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INTRODUCTION

"Actions of the 1975 Legislature" is designed to provide members of the Legislature and other interested persons with a summary of major legislation passed during the 1975 Session. It is a source book of new laws, amendments, and appropriations of the 1975 Session.

A majority of the "local bills", those dealing with the concerns of a specific locality, have not been summarized.

Many of the items have been cross-referenced by listing them under more than one category, (e.g., a health insurance bill may be listed under both Health and Insurance). The summaries are brief and indicate the general purpose of the law. Copies of the laws may be obtained from the Documents Division of the State Department of Administration, 140 Centennial Building, St. Paul (296-2874).

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Senate Counsel Office at 296-2511, the House Research Department at 296-6753, the Senate Index Department at 296-2887 or the House Index Department at 296-6646.

Because our offices do not staff retirement matters, detailed research and information on retirement law may be obtained from the staff of the Legislative Retirement Study Commission (296-6806).

The "Appropriations" section which has been included in the past has not been included in this publication. A separate fiscal review of the 1975 Minnesota Legislative Session is being compiled under the direction of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees.

Statistical Summary

The Sixty-Ninth Session of the Minnesota Legislature convened on January 7, 1975 and adjourned on May 19, 1975 to date certain January 27, 1976. During the session 1861 bills were introduced in the House of Representatives and 1782 bills were introduced in the Senate. A total of 437 bills were enacted into law. The Governor exercised the regular veto one time.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House of Representatives:

Martin O. Sabo - Speaker of the House
Irvin N. Anderson - Majority Leader
Bruce Vento - Assistant Majority Leader
John Lindstrom - Assistant Majority Leader
Henry J. Savelkoul - Minority Leader
Salisbury Adams - Assistant Minority Leader
Rodney Searle - Assistant Minority Leader
Arne Carlson - Assistant Minority Leader
James Ulland - Assistant Minority Leader

Standing Committees in the House:

Agriculture
Appropriations
Commerce and Economic Development
Crime Prevention and Corrections
Financial Institutions and Insurance
General Legislation and Veterans Affairs
Governmental Operations
Education
Environment and Natural Resources
Health and Welfare
Higher Education
Judiciary
Rules and Legislative Administration
Local and Urban Affairs
Labor-Management Relations
Taxes
Transportation

THE SENATE

Senate:

Alec G. Olson - President
Nicholas D. Coleman - Majority Leader
George R. Conzemius - Assistant Majority Leader
Robert O. Ashbach - Minority Leader

Standing Committees in the Senate:

Education
Finance
Governmental Operations
Health, Welfare and Corrections
Judiciary
Labor and Commerce
Metropolitan and Urban Affairs
Natural Resources and Agriculture
Rules and Administration
Transportation and General Legislation

AGRICULTURE

CAPITAL RESERVE REQUIREMENTS OF COOPERATIVES, Chapter 6, H.F. 145: Removes the requirement that cooperative associations create and maintain a capital reserve.

DIVIDENDS ON CAPITAL STOCK OF COOPERATIVES, Chapter 7, H.F. 173: Raises the allowable limit on dividends on capital stock of cooperative associations to 8% annually.

PUBLIC LOCAL GRAIN WAREHOUSES, Chapter 87, S.F. 543: Requires the operator of such a warehouse to post within the warehouse and to file with the Minnesota Public Service Commission the charges for receiving, insuring, handling, storing, and redelivering grain. Amends the form of storage receipts.

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AND BARGAINING ASSOCIATIONS, Chapter 88, S.F. 649: Authorizes an association which was denied accreditation to engage in collective bargaining to request a hearing before the Commissioner of Agriculture and to seek judicial review of an adverse decision. Expands the subjects which can be negotiated to include check-off procedures.

MEAT SUBSTITUTES, Chapter 133, S.F. 426: Any restaurant or establishment which serves meat to the public must indicate on the menu the meat entrees which contain filler or meat substitutes.

PEST CONTROL, LOCAL PEST CONTROL, Chapter 180, H.F. 434: Requiring local pest control programs to be formulated and conducted in accordance with the directions and recommendations prescribed by the Commissioner of Agriculture. Allows the commissioner to accept a list of certified nurserymen or dealers from an out-of-state regulatory agency in lieu of individual certificates.

DAIRY UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES, Chapter 220, H.F. 276: Amends the Dairy Unfair Trade Practices Act to include mix and ice-cream mix. Changes the fees charged to administer this act. Specifies the interest rate which a retailer must pay a manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor for certain sales. Repeals the requirement that each manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer file a schedule of wholesale prices with the Commissioner of Agriculture.

BUTTER SUBSTITUTES, Chapter 222, H.F. 339: Requires that when oleomargarine is served at a public eating place, each separate serving shall be covered by a sanitary paper upon which is printed the word "margarine." Replaces the provision against using oleomargarine in certain state institutions.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE DEALERS, GRAIN INSPECTION, DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER, Chapter 227, H.F. 481: Regulates wholesale produce dealers by requiring the licensing, bonding, and assurance of financial responsibility. Removes restrictions on unofficial grain inspection certificates. Repeals the requirement that the Commissioner of Agriculture publish annually information concerning commercial feed, fertilizer, and soil conditions.

LIVESTOCK BRANDS, Chapter 228, H.F. 483: Changes the publication dates of the brand book and of supplements and revised brand books. Increases the fee for brand reregistration and for the brand book and supplements.

SHADE TREE DISEASE CONTROL, Chapter 253, H.F. 1288: See Local Government.

CRIMES, Chapter 314, S.F. 747: Defines and provides penalties for the crime of possession of shoplifting gear. Defines and provides both civil and criminal penalties for certain crimes relating to the theft or killing of livestock.

STATE FARM CENSUS, Chapter 319, S.F. 783: Repeals local assessor's duties concerning the state farm census. Appropriates \$50,000 to the Commissioner of Agriculture to conduct a state farm census.

CORPORATE FARMING, Chapter 324, S.F. 1026: Changes the qualifications for an authorized farm corporation by reducing the maximum number of shareholders from 10 to 5 and by requiring the majority of the 5 shareholders to reside on the farm or be actively engaged in farming. Clarifies the amount of agricultural land or land capable of being used for farming which a non-exempt corporation may own or lease. Authorizes a non-exempt corporation to acquire agricultural land if it has documented plans to use the land and subsequently uses the land for non-farming purposes within 6 years, or if the land is zoned for non-agricultural use, or if the land is located within an incorporated area. Exempts certain public utility corporations and cooperatives from the prohibitions of the act. Exempts certain corporations engaged in asparagus production from the prohibition of the act. Exempts a corporation formed primarily for religious purposes whose sole income is derived from agriculture from the prohibitions of the act. Expands the existing annual reporting requirement to apply to any corporation which holds any interest in agricultural land or land used for the breeding, feeding, pasturing, growing or raising of livestock, dairy or poultry, or land used for the production of agricultural crops or horticultural products (other than a bond fide security interest). Expands the contents of the annual report required to be filed with the Commissioner of Agriculture. Requires that corporations not previously required to file the annual report, but which would be required by this act to do so, must file the report with the Commissioner of Agriculture prior to 9-15-75. Authorizes the Attorney General to bring an injunctive action concerning any threatened or prospective violation of the act.

HOMESTEAD TAXES FOR FAMILY FARM CORPORATIONS, Chapter 395, H.F. 884: Provides that effective for the 1975 assessment year and thereafter, family farm corporations and partnerships are to be entitled to one 120 acre agricultural homestead classification for a homestead occupied by a shareholder or partner residing on the land and actively engaged in the farming of the land, although the legal title to the property may be in the name of the corporation or partnership. Additional one acre agricultural homesteads may be granted to other residences owned by the corporation or partnership located on the agricultural land and occupied by shareholders or partners actively farming.

LICENSING AND INSPECTION FEES, Chapter 412, H.F. 1169: Increases the fees charged by the Department of Agriculture for certain licenses and inspections. Requires the licensing of food brokers. Requires certain grade A milk control laboratories to be certified, to hold permits, and to pay fees.

COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CAPITAL RESERVE REQUIREMENTS OF COOPERATIVES, Chapter 6, H.F. 145: Removes the requirement that cooperative associations create and maintain a capital reserve.

DIVIDENDS ON CAPITAL STOCK OF COOPERATIVES, Chapter 7, H.F. 173: Raises the allowable limit on dividends on capital stock of cooperative associations to 8% annually.

TOWNSHIP, MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANIES, Chapter 15, S.F. 348: Restricts the area in which the companies may operate to adjoining townships; removes provisions of law related to limitations on corporate existence. Modifies powers of the corporation; permits board of directors to appoint officers; clarifies and updates certain language used in the present chapter and authorizes arbitration of disputes.

TELEPHONE COMPANIES, Chapter 25, S.F. 435: Permits the Public Service Commission when it has a public hearing with regard to the adequacy or reasonableness of telephone rates or the cost of proposed upgrading of telephone services to charge the subject telephone company with the cost of the hearings.

