended her bill to earmark $32.3 million in noise-abatement funding over the next five years.

But MAC officials said that would sharply curtail its ability to make necessary improvements at the airport.

Supporters of the compromise amendment, which passed on a 15-7 vote, said it would help residents in affected areas but also should not disrupt MAC's "dual-track" planning to either enlarge the existing airport or move it to another site.

HF2269 now moves to the House floor. A companion bill (SF2271) is pending before the state Senate Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

Handicapped-parking patrols

The chances of getting ticketed for parking in a handicapped-only zone could be going up.

The House approved a measure on a 113-17 vote March 9 that would allow the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth to use volunteer patrols to seek out handicapped parking violators.

But the proposal was criticized by some House members who questioned the wisdom of using "citizen deputies" to perform "selective ticketing."

"I just kind of think this is misdirected legislation," said Rep. Marcus Marsh (IR-Richfield). Others questioned why the bill was never reviewed by the Judiciary Committee, and whether cities could get stuck with hefty workers' compensation claims should a volunteer be injured on the job.

But Judiciary Committee Chair Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul) explained that she didn't think the proposal needed to be reviewed by her committee because the bill is limited to traffic enforcement.

Bill sponsor Rep. Linda Wejcman (DFL-Mpls) said volunteers would be eligible for workers' compensation benefits.

Octane monitoring knocked

A bill that proponents say would better regulate octane levels in gasoline was voted down by a 7-6 margin in the Regulated Industries Committee March 9.

A December 1991 report by the Department of Public Service found that 17 percent of the premium gas sampled from around the state had octane levels below the amount posted on the pump.

In response to the report, Rep. Joel Jacobs (DFL-Coon Rapids) authored HF2133 which would direct the Department of Public Service to monitor gasoline and impose penalties of up to $10,000 for non-compliance.

Mike Blacik of the department told the committee that the fraudulent samples amounted to an estimated 50 million gallons of premium gas per year, which would cost MAC about $7.6 million.

Blacik said the proposed program would have $150,000 in start-up costs and would probably cost another $150,000 per year to operate. There are no estimates of what the program would make in fees and fines, he said.

Although the report caused a media stir in December, some lawmakers wondered how much damage is really done by the overrated fuel.

The gasoline octane rating measures a fuel's ability to resist engine knock. Premium gasoline has octane ratings from 89 to 95 percent. Regular gasoline is rated at either 87 or 88 percent. None of the 45 samples of regular gasoline were under the amount posted.

The program is modeled after a similar one in Minneapolis that uses part-time, paid monitors to tag offenders. HF1833 now moves to the Senate Transportation Committee for further review.

Licensing commission proposed

A bill calling for all state licensing questions to be reviewed by a legislative commission was approved March 6 by a Governmental Operations Division.

The joint 10-member panel would be the legislative funnel for all licensing bills, serving much the same role as the current Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement. That commission hears dozens of proposals each session and then makes recommendations to the Legislature, which usually follows the commission's advice.

Unlike Wisconsin's occupational "superboard," the proposed commission on occupational regulation would have no overriding authority over the newly licensed occupations. In a break from current policy, that authority would rest with a "host" department of state government rather than a licensing board. For all future regulated occupations, such boards would exist, but would serve only an advisory role to the state department.

Existing boards would not be affected by the proposal, but all current licensees would see a permit fee increase to finance the new commission.

Causing some controversy is a provision in the bill that would prohibit any "grandfathering." In recent years, nearly all licensing bills have contained a "window" period where those currently practicing in the field are exempted from new, often more stringent standards.

"Grandfathering is not appropriate," said Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul), chair of the Governmental Operation's Government Structures Division and author of the bill (HF2298) to create the commission.

A flood of licensing bills continues to reach the Legislature. At last count, 40 occupations were lobbying for licensure this session. O'Connor said that if each of those bills were signed into law, one of every two Minnesotans would be a
member of a licensed occupation. Although O'Connor's division has become the final resting place for a number of licensing proposals, he said "a few occupations have made their case" and will be granted hearings. (Chemical dependency counselors won the approval of the division March 11.)

**State vs. private sector**

State programs to help small Minnesota companies may be getting too good. Private consulting firms are concerned the state is edging into their territory.

The president of a small engineering consulting firm, John Berner, told the Economic Development Committee's International Trade and Technology Division March 5 that state-funded Minnesota Technology Inc. (MTI) is duplicating consulting services that are available in the private sector.

Berner said that MTI is violating its enabling statute which states, "The corporation's purpose is not to create new programs or services, but to build on the existing educational, business, and economic infrastructure."

MTI President Jacques Koppel said MTI (formerly the Greater Minnesota Corp.) often works with small companies that have never used consultants and don't know how to go about hiring one. Companies often end up hiring private consultants after MTI has provided them with awareness of technology improvements, applications, and expert sources, he said.

"The biggest frustration as a small town entrepreneur is that we don't know where to get that kind of help [technical expertise] from," said Mark Gaalswyck, president of Easy Systems, a firm in Trimont, Minn., that manufactures computerized feed batch control panels.

He said that MTI has been like a big brother to his firm and helped to put him in touch with the right people. Easy Systems has grown to 10 employees — up from two — since he began working with MTI, he said.

**Restricting U.S. West data**

Do competitors gain an unfair advantage whenever U.S. West files for a rate change or tariff?

A bill (HF1943) authored by Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul), allows U.S. West to petition the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to restrict non-public data from all parties except the PUC, the Department of Public Service, and the Attorney General's Office.

According to U.S. West attorney Jim Gallagher, U.S. West is at a disadvantage because competitors can gain access to sensitive data, including marketing plans, under the current process.

Whenever U.S. West proposes a rate change or tariff they must file non-public data with the PUC. Although there are many different telephone rate classifications and tiers, any change affects the entire rate structure, which could have a direct effect on telephone rates for all consumers.

Gallagher said that nearly anyone who may want to contest the proposal can access the data by signing a protection order if they want to contest the rate change.

Gallagher said that he knows of cases where an attorney and an outside consultant have misused non-public data and said that it is even more difficult for business executives to ignore the information.

"We can't show that they misuse it, but I'm absolutely certain that if a president of a competitor has U.S. West's long-range strategic plans in hand ... those plans are going to affect his or her business decisions," said Gallagher.

Gary Cunningham of the Attorney General's Office's Residential Utilities Division, however, said he didn't see a need to change the law.

"We have to balance protection and access ... without having a number of eyes, we will not have the evaluative process necessary," he said.

The residential utilities division serves as an advocate for residential consumers and small businesses, and often contests proposed rate hikes. Cunningham said his office benefits greatly from the analysis done by businesses and public groups under the current system.

Without the expertise of these groups "customers will be eliminated from access under this proposal," said Cunningham.

If they are denied non-public data during the discovery stage before a contested case hearing, they will no longer be able to effectively contest the rate change, he said.

U.S. West competitors also said the law was not necessary because phone companies can already protect their non-public data by obtaining an order from an administrative law judge.

"This is a solution in search of a problem," said MCTs Lyle Williamson.

Following lengthy testimony against the bill, the committee approved HF1943 March 9 on a near-unanimous vote. The measure now moves to the House floor.

**Taxes**

**Taxing decisions**

With Minnesota's fiscal engine running on fumes, some state lawmakers are wondering why tax officials aren't doing more to squeeze out more fuel.

State Revenue Commissioner Dorothy McClung this week came under sharp questioning as she explained how the tax department last fall started preparing for anticipated funding shortfalls by leaving vacant several posts in its collections and audits divisions.

Testifying March 10 before a House Appropriations Committee division, McClung defended letting the positions succumb to attrition because "it would have been more expensive" to take on new employees knowing they'd later have to be let go.

The tax department now is seeking legislative approval for a $1.1 million shift from two internal accounts to fund hiring new auditors and collections personnel.

But State Government Division Chair Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) said it's difficult to believe at a time when the state has ongoing budget problems the tax department would leave any of its money-producing jobs empty — even temporarily.

State finance officials earlier this month estimated the state will have a $569 million deficit over the rest of the biennium, almost entirely the result of a recession-driven falloff in tax revenues.
"You, better than anyone else, should have known what the effect of the problem would be," Kahn said.

Other division members said the expense of replacing the tax agents would have been more than offset by the added revenue they would have generated for the state. During earlier testimony before the division, revenue officials estimated that up to $120 million in taxes due the state each year could be going uncollected.

Overall, the tax department is slated for a $700,000 funding reduction over the next 15-1/2 months. That's one of the smaller proposed reductions among state agencies in Gov. Arne Carlson's suggested state budget.

Appropriations

Cuts in state arts funding?

The executive director of the Minnesota State Arts Board pled with members of an Appropriations Committee panel March 10 to reject the governor's proposed cuts in arts funding.

"Cuts to this program could not come at a worse time in our history," said executive director Sam Grabarski, adding that the board is facing its "greatest crisis in 25 years."

The governor has proposed a $426,000 cut in funding for the board, which represents a 5.3 percent reduction over the previous two-year spending cycle.

But because all of the cut would come in the second year of the current biennium, the reduction really amounts to a 10.6 percent cut, said Grabarski.

The Minnesota State Arts Board sponsors several grant programs for individual artists, artist organizations, and artist residency programs in the schools.

Grabarski was just one of several board, agency, and department heads to appear before the Appropriations Committee's Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Division last week and this week to pore over the governor's proposed budget.

The governor is calling on state agencies, constitutional offices and the Legislature to shoulder the brunt of the budget cuts. On average, state government expenses are to be trimmed 4 percent.

Larry Redmond of the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts told committee members that state cuts would be particularly painful now because Minnesota corporate donors, which historically have been very generous to the arts, are now donating more money to social services.

In addition, many local companies are being swallowed by larger national firms, causing local gifts to drop off, he said.

The division is expected to make its spending recommendations later in the session.

Employment

Resurrect old jobs program

An emergency jobs program would be re-established in Minnesota under a measure approved by the Economic Development Committee March 10.

Bill sponsor Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park) said the measure would bring back "a highly successful work program" created in 1983 in response to that recession.

The Minnesota Employment Economic Development Program (MEED) would provide wage subsidies for certain employers. People who have been receiving work readiness benefits for at least five months would receive top priority for job placement.

The state would provide $6 per hour in wage contributions for each employee hired by a company or organization, and require employers to offer the new employees the same health care coverage offered to their other employees, or some other health insurance.

Businesses receiving priority in subsidy funds would include manufacturing firms, non-retail small businesses, export and tourism businesses, and businesses "whose products are developed with materials from recycling."

Under MEED, state funds would be used to provide six-month subsidies of wages. Employers would be required to retain the person on the job for an additional year.

Kristine Jacobs, representing the JOBS NOW Coalition, told committee members that the program needs to be re-established because there are seven job seekers for every job opening in Minnesota.

Jacobs said that nearly 43,000 jobs were created between 1983 and 1988, when the program formerly was in place — with an average cost to the state of $3,057 per job.

Jacobs, whose coalition represents 41 organizations, said the program is a good investment because of resulting savings in public assistance programs and increased income tax payments.
Business sales tax shift

Large businesses will play an important role in solving the state's budget deficit — and freeing up to $140 million from the state's budget reserve — if a key section of Gov. Arne Carlson's budget recommendations is adopted. And the proposal has nothing to do with raising taxes.