REAL ESTATE PROCURERS AND SALES PERSONS, Chapter 38, S.F. 326: Removes from licensing requirements persons who only sell business opportunities which are registered franchises. Permits compensation splitting with brokers or sales persons licensed in other jurisdictions; increases educational qualifications for sales persons and permits reciprocity in licensing.

LEGAL NEWSPAPERS, Chapter 155, S.F. 1015: Provides that to be a legal newspaper the newspaper must be available at single or subscription prices to any person requesting the newspaper and making the applicable payment.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, Chapter 166, S.F. 1055: Recodifies existing law regulating face amount certificate investment companies. Gives the Commissioner of Banks the supervisory power to make periodic examinations of the companies' books and accounts. Requires certain reports to be made to the commissioner, requires the companies to pay the commissioner the cost of his examinations of them and permits the commissioner to apply to the district court for the appointment of a receiver when litigation is about to occur.

FRANCHISES, Chapter 181, H.F. 486: Eliminates ambiguities with regard to whether the term "franchises" includes franchises related to the marketing of motor vehicles or motor vehicle fuel.

PAY TOILETS, Chapter 215, H.F. 177: Prohibits pay toilets and urinals in public restrooms unless at least one-half of the facilities available in the restroom are free and maintained at the same level of sanitation as the pay facilities.

BOXING, Chapter 236, H.F. 638: Removes the limitation of \$6,000 on the Boxing Commissioner's salary. Removes the prohibition that no person licensed to promote or conduct boxing exhibitions shall be directly or indirectly engaged in the managing of a boxer; reduces various fees and modifies restrictions on the commission with regard to rules and regulations which they may promulgate to govern the holding of amateur boxing exhibitions.

CHARITABLE TRUSTS AND TRUSTEES, Chapter 243, H.F. 907: Authorizes the Attorney General to supervise charitable trusts and trustees. Charitable trusts are required to register with the Secretary of State and file a copy of the trust instrument within three months after the trust receives control of charitable trust property. The trust must also file annual reports setting forth information required by federal tax law. The filing of annual report requirement may be suspended as to particular trusts. There are exceptions to the registration and filing requirements dependent on the nature of the trust. The register of trusts and the trust instrument shall be open to public inspection. The Attorney General is given investigatory power to determine, among other things, whether the trust property is being properly administered. The Attorney General is given broad standing rights to be a party in court proceedings relating to charitable trusts. The Attorney General is authorized to bring civil actions against a trustee for breach of trust. A \$10 fee for registering a trust and a sliding scale of fees for annual reports is provided.

ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND SURVEYORS, Chapter 329, S.F. 1290: Provides for the registration of landscape architects. Prohibits a person from practicing landscape architecture unless registered. Modifies the makeup of the board which will regulate landscape architects to include a landscape architect.

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY TASK FORCE, Chapter 344, H.F. 175: Establishes the Advisory Task Force on Small Business.

PRECIOUS METALS AND GEMS, Chapter 371, H.F. 618: Defines certain precious metals and gems as being securities under certain circumstances and thus regulates their sale.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE, Chapter 383, H.F. 710: Sets aside 10% of all state procurement for the awarding to Minnesota small businesses. Provides that 10% of this set-aside shall be reserved for small businesses owned or operated by economically or socially disadvantaged persons. Permits the small business set-asides to be awarded by bid or negotiated contracts. Requires the Commissioners of Administration and Economic Development to publicize the set-aside program.

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, Chapter 386, H.F. 745: Prohibits charitable organizations from using misleading names, marks or identification and prohibits any actions designed to mislead persons to believe that the organization is another organization. Prohibits money solicited in this state by an organization subject to Minnesota regulation from being paid to any other organization which is not registered under Minnesota law.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Chapter 421, H.F. 1428: Defines the governing body of an Indian tribe to be a local agency within the meaning of the chapter for purposes of economic development.

TICKET SALES, Chapter 427, H.F. 1536: Permits charging a fee for services rendered in the sale of tickets if the fee is permitted pursuant to a contract between the ticket seller and the promoter.

Consumer Protection

GENERIC SUBSTITUTION, Chapter 101, H.F. 278: See Health and Welfare, Organizational, Personnel and Licensing Boards.

MEAT SUBSTITUTES, Chapter 133, S.F. 426: Any restaurant or establishment which serves meat to the public must indicate on the menu the meat entrees which contain filler or meat substitutes.

HEARING AID LAW, Chapter 182, H.F. 490: Fills a gap in the penalty provisions of the hearing aid law passed in 1973. In addition, the injunctive remedies provided for in M.S. 325.79 are made applicable to violations of the hearing aid law.

DAIRY UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES, Chapter 220, H.F. 276: Amends the Dairy Unfair Trade Practices Act to include mix and ice-cream mix. Changes the fees charged to administer this act. Specifies the interest rate which a retailer must pay a manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor for certain sales. Repeals the requirement that each manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer file a schedule of wholesale prices with the Commissioner of Agriculture.

BUTTER SUBSTITUTES, Chapter 222, H.F. 339: Requires that when oleomargarine is served at a public eating place, each separate serving shall be covered by a sanitary paper upon which is printed the word "margarine". Replaces the provision against using oleomargarine in certain state institutions.

DENIAL OF TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR CERTAIN SUBSTANDARD HOUSING, Chapter 226, H.F. 474: Disallows income tax deductions for interest and depreciation on certain rental properties that are hazardous to public safety and health.

RAILROADS, Chapter 282, S.F. 921: Requires that motor vehicles designed for highway use and used by a railroad company for transporting employees must include toilet facilities under certain circumstances.

TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS, Chapter 341, H.F. 146: Requires that tents and sleeping bags be made of flame resistant materials.

BEDDING, Chapter 350, H.F. 232: Removes certain responsibilities for the regulation of bedding from the Department of Labor and Industry.

PHARMACIES AND DRUGS, Chapter 356, H.F. 470: Provides that when any drug containing a controlled substance may either alone or in conjunction with alcohol impair the ability of the user to operate a motor vehicle, that fact shall be set forth on the label or container.

CONSUMERS LAW, Chapter 357, H.F. 494: Provides that the seller of buyer's club, health club, or social referral club contract satisfies the notice requirement of state law if he provides a notice which conforms to applicable federal law, if the notice supplies the information required by state law.

CONSUMER FRAUD, Chapter 364, H.F. 557: Clarifies the exemption for advertising media with regard to consumer fraud.

PERSONAL SOLICITATION OF SALES, Chapter 372, H.F. 619: Requires certain disclosures by persons who engage in personal solicitation sales.

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CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, Chapter 386, H.F. 745: Prohibits charitable organizations from using misleading names, marks or identification and prohibits any actions designed to mislead persons to believe that the organization is another organization. Prohibits money solicited in this state by an organization subject to Minnesota regulation from being paid to any other organization which is not registered under Minnesota law.

LANDLORDS AND TENANTS, Chapter 410, H.F. 1146: Regulates the taking of a tenant's personal property by the landlord upon the tenant's abandonment of rented premises. Provides remedies for unlawful ouster or termination of utilities by the landlord. Prohibits, with certain exceptions, the withholding by the tenant of the payment of all or any portion of the rent for the last payment period of a residential rental agreement.

Liquor

INTOXICATING LIQUOR, Chapter 231, H.F. 558: Permits the issuing authority to suspend or revoke intoxicating liquor licenses upon a finding that the licensee has failed to comply with applicable statutes, regulations or ordinances relating to intoxicating liquor.

MINNEAPOLIS ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSES, Chapter 305, S.F. 244: Authorizes the city of Minneapolis to issue on-sale licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor to three non-profit organizations.

DEADLINE FOR WHOLESALE PRICE FILING, Chapter 327, S.F. 1215: Changes the deadline for the filing of wholesale liquor prices with the Liquor Control Commissioner from the tenth day of the month to the first.

PLACES OF SALE IN MANKATO, Chapter 330, S.F. 1305: Provides that the 1500 foot minimum distance from the Highland Campus of Mankato State College for the location of a liquor license is to be measured from the front door of the student union.

COUNTY LICENSES, Chapter 334, S.F. 1466: Allows counties to issue an unlimited number of on-sale licenses; allows counties to issue on-sale licenses to clubs; prohibits counties from issuing a license to any person who already holds a county or city liquor license within the county, but does not prohibit the reissuance of any license already lawfully issued.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR, Chapter 345, H.F. 176: Recodifies the statutes relating to the number of on-sale licenses which may be issued. Provides for the issuance of on-sale wine licenses without limitation as to number and limits the fee which may be charged for an on-sale wine license.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR, Chapter 414, H.F. 1217: Authorizes Waseca County to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to a country club in the town of Woodville.

CORRECTIONS AND CRIME PREVENTION

FEES FOR BOARDING PRISONERS, Chapter 94, S.F. 182: Eliminates the payment of fees to sheriffs for boarding prisoners in county jails. Requires counties to furnish board, laundry and other services to prisoners or reimburse the sheriff for his expenses in furnishing such services to prisoners.

COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVORS OF PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY, Chapter 128, H.F. 1292: Increases from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the benefits payable to survivors of deceased peace officers.

FOSTER CARE FOR DELINQUENT CHILDREN, Chapter 131, S.F. 93: Provides that the state shall reimburse the counties for the cost of care quarterly rather than annually. The reimbursement shall be 50% of the costs after deducting federal and state aids and grants. (Some further technical changes are made in the language prescribing the method of issuing warrants for this reimbursement.)

CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEES, Chapter 230, H.F. 521: Extends until 7-1-76 the effective date of mandatory retirement ages for certain corrections-related employees.

IDENTIFYING MARKS ON PROPERTY, Chapter 244, H.F. 911: Makes it theft to remove, obliterate or alter identifying numbers or symbols placed on movable property by the owner if done with intent to prevent identification.

CRIME REPARATIONS BOARD, Chapter 246, H.F. 986: Authorizes the Crime Victims Reparations Board to limit the fees charged by an attorney for representing a claimant before the Board.

OMNIBUS CRIME BILL, Chapter 304, S.F. 242: Redefines the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Corrections. Permits appointment of a Department of Corrections employee to serve on the Minnesota Corrections Authority in the absence of a regular member. Authorizes the Commissioner of Corrections to purchase parole and probation services from private as well as public agencies. Expands the nature of private businesses which may be established on the grounds of state correctional institutions. Permits limited employment of inmates and work releases by such businesses. Authorizes the Commissioner of Corrections to designate "planning" counties and to grant planning subsidies to those counties to help defray the expenses incurred by advisory board members. Raises the 17-member limit of a corrections advisory board to 20 members; allows more consumer representation; and permits the physician's position on the board to be filled by another health care professional. Authorizes the Commissioner of Corrections to make quarterly payments to counties based on estimated county expenditures for the coming quarter; provides a set-off between payments made on the estimated cost and payments made for the actual cost of services furnished (made at the end of each quarter). Modifies the community corrections formula.

CRIMES, Chapter 314, S.F. 747: Defines and provides penalties for the crime of possession of shoplifting gear. Defines and provides both civil and criminal penalties for certain crimes relating to the theft or killing of livestock.

CONFISCATION OF VEHICLES TRANSPORTING CIGARETTES ILLEGALLY, Chapter 340, H.F. 135: Defines vehicles used for purpose of illegally transporting cigarettes as contraband and authorizes the Commissioner of Revenue to confiscate them. Effective immediately.

SEXUAL OFFENSES, Chapter 374, H.F. 654: See Judiciary.

PISTOL REGULATION ACT, Chapter 378, H.F. 679: Regulates the possession and carrying of pistols and requires permit to carry a pistol in a public place.

Certain Persons Not To Possess Pistols

These persons may not possess pistols:

1. Any person under 18 years of age except when under the supervision of a parent or guardian, when receiving instruction, during competition, when participating in a military drill or if the person has successfully completed an approved pistol marksmanship and safety course;
2. Any person convicted of a crime of violence, as defined by the act, unless 10 years have passed since restoration to civil rights or expiration of sentence;
3. Any person ever confined or committed as mentally ill, mentally deficient, or dangerous to the public unless proof is offered that he no longer suffers from this disability.
4. Any person ever confined or committed as an inebriate person or for alcoholic problems unless he supplies the required proof that he has not abused alcohol during the previous 2 years.
5. Any person who has ever been convicted for the unlawful sale, possession or use of a controlled substance, other than a conviction for possession of a small amount of marijuana, or any person who has ever been hospitalized or committed because of the habitual use of a controlled substance or marijuana, unless he provides the required proof that he has not abused a controlled substance or marijuana during the previous 2 years.

Possession of a pistol by persons under (2) is a felony; possession of a pistol by persons under (1), (3), (4) or (5) is a gross misdemeanor.

Permits To Carry

Requires permits to carry a pistol in a public place. Application for these permits are made to the chief of police or county sheriff who must check for criminal records, criminal histories, and warrant information on applicants through the Minnesota Crime Information System.

A permit to carry may be acquired by these persons:

1. Persons who are not members of one of the categories prohibited from possessing a pistol;
2. Persons who present the required proof of ability to safely use a firearm;
3. Persons with a personal safety or occupational hazard requiring a permit to carry.

Carrying a pistol in a public place without a permit to carry is a gross misdemeanor.

Saturday Night Specials

Prohibits the manufacture or sale of Saturday night specials as the act defines them. Violation of this provision is a gross misdemeanor.

Preemption Clause

This act supersedes local regulation of pistol possessing or carrying and the regulation of Saturday night specials except more restrictive regulation by cities of the first class.

Minimum Sentence

First conviction of certain serious crimes committed while in possession of a dangerous weapon carry a minimum sentence of 1 year plus 1 day. Subsequent convictions of certain serious crimes carry a minimum sentence of at least 3 years, but no more than the maximum sentence provided by law for that crime.

Eliminates the possibility of stay of imposition or execution of sentence for first conviction of an offense described in this section of the act.

MINNEAPOLIS WORKHOUSE, Chapter 402, H.F. 1020: Authorizes Hennepin County to lease the Minneapolis workhouse for \$1 per year until 7-1-77, and work out an agreement with Minneapolis for assuming some of the workhouse employees.

EDUCATION

STUDENT DISCOUNTS ON AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, Chapter 44, H.F. 70: Provides that if an insurance company provides a discount on automobile insurance premiums to persons attending colleges or universities, they must provide the same discounts to students enrolled in area vocational-technical institutes.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Chapter 51, H.F. 31: Requires transportation of non-public school pupils to the district boundary and permits transportation of pupils all the way to a non-public school outside the district of their residence. Makes these provisions apply when the non-public school is located in any other district, rather than only when the non-public school is located in an "adjacent contiguous" district. Requires transportation aid for transportation of non-public school pupils in 1974-75 to be paid to any district which would be entitled to such aid except for the fact that unorganized territory is located between it and the next adjacent contiguous district.

LEASING OF BUILDINGS, Chapter 59, H.F. 286: Authorizes school boards to lease buildings for school purposes. Provides for Commissioner of Education to approve leasing contracts.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS, Chapter 72, S.F. 456: Defines qualified voters for school district elections. An eligible voter for a school district election shall be a person who at the time of election is 18 or more years of age, is a citizen of the United States, is a resident of the school district, and has resided in Minnesota for 20 days. The following persons are not eligible: any person who has been convicted of treason or a felony and who has not had his civil rights restored, any person who is under guardianship over his person, any person who is adjudicated to be non compos mentis or insane, and any person who is not properly registered if a voter registration system has been adopted for the school district. Effective 5-2-75.

ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 279, Chapter 85, H.F. 988: Authorizes the issuance of bonds by Independent School District No. 279 (Osseo) without adjustment of maturities.

FUEL CONSERVATION REPORTS, Chapter 91, S.F. 38: Changes the reporting date from 7-1 to 8-15 of each year for the report of the energy consumed by the district during the previous school year ending 6-30.

INVESTMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS, Chapter 96, S.F. 565: Authorizes school districts to invest certain funds in government-issued securities if securities are accompanied by a banking institution's agreement to repurchase securities on a specified date at a predetermined price. Effective 5-8-75.

TEACHERS, Chapter 151, H.F. 428: Provides a teacher shall have 10 days after receipt to consider, demand corrections, execute and return a contract. Does not affect teacher's final resignation date.

JOINT BOARDS, Chapter 154, H.F. 1175: Authorizes any joint powers school board formed for the purpose of providing data processing services to acquire, transfer and hold title to real and personal property in the same manner as is allowed for independent school districts. Effective 5-17-75.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR SCHOOL BIDS, Chapter 157, S.F. 1169: Provides that bid specifications for the purchase of supplies or equipment shall not be so prepared as to exclude all but one type or kind, but shall include competitive supplies and equipment.

REVISION BILL, Chapter 162, S.F. 332: Corrects and eliminates certain obsolete provisions and texts dealing with school district organization, reporting and finance.

REDUCTION OF STATE AIDS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS PERMITTING VIOLATION OF STATE LAWS PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION, Chapter 173, H.F. 184: Provides for a reduction of state aid when a school board permits within the district violations of law by non-compliance with state laws prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance or disability, as defined in sec. 363.03. Also provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt rules and regulations which direct school districts to file with the Commissioner of Education assurances of compliance with state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination. These compliances shall be reviewed by the Commissioner of Human Rights. If it appears to the Commissioner of Human Rights that one or more violations of the Human Rights Act are occurring in the district, he shall notify the Commissioner of Education of the violations.

TEACHERS' FILES, Chapter 177, H.F. 281: Provides that all evaluations and files generated within a school district relating to each individual teacher shall be available to the individual teacher upon written request and not just during regular business hours. Also, effective 1-1-76, all evaluations and files wherever generated relating to each individual teacher shall be available upon written request.

INSURANCE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS, Chapter 189, H.F. 688: Provides for school board designation of official depositories for district money. Increases the amount a board may deposit in a F.D.I.C. insured bank without provision of a bond by the bank from \$10,000 to the amount insured under the federal statute creating the F.D.I.C.