Finance Commissioner John Gunyou told members of the Ways and Means Committee March 10 that the governor is proposing that large businesses remit their sales tax receipts six days earlier each month.

That, in conjunction with delaying local government aid payments by nearly two weeks, "will make a huge difference in our cash flow," said Gunyou.

He explained that getting the sales tax money sooner and delaying the local government aid payments from Dec. 15 to Dec. 26 will "smooth out some of the peaks and valleys" in the state's cash flow.

And that will allow state government to use $140 million of its $400 million budget reserve to help solve the state's projected deficit of $569 million. Minnesota has traditionally maintained a large budget reserve because there is such a pronounced eb and flow in its cash flow.

The proposal will affect only about 1,600 of the 60,000 businesses that remit sales taxes, but those businesses account for about 80 percent of total sales tax collections, said Gunyou.

Large businesses are defined as those that have at least $20,000 per month in sales tax receipts, or $240,000 per year. The sales tax change was just one area touched upon by Gunyou when he gave an overview of the governor's proposed budget to committee members.

Protecting senior citizens

A measure that would help protect senior citizens from buying duplicate medical insurance policies was approved by the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee March 6.

The bill focuses on supplemental medical policies that senior citizens buy to help pay for medical bills not covered by Medicare.

HF1791 would require insurance application forms to include a variety of questions to determine if the applicant has another Medicare supplement or other health insurance policy. And it would also prohibit companies from selling Medicare supplement insurance when those benefits already are covered by Medicare.

Sponsored by Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls), the measure also calls for tighter regulation of the policies and requires insurers to cover preventive care (annual physicals and certain lab tests), cancer screening, and up to $1,600 in annual at-home recovery services.

Insurance companies also would be

Housing

Aid for 'working poor'

Homeowners and tenants who temporarily fall behind on their monthly payments — and are either at risk of losing their homes or being evicted from rental property — could be eligible for assistance under a new program now under consideration in the House.

The measure (HF2553), which was approved by the Housing Committee March 9, targets individuals and families who are not eligible for other aid programs such as general assistance or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).

It would provide loans and grants to pay up to six installments of past-due mortgage, rent, tax, fees, or other housing-related costs. Total assistance would be limited to $2,000.

The legislation would create three pilot programs throughout the state. The pilot projects would be administered by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), which would also set eligibility criteria. The initial cost of the program is estimated at $500,000.

Similar language creating a mortgage and rental assistance program was included in a housing bill approved last year by House lawmakers. The measure, however, was dropped during conference negotiations with state senators.

HF2553 was referred to the House Appropriations Committee for further review.

Business

'Puppy mill' bill gains

Prospective pet owners would receive written guarantees their new puppy or kitten is healthy under a bill that was approved by the House Commerce Committee March 11.

The measure (HF2043), authored by Rep. Andy Dawkins (DFL-St. Paul), would require breeders to register with the state and to have an independent veterinarian examine each pet before it is sold.

Purchasers could get a refund or a replacement pet if the veterinarian determines the pet's illness was a pre-existing condition. The measure also provides consumer remedies if the pet dies within one year because of a hereditary or congenital defect.

Dawkins said his bill is intended to crack down on "puppy mills" — disreputable breeders who raise young animals inhumane and then sell them at a discounted price to retailers.

The bill also requires the pet's bloodlines to be documented, which Dawkins said would provide a paper trail for owners to track down breeders if they discover their pet was diseased. "Right now, the trail stops at whoever sold it to them," Dawkins said.

"There's nothing in this bill that reputable breeders are not doing already," said Diane Kringen, a former breeder from Fertile, Minn.

But retail pet shop owners argued against the bill, saying it unfairly burdens them for the misdeeds of a few unscrupulous merchants and breeders.

HF2043 now moves to the House General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming Committee. A companion bill (SF1841) was approved March 10 in the Senate Commerce Committee.

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required to:
• Change policies to reflect changes in Medicare benefits, reduce premiums as appropriate, and provide immediate notice to customers of these changes.
• Provide consumers clear comparison information about their insurance options.
• Inform customers about whether the policy they are applying for duplicates coverage they already own.

Health maintenance organizations would be required to offer coverage for prescriptions — something already offered by other insurance companies. The age and gender of senior citizens could no longer be used to set insurance rates. Instead, they would be based on a "community rating" — averaging the rate for all senior citizens covered. Companies could reduce premiums for "healthy lifestyles."

Skoglund testified that the community rating provision would help older seniors when they are least able to pay by spreading out the "risk pool."

HF1791 now moves to the House floor.

Higher Education

Merger mayhem

The merger of three of the state's public college systems would be changed dramatically under three separate bills that were each approved March 11 by the Education Committee or one of its divisions.

Lawmakers approved the three separate bills — two days before the March 13 committee deadline — in order to ensure that all the proposals remain alive this session.

The high costs of the merger of the state university, community college, and technical college systems were cited as a primary reason to alter the merger called for by the 1991 Legislature. But lawmakers are also concerned that the mission of each system will become diluted.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) estimates that the one-time costs for the merger could be as high as $99 million and annual ongoing costs as high as $21.8 million (the change to a statewide technical college faculty bargaining unit could cost up to $17 million).

HF2768, sponsored by Rep. Lyndon Carlson (DFL-Crystal), removes governing authority from the Higher Education Board (HEB) and places it back with the three systems. The HEB would become a strong coordinating board with responsibility for establishing a statewide master plan. It would also make decisions on whether co-located community and technical colleges should be merged, and would develop and enforce credit transfer policies. The HECB would be abolished.

Carlson, who opposed the 1991 bill that created the merger, said that his bill focuses on maintaining potential cost savings of the merger without its liabilities. He said that the intent of his bill is "to improve oversight and coordination, and to do it in a cost-effective way." This measure was approved by the Education Committee's Higher Education Division and referred to the full committee.

HF1893, sponsored by Rep. Loren Thompson (DFL-Waubun), removes the technical colleges from the merger, but leaves the state university and community college systems merged. The bill was approved by the Higher Education Division and referred to the Education Committee.

HF2042, sponsored by Rep. Gene Pelowski (DFL-Winona), takes the most direct approach to amending the merger law — it repeals it altogether. Pelowski told the Education Committee, which approved the bill, that the merger has huge potential costs without doing anything to improve education. The measure now moves to the Appropriations Committee.

Members of the Minnesota Technical College Faculty Association testified against all three bills because they eliminate a statewide bargaining unit for technical college faculty.

Jim Fremstead of the Minnesota Technical College Faculty Association said that only technical college faculty lack pay equity. "It's not fair to have a teacher in Thief River Falls . . . make $6,000 less than a teacher in Minneapolis," he said.

But Dianna Arens from the Minnesota Federation of Teachers, which represents 40 percent of the technical college faculty, testified in favor of the Thompson and Pelowski bills.

Forging an education partnership

Representatives from the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) hope that the state of Minnesota will consider a long-term partnership with their organization. WICHE is a regional organization whose central purpose is to promote interstate resource sharing in higher education. Presently, WICHE is composed of 13 western states, with Minnesota recently joining as an affiliated member.

International flags filled the Capitol Rotunda March 10 as part of the International Festival sponsored by the Minnesota State University System.
Lee Vickers, chair of WICHE, would be advantageous for Minnesota. "We think that this kind of regional cooperation is one very effective solution to meeting educational needs," Jansen said. "I think, however, that the kind of interstate cooperation that WICHE promotes and has facilitated takes time to develop."

Jansen and Vickers appeared before the Appropriations Committee's Education Division March 11.

The 7-year (college) plan?

Is the idea of getting a college degree in four years going the way of the dinosaur and the dodo bird? It seems that way at most of Minnesota's public colleges.

Of the freshmen entering in school year 1985, only 16 percent of State University System students and 10 percent of University of Minnesota students graduated from a Minnesota public college in four years, according to a preliminary report by the House Research Department.

Within six years of entering college, a total of 46 percent of State University System students and 36 percent of University of Minnesota students graduated, Kerry Fine, a legislative analyst for the House Research Department, told the Appropriations Committee’s Education Division March 10.

But many students take more than six years to graduate. Almost 20 percent of the 1991 graduating class at the University of Minnesota’s Twin Cities campus had entered college as freshmen seven or more years before.

Fine said the nature of public college enrollment in Minnesota is very fluid. Almost 39 percent of the 1991 graduating classes at the State University and University of Minnesota systems had transferred to the schools from which they graduated.

Problems with transferring credits, course access, and the need for remedial work are part of the reason why students are taking longer to graduate.

Anne Hopkins, vice provost for Arts, Sciences and Engineering at the University of Minnesota, said the university is working to increase the rate of retention and graduation at the university, and that new preparation requirements are expected to improve the quality of education there. Seventy percent of the 1991 freshman class met all of the new preparation requirements, she said.

Hopkins also said all of the higher education systems are working together to review all policies and procedures related to transferring courses.

House Research intends to complete a more in-depth study of graduation rates later this year.

School near bars in megamall?

Most school districts don't want a bar anywhere near their schools. But school board members from five districts are supporting a bill which would allow a school and bars to co-exist at the Mall of America.

Arlene Bush, chair of the Bloomington School Board, told the Education Committee March 9 that the five school districts have joined together to build a school at the megamall. Holding them back are ordinances that prohibit the retail sale of alcohol within 1,000 feet of a school.

HF1969 was approved by the committee with the recommendation it be placed on the Consent Calendar — a list of non-controversial bills that are expected to pass without debate on the House floor.

Parental review of courses

Parents concerned with the content of instructional materials will be able to make "reasonable arrangements with school personnel for alternative instruction" if a bill approved March 11 by the Education Committee becomes law.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Teresa Lynch (IR-Andover), said the bill attempts to balance the real concerns of parents without throwing schools into chaos.

But some legislators raised concerns about the definition of "reasonable."

"What the school district may say is 'reasonable' may be nothing," said Rep. Becky Kelso (DFL-Shakopee). "What a parent considers to be 'reasonable' could be extraordinarily burdensome."

Lynch said that most school districts are already reaching mutual arrangements when parents have objections. And Kelso questioned whether putting the "alternative instruction" language into statute won't just "produce a lot of lawsuits."

There could also be conflict between parental review and the application of outcome-based teaching methods.

Teachers can't always make all of the materials available to parents at the beginning of the year because they may need to try different approaches or texts with students having difficulty mastering a concept, Rose Hermodson of the Minnesota Federation of Teachers told the Education Committee's subcommittee on curriculum last week.

The bill differs from a controversial 1991 version that would have made "non-standard" courses such as sex education or suicide and death prevention elective, rather than required courses.

The new bill allows parents to review materials in every subject area, not just those in "non-standard" areas.

If the bill passes, the results could differ greatly among school districts because it leaves the definition of "reasonable" to be negotiated between individual school districts and parents.

HF2318 now moves to the House floor.

Violence prevention programs

Legislators want to launch a three-pronged attack on violence by setting up programs in the schools, colleges, and community.

The Education Committee approved one bill March 9 that would require the state's public colleges to establish anti-violence and harassment programs. And it referred — without recommendation — two other bills dealing with anti-violence to its Education Finance Division for further review.