LEASING OF SCHOOLHOUSES, Chapter 199, H.F. 1488: Provides that a school board may lease a schoolhouse which is not needed for school purposes to any person or organization and may charge and collect reasonable consideration for the lease. In districts with outstanding bonds, the net proceeds of the lease shall be first used to reduce the authorized debt service levy and any remaining proceeds shall be used to reduce the authorized maintenance levy. Provides that any property which is owned by a school district which is leased after the effective date of this act for a non-public purpose for one year or more shall lose its tax-exempt status. Effective 5-20-75.

TRANSPORTATION TO DAYTIME ACTIVITY CENTERS, Chapter 238, H.F. 685: Requires school boards to contract with D.A.C.'s to transport handicapped residents to D.A.C.'s under certain circumstances. Provides for Commissioner of Education to resolve conflicts in agreeing to contracts. Requires Commissioner of Public Welfare to fund total D.A.C. transportation costs in grants to each D.A.C. Requires D.A.C. boards of directors to provide for transportation of persons who attend D.A.C.'s.

ST. PAUL, Chapter 261, H.F. 1518: Eliminates the power of the city of St. Paul to levy for school district severance pay and grants this power to the school district; authorizes the city of St. Paul to make a one-time increase of up to \$2,000 in the salary of its elected officers; and eases the requirements for certain zoning changes in the city within two years after the adoption of a new zoning ordinance.

OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES, Chapter 265, S.F. 143: Allows persons without school bus endorsements on their drivers licenses to operate vehicles with a seating capacity of 10 or fewer which are used as school buses.

INSPECTION OF SCHOOL BUSES, Chapter 283, S.F. 949: Requires all school buses to be inspected prior to their initial registration in Minnesota.

COMMISSION ON FLUCTUATING ENROLLMENTS, Chapter 291, S.F. 1299: Appropriates \$60,000 for use by the Advisory Commission on Fluctuating Enrollments.

TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACT, Chapter 306, S.F. 469: See Governmental Operations, Retirement.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BONDING AUTHORITY, Chapter 320, S.F. 795: Extends through 1979 permission for Minneapolis school district, by 2/3 majority vote of the school board, to issue bonds equal in value to the amount of indebtedness to be retired, in the calendar year and to add any amounts of these authorized bonds which are not sold to the following calendar year's authorization. (Bonds may be used only for remodeling, expanding and equipping existing school buildings and for new school buildings. Plans must be submitted to the city planning commission.)

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN ATHLETICS, Chapter 338, H.F. 69: Permits educational institutions and public services (1) to restrict athletic team membership to one sex, if necessary to provide both sexes with an equal opportunity to participate, and (2) to provide substantially sex-separated teams if the teams are treated in a substantially equal manner, including budgets per participant. Applies only to programs for participants over age 11 or sixth grade. Permits a one-year phase-in period for budget equality and a three-year phase-in period for elimination of sex separation in programs for participants under age 12 or seventh grade.

SCHOOL SPEED ZONES, Chapter 363, H.F. 556: Authorizes local authorities to establish school speed zones with speeds no lower than 20 M.P.H., or 15 M.P.H. below the previously established limit.

INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR RETIRED PERSONNEL, Chapter 365, H.F. 562: Permits school boards to purchase medical insurance for retired employees between the ages of 60 and 65. Changes ages to between 55 and 65.

AIDS FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Chapter 396, H.F. 914:

Sec. 1. States legislative intent to distribute educational aids to equalize benefits to children and to assure freedom of educational choice.

Sec. 2. Defines "instructional materials" to include books and any other printed or published materials made by any method, which are secular, neutral and non-ideological and are available to public school students for use as sources of study for classes and individuals or in libraries. Limits term to items described or designated in the uniform accounting manual for public school districts. Defines "auxiliary services" to include a variety of special services which are secular, neutral and non-ideological services which benefit non-public school students and are provided to public school students in the state.

Defines "equipment" to mean items or devices which do not change with use and are usually repaired rather than replaced, if they are secular, neutral, non-ideological, are used in public schools, are limited to phys. ed., lab sciences, math, business, practical arts and vocational programs, and cannot be used for religious instruction.

Sec. 3. Requires public school districts or service areas to annually purchase instructional materials, based on formal requests by or on behalf of non-public school students, and to loan or provide them for use by non-public school students without charge to them, subject to state board rules. Provides for public school districts or service areas to be reimbursed by state for cost of these materials. Contains provisions for title to and possession or custody of materials. Limits cost per pupil unit of these materials to state average cost per pupil unit for materials in public schools.

Sec. 4. Requires public school districts or service areas to annually purchase equipment, based on formal requests by or on behalf of non-public school students, and to loan or provide it for use by non-public school children without charge to them, subject to state board rules. Provides for public districts or service areas to be reimbursed by state for the cost of this equipment.

Provides for title to remain in public sector, but permits possession to be given to non-public school administrators or pupils. Limits annual cost to \$10 per pupil unit enrolled in non-public schools.

Sec. 5. Requires the state board to make rules requiring provision of auxiliary services by school districts or service areas to non-public school students, on receipt of a formal request by or on behalf of them. Requires commissioner to pay school districts or service areas the actual cost of the services up to \$75 per non-public elementary pupil and \$50 per non-public secondary pupil.

Sec. 6. Provides for payments to continue to public schools for obligations incurred pursuant to this act, whatever circumstances arise.

Sec. 7. Severability clause.

Sec. 8. Appropriates \$12,000,000 per year.

OMNIBUS SCHOOL AIDS BILL, Chapter 432, H.F. 235:

Foundation Aid

Requires State Board of Education to conduct an audit of pupil units in 25 randomly selected districts each year.

Permits seventh and eighth grade pupils in any school to be counted as secondary pupils for foundation aid purposes.

Changes the A.F.D.C. concentration aid to 0.1 pupil unit for each 1% A.F.D.C. students over 5% of such students in the district; up to a maximum weighting of 1.1

Increases from 0.5 to 0.6 the weighting of each lost pupil unit in a declining enrollment district for purposes of foundation aid.

Changes fast-growth weighting from 1/4 of the increase for districts with over 3% growth to 0.1 times the increase for each 1% growth in districts experiencing greater than 2% growth.

Changes the basis for payment of shared time foundation aid from a district's actual foundation aid to the full formula amount.

Provides for preceding school year's foundation aid rate to be used for summer school aid.

In 1975-76, provides for foundation aid of \$900 per pupil unit minus 30 EARC mills. Allows low cost districts to "catch up" by adding to their 1974-75 formula allowance the greater of (a) 1/2 the difference between the 1974-75 formula allowance and \$900, or (b) \$75.

In 1976-77, provides for foundation aid of \$960 per pupil unit minus 29 EARC mills. Allows low cost districts to "catch up" by adding to their 1975-76 formula allowance the greater of (a) 2/3 of the difference between the 1975-76 formula allowance and \$960, or (b) \$60.

Raises maximum percentages of in-lieu aids deducted from foundation aid from 35% in 1973-74 and 40% in 1974-75 to 45% in 1975-76 and 50% in 1976-77.

Transportation

Changes the transportation aid formula from 115% of 1972-73 per pupil costs times the number of pupils transported minus 1 EARC mill to 118% in 1975-76 and 124% in 1976-77 of 1973-74 per pupil costs, times the number of pupils transported, minus 1 EARC mill. Changes the basis for bus depreciation aid from a 10-year schedule to an 8-year schedule. Adds special equipment used in handicapped transportation vehicles to the depreciation base.

Provides for state payment of 80% of handicapped transportation costs in excess of 128% of 1973-74 costs for 1975-76. Provides for state payment of 80% of handicapped transportation costs in excess of 134% of 1973-74 costs for 1976-77.

Directs the commissioner to study the need for adjustments in base year costs for purposes of paying transportation aids in 1975-76 and 1976-77.

Provides for transportation for vocational work-study students and shared time program participants.

Requires the State Board of Education to provide safety rules for the transportation of handicapped pupils, including the qualifications of vehicle drivers and aides.

Teachers

Permits teachers placed on unrequested leave of absence to apply to the state board for status as an "eligible teacher". Permits districts which have not placed teachers on unrequested leave of absence and which have an inexperienced staff, increasing enrollments and cost limitations to apply to hire an eligible teacher. Provides state aid of 80% of the difference in salary between the B.A. level and the eligible teacher's salary level for each approved district hiring such a teacher for 1976-77. Provides 60% of the salary difference for 1977-78 and 40% of the salary difference for 1978-79. Prohibits prorating of aid.

Changes from August 15 to July 15 the date when a teacher's right of resignation ceases.

Community and Adult Education Aid

Changes adult education aid from a reimbursement to a current basis in July 1975. Changes the aid from 75% of the teacher's salary up to \$5,300 to 90% of the teacher's salary up to \$8,000. Prohibits fees for tuition, registration, materials and supplies and G.E.D. tests.

Changes community education aid from \$5,000 for directors in 67 districts to (a) for 1975-76, the greater of \$5,000 or 25 cents per capita to any district certifying a community education levy in 1974, and (b) for 1976-77, 50¢ per capita for all districts levying \$1 per capita for community education. Changes from reimbursement to current funding basis.

Special Education

Changes the special education aid from 60% of the salaries of essential personnel up to \$5,600 to 65% of such salaries up to \$10,000.