Sponsors of the three bills told the Education Committee that the state should spend more money on prevention so it can spend less on keeping offenders in prison in the future.

All three bills establish programs which focus on the roots of violence and harassment rather than the punishment offenders receive after the fact.

Anti-violence and sexual harassment programs would be established in schools by

Although committee members supported the intent of the bills, some questioned whether schools should take on the additional responsibility.


Catharine Haukedahl of the Attorney General's Office said that it is essential to change attitudes towards violence and the way to do that is through education.

The committee approved Orenstein's bill and re-referred it to the Appropriations Committee. Kelso's and Johnson's bills will go on to the Education Committee's Education Finance Division.

Violence against women

A bill to create a 10-member task force to study the problems of violence against women won approval March 9 from the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division.

The panel would be composed of two legislators each from both the House and Senate and six public members. The Department of Corrections would also provide the task force with staff support and any other technical or research support necessary.

The bill mandates that representatives of programs serving battered women and victims of sexual assault be included as public members.

The task force would be required to submit a report to the Legislature by Feb. 15, 1993, and is specifically directed to consider:

- Methods to earlier identify (and successfully treat) people who commit, or who are at high risk of committing acts of violence or harassment against women.
- Ways to effectively prosecute and punish offenders to best protect the public and reduce the risk of future violence against women.
- The best approach to meet the emergency and long-term needs of women who have experienced violence or harassment.
- A comprehensive approach to coordinate the anti-violence and harassment efforts of local communities.
- An effective public education program. Chief author Rep. Bob Anderson (IR-Ottertail) assured members that his proposal does not duplicate the work of any existing task force.

HF1916 now moves to the full Judiciary Committee.

Electronic monitoring of criminals

A bill to prohibit judges from ordering the use of electronic monitoring devices for those convicted of a "violent crime" won approval March 9 from the Judiciary Committee's Criminal Justice Division.

As defined by law, "violent crime" covers more than 30 separate felony offenses, including murder, robbery, kidnapping, arson, and criminal sexual conduct.

Charles Diemer, chief deputy in the Dakota County Attorney's Office, said electronic home monitoring was originally used in Dakota County for repeat DWI offenders. But an increasing number of felons — 120 to date — have received monitoring as a condition of a stayed sentence instead of "hard time" in the county jail.

Thirty-four of those felons were convicted of drug offenses, and four were found guilty of criminal sexual conduct.

"These 'person' offenders should be in jail — not just under 'home arrest,"' said Diemer. If the bill were to become law, he anticipates more prison terms and work release sentences would be handed down by judges.

The bill also states that if electronic home monitoring is used as a condition of pretrial release, judges can't use that as a factor in determining bail.


Sweeping changes to the state's DWI laws won approval March 11 from the House Judiciary Committee, with most provisions targeting repeat DWI offenders.

Under the proposal, offenders with five or more DWI convictions within five years or six within 15 years would face felony charges — up from the current gross misdemeanor penalty. Current law provides no felony charge, regardless of the number of prior offenses.

Other provisions of the bill include license plate impoundment, vehicle confiscation, and longer drivers' license revocation periods for DWI offenders. (see March 6 Session Weekly).

Amendments added to the bill include:

- Directing the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to close a loophole in the way defendants are sentenced under the state's criminal vehicular homicide law. Current sentencing guidelines call for a four-year penalty for sober but negligent drivers, but only a 21-month penalty for drunk drivers. Sponsor Rep. Doug Swenson (IR-Forest Lake) called the distinction "offensive" because it "partially excuses the behavior due to drunkenness."
- Increasing the fee for court-ordered chemical dependency assessments from $76 to $120. The revenue would be split — with $20 going to the general fund and the remaining $100 staying with the county collecting the fee. Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester) estimated it would generate $300,000 for Minnesota county coffers.
- A fiscal note for the bill has been requested, but the total cost of the proposal has yet to be determined.

HF2574 now moves to the Appropriations Committee.
**Human Services**

**Helping at-risk kids**

An outreach program that is designed to get more help to children who are the victims of abuse and neglect was approved by a Health and Services subcommittee March 10.

The proposal would expand the number of home visits by public health nurses in an effort to prevent child abuse.

Ellie Webster of Family and Children's Services, a non-profit social services agency based in Minneapolis, said a recent study showed that only 4 percent of parents who received home visits were again reported for abuse while 21 percent of those who didn't receive visits abused again.

Authored by Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park), the bill establishes a grant program in the Department of Health to target at-risk families, defined as those with a history of drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, domestic abuse, or other family violence.

The program would cover home visits from the second trimester of pregnancy through age six and would also target adolescent parents and those with little knowledge of child growth and development.

Authorities in Minnesota received 23,600 reports of child abuse and neglect in 1990, and estimates are that only one in five cases are reported, said Webster.

Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) questioned whether the program would duplicate any existing services provided by the state. But Patti Maier of the Department of Health's Maternal Child Health Division testified that there are no such programs in her department.

Community health service programs would be largely charged with carrying out the program. No estimate of the cost of the proposal was cited.

Jocelyn Tilsen of Parents Anonymous, a volunteer organization that works with community health service programs and at-risk families, said less than 50 percent of those in need seek services — yet the current system depends on them to do so.

**Environment**

**Packaging bill approved**

A proposal to reduce the amount of packaging being dumped in landfills won approval March 11 from the Governmental Operations Committee, but only after a significant section of the bill was deleted.

Against the wishes of chief author Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), the committee removed language from HF779 that would have required glass, newsprint, paper, and plastic packaging that is used or sold in Minnesota to contain at least 25 percent recycled material by Jan. 1, 1996.

At least 20 other states, including Wisconsin, have passed similar provisions in the past three years.

But the minimum content requirement — tacked onto the bill in the eleventh hour during hearings in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee — was strongly opposed by the newspaper and printing industries.

Mark Anfinson, speaking on behalf of those industries, accused lawmakers of "creating a [recycling processing] market by government fiat," and added that "it would be counter-productive for the government to come barging in at this point." The result could be hundreds of layoffs and jobs shifted out of state, said Anfinson.

Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia), author of the minimum content section, said increasing garbage problems are already being passed on to consumers in his district in the form of property tax assessments and fee increases.

Members removed the section on a 14-8 vote, and also deleted the proposed packaging advisory council from the bill.

Rep. Leo Reding (DFL-Austin), chair of the Governmental Operations Committee, told Munger, "I think you got the industry's attention. Sometimes that's more important than passing a bill."

HF779 now moves to the Taxes Committee for further consideration.

**Environmental merger bill**

A bill that promises "one-stop shopping for environmental permits, regulation, and guidance," won approval March 10 from the Governmental Operations Committee.

The measure (HF2564) sponsored by Rep. Bob Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) would abolish three state agencies and place their duties under the newly created Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation. Five state boards would also be eliminated, with much of their authority transferred to a proposed Environmental Review Board.

Those targeted for elimination include the Department of Natural Resources, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Office of Waste Management, and the Environmental Quality Board.

Currently, 24 state agencies and six state departments have some role in administering Minnesota's various environmental laws and regulations. Rep. Doug Peterson (DFL-Madison) called the result "bureaucratic gridlock."

Vanasek said people are tired of budgetary "tinkering" that compromises services. He believes the time for structural reform has come.

Although some cost savings can be identified — 21 upper-management positions would be eliminated by the consolidation — Vanasek cited public frustration and lack of governmental accountability as the driving forces behind his proposal.

Other benefits, said Vanasek, include...
the removal of both competition among agencies for state budgetary dollars, and duplication of services at regional centers throughout the state.

The proposed department would be divided into four divisions — conservation, environmental protection, enforcement, and administration — and would be headed by a single commissioner. Vanasek said he is not creating an environmental "czar" because policy decisions would be examined by the Environmental Review Board. This seven-member panel (appointed by the governor) would assume the present duties of the Environmental Quality Board, the Harmful Substance Compensation Board, the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board, and the Agriculture Chemical Response Board.

Under the board's supervision, an office of Assistance and Public Advocacy would also be created. The office would assist local units of government in implementing state and local environmental programs, and would also serve as a clearinghouse for citizen complaints.

Several affected agencies testified against the proposal, urging lawmakers to take a cautious approach andwarning, "bigger is not always better."

All opponents suggested that the Legislature delay action until the governor's Commission on Reform and Efficiency (CORE) has completed its analysis of the system.

At a Feb. 27 meeting, CORE members identified the environmental delivery and regulation system as one of seven projects it would analyze in the coming months. In its review of 37 potential projects, CORE said the system is "a complex plethora of agencies... [that] clouds the lines of executive responsibility."

Vanasek's bill asks the Department of Administration to report to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 1993, with a reorganization strategy to be implemented by July of 1993. HF2564 now moves to the Environment & Natural Resources Committee.

Reforming bill approved

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee approved a measure March 6 that requires a closer accounting of solid waste generated in Minnesota — from phone books and polystyrene packing "peanuts" to increased state agency use of recycled products.

A measure sponsored by Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls) requires stepped-up state agency use of recycled materials, and that state purchasing decisions be based not only on the costs of products, but also on how durable and reusable they are.

The bill makes a number of other changes to the state's Waste Management Act.

One more controversial section of the bill expands county "designation" authority in determining which solid waste must be managed. Existing statutes would be amended to allow counties to "designate" that all solid waste be managed — not just mixed municipal solid waste.

The measure also would:
- Require cities and counties to establish garbage fees based on the amount of waste generated.
- Increase labeling requirements for certain batteries.
- Require products and packages labeled as "recycled" to contain at least 10 percent "post-consumer material."
- Clarify Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's authority over monitoring the disposal of used oil, car batteries, and appliances.
- Require phone books with at least 7,500 listings to be recycled.
- Require publishers to collect phone books for recycling and to print on recycled paper with vegetable-based inks.

The committee approved two amendments offered by Rep. Ted Winter (DFL-Fulda) that he said would be beneficial to Minnesota agriculture.

First, sweeping compound sold in the state would be made with soy oil, rather than petroleum oil. The second amendment requires that when "public entities" and their contractors use loose packing materials, that they be made from vegetable starches.

Winter showed committee members Minnesota-made, starch-based packing "peanuts." The starch packing, he said, is biodegradable and non-toxic, and can be made from corn, wheat, or potatoes.

The measure would prohibit loose polystyrene packing materials from waste facilities. A representative from the polystyrene packing manufacturers told the committee that the starch-based product is not a good packing material in humidity, and that polystyrene packing products are already being recycled around the state.

Some committee members questioned the recycling efforts of the polystyrene makers, however, and the amendment was adopted. The ban on polystyrene would become effective in 1995.

HF2150 now goes to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Lead abatement bill advances

Lead abatement teams would move more quickly into homes and neighborhoods laden with lead, under a measure approved by two committees.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls), would lower standards for "allowable" levels of lead in the blood, require that lead abatement contractors be licensed, and permit community organizations to seek grants to train "swab teams" in effective lead abatement techniques.

The measure also steps up response time for home assessment once a lead problem is discovered, and requires certain previous tenants to be notified when high lead levels have been detected. In addition, the bill calls for screening all high-risk areas of the state.