Beginning with the 1976-77 school year, excluding 1976 summer school, the state shall pay special education aid on a current rather than reimbursed basis.

Permits instruction of trainable mentally retarded pupils through age 25 for those pupils who have attended school less than 9 years prior to September, 1975.

Requires resident districts to pay the unreimbursed actual costs of summer special education programs to the providing district, effective for 1976 summer school.

Post-Secondary Vocational Aid

Provides for change of A.V.T.I. funding from a reimbursement to a current funding process beginning in July, 1976. Requires A.V.T.I.'s to submit budgets to the state board for approval at a consolidated public hearing to be held prior to June 1 of each year beginning in 1976.

Provides for post-secondary vocational foundation aid for each ADM student of \$2,000, less (1) tuition and fees, (2) the amount raised by the required minimum levy, and (3) any federal post-secondary vocational categorical aids or state allocations from federal vocational funds which are used for the regular program.

Defines average daily membership for A.V.T.I.'s as the sum of all days all pupils are enrolled, divided by 175. Beginning 7-15-76, provides for payment of post-secondary vocational foundation aid in 12 monthly installments. Provides for post-secondary vocational categorical aid for high-cost programs and for post-secondary vocational capital expenditure aid for capital costs. Requires districts to make minimum required levy to qualify for these aids.

Provides for post-secondary vocational debt service aid.

Permits Minnesota residents under 21 to attend A.V.T.I.'s without tuition. Permits certain Minnesota resident veterans over 21 to attend A.V.T.I.'s without tuition. Requires tuition to be charged other Minnesota residents equal to \$2 per school day enrolled. Requires a tuition of \$5 per school day enrolled to be charged to non-reciprocity, non-Minnesota residents.

Requires legislative authorization for the establishment of an A.V.T.I.

Provides for elimination of A.V.T.I. operating deficits through a combination of state aid and local levies.

School Levies and Aids in Lieu of Levies

Permits districts a maintenance levy of 29 mills, or a smaller amount in low-cost, catch-up districts, in 1975 and 1976. Implies a foundation aid figure of \$1,015 in 1977-78.

Requires a reduction of foundation aid, beginning in 1977-78, equal to the difference between the actual and permitted maintenance levy, beginning with the 1976 levy.

Removes Minneapolis and St. Paul authorization to levy for 20% of transportation costs; these cities now levy 1 mill and receive aid on the regular transportation aid formula.

Authorizes an excess levy for all approved current costs of transportation under one mile because of extraordinary traffic hazards.

In 1975 and 1976, authorizes same grandfather levy per pupil unit allowed in 1974, but with 2-1/2% reduction required in 1974 added back onto permitted amount.

Permits districts with fewer than 15,000 people to levy \$2 per capita for community education. Larger districts may levy \$1 per capita as under existing law. Permits districts which pay for 95% or more of the cost of the municipal recreation program to levy an additional one mill. Requires districts to consult with other governmental subdivisions before making community education levy.

Permits a minimum levy for post-secondary vocational purposes, exclusive of debt service, of 0.5 EARC mill up to a maximum of 1 EARC mill for cities of the first class.

Permits intermediate A.V.T.I. districts to levy a minimum of 0.5 EARC mill and a maximum of 1 EARC mill for post-secondary vocational purposes, exclusive of debt service.

Permits other A.V.T.I. districts to levy a minimum of 1 EARC mill and a maximum of 3 EARC mills for post-secondary vocational purposes, exclusive of debt service.

Changes from \$65 to \$70 per pupil unit, or \$75 per pupil unit in fast-growth districts, the amount which all districts may levy for capital expenditure purposes.

Deletes special aid for districts where EARC declines by more than 8% in one year.

Repeals declining assessed valuation ("lag") aid effective 7-1-76.

Provides for immediate adjustment, before levies are spread, of the EARC value and levy limits, in districts where the assessed valuation has declined from the preceding year. (Adjusted EARC will also be used for computing foundation aid in the year in which the levy is used.)

Provides state loans to districts where maintenance tax delinquency, not including abatements, amounts to more than 2-1/2% of the district's maintenance budget from foundation aid and levy. Districts must levy maximum maintenance and grandfather levies to qualify.

Phases out over fiscal 1976 and 1977 certain state aids in lieu of local property taxes.

School Construction

Provides for state board to review capital loan applications under maximum effort school aid law and to approve only loans for buildings which are absolutely necessary. Provides for forgiveness of capital loans unpaid after 30 years. Limits district's bonding capacity after its capital loan has been outstanding for 20 years. Limits district's ability to refund outstanding bonds when it has a state capital or debt service loan outstanding.

Miscellaneous

Extends the early childhood pilot programs for two more years. Expands the funded programs from 6 to 10.

Changes effective date of fees act from 7-1 to 8-25-75 to prevent the act from becoming effective in the middle of summer school.

Makes appropriations.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

CANOE AND BOATING ROUTES, Chapter 37, S.F. 194: Authorizes the Commissioner of Natural Resources to acquire land along the designated routes for the purposes of rest areas and river accesses, in addition to existing authority for campsites and portages. Expands the present authorized acquisitional methods of lease and easement to include purchase, grant, gift, devise, and exchange. Imposes a limitation of 20 acres on such land acquisition unless approved by the legislature or unless the proposed acquisition would require a survey, in which case the acquisition is limited to 40 acres.

SCUBA DIVERS, Chapter 58, H.F. 241: Requires a scuba diver using any apparatus permitting him to breathe under water, except a snorkel not attached to an artificial oxygen supply, to display a diver's flag in areas other than legally designated swimming areas.

ENERGY-CONSERVING DESIGN STANDARDS, Chapter 65, H.F. 923: Postpones from 4-1-75 to 8-1-75 the date for promulgation of building design and construction standards regarding heat loss control, illumination, and climate control.

FUEL CONSERVATION REPORTS, Chapter 91, S.F. 38: Changes the reporting date from 7-1 to 8-15 of each year for the report of the energy consumed by the district during the previous school year ending 6-30.

MINNESOTA MEMORIAL HARDWOOD STATE FOREST, Chapter 103, S.F. 287: Changes the name to the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest.

APPROPRIATION AND USE OF WATERS, Chapter 105, S.F. 421: Eliminates duplicate, previously repealed language.

STATE TIMBER SALES, Chapter 106, S.F. 451: Reduces the maximum value of timber which may be sold at one auction. Increases the minimum value of timber which may be sold by informal sale. Alters certain other timber sale and permit procedures. Requires the Commissioner of Natural Resources to file an annual report concerning all auctions and informal sales of timber.

TURTLES, Chapter 107, S.F. 452: Affords protection to turtles by removing them from the definition of "rough fish". Requires resident commercial fishermen who take, transport, purchase or possess turtles for sale to obtain a license. Allows persons holding fishing licenses to take turtles under certain conditions.

STATE TRAILS, Chapter 113, S.F. 1088: Authorizes the establishment of additional state trails to be known as the Northshore Trail and the Grand Marais to International Falls Trail.

ACQUISITION PROCEDURE FOR STATE LAND, Chapter 144, S.F. 1101: Specifies the procedure to be followed when the Commissioner of Administration is authorized to acquire lands for the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, Chapter 147, S.F. 1391: Authorizes a county board to exercise certain powers concerning waters located wholly within a city or lake conservation district after the approval of the city or lake conservation district.

BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA, Chapter 161, S.F. 303: Allows a person to use a portable fish house within the BWCA if he removes it from any lake and disassembles it each night and if he removes the portable fish house from the BWCA each time he leaves the BWCA.

CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS, Chapter 163, S.F. 413: Authorizes a nonprofit charitable corporation whose purposes include conservation of land or water areas to acquire conservation restrictions. A conservation restriction is a right of the owner not to develop or change land or water areas from the natural, scenic, or wooded condition.

RACCOONS, Chapter 164, S.F. 458: Removes the raccoon from the list of unprotected animals. Authorizes the Commissioner of Natural Resources to prescribe a season on raccoons. Allows raccoons to be treed without being taken by the use of dogs at any time during the year.

WILDLIFE WATERS, GAME REPORTS, FOX, DEER, Chapter 167, S.F. 1098: Clarifies the authority of the Commissioner of Natural Resources to designate and manage certain public waters for wildlife use. Amends the existing requirement of all hunters to file an annual report to apply only when the hunter is requested to do so by the commissioner. Prohibits the removal of fox from a den or the trapping of fox within 300 feet of a den between April 1 and August 31. Prohibits the sale of live fox without a permit from the commissioner. Authorizes the commissioner to determine the season on taking deer by legal firearms and by bow between November 1 and December 15.

LITTERING IN STATE PARKS, Chapter 168, S.F. 1142: Prohibits littering in state parks. Allows a court to order an offender to work under the direction of the Department of Natural Resources in clearing rubbish, trash, and debris from any state park.

ENERGY, Chapter 170, S.F. 1196: Amends the date and certain contents of reports required to be filed with the Director of the Minnesota Energy Agency. Requires the director to promulgate assessment of need criteria for large energy facilities. Prohibits the siting or construction of any large energy facility in Minnesota after the effective date of the above-mentioned criteria without a certificate of need issued by the director.