Funds for the lead abatement work would come from a $10 per thousand-gallon capacity fee on petroleum storage tanks. There also would be a 10 cents per gallon tax on paint.

Permanent learning disabilities in children have been traced to high levels of lead in the blood.

The measure was approved March 6 by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the Governmental Operations Committee March 9. HF1934 now goes to the Appropriations Committee for further discussion.

Committee deadline #1

Designed to stem the flow of bills that are introduced each year, today — March 13 — marks the first of the Legislature's two committee deadlines.

To be considered after today, a bill, or its companion, must have passed through all policy committees to which it was referred in at least one body. "Policy" committees include all but the rules, appropriations, and taxes committees in both bodies.

The second deadline, March 20, requires bills to have passed through a policy committee(s) in the other body for it to receive further consideration.
How a bill becomes a law in Minnesota

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

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

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

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

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

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

The committee or division holds hearings and discussions on the bill, and then sends a committee report citing the committee's recommendation for action to the floor of the House (or Senate). Typical actions include "recommended to pass (rp)," "recommended to pass as amended (rpa)," "not recommended to pass (nrp)," and "re-referred (re) to another committee or division."

Floor action
When the committee report reaches the floor, the full body debates the bill and considers amendments. All legislators then vote on the bill in its final form.

Final passage requires at least 68 "yes" votes in the House; 34 in the Senate.

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

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

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

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

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

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*HF2339-recalled, re-referred to AG

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*HF2540-withdrawn

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*HF1946 incorporated into HF2121
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*HF2110 incorporated into HF2121

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*SF1635-3/5 ED/high rp, reED
*HF285 incorporated into HF2874

**HH**
*HF1958-sections. 1 and 3 deleted, sent to ED
*HF1778-laid over
*HF2463-withdrawn
Vanasek's comments were made during a Ways and Means Committee hearing. McClung said the governor vetoed that portion of the bill, which eliminated the homestead credit in the 1994-95 biennium, with the intention that the Legislature would restore it this year. Long responded that it is an "interesting concept to me that the governor can veto something with the clear understanding that the Legislature will fix it . . . He certainly didn't talk to me."

Dakota County taxpayers should be irate, said Rep. Bob Vanasek (DFL-New Prague), because the legal wrangle over the proposed garbage incinerator is costing them a bundle. The Dakota County Attorney's Office (funded by tax dollars) is currently defending the county against a suit brought by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (funded by tax dollars.) Now comes the Metropolitan Council (funded by tax dollars) into the melee, with no simple solution in sight. Vanasek's comments were made during March 10 testimony before the Governmental Operations Committee on a bill he has authored that would create one state department to oversee environmental issues. He said that bill was spawned by "public frustration" and lack of "governmental accountability."

Violating the open meeting law is theoretically punishable by law, but the civil fine is a mere $100 — the payoff being largely a moral victory. But bringing such a case to court can be mighty expensive. Rep. Phil Carruthers (DFL-Brooklyn Center) has authored a bill to allow the victor to recover attorney's fees and other accrued costs when an open meeting violation occurs "with knowing intent." The bill won approval March 12 from the House Governmental Operations Committee.

Made in Minnesota labels won't be required, but under a bill sponsored by Rep. Rich O'Connor (DFL-St. Paul), all products sold at the Taste of Minnesota Festival would have to be either grown, manufactured, or prepared within the state's borders. The measure, which cleared the House Commerce Committee March 5, primarily affects beer sales at the annual event held on the state Capitol grounds. O'Connor said his bill is not an attempt to shut out the non-Minnesota brewers, but rather "showcase and highlight" in-state brands.

More Minnesotans write checks for the Minnesota Orchestra than New Yorkers do for the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, according to Lawrence Redmond of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts. He said Minnesotans are "clearly the envy of the nation" when it comes to supporting the arts. Redmond testified before the Appropriations Committee's Economic Development, Infrastructure and Regulation Division March 10.

"It's better than the federal farm program," joked Rep. Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) upon hearing that a homeowner received a property tax refund of over $50,000 last year under the state's targeting program. Homeowners who file for a refund under the program are currently not required to report their income, Department of Revenue Commissioner Dorothy McClung told the Taxes Committee March 12. But the governor wants that changed. He is proposing that the targeting program have a cap of $1,500 for those with incomes over $60,000. The committee heard, but did not act, on the governor's tax proposal (HF2747).

Do you know?

Nicollet County, established March 5, 1853, is named for a watchmaker's apprentice-turned-explorer, who, according to French encyclopedias, "did nothing but herd cows until he was 12 years old."

Joseph Nicholas Nicollet was born in Savoy, Italy, in 1790. As a reputed mathematician and Latin scholar, he later moved to Paris, where he became a successful investor. But in 1830, he went bankrupt, dragging several of his friends down with him. Two years later, he cut all European ties and sailed to New Orleans.

In 1836, Nicollet arrived at Fort Snelling, having secured from the U.S. War Department both astronomical instruments and trade vouchers to supply him with the goods necessary to explore the upper Mississippi.

While Henry Schoolcraft is rightly credited for being the first white man to discover the source of the Mississippi River, it was Nicollet who first cast a scientific eye on the headwaters. Schoolcraft left Lake Itasca after two hours. Nicollet spent days calculating the correct longitude, latitude, and height above sea level to draw a precise map of the region. In his History of Minnesota, author William Folwell calls the map a "historical monument. It determined all the subsequent cartography of an immense region."
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| HF2606—Anderson (DFL) | Education
Waseca campus of the University of Minnesota transferred to technical colleges board, and money appropriated. |
| HF2607—Segal (DFL) | Appropriations
Emergency jobs program appropriated. |
| HF2608—O'Connor (DFL) | Commerce
Credit card companies required to file disclosure reports with state treasurer, rules authorized, and money appropriated. |
| HF2609—Greenfield (DFL) | Education
Traffic and parking fines for offenses on the University of Minnesota campus paid into the university treasury. |
| HF2610—Vellenga (DFL) | Judiciary
Federal law enforcement officers granted peace officer authority when assigned to special purpose task forces. |
| HF2611—Ozment (IR) | Environment & Natural Resources
Dakota county biological survey required and funding provided. |
| HF2612—Weaver (IR) | Environment & Natural Resources
Natural resources department; wild ginseng harvesting regulated; stromatolite removal restricted; game refuge and certain water provisions modified; archery deer license effective dates changed; and fish tag requirements clarified. |
| HF2613—Bauerly (DFL) | Education
Education aid or grant deficiencies provided open and standing appropriations, special education and health and safety revenue levies equalized, and money appropriated. |
| HF2614—Munger (DFL) | Governmental Operations
Grain inspector allowed purchase of prior service credit in state retirement system. |
| HF2615—Jaros (DFL) | Education
Regional technology high school program established, bond issuance authorized, and money appropriated. |
| HF2616—Rest (DFL) | Taxes
Homestead treatment provided to residential property if occupied by a relative of the owner, and relative definition expanded to include spouse or grandchild. |
| HF2617—Simoneau (DFL) | Governmental Operations
Social security offset eliminated for judges retirement fund. |
| HF2618—Reding (DFL) | Governmental Operations
Administrative law judge supervisors, chief and assistant chief administrative law judges, and workers' compensation judges provided salary ranges. |
| HF2619—Rodosovich (DFL) | Environment & Natural Resources
Cascade River, Facher Hennepin, and Nesnitted Big Woods state parks provided additions and deletions, and McCarthy Beach state park addition, easement, and campground restriction provided. |
| HF2620—Jefferson (DFL) | Health & Human Services
Foster home and adoption placement and removal procedures modified for Indian and racial or minority children, and child nonsupport payment actions expanded. |
| HF2621—Hausman (DFL) | Energy
Air conditioner energy efficiency standards established. |
| HF2622—Janezich (DFL) | Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Telephone 911 emergency services required to have automatic location identification devices and at least two dedicated circuits, 911 trust fund established, and fees authorized. |
| HF2623—Solberg (DFL) | Environment & Natural Resources
Mississippi river headwater area board provisions updated and changed. |
| HF2624—Krueger (DFL) | Environment & Natural Resources
Underground tank installers not awarded state contracts if standards of competence have not been met, and maximum installation fees adopted. |
| HF2625—Segal (DFL) | Financial Institutions & Insurance
Lactation consultation services included in health insurance policy coverage. |
| HF2626—Segal (DFL) | Taxes
Homestead credit permanent trust fund established for providing property tax relief with funding provided by dedicating part of the sales tax, and constitutional amendment proposed. |
| HF2627—Osthoff (DFL) | Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Lottery video machines authorized in liquor establishments. |
| HF2628—Dorn (DFL) | Education
Financial aid grants prorated to the actual number of enrolled credits for part-time students. |
| HF2629—Steenksma (DFL) | Agriculture
Rural finance authority loan limits and eligibility modified. |
| HF2630—Trimble (DFL) | Environment & Natural Resources
Emission testing to include trucks, buses, and motorcycles. |
| HF2631—Hausman (DFL) | Education
Post-secondary enrollment options act provisions modified and reenacted. |
| HF2632—Rukavina (DFL) | Economic Development
Affirmative enterprise program established, and money appropriated. |
| HF2633—Winter (DFL) | Agriculture
Agricultural business enterprise definition to include a small business. |
| HF2634—Winter (DFL) | Economic Development
Export finance authority renamed Minnesota trading company, and board membership and financing terms modified. |
| HF2635—Segal (DFL) | Economic Development
Intergovernmental economic development planning and study commission established, and money appropriated. |
| HF2636—McPherson (IR) | Rules & Legislative Administration
Legislative and executive service limited and constitutional amendment proposed. |
| HF2637—Segal (DFL) | Health & Human Services
Children, youth and their families legislative commission duties clarified, staff authorized, and money appropriated. |
| HF2638—Omann (IR) | Rules & Legislative Administration
Legislative and executive service limited and constitutional amendment proposed. |
| HF2639—McPherson (IR) | Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Caucus fundraisers restricted; campaign committee fund transfers prohibited to other campaigns funds; unopposed candidates not to receive public subsidy; and matching private contribution requirements expanded for public subsidy recipients. |
| HF2640—Uphus (IR) | Agriculture
Boiler used for mint oil extraction considered agricultural or horticultural boiler. |
| HF2641—Jefferson (DFL) | Governmental Operations
Minneapolis teachers retirement fund association annuities not reduced when annuitants fill certain long-term substitute positions and reimbursement allowed for withheld aid, and optional membership of reserve teachers provided. |
| HF2642—Olson, K. (DFL) | Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Armony closing public hearing requirements provided. |
| HF2643—Dawkins (DFL) | Energy
Emergency energy assistance policy council and fund established, energy providers to solicit contributions for assistance to low-income households, and money appropriated. |
| HF2644—Winter (DFL) | Environment & Natural Resources
Petroleum underground storage tank loan guarantee and interest reduction program established for small businesses to clean up or contain tank leakage, underground standards provided, and money appropriated. |
| HF2645—Rarruthers (DFL) | Commerce
Residential building contractors and remodelers licensed and regulated. |
HF2646—Hasskamp (DFL)  
Transportation  
Prisoners of war; “EX-POW” personalized license plates issued free of charge.

HF2647—Milbert (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Revisor's bill correcting erroneous, ambiguous, and omitted text and obsolete references.