FISHING CONTESTS, Chapter 172, H.F. 100: Prohibits fishing contests in which an entry fee over \$10 per person or total prizes over \$2000 are involved without a permit from the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL, Chapter 204, H.F. 1759: Repeals the duties of the Citizens Advisory Council to the Environmental Quality Council to review state government programs and activities relative to state environmental policies and goals and to make annual recommendations concerning only needed state policy or program changes to improve environmental quality (Sec. 73). Amends the environmental impact statement procedure so that the council will review only those petitions with more than 500 signatures requesting the preparation of an environmental impact which it deems to involve potential for significant environmental effects or to concern an action of more than local significance (Sec. 74).

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES, Chapter 223, H.F. 334: Allows local units of government to operate their own collection programs for abandoned vehicles; allows the Pollution Control Agency to study programs for controlling motor vehicle waste and abandoned vehicles and to develop public information programs.

VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Chapter 235, H.F. 628: Establishes a 16-member advisory committee composed of 4 residents of Koochiching County, 4 residents of St. Louis County, 4 residents of the state at large, 2 members of the State Senate, and 2 members of the State House of Representatives.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY-DITCH NO. 27, Chapter 249, H.F. 1180: Authorizes Blue Earth County to expend less than \$150,000 to complete the improvement of this county ditch and to issue general obligation bonds to pay the costs.

DAM CONSTRUCTION-DULUTH, Chapter 257, H.F. 1436: Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to make a grant not to exceed \$87,500 to Duluth for the construction of a dam on Tischer Creek.

DEADLINE FOR JUNKYARD RENEWAL, Chapter 266, S.F. 167: Extends the deadline for the removal of unscreened junkyards adjacent to the trunk highway system from 7-1-74 to 7-1-79.

PUBLIC WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS, Chapter 294, S.F. 1434: Authorizes county boards to form water and sewer districts in the same manner authorized by municipalities. Specifies the formation and operation procedures of such districts.

PERMANENT PERMITS FOR HANDICAPPED HUNTERS, Chapter 296, S.F. 66: Provides that once a person establishes his disability as permanent, he shall qualify for the special permit without subsequent medical examinations.

BEAR HUNTING, Chapter 298, S.F. 126: Prohibits taking bear by using solid waste containing bottles, cans, plastic, paper, metal, and other non-biodegradable materials as bait.

BEVERAGE CONTAINERS, Chapter 308, S.F. 460: Prohibits the sale of beverages in containers constructed so that part of the container is detached in the process of opening the container after 1-1-77.

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, Chapter 311, S.F. 624: Grants cities certain powers now conferred on county boards concerning bodies of water situated partly within municipal boundaries for the purpose of flood prevention and control if in conjunction with a federal project.

WATERCRAFT SAFETY, Chapter 322, S.F. 917: Requires a person between 13 and 18 years of age to possess a watercraft operator's permit issued by his state of residence to operate a motorboat powered by a motor over 24 horsepower, unless there is a person 18 years or older in the motorboat. Authorizes the Commissioner of Natural Resources to pay the counties for the expenses of a county sponsored or administered watercraft and swimming instructional program from watercraft license fees. Changes the existing one hour and a half after sunset prohibition on waterskiing to one hour after sunset.

ST. PAUL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, Chapter 332, S.F. 1425: Allows the city of St. Paul to negotiate contracts for solid waste collection and disposal, with review by the Metropolitan Council.

OUTDOOR RECREATION SYSTEM, Chapter 353, H.F. 343: The Outdoor Recreation Act of 1975 groups various state owned recreation lands (state parks, certain state trails, scientific and natural areas, wilderness areas, forests, wildlife management areas, water access sites, wild, scenic, and recreational rivers, historic sites, and rest areas) into an outdoor recreation system. Provides criteria specifying the purposes and administration of each class of the above-mentioned units. Specifies procedures for acquisition and development of these units. Requires master plans for all units. Establishes an outdoor recreation advisory council. Requires a registry of units and reports on existing and new units. Provides for review of present classification and name changes of some units.

WATER POLLUTION, Chapter 354, H.F. 398: Appropriates an additional \$40,000,000 to the state water pollution control fund, composed of an appropriation of \$11,000,000 from the general fund and the sale of an additional \$29,000,000 in bonds. Requires the \$11,000,000 to be obligated prior to the sale of the additional bonds. Requires the Pollution Control Agency to submit a report to the legislature by 1-1-76, concerning the water pollution control program.

CONSERVATION OFFICERS; CERTAIN VEHICLE OPERATORS; LOYALTY OATHS, Chapter 399, H.F. 1007: Excludes state conservation officers and certain persons covered by U.S. Department of Transportation regulations from state minimum wage and fair labor standard provisions. Repeals requirement that state employees prior to employment must swear to uphold the state and federal constitutions.

HELMER MYRE STATE PARK, Chapter 404, H.F. 1058: Adds additional land to the park and authorizes acquisition by eminent domain.

LAND ACQUISITION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION, Chapter 415, H.F. 1241: Appropriates \$15,000,000 for the acquisition of state parks, recreation areas, trails, wildlife management areas, fishing management lands, wetlands outside designated wildlife management areas, wild, scenic, or recreational rivers, and canoe and boating routes. Appropriates \$20,000,000 for acquisition and betterment of recreational lands within the 7-county metropolitan area, and authorizes the state to issue bonds for that amount.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION, Chapter 420, H.F. 1331: Increases the membership of the commission from 9 to 11 members, with at least 1 member to be appointed from each natural resources region.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE

Financial Institutions

USURY, Chapter 27, H.F. 103: Removes usury limitations on margin accounts.

INVESTMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS, Chapter 96, S.F. 565: Authorizes school districts to invest certain funds in government-issued securities if securities are accompanied by a banking institution's agreement to repurchase securities on a specified date at a predetermined price. Effective 5-8-75.

LIFE INSURANCE, Chapter 141, S.F. 923: Permits domestic life insurance companies to invest up to 15% of their admitted assets in certificates of deposit if any amount in excess of 5% is insured by the F.D.I.C.

INSURANCE, Chapter 145, S.F. 1131: Permits domestic stock companies to declare cash dividends quarterly.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, Chapter 166, S.F. 1055: Recodifies existing law regulating face amount certificate investment companies. Gives the Commissioner of Banks the supervisory power to make periodic examinations of the companies' books and accounts. Requires certain reports to be made to the commissioner, requires the companies to pay the commissioner the cost of his examinations of them and permits the commissioner to apply to the district court for the appointment of a receiver when litigation is about to occur.

INSURANCE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS, Chapter 189, H.F. 688: Provides for school board designation of official depositories for district money. Increases the amount a board may deposit in a F.D.I.C. insured bank without provision of a bond by the bank from \$10,000 to the amount insured under the federal statute creating the F.D.I.C.

FIDUCIARIES, Chapter 194, H.F. 927: Authorizes banks or trust companies acting as fiduciaries to deposit securities they hold as a fiduciary with the Federal Reserve Bank.

BOARD OF INVESTMENT, Chapter 277, S.F. 874: Permits the board to invest state funds in obligations guaranteed by the Federal Small Business Administration.

BANKS, Chapter 300, S.F. 199: Authorizes state banks to acquire and lease personal property to consumers.

CREDIT UNIONS, Chapter 303, S.F. 230: Increases from \$25 to \$100 the application fee charged when organizing a credit union.

USURY, Chapter 358, H.F. 511: Extends the usury exemption for loans in excess of \$100,000 until 1978.

BANKS, Chapter 366, H.F. 576: Grants to banks certain trust powers with regard to the federal Self-Employed Individual's Tax Retirement Act of 1962.

INDUSTRIAL LOAN AND THRIFT COMPANIES, Chapter 373, H.F. 629: Permits industrial loan and thrift companies to lend money for up to 60 months and permits industrial loan and thrift companies to lend up to 10% of its contributed capital and appropriated reserves to any one person.

SMALL LOAN COMPANIES, Chapter 379, H.F. 696: Increases the application fee and annual license fee for small loan companies.

CREDIT UNIONS, Chapter 394, H.F. 858: Permits credit unions to make payments on share accounts and deposit accounts of the Minnesota Central Credit Union in the United States Central Credit Union.

BANKS, Chapter 398, H.F. 999: Permits state banks to take second liens on real estate under certain circumstances.

Insurance

TOWNSHIP, MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANIES, Chapter 15, S.F. 348: Restricts the area in which the companies may operate to adjoining townships; removes provisions of law related to limitations on corporate existence. Modifies powers of the corporation; permits board of directors to appoint officers; clarifies and updates certain language used in the present chapter and authorizes arbitration of disputes.

NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, Chapter 18, S.F. 28: Basically housekeeping in nature, clarifying certain language, removing certain obsolete terminology, and removing certain ambiguities in the original no-fault law.

HEALTH INSURANCE, Chapter 40, S.F. 409: Requires health insurance, including non-profit health service plan corporations and health maintenance organizations, which provide coverage for in-patient hospital and medical expenses, to include treatment of emotionally handicapped children in residential treatment facilities.