HF2648—Hausman (DFL)  
Financial Institutions & Insurance  
Off-label drug coverage included in health insurance policies.

HF2649—Pugh (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Voluntary foreclosure process with waiver of deficiency claims and equity established.

HF2650—Lourey (DFL)  
Economic Development  
Statewide telecommunications and routing system (STARS) master planning project bond issuance provided and money appropriated. ESTARS.

HF2651—Trimble (DFL)  
Education  
Community colleges board requested to study an AFDC recipient enrollment plan comparable to the senior citizens enrollment plan.

HF2652—Battaglia (DFL)  
Taxes  
Ely allowed a local sales tax for supporting the Ely wilderness gateway community revitalization project, and bond issuance authorized.

HF2653—Carruthers (DFL)  
Commerce  
Residential building contractors and remodelers licensed and regulated, and contractor's recovery fund established.

HF2654—Lourey (DFL)  
Local Government & Metro. Affairs  
Aitkin county authorized exchange of certain tax-forfeited land.

HF2655—Lourey (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Sex offender and chemical dependency treatment programs established in correctional facilities; inmates not released on holidays and weekends; good time reduction requirements modified; and probation task force established.

HF2656—Blatz (IR)  
Taxes  
Watershed districts provided administrative fund levy.

HF2657—Bodahl (DFL)  
Regulated Industries  
Telephone company recovery provided of lost income due to extended area telephone services.

HF2658—Peterson (DFL)  
GenI Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming  
Yellow Medicine county hospital district provided board membership and elections.

HF2659—Johnson, R. (DFL)  
Appropriations  
Bemidji technical college construction project bond issuance provided and money appropriated.

HF2660—Jennings (DFL)  
Taxes  
Liquor taxes increased and chemical dependency treatment fund deposits authorized.

HF2661—Thompson (DFL)  
Labor-Management Relations  
Workers' compensation medical and rehabilitation benefits regulated and penalties provided.

HF2662—Johnson, V. (IR)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Blufflands trail system and other trails established using abandoned railroad rights-of-way.

HF2663—Limmer (IR)  
Judiciary  
Pardon extraordinary waiting period imposed, court record to include pardons, pardon application procedures modified, and employment discrimination prohibited against pardoned offenders, and money appropriated.

HF2664—Pellow (IR)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Deer license or permit to take deer within a refuge preference provided to elderly applicants age 65 years or over.

HF2665—Johnson, V. (IR)  
Education  
Higher education board abolished.

HF2666—Dorn (DFL)  
Appropriations  
Mankato state university provided emergency capital expenses to repair fire damage to Nelson Hall, bond issuance authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2667—Osthoff (DFL)  
GenI Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming  
Campaign committee fund transfers prohibited to other campaign funds; fundraising requirements provided; public subsidy eligibility requirements expanded; late filing fees increased, and certain reporting requirements clarified.

HF2668—Krambeek (IR)  
Judiciary  
Child endangerment to include driving while intoxicated (DWI) offenses with a child as a passenger in a motor vehicle, motorboat, or snowmobile, and possession of a controlled substance with a child present.

HF2669—Heir (IR)  
Energy  
Energy metering requirements repealed for individual residential dwelling units in a single building.

HF2670—Seaberg (IR)  
Judiciary  
Domestic abuse protection order violation penalty increases to include subsequent violations by out-of-state offenders.

HF2671—Lourey (DFL)  
Education  
Interactive television system levy increase provided.

HF2672—Hauloos (IR)  
Governmental Operations  
Firefighters' relief association funds provided special levy to reduce unfunded accrued liabilities.

HF2673—Dawkins (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Theft civil liability for punitive damages provided.

HF2674—Tunheim (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Snowmobile use allowed on wildlife management conservation lands.

HF2675—Tunheim (DFL)  
Education  
Independent school district No. 390, Lake of the Woods, approved a capital loan.

HF2676—Tunheim (DFL)  
Education  
Maximum effort capital loan recipients provided additional debt redemption fund adjustments.

HF2677—Hauloos (IR)  
Governmental Operations  
Airline frequent flyer program benefits provided for state employees or elected state officials for trips paid for by the state.

HF2678—Boo (IR)  
Taxes  
Fire-safety automatic sprinkler system loan program established for existing multifamily residential properties, automatic sprinklers provided sales and property tax exemptions, bonds authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2679—Beard (DFL)  
GenI Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming  
Gambling control board provided rule effective date.

HF2680—Bodahl (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Federal grant availability, application, and receipt by state agencies monitored, and money appropriated.

HF2681—Gutkaehn (IR)  
Governmental Operations  
Military service credit purchase allowed for public employees police and fire fund members.

HF2682—Trimble (DFL)  
Rules & Legislative Administration  
Laos; President and Congress to expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos.

HF2683—Solberg (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Nashwauk police relief association authorized to increase benefits to surviving spouses.

HF2684—Boo (IR)  
Governmental Operations  
Public water supply user service connection fee established.

HF2685—Trimble (DFL)  
Energy  
Highway, streets, and parking lots provided energy-efficient lighting requirements; commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning equipment provided energy efficiency standards; and residential combustion gas appliances regulated.

HF2686—Ogren (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
State land exchanged for private property in Aitkin.

HF2687—Johnston, A. (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Corrections.

HF2688—Skoglund (DFL)  
Financial Institutions & Insurance  
Solvency provisions for insurance companies provided various technical corrections.

HF2689—Seaberg (IR)  
Governmental Operations  
Public land and building acquisition and capital improvement bond issuance authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2690—Kinkie (DFL)  
Education  
Health and safety capital expenditure program modified.

HF2691—Nelson, K. (DFL)  
Education  
Advanced placement program.
improvement and expansion, summer
institutes, and support programs for
teachers of advanced placement
programs provided.

HF2692—Pelowski (DFL)
Judiciary
Soliciting children to enter a motor
vehicle prohibited and penalties
provided.

HF2693—Runbeck (IR)
Health & Human Services
Institute of pediatric sexual health
planning authorized, and money
appropriated.

HF2694—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Health commissioner to review
proposals from occupations and
professions seeking to be licensed or
regulated, and money appropriated.

HF2695—Greenfield (DFL)
Health
Teachers of advanced placement
professions seeking to be licensed or
provided.

HF2696—Greenfield (DFL)
Health
Soliciting children to enter a motor
vehicle prohibited and penalties
provided.

HF2697—Koppendorfer (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Mille Lacs county; sale of certain tax
forfeited land authorized.

HF2698—Dawkins (DFL)
Economic Development
Minnesota jobs in community service
act adopted.

HF2699—Farrell (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Conservation easement restriction on
exchange of state-owned nonforested
marginal land removed in certain
cases.

HF2700—Sviggum (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Conservation easement restriction on
exchange of state-owned nonforested
marginal land removed in certain
cases.

HF2701—Ogren (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Employee protection from liability in
certain cases required.

HF2702—Munger (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Water and soil resource board dispute
resolution committee membership
modified.

HF2703—Wejsman (DFL)
Education
Schools using demeaning names and
mascots prohibited from use of state
money.

HF2704—Clark (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Asian-Pacific Minnesotan council
membership modified.

HF2705—Clark (DFL)
Education
Soliciting children to enter a motor
vehicle prohibited and penalties
provided.

HF2706—Dawkins (DFL)
Health & Human Services
HIV negative result information
disclosure by health care providers
without specific written consent of
patient prohibited.

HF2707—Koppendorfer (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Mille Lacs county; sale of certain tax
forfeited land authorized.

HF2708—Dawkins (DFL)
Economic Development
Minnesota jobs in community service
act adopted.

HF2709—Jacobs (DFL)
Education
Leadership development program
funding with reserved revenue
provided.

HF2710—Carlson (DFL)
Education
Leadership development program
funding with reserved revenue
provided.

HF2711—Janezich (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
County board vacancy filling
procedure by general election
provided.

HF2712—Rukavina (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Correction facility financing,
acquisition, construction, and
improvement provided, leasing
agreements, bond issuance, and tax
levies authorized, and correctional
facilities fund established.

HF2713—Carruthers (DFL)
Judiciary
BICJ racketeering law expanded to
include gambling crimes, gambling
enforcement division authorized to
seize and forfeit property, and
penalties provided.

HF2714—Kahn (DFL)
Economic Development
Minneapolis, Way to Grow community
resource funding eliminated.

HF2715—Wejsman (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Leadership development program
funding with reserved revenue
provided.

HF2716—Bauerly (DFL)
Agriculture
Nurserystock dealers certificate
expiration and late renewal penalties
changed, plant pest act violation
penalty provided, pesticide control
requirements changed, certain powers
and adulterated dairy product
provisions modified.

HF2717—Peterson (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Nitrate data advisory task force and
statewide data base established, well
sealing requirements modified and
account established, environmental
consulting services report required,
and money appropriated.

HF2718—Sparby (DFL)
Agriculture
Mille Lacs county; sale of certain tax
forfeited land authorized.

HF2719—Peterson (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Fish and wildlife habitat acquisition
and improvement state fund
advancement to secure nonstate
matching funds authorized.

HF2720—Peterson (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Dairy and related safety and health
education and local government aids,
appropriations reduced and money
appropriated.

HF2721—Orenstein (DFL)
Appropriations
Health
Conservation easement restriction on
exchange of state-owned nonforested
marginal land removed in certain
cases.

HF2722—Heir (IR)
Regulated Industries
Telecommunications access for
communication-impaired persons
board membership modified.

HF2723—Wenzel (DFL)
Agriculture
Rural finance authority agricultural
improvement loan program for grade
B dairy producers established, bond
issuance authorized.

HF2724—Segal (DFL)
Commerce
Agricultural crop protection assistance
provided, deer license issuance to
farmers authorized.

HF2725—Bauerly (DFL)
Agriculture
Rural finance authority agricultural
improvement loan program for grade
B dairy producers established, bond
issuance authorized.

HF2726—Gruenes (IR)
Health & Human Services
Jobs and training department displaced
worker fund disbursement
provisions modified.

HF2727—Furback (IR)
Labor-Management Relations
Medical services bureau public
employment relations board
eliminated, arbitration procedures
modified.

HF2728—Henry (IR)
Appropriations
Head start program provisions
modified, and money appropriated.

HF2729—Ogren (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Media services bureau public
employment relations board
eliminated, arbitration procedures
modified.

HF2730—Farrell (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Survivor retirement benefits restored in
a certain case.

HF2731—Sviggum (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Metropolitan mosquito control
commission long-term comprehensive
and implementation planning and
membership provided.

HF2732—Stanis (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Rural finance authority agricultural
improvement loan program for grade
B dairy producers established, bond
issuance authorized.

HF2733—Wenzel (DFL)
Agriculture
Rural finance authority agricultural
improvement loan program for grade
B dairy producers established, bond
issuance authorized.

HF2734—Bauerly (DFL)
Agriculture
Rural finance authority agricultural
improvement loan program for grade
B dairy producers established, bond
issuance authorized.

HF2735—Gruenes (IR)
Health & Human Services
Nursing homes under receivership
agreements payments regulated, and
technical amendments provided.

HF2736—Morrison (IR)
Education
Higher education savings plan
established, and money appropriated.

HF2737—Sviggum (IR)
Health & Human Services
Residential day and support service
plans modified, respite care service
requirements provided, mental
retardation service alternatives
provided, business grants provided,
medicinal assistance coverage provided.
HF2738—Sparby (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Public employers to include certain former employees in the same insurance pool as active employees.

HF2739—Stanius (IR)  
Local Government & Metro. Affairs  
Ramsey county board to conduct meetings in the evening.

HF2740—Stanius (IR)  
Local Government & Metro. Affairs  
Ramsey county board to solicit proposals for depositories of county funds.

HF2741—Schreiber (IR)  
Housing  
Regional housing revitalization program created, deed tax imposed on certain real property transfers, and money appropriated.

HF2742—Davids (IR)  
Education  
Fund transfers allowed for certain reorganizing school districts.

HF2743—Bauerly (DFL)  
Education  
Financial support limitation on participation requirements for education districts repealed.

HF2744—Koppendrayer (IR)  
Governmental Operations  
Employer relations department pretext expense accounts modified.

HF2745—Macklin (IR)  
Health & Human Services  
Benefit overpayment recovery project established, administrative fraud disqualification hearings and task force created, AFDC and food stamp disqualification provided, and money appropriated.

HF2746—Munger (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Soil and water conservation districts enforcement agreements for city or county controls authorized.

HF2747—Macklin (IR)  
Taxes  
Taxation administration and policy modified.

HF2748—Stigum (IR)  
Commerce  
Residential building contractor licensing regulation exemption provided for persons employing five or fewer employees including employer.

HF2749—Clark (DFL)  
Regulated Industries  
Telecommunications access for the communication impaired persons board authorized to advance money to certain contractors, board member compensation provided.

HF2750—Bishop (IR)  
Judiciary  
Human rights terms defined and certain discriminatory practices clarified.

HF2751—Stanius (IR)  
Transportation  
Municipal state-aid street fund use allowed for town roads, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2752—Sparby (DFL)  
Commerce  
Recreational equipment manufacturers provided unfair trade practices.

HF2753—Ozment (IR)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Wildfire prevention and suppression provided in forest areas, and penalties provided.

HF2754—Simoneau (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Columbia Heights paid firefighters relief association allowed termination and dissolution.

HF2755—Milbert (DFL)  
Education  
Technical college mergers allowed between a school district and an intermediate school district operating a technical college.

HF2756—Rukavina (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Virginia firefighters relief association authorized annual surviving spouse benefit increases.

HF2757—McGuire (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Ramsey county suburban court facility construction bonds authorized.

HF2758—Sparby (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Snowmobile speed limit exemption provided to manufacturers conducting tests.

HF2759—Jennings (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Solid waste facility permit fees based on waste volume, and late fee payment penalties provided.

HF2760—Dempsey (IR)  
Health & Human Services  
Medical assistance coverage to include authorized personal care services provided outside the home.

HF2761—Onnen (IR)  
Health & Human Services  
Medical assistance coverage of personal care services provided, caregiver support and respite care statewide project created, and traumatic brain injury case management provided.

HF2762—Welker (IR)  
Labor-Management Relations  
Workers' compensation benefits, insurance, and providers regulated; dispute resolution, small claims court, and fraud prevention established; appointments and penalties provided; and money appropriated.

HF2763—Leppik (IR)  
Health & Human Services  
Family investment plan test groups and field trials provided.

HF2764—Lynch (IR)  
Health & Human Services  
Hearing impaired council expiration date deleted, and duties and reporting requirements modified.

HF2765—Dorn (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Nursing home bed moratorium replacement restrictions modified.

HF2766—Hartle (IR)  
Education  
General education revenue reduction formula modified.

HF2767—Simoneau (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Hennepin and Ramsey county public defense systems provided independence from the state public defense system, and state aid provided.

HF2768—Carlson (DFL)  
Education  
Higher education board established and transferred duties and responsibilities of the higher education coordinating board; advisory groups and regional and student advisory councils created; and technical and community colleges merged.

HF2769—Rukavina (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Virginia police relief association provided alternative postretirement benefit increase calculation.

HF2770—Segal (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Supported employment services for persons with severe disabilities provided standards and interdepartmental cooperation.

HF2771—Dempsey (IR)  
Health & Human Services  
Home care and congregate housing service programs modified, medical assistance coverage of personal care services provided, caregiver support and respite care statewide project created, and traumatic brain injury case management provided.

HF2772—Ozment (IR)  
Education  
Education department programs and procedures provided substantive, technical, and clarifying changes, and money appropriated.

HF2773—Morrison (IR)  
Housing  
Housing and redevelopment authorities allowed to issue general obligation bonds for housing projects.

HF2774—Wenzel (DFL)  
Appropriations  
Camp Ripley national guard education center bond issuance authorized for construction of education, housing, and support facilities, and money appropriated.

HF2775—Dempsey (IR)  
Transportation  
Fuel tax interstate agreement provisions modified and authority transferred, and interstate motor carrier decal fee imposed.

HF2776—Olson, K. (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Telecommunications regional and statewide system participation grants and loans provided to local governments, bonds authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2777—O' Connor (DFL)  
Labor-Management Relations  
Pipefitters; high pressure piping to include chlorine piping for licensing purposes.

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HF2778—Cooper (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Nursing board membership to include a nursing home nurse.

HF2779—Clark (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Sexual assault and domestic violence account created, and adult restricted materials imposed an additional sales tax.

HF2780—Koppendrayer (IR)  
Taxes  
Kanabec county authorized special levy to fund county historical society.

HF2781—Jaros (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Chemical abuse prevention resource council to study adoption of a drug legalization strategy.

HF2782—Johnson, R. (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Disability benefit receipt eligibility conditions modified for public employees retirement association.

HF2783—Sparby (DFL)  
Agriculture  
Family farm security loan settlements, agreements, and adjustments autho-
rized, fund transfers and disposition provided, and money appropriated.

HF2784—Sarna (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Minneapolis police relief association local laws recodified.

HF2785—Winter (DFL)  
Education  
Waseca higher education center created, and money appropriated.

HF2786—Ozment (IR)  
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming  
Independent school district No. 195, Randolph, allowed to designate voting hours. Lead blood levels in domestic and Utility consumers' nonprofit provided to insurers and owners of drug policy office and chemical abuse Muncipal arts organizations exempted.

HF2787—Hasskamp (DFL)  
Education  
Post-secondary enrollment options program provided comparable course definition.

HF2788—Johnson, R. (DFL)  
Education  
Post-secondary enrollment options funding amended and reenacted.

HF2789—Olsen, S. (IR)  
Rules & Legislative Administration  
Gov'ts veto time deadline provisions amended, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2790—Segal (DFL)  
Economic Development  
Science, technology, and manufacturing advancement fund established for education, training, and research purposes, deposit of lottery funds provided, technical vitality commission created, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2791—Reding (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Professional and technical services contract procedures revised.

HF2792—Rice (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Minneapolis fire department relief association members provided level benefits.

HF2793—Ogren (DFL)  
Agriculture  
Commodity promotion checkoff fee refund procedures modified.

HF2794—Solberg (DFL)  
Transportation  
Television screens in police vehicles authorized.

HF2795—Krueger (DFL)  
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming  
Secretary of state to study mail or telephone balloting in certain primaries.

HF2796—Clark (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Board on aging to establish an Indian elder concerns advisory task force.

HF2797—Clark (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Fetal alcohol syndrome and drug-exposed infants prevention efforts required, chemical abuse and dependency program grants provided, drug policy office and chemical abuse prevention resource council duties clarified, and money appropriated.

HF2798—Clark (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Lead blood levels in domestic and farm animals studied, and money appropriated.

HF2799—Hanson (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Environmental protection and conservation department, environmental review board, and assistance and public advocacy office created, and abolition and consolidation provided for certain state departments, agencies and offices.

HF2800—Ogren (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Health care coverage for certain uninsured persons provided, statewide and regional cost containment programs established, health insurance reformed, rural health systems provided, health care access account created, money appropriated.

HF2801—Greenfield (DFL)  
Health & Human Services  
Health care coverage for certain uninsured persons provided, statewide and regional cost containment programs established, health insurance reformed, rural health systems provided, health care access account created, and money appropriated.

HF2802—Gruenes (IR)  
Financial Institutions & Insurance  
Health care coverage for certain uninsured persons provided, statewide and regional cost containment programs established, health insurance reformed, rural health systems provided, health care access account created, and money appropriated.

HF2803—Orfield (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Minneapolis teachers retirement fund association purchase of allowable service credit for public employment outside of state provided.

HF2804—Olson, E. (DFL)  
Agriculture  
Wild rice sold in state marked to show place of origin and method of harvesting, annual reporting eliminated, and record keeping requirements modified.

HF2805—Sviggum (IR)  
Health & Human Services  
Work readiness program transfer and restructure provided.

HF2806—Sviggum (IR)  
Taxes  
Municipal arts organizations exempted from sales tax on tickets admissions charges.

HF2807—Jaros (DFL)  
Commerce  
Utility consumers' nonprofit corporation established, and money appropriated.

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HF2808—Schreiber (IR)  
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming  
Dog and cat licensing authority modified, and livestock indemnity and county fund provided.

HF2809—Pelowski (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Ambulance service personnel longevity award and incentive program established, and funding provided from driver's license surtax.

HF2810—Tompkins (IR)  
Financial Institutions & Insurance  
Health insurance benefit assignments regulated, unfair trade practices expanded, and payment of claims modified.

HF2811—Segal (DFL)  
Financial Institutions & Insurance  
Health care providers to use uniform claim and billing forms and procedures, and rules authorized.

HF2812—Wenzel (DFL)  
Taxes  
Garrison allowed a local sales tax for construction of a city sewer system.

HF2813—Milbert (DFL)  
Commerce  
Accountancy board provided disciplinary proceeding procedures, and penalties provided.

HF2814—Seaberg (IR)  
Commerce  
Professional service state boards not to require certain filing of articles of incorporation, annual reports, or document examination fees.

HF2815—Ogren (DFL)  
Transportation  
McGregor provided appointment of a deputy registrar.

HF2816—Ogren (DFL)  
Taxes  
Aitkin county allowed to impose a local liquor and restaurant tax to fund a local convention or tourism bureau.

HF2817—Krinkie (IR)  
Transportation  
Deputy registrars appointments provided for cities under certain conditions.

HF2818—McGuire (DFL)  
Judiciary  
Motor vehicle theft prevention program established, insurance fraud penalties increased, and restitution provided to insurers and owners of stolen motor vehicles.

HF2819—McEachern (DFL)  
Appropriations  
Unclassified employee positions reduced by 2 percent by state departments and agencies, and budget reductions provided.

HF2820—Knickerbocker (IR)  
Governmental Operations  
Rule of 85 option provided to public employing units.

HF2821—Olsen, S. (IR)  
Rules & Legislative Administration  
Uncameral legislature provided with 135 members, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2822—Hanson (DFL)  
Commerce  

HF2823—McPherson (IR)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Motor vehicle emission testing exemption procedures provided for exempt diesel-powered motor vehicles.