STUDENT DISCOUNTS ON AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, Chapter 44, H.F. 70: Provides that if an insurance company provides a discount on automobile insurance premiums to persons attending colleges or universities, they must provide the same discounts to students enrolled in area vocational-technical institutes.

GROUP INSURANCE POLICIES AND PLANS, Chapter 89, S.F. 690: Requires that all group insurance policies and group subscriber contracts providing benefits for mental treatments or nervous disorder treatments in a hospital shall also provide, with certain limitations, coverage for treatments delivered while the patient is not in bed in a hospital.

GROUP INSURANCE, Chapter 100, H.F. 11: Modifies the law which allows a discharged employee to remain in his health insurance group for a limited period after employment to provide if the health care policy or plan is administered by a trust, the terminating employer is relieved of certain notification requirements and these requirements are imposed upon the trust.

INSURANCE, Chapter 129, H.F. 1494: Permits fraternal beneficiary associations to use the monetary tables and interest rates prescribed by law for life insurance companies.

INSURANCE, Chapter 139, S.F. 765: Prohibits discrimination in insurance on the basis of disability unless the claims experience or other data establish a significant and substantial difference in the class rates because of the disability.

LIFE INSURANCE, Chapter 141, S.F. 923: Permits domestic life insurance companies to invest up to 15% of their admitted assets in certificates of deposit if any amount in excess of 5% is insured by the F.D.I.C.

NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, Chapter 160, S.F. 114: Removes the requirement that a motor vehicle must be insured at all times and replaces it with the requirement that the motor vehicle must be insured during the period in which operation or use is contemplated. Also authorizes the Supreme Court to provide for the submission to arbitrate upon mutual consent of all parties to an action of cases where the claim is of \$5,000 or less.

RECOVERY FROM THIRD PARTIES, Chapter 247, H.F. 1074: See Health and Welfare, Organizational.

INSURANCE PREMIUM FINANCING, Chapter 309, S.F. 488: Clarifies what an open-end insurance premium finance agreement is and tightens the informational aspects of the law relating to the open-end agreements.

HEALTH INSURANCE, Chapter 323, S.F. 963: Health insurance policies and health subscriber contracts may not contain a provision which reduces a benefit under the policy because of an increase in disability benefits received under a federal act.

INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR RETIRED PERSONNEL, Chapter 365, H.F. 562: Permits school boards to purchase medical insurance for retired employees between the ages of 60 and 65. Changes ages to between 55 and 65.

HEALTH CARE, Chapter 387, H.F. 757: Directs the Commissioner of Insurance to prescribe uniform health insurance claim forms for each class of providers.

CREDIT UNION EMPLOYEES, Chapter 417, H.F. 1311: Extends eligibility for state group insurance plans to officers or employees of the State Capitol Credit Union and the Hiway Credit Union.

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, Chapter 428, H.F. 1551: Increases benefits payable to retired policemen or their survivors by providing medical insurance.

GENERAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

PIPELINE SAFETY, Chapter 31, S.F. 228: Allows the State Fire Marshal to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per day for violations of the natural gas pipeline safety act; allows the Fire Marshal to negotiate settlements of civil penalties.

PERMITS FOR EXPLOSIVES, Chapter 77, S.F. 679: Transfers authority to license handlers of explosives from State Fire Marshal to Commissioner of Public Safety; transfers authority to issue explosive-possession permits from local fire officials to sheriffs, chiefs of police or other persons designated by the commissioner; removes the authority of explosives dealers to issue permits.

ENDURANCE CONTESTS: REGULATION OF, Chapter 250, H.F. 1247: Allows endurance contests if a rest period of at least five hours is given at the beginning of each 24 hour period.

Elections

ELECTION LAWS, Chapter 5, H.F. 75: Recodifies M.S. 1974, Chapters 202, 203 and 204, relating to caucuses and conventions; primary elections; candidates; general elections; special elections; preparation of ballots; and conduct of elections. The new chapters now numbered 202A, 203A and 204A contain no substantive changes and merely put the election laws in more logical sequence.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS, Chapter 72, S.F. 456: See Education.

FILING FEES-PETITION IN LIEU THEREOF, Chapter 130, S.F. 72: Allows a candidate to present a petition in lieu of a filing fee, signed by a varying number of people, depending on the office sought.

FILLING VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Chapter 280, S.F. 903: Eliminates the appointment system of filling vacancies in the office of county commissioner and provides for vacancies to be filled by special election held not less than 30 nor more than 60 days after the vacancy occurs. The special election may be held on the same day as the regular election. If a vacancy occurs more than 60 days before the general election preceding the end of the term, the vacancy would be filled by the person elected at that election and the person elected would take office immediately upon receipt of the certificate of election and filing the bond and oath of office.

ELECTION LAWS, FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, Chapter 284, S.F. 954: Rearranges M.S. 1974, sections 210 and 211, which regulate certain election and campaign activities, and provides penalties. The bill recodifies 210 and 211 into 210A.

PRECINCT CAUCUS REQUIREMENTS, Chapter 292, S.F. 1353: Provides that the precinct caucus is to be at 8 p.m.; provides 6 days' published notice; provides that 20 days before the caucus, notice is to be given to the county auditor who shall make the information available.

ELECTED OFFICIALS-TIME OFF FROM EMPLOYMENT, Chapter 342, H.F. 153: Requires an employer to allow an employee, elected to a public office, time off to attend meetings without retaliatory action.

Veterans Affairs

VIETNAM BONUS, Chapter 3, S.F. 64: Appropriates from the general fund an additional \$5 million to the veterans adjusted compensation fund, to enable complete payment of the Vietnam era veterans bonus.

VETERANS PREFERENCE, Chapter 45, H.F. 84: Redefines veterans eligible for preference. Restricts usage of a 5 or 10 point preference to initial employment positions in public service except for certain disabled veterans who may use a one-time 5 point preference in securing a promotional position. Applies state veterans preference law to all political subdivisions of the state giving examinations in the employment of public employees.

VETERANS HOME LICENSE EXEMPTION, Chapter 63, H.F. 648: Excludes the Minnesota Veterans Home from a license required for the operation of a hospital, rest home, or related institution.

VETERANS BONUS: PAYMENT TO RELATIVES OF VETERANS MISSING IN ACTION, Chapter 97, S.F. 1302: Allows payment of the veterans bonus to the next of kin of veterans missing in action.

FEDERAL HOSPITALS, Chapter 174, H.F. 197: Permits the Commissioner of Public Welfare, upon written request from the appropriate federal authority, to appoint a review panel for any federal hospital within the state to review the admission and retention of patients hospitalized under chapter 253A. One of the members of such a panel must be the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs or his designee.

VETERANS HOME RESIDENTS: DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT DEATH, Chapter 225, H.F. 409: Deletes the requirement that a resident of the home must execute a will and deposit it with the home before he can enter the home.

VETERANS BONUS, APPORTIONMENT OF PAYMENT, Chapter 407, H.F. 1127: Allows the Veterans Bonus Review Board to equitably apportion the veterans bonus between the divorced or separated parents of a deceased veteran.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

CAPITOL BUILDING RESTORATION, Chapter 64, H.F. 740: Appropriates \$485,000 to the Department of Administration for the restoration and repair of the exterior of the Capitol building.

ENERGY-CONSERVING DESIGN STANDARDS, Chapter 65, H.F. 923: Postpones from 4-1-75 to 8-1-75 the date for promulgation of building design and construction standards regarding heat loss control, illumination, and climate control.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, Chapter 83, H.F. 594: Raises from \$2,000 to \$30,000 the cost of public buildings which are exempt from the requirement that architects or engineers must be employed.

COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVORS OF PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY, Chapter 128, H.F. 1292: Increases from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the benefits payable to survivors of deceased peace officers.

EMINENT DOMAIN, Chapter 175, H.F. 249: Relates to eminent domain; appraisal fees in acquisition by direct purchase. Provides that a property owner is entitled to reimbursement for appraisal fees of up to \$300 when his property is acquired by direct purchase by the State Highway Department. If a state agency other than the Highway Department is involved in the acquisition, the owner is entitled to such reimbursement if otherwise entitled to reimbursements under other controlling sections of the law (M.S. 117.50 - 117.56). The purchaser is required to inform the property owner of his rights and entitlements. Does not apply to acquisitions for utility purposes made by a public service corporation or electric cooperative association. Effective 8-1-75.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, Chapter 205, H.F. 2: Authorizes the summer employment of young persons for state and local service and appropriates \$4,000,000.

EMINENT DOMAIN, Chapter 218, H.F. 251: Relates to eminent domain; right of possession. Provides that in an eminent domain proceeding, a petitioner must pay to the owner or deposit with the court an amount equal to the petitioner's approved appraisal of value before taking title to and possession of the property involved. In all cases, the petitioner has a right to title and possession after the filing of the award by the court appointed commissioners if appeal is waived by all parties upon payment of the award or if the petitioner pays or deposits three-fourths the award (though right of appeal has not been waived). Effective 8-1-75.