HF2824—Janezich (DFL)  
Environment & Natural Resources  
Aquaculture permits not issued until completion of an environmental impact statement.

HF2825—Runbeck (IR)  
Housing  
Manufactured home owners bill of rights enacted and penalties provided.

HF2826—Koppendrayer (IR)  
Governmental Operations  
Asian-Pacific Minnesotan council membership to include representatives for people from Malaysia and Sri Lanka, and future membership expansion provided.

HF2827—O'Connor (DFL)  
Governmental Operations  
Firefighters provided public safety officer status for survivor benefits, and survivor benefits to include technical college attendance.
HF2828—O'Connor (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Banking. Congress to allow states to regulate bank interest rates on unsecured debt.

HF2829—Dille (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Hutchinson allowed to adopt a special service district.

HF2830—Omann (IR)
Agriculture
Milk federal marketing order system legal challenges appropriated money.

HF2831—Pellow (IR)
Judiciary
Motor vehicle theft provided mandatory penalty.

HF2832—Simoneau (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Aquatic farms provided requirements for water discharges, and permits and monitoring required.

HF2833—O'Connor (DFL)
Taxes
Local government trust fund payments provided for fiscal years 1994 and 1995.

HF2834—Dorn (DFL)
Education
Independent school district No. 77, Mankato, allowed to begin school year before Labor Day.

HF2835—Sviguum (IR)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Roosevelt authorized to establish a detached banking facility.

HF2836—O'Connor (DFL)
Health and Human Services
Children, youth, and their families legislative commission duties clarified, staff authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2837—Tompkins (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Special service district definition included in city ordinance.

HF2838—Tompkins (IR)
Regulated Industries
Telephone company franchise agreements authorized for municipalities.

HF2839—Dille (IR)
Education
Law school at the University of Minnesota to become self-supporting, and state appropriations phased out.

HF2840—Seaberg (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Solid waste collection service contracts regulated.

HF2841—Bauerly (DFL)
Governmental Operations
Early retirement reserves and incentives provided for certain state employees and teachers.

HF2842—Pelowski (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Southeast Blufflands trial system established in Olmsted, Winona, Fillmore, and Houston counties.

HF2843—Mariani (DFL)
Transportation
Motor carriers and common carriers by rail regulatory responsibilities transferred to the transportation department, and transportation regulation board abolished.

HF2844—Winter (DFL)
Financial Institutions & Insurance
No-fault economic loss benefit termination prohibited until arbitration ruling.

HF2845—Pugh (DFL)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Pull-tab deal removed from play provided pull-tab destruction options.

HF2846—Bettermann (IR)
Education
Runestone telecommunications system for interactive telecommunications programs appropriated money.

HF2847—Bettermann (IR)
Education
Runestone telecommunications system equipment bond issuance authorized, and money appropriated.

HF2848—Reding (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Labor agreements ratified between the state and various bargaining units, and certain employees provided changes in classification.

HF2849—Simoneau (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Split Rock lighthouse state historic site special fee structure authorized.

HF2850—Segal (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Regional treatment centers used as regional research, training, and crisis centers.

HF2851—Segal (DFL)
Education
Physician assistant loan forgiveness program established for students agreeing to practice in designated rural areas, and money appropriated.

HF2852—Frederick (IR)
Regulated Industries
Nordic Heart county authorized to issue an on-sale liquor license to a billiard hall in South Bend township.

HF2853—Cooper (DFL)
Agriculture
Pesticide registration application requirements allowed to include information on analytical standards and methods for the pesticide, pesticide breakdown products, or metabolites.

HF2854—Janezich (DFL)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Hibbing provided membership terms and size for the public safety and utilities commissions.

HF2855—Sparby (DFL)
Environment & Natural Resources
Aquatic farming regulated, protection provided for certain wildlife populations, and penalties provided.

HF2856—Krambeer (IR)
Governmental Operations
Airline frequent flyer program benefits prohibited for state employees for trips paid for by the state.

HF2857—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing homes provided facility and equipment property reimbursement procedures.

HF2858—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Nursing home bed moratorium provided an exception to certify beds in a licensed facility with no certified beds, nursing home and hospital license surcharges modified, and medical assistance payments and adjustments modified.

HF2859—Greenfield (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Alternative care service recipient fee collection modified.

HF2860—Davids (IR)
Health & Human Services
Medical assistance payments and medical assistance payments and medical assistance payments to disabled individuals home- and community-based services waiver program modification procedure provided.

HF2861—Dawkins (DFL)
Economic Development
St. Paul provided matching grant for assisting Expo Graphics, Inc., to maintain employment and expand its business operations, and money appropriated.

HF2862—Tunheim (DFL)
Taxes
Motor vehicle handicapped accessibility modifications provided sales tax exemption.

HF2863—Schreiber (IR)
Taxes
Local government trust fund payments provided to the homestead credit account and the local aid account; community social services, corrections, and health services acts studied for effect on property taxes; and money appropriated.

HF2864—Runbeck (IR)
Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Ramsey county allowed a special levy for innovative library activities.

HF2865—Girard (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Water and soil resources board provided bond issuance for the southern rivers basin area II program, and money appropriated.

HF2866—Pugh (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Dakota county pilot project established for downsizing intermediate care facility beds for persons with mental retardation, and money appropriated.

HF2867—Simoneau (DFL)
Appropriations
Drivers' license fees increased, and money appropriated.

HF2868—Dorn (DFL)
Health & Human Services
Blind and visually handicapped division created, literacy and access to print materials services authorized, and blind council expiration date removed.

HF2869—Beigieh (DFL)
Labor-Management Relations
Labor Day; President and Congress to recognize Labor Day 1992 as "Help Yourself, Buy American Day."

HF2870—Trimble (DFL)
Commerce
Cigarette fire safety act of 1992 adopted.

HF2871—Upshus (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Legislative budget preparation to conform to executive department budgets, statewide accounting system use required, and budgets to cancel at the end of the fiscal biennium.

HF2872—Swenson (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Legislative budget preparation to conform to executive department budgets, statewide accounting system use required, and budgets to cancel at the end of the fiscal biennium.

HF2873—Knicknerbocker (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Legislative and executive service limited and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF2874—Marsh (IR)
Gen'l Leg., Vet's Affairs & Gaming
Caucus fundraisers restricted; campaign committee fund transfers prohibited to other campaign funds; unopposed candidates not to receive

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public subsidy; and matching private
contribution requirements expanded
for public subsidy recipients.

HF2875—Pelowski (DFL)

Education
SELF student loan recipient consumer
protection provided.

HF2876—Sarna (DFL)

Commerce
Cable and subscription television
company late payment charges
restricted.

HF2877—Lourey (DFL)

Local Government & Metro. Affairs
Funerals in the winter season
provided, and additional charges
authorized.

HF2878—Munger (DFL)

Local
provided operating condition
requirements.

HF2879—Ruukana (DFL)

Commerce
Iron mines and production facilities
provided operating condition
requirements.

HF2880—Olson, E. (DFL)

Taxes
Soil and water conservation district
program levies authorized.

HF2881—O’Connor (DFL)

Commerce
Motor vehicles and parts disclosure
required of national origin or place of
assembly, and penalties provided.

HF2882—Frederick (IR)

Education
Independent school district No. 2071,
Lake Crystal-Welcome Memorial,
provided additional bonding authority
for school building equipment,
handicap accessibility improvements,
and fire code compliance.

HF2883—Anderson, R. (IR)

Education
Independent school district No. 544,
Ottumwa County and Fergus Falls,
authorized library district establish­
ment advisory referendum.

HF2884—Rest (DFL)

Taxes
Housing finance agency, higher
education coordinating board, rural
finance authority, and public facility
bonding procedures and authority
modified.

HF2885—Thompson (DFL)

Agriculture
Agricultural chemical response and
reimbursement account eligibility
extended to political subdivisions.

HF2886—Sparby (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources
Shining of lights while hunting prohibited
between sunset and sunrise.

HF2887—McPherson (IR)

Gen’l Leg., Vet’s Affairs & Gaming
Lawful gambling license exemption
provided to certain organizations.

HF2888—Pauly (IR)

Environment & Natural Resources
Natural resources department special
receipts from state fair sales
disposition modified.

HF2889—Pugh (DFL)

Judiciary
Public data release for commercial
purpose charges authorized, and data
release restrictions provided.

HF2890—Ogren (DFL)

Health & Human Services
Optometrist licensing and examination
procedures modified.

HF2891—Farrell (DFL)

Commerce
Unclaimed property; commerce
commissioner allowed to request that
another person request recovery of
unclaimed property.

HF2892—Bauexley (DFL)

Education
Breakfast program required at schools
where 30 percent of school lunches
were served free or at a reduced price.

HF2893—Erhardt (IR)

Judiciary
Hotels not to discriminate against
guests based on age if the guest is not
a minor.

HF2894—Osthoff (DFL)

Gen’l Leg., Vet’s Affairs & Gaming
Pull-tab, tipboard, and bingo tax
administration, collection, and
enforcement modified, penalties
imposed, and money appropriated.

HF2895—O’Connor (DFL)

Education
School funding and governance
modified, certain aid funding
reduced, general education tax rate
reduced.

HF2896—Schafer (IR)

Education
Independent school district No. 424,
Lester Prairie, fund transfer provided.

HF2897—Schafer (IR)

Governmental Operations
School board combination and
consolidation provided, and
tax levies authorized.

HF2898—Uphus (IR)

Gen’l Leg., Vet’s Affairs & Gaming
Caucus fundraisers restricted;
campaign committee fund transfers
prohibited to other campaign funds;
unopposed candidates not to receive
a public subsidy; and matching private
contribution requirements expanded
for public subsidy recipients.

HF2899—Rodosovich (DFL)

Health & Human Services
Mental health grant funds transferred
to the community social services
block grant, counties authorized to
consolidate funds for mental health
services.

HF2900—Nelson, K. (DFL)

Commerce
Telephone solicitation prohibited, fees
set, penalties imposed.

HF2901—Simoneau (DFL)

Governmental Operations
Columbia Heights; police relief
association retirement benefit
compensation exclusions from salary
provided.

HF2902—Eager (DFL)

Education
Metric system literacy training
required for teachers, and money
appropriated.

HF2903—Segal (DFL)

Economic Development
Manufacturing council created to
facilitate expansion, modernization,
and development of manufacturing
in the state.

HF2904—Eagan (DFL)

Commerce
Tobacco sales to minors penalty
charged, and penalty provided for
smoking purchase or attempt to
purchase by a minor.

HF2905—Schafer (IR)

Education
School funding and governance
modified, certain aid funding
reduced, general education tax rate
reduced.

HF2906—Schafer (IR)

Education
Independent school district No. 424,
Lester Prairie, fund transfer provided.

HF2907—Schafer (IR)

Governmental Operations
School board combination and
consolidation provided, and
tax levies authorized.

HF2908—Uphus (IR)

Gen’l Leg., Vet’s Affairs & Gaming
Caucus fundraising restricted;
campaign committee fund transfers
prohibited to other campaign funds;
unopposed candidates not to receive
public subsidy; and matching private
contribution requirements expanded
for public subsidy recipients.

HF2909—Waltman (IR)

Gen’l Leg., Vet’s Affairs & Gaming
Adjudicative general authority to lease
certain land.

HF2910—Jennings (DFL)

Environment & Natural Resources
Sanitary district creation public
information meeting required.

HF2911—Olsen, S. (IR)

Judiciary
Safe communities act of 1992
adopted, and money appropriated.

HF2912—Vellenga (DFL)

Taxes
Leased property under Minnesota
housing finance agency (MHFA)
lease-purchase programs classified as
4a property.

HF2913—Rodosovich (DFL)

Health & Human Services
HIV minimum standards for training
in chemical dependency treatment
and care programs, licensure
exclusion expanded, residential
program integration provided, fire
code authority delegated, and adult
foster care license capacity set.

HF2914—Ozment (IR)

Housing
Manufactured home owners bill of
rights adopted.

HF2915—Tompkins (IR)

Taxes
Personal exemption increase for
dependents, two-wage earner married
couples, post-secondary tuition, and
student loan interest deductions
allowed, and rate schedules
combined.

HF2916—Segal (DFL)

Health & Human Services
Ombudsman access to private data on
mentally ill and emotionally disturbed
clients clarified.

HF2917—Kinkel (DFL)

Education
Baccalaureate degree credit
requirement limit provided.

HF2918—Segal (DFL)

Health & Human Services
Health maintenance organization
enrollees not liable for referral errors
made by participating providers.

HF2919—Carruthers (DFL)

Education
Credit per quarter minimums for full
and part time students definitions
modified.

HF2920—Sarna (DFL)

Taxes
Cable television service tax imposed by
municipalities.
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MONDAY, March 16

8 a.m.
EDUCATION
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: HF2013 (Sparby) Technical Colleges
Board authorized to contract for student
housing management services.
HF1929 (Dorn) Comparable public institu­
tions defined for the purpose of tuition
financial aid determination.
HF2413 (Louray) Adopt-a-school program es­
tablished allowing students and the community
to voluntarily maintain a public school.
HF2093 (Hasskamp) Tobacco use prohibited
at public elementary and secondary schools.

Economic Development, Infrastructure &
Regulation Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
4005 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: Minnesota Technology Inc.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Continuation of higher education
system capital requests.

State Government Division/
APPROPRIATIONS
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Budget hearing: State Auditor's
Office; Attorney General's Office; Governor's
Office.

Government Structures Division/
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor
Agenda: To be announced.

Family Law Subcommittee/JUDICIARY
500N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jean Wagenius
Agenda: HF1941 (Jefferson) Relatives given
preference in adoptions.

8:30 a.m.
Human Resources Division/
APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Budget hearings: Department of
Human Services.

10 a.m.
JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: SF1619/ HF1803 (Bishop) Pistol
permits not issued to persons convicted of
fifth degree assault that is also domestic abuse;
crime of violence definition expanded.
SF1687/ HF1849 (Vellenga) Life imprison­
ment and mandatory sentences provided for
certain violent and repeat sex offenders; good
time reductions and conditional releases
modified; psychopathic personality determi­
nations expanded; and treatment programs
modified.
HF2218 (Rest) Juvenile dangerous offender
secure confinement provided at Red Wing or
Sauk Centre correctional facilities; treatment
programs created; victims allowed presence of
supportive person during testimony; bonds
authorized and money appropriated.

12:30 p.m.
Education Finance Division/EDUCATION
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: To be announced.

TUESDAY, March 17

8 a.m.
Economic Development, Infrastructure &
Regulation Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
4005 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: Minnesota World Trade Center.
Minnesota State Lottery.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Systems' responses to the governor's
budget: State University System; Community
College System.

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Review of the governor's budget
recommendations for the Department of Jobs
& Training, Department of Corrections,
Department of Human Rights, and the
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
3005 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Budget hearing: district courts;
Public Defender's Office.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Senate Files.

TAXES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren
Agenda: Public testimony on the impact of
the governor's local trust fund proposal.

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

ENVIRONMENT &
NATURAL RESOURCES
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: HF1985 (Wagenius)/SF1866 Land
recycling act of 1992 adopted; environmental
response and liability act liability protection
provided to certain persons undertaking and
completing hazardous substance cleanup
actions, and money appropriated.
HF2192 (Hausman)/SF1950 Tax increment
financing special environmental treatment
areas established, districts created, and certain
contaminant remediation and development
powers provided.
HF2717 (Dille)/SF2102 Nitrate data advisory task force and statewide data base established, well sealing requirements modified and account established, environmental consulting services report required, and money appropriated.

HF2612 (Weaver)/SF2389 Natural Resources Department alternative rulemaking provided, stromatolite activity regulated, game refuge license authorities expanded, non-metal fish net tags allowed.

HF1347 (Skoglund)/SF1252 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board allowed to lease certain land adjacent to Minnehaha State Park. HF1861 (Jefferson)/SF1772 State land covenant and reversionary interest released for D. L. Peck's addition rearrangement to Minneapolis.

HF2320 (Peterson)/SF2298 Watershed district public notice required prior to appointment of district manager; metropolitan county appointment requirements modified; local governments required to pay permit fees; and audits and decision appeals provided.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

3 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

Agenda: Action on Senate files.

LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Veterans Affairs Division/GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Pat Beard

Agenda: Report by Harry Baltzer, director, Gambling Control Board.

JOINT HOUSE & SENATE HEARING

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Pat Beard, Chr. Sen. Joe Bertram

Agenda: Senate files referred to committee.

TRANSPORTATION

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Henry J. Kalis

Agenda:

HF1933 (Anderson, R.) Trunk highway route No. 297 in Fergus Falls redefined.

HF2035 (Janezich) Drivers' license fees increased.

HF2191 (Simoneau) Metropolitan Council authorized acquisition and betterment of transit facilities and equipment, and bonding authority provided.

HF2375 (Mariani) Ventilator-dependant medical assistance recipients to continue receiving the services of a nurse or personal care assistant while living in a nursing home.

All other bills referred from the Senate and/or the Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Committee.

WEDNESDAY, March 18

8 a.m.

Economic Development, Infrastructure, & Regulation Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

400S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice

Agenda: Department of Transportation.

State Government Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn

Agenda: Budget hearing; Department of Trade & Economic Development.

Education Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

300S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Agenda: Systems' responses to the governor's budget; the University of Minnesota; technical college system.

Human Resources Division/ APPROPRIATIONS

200 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

Agenda: Review of the governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Health; Board of Social Work, Board of Psychology, Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Board of Dentistry, Board of Medical Practice, Board of Nursing, and the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

10 a.m.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Basement Hearing Room

State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

Agenda: To be announced.

Veterans Affairs Division/GENERAL

JOINT HOUSE & SENATE HEARING

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Pat Beard, Chr. Sen. Joe Bertram

Agenda: Report by Harry Baltzer, director, Gambling Control Board.

12:30 p.m.

ENERGY

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Mary Murphy

Agenda: To be announced.

2:30 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

10 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

Agenda: To be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich

Agenda: Action on senate files.

Subcommittee on Civil Law/JUDICIARY

500S State Office Building

Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

Agenda: HF2206 (Pugh) Conciliation court authorized appearances, jurisdiction, and procedures modified, and jurisdictional financial amounts increased.

HF1961 (Skoglund) Debtors to provide financial disclosure information to creditors if judgment remains unsatisfied. Senate files to be announced.

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THURSDAY, March 19

8 a.m.
Economic Development, Infrastructure, & Regulation Division/APPROPRIATIONS
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: To be announced.

Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Dislocated Rural Worker Program (HECB). Rest of agenda to be announced later.

Human Resources Division/APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Review of the governor’s recommendations for the Veteran’s Nursing Home. Public testimony regarding the governor’s budget recommendations.

State Government Division/APPROPRIATIONS
300S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn
Agenda: Continuation of public testimony on the governor’s budget recommendations.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
10 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Senate files.

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

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

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich
Agenda: Action on Senate files.

12:30 p.m.
GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING
500S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff
Agenda: To be announced.

2:30 p.m.
The House will meet in Session.

FRIDAY, March 20

8 a.m.
Economic Development, Infrastructure & Regulation/APPROPRIATIONS
400S State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice
Agenda: To be announced.

Human Resources Division/APPROPRIATIONS
200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Continuation of public testimony on the governor’s budget recommendations.

10 a.m.
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: Any bills not completed at 3/18 meeting.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Peter Rodosovich
Agenda: Action on Senate files.

JUDICIARY
Basement Hearing Room
State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: SF979/ HF1196 (Clark) Butane or toxic substance sales to minors prohibited. SF1691/HF2206 (Pugh) Conciliation court authorized appearances, jurisdiction, and procedures modified, and jurisdictional financial amounts increased. SF1821/HF1941 (Jefferson) Relatives given preference in adoptions.

In 1923, just months after Minnesota women were granted the right to vote, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was given its first reading on the floor of the Minnesota House. The author was Agnes Myrtle Cain.

Cain was one of the first four women elected to the Minnesota Legislature in 1922. The daughter of Irish immigrants, she became a powerful figure in Minnesota politics, even though she served only one legislative term.

She was a strike leader, a co-founder of the Minnesota branch of the National Women’s Party, and a leading union advocate.

Cain was still championing the ERA cause when Minnesota became the 26th state to pass the measure in 1973.

But it was her "anti-masking" bill that proved most famous. The first of its kind in the nation, the measure made concealing one's identity in public a misdemeanor.

The law was aimed at members of the Ku Klux Klan, whom Cain called "cowards, lawbreakers and criminals." The bill was approved by the House on a 96-2 vote. Fifteen other states soon passed similar legislation.


Former Rep. Myrtle Cain
—photo courtesy Minnesota Historical Society
Indian gaming

Current number of Indian gaming casinos in Minnesota ........................................... 13
Number managed by the tribes themselves ................................................................. 10
Estimated dollars wagered at Minnesota casinos, 1991, in millions ..................... $900
Amount wagered at gaming casinos for every dollar wagered at Canterbury Downs, 1991 .......................... $10.35
Ratio of dollars wagered at Indian gaming casinos to charitable gaming dollars wagered, 1991 ........................................... 3:4
Ratio of dollars wagered at Minnesota gaming casinos to dollars wagered in Nevada .................................................. 1:50
Number of Minnesotans employed by Control Data Corp. .................................... 4,864
Number of Minnesotans employed by Indian gaming operations ......................... 5,750
Percent who are Indian ................................................................................................. 27
Projected number of additional Minnesota jobs created due to expansion of existing gaming facilities by 1994 .................................................. 2,000
Estimated amount out-of-state visitors to gaming centers contributed to state economy, excluding money wagered, in millions, 1991 .................. $26
Statewide percentage increase in number of AFDC recipients between 1987-1991 ........................................... 15
Percentage decrease in AFDC recipients in non-metro counties with Indian gaming, 1987-1991 ........................................... 16
Rank of Cass County in per capita welfare cost, 1987 .............................................. 1
Number of Indian Gaming casinos now operating in Cass County ......................... 1
Decrease in welfare expenditures, Cass County, 1991 .............................................. $300,000

Sources: Economic benefits of Tribal Gaming in Minnesota, The Minnesota Indian Gaming Association; High Stakes — Gambling in Minnesota, Minnesota Planning Agency.

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