JOINT AIRPORT OPERATIONS WITH CANADA, Chapter 224, H.F. 382: Permits the state, with the approval of the United States Government, to enter into joint airport operations with Canada or its governmental subdivisions.

COURT REPORTER SALARIES, Chapter 241, H.F. 866: Raises the permissible salaries for court reporters, to be determined by the judge of district court, to a maximum of \$19,100 per year.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE, Chapter 383, H.F. 710: Sets aside 10% of all state procurement for the awarding to Minnesota small businesses. Provides that 10% of this set-aside shall be reserved for small businesses owned or operated by economically or socially disadvantaged persons. Permits the small business set-asides to be awarded by bid or negotiated contracts. Requires the Commissioners of Administration and Economic Development to publicize the set-aside program.

CONSERVATION OFFICERS; CERTAIN VEHICLE OPERATORS; LOYALTY OATHS; Chapter 399, H.F. 1007: Excludes state conservation officers and certain persons covered by U.S. Department of Transportation regulations from state minimum wage and fair labor standard provisions. Repeals requirement that state employees prior to employment must swear to uphold the state and federal constitutions.

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, Chapter 411, H.F. 1160: Permits local government units to expend money for Bicentennial purposes. Validates prior expenditures for this purpose. Creates by statute the Minnesota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission to supersede a similar commission created by executive order. Instructs the commission to coordinate Bicentennial programs and activities throughout the state.

STATE REGISTER, Chapter 413, H.F. 1187: Delays until 7-1-76 the effective date of state register publication requirements.

Retirement

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, Chapter 56, H.F. 202: Permits reimbursed out-of-state travel in connection with the business of the Minneapolis Firemen's Relief Association.

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, Chapter 57, H.F. 203: Permits a widow who ceased receiving pension benefits because of remarriage to qualify for renewed pension benefits if her remarriage terminates.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT, Chapter 102, H.F. 584: Miscellaneous amendments to the PERA Act, including within coverage of the Act employees of a hospital district organized or reorganized after 7-1-75. Excludes workmen's compensation payments from salary computations for pension benefit purposes. Permits continued membership in PERA in certain circumstances after leaving public employment. Prescribes powers and duties of executive director of PERA. Limits venue on all actions involving PERA to Ramsey County. Provides alternative annuity benefits for surviving spouses. Makes miscellaneous changes in the manner of payment of annuity benefits.

CITY OF DULUTH, Chapter 127, H.F. 1136: Adjusts benefits for retired members of the Duluth Firemen's Relief Association. Provision of survivors' benefits for widows and children of deceased members.

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, Chapter 152, H.F. 774: Changes certain accounting functions to a fiscal year basis. Permits payment of certain retirement fund benefits at age 62.

SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT FUND, Chapter 153, H.F. 1008: Relates to the Minnesota supplemental retirement fund. Requires employees to elect which account he wishes his salary deductions and matching funds invested before July 1 (old January) of each year. Permits withdrawal of shares at age 62 (old 65) for persons no longer employed by Hennepin county.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT, Chapter 183, H.F. 583: Provides for a continuation of survivors' benefit payments to a surviving spouse upon the termination of the spouse's remarriage. Permits a proportionate annuity for persons who retire as a result of mandatory retirement age requirement and who have between three and ten years service in certain named retirement funds.

CITY OF ST. PAUL, Chapter 187, H.F. 596: Permits a certain retired employee of the St. Paul Bureau of Health to credit additional work time towards retirement benefit computations.

METROPOLITAN INTER-COUNTY COUNCIL, Chapter 190, H.F. 779: Makes members of the Council coordinated members of PERA.

ACTUARIAL EVALUATIONS, Chapter 192, H.F. 864: Requires each state retirement fund to annually prepare an actuarial evaluation for the fund in conformance with certain enumerated standards and assumptions.

CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEES, Chapter 230, H.F. 521: Extends until 7-1-76 the effective date of mandatory retirement ages for certain corrections-related employees.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' COMBINED SERVICE ANNUITY, Chapter 232, H.F. 581: Provides a procedure whereby a public employee may receive credit for allowable service in two or more covered public employees' retirement funds for use in determining eligibility for retirement benefits to be received from each of the funds for which the employee has allowable service credit.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS, Chapter 273, S.F. 366: Extends the option of participating in the state's deferred compensation plan to employees of the state and its political subdivisions without authorizing employer contributions from the subdivisions. Provides that the MSRS and its executive director shall administer the deferred compensation plan.

TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACT, Chapter 306, S.F. 469: Redefines allowable service credit for service in certain prior years. Expands coverage of the fund to include persons employed by teacher organizations, provided that these members must also pay the employer's contribution. Imposes a mandatory retirement age of 65 years after 8-31-76. Provides lump sum payments for certain persons receiving annuities from the Teachers' Retirement Fund, the Public Employees Retirement Fund, the Minnesota State Retirement System's regular fund, the Highway Patrolmen's Retirement Fund, or the Minneapolis Municipal Employees Retirement Fund. Requires state to assume the total employer obligation for Teachers Retirement Fund Association in cities of the first class, while restricting the ability of the cities to enact any amendments to the Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation for their respective funds. Increases benefits payable to retired members or their survivors of the new Home Fire Department Relief Association. Repeals various provisions relating to tax levies and levy limitations.

PENSIONS, Chapter 307, S.F. 476: Makes invalid any clause in a pension or profit sharing plan which provides that an employee will lose vested rights if the employee joins a competing employer.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, Chapter 336, H.F. 1: See Labor-Management Relations.

LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS IN MSRS, Chapter 368, H.F. 593: Redefines method for computing benefits for retired legislators and their survivors. Defers legislator's deferred annuities augmentation. Includes legislative service within the computations for allowable service in one or more other retirement funds. Removes mandatory retirement age for legislative employees. Expands eligibility for disability payments under MSRS. Provides for distribution of benefits to surviving children in certain cases of a deceased state employee in the event that there be no surviving spouse. Recomputes increased benefits payable for certain deferred annuities. Provides a combined service annuity for persons covered by state retirement funds. Provides for a feasibility study for the construction of a building to house the Public Employees Retirement Association. Makes various other minor amendments to statutory sections relating to legislative retirement, the MSRS system, and the Highway Patrolmen's Relief Association.

LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES, Chapter 388, H.F. 775: Permits legislative employees to contribute moneys to MSRS for the period during which they were non-permanent legislative employees in order to increase their allowable service credit for retirement annuity benefits.

RESTRICTING LOCAL PENSION PLANS, Chapter 405, H.F. 1073: Prohibits the establishment of local pension plans paid for from public funds other than volunteer firemen's relief associations.

CITY OF DULUTH, Chapter 408, H.F. 1133: Increases benefits payable to retired members of the Duluth Police Department. Amends wording of statute to avoid sexual discrimination. Expands benefits payable to a deceased member's children between the ages of 18 and 22.

JUDGES' RETIREMENT, Chapter 418, H.F. 1313: Funds a judges' retirement plan consistent with recent Supreme Court decisions on the condition that judges receiving pension benefits agree not to accept increased benefits as a result of future increases in judges' salaries. Grants proportional annuity benefits for all judges who retire on or after the date of mandatory retirement. Extends survivors' annuity benefits to certain survivors who were not otherwise eligible for these benefits as a result of statutes in effect prior to 1-1-74. Appropriates \$2,022,700 to make up the deficiencies in the judges' retirement fund and the judges' survivors' benefit fund.

CITY OF ST. PAUL, Chapter 423, H.F. 1448: Extends survivors' benefits to a surviving spouse who remarried but whose remarriage terminated.

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, Chapter 428, H.F. 1551: Increases benefits payable to retired policemen or their survivors by providing medical insurance.

State Agencies and Boards

EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS, Chapter 1, H.F. 3: Updates Minnesota law to permit the state to pay extended benefits in accordance with a recent federal law.

PIPELINE SAFETY, Chapter 31, S.F. 228: Allows the State Fire Marshal to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per day for violations of the natural gas pipeline safety act; allows the Fire Marshal to negotiate settlements of civil penalties.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, Chapter 48, H.F. 296: Permits the executive council to grant relief to individuals or families suffering loss or hardship as a result of a major disaster.

INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION, Chapter 54, H.F. 111: Permits any two of three members of the commission as designated by the commission chairman to approve commission expenditures.

INACTIVE AGENCIES, Chapter 61, H.F. 412: Abolishes 15 inactive or superfluous state boards and commissions. Transfers the functions of certain of the abolished boards and commissions.

VETERANS HOME LICENSE EXEMPTION, Chapter 63, H.F. 648: Excludes the Minnesota Veterans Home from a license required for the operation of a hospital, rest home, or related institution.

PERMITS FOR EXPLOSIVES, Chapter 77, S.F. 679: Transfers authority to license handlers of explosives from State Fire Marshal to Commissioner of Public Safety; transfers authority to issue explosive-possession permits from local fire officials to sheriffs, chiefs of police or other persons designated by the commissioner; removes the authority of explosives dealers to issue permits.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, Chapter 81, H.F. 114: Permits the acquisition of unmarked state vehicles for the Department of Public Safety and the office of the Attorney General. Expands the notice required for sale of state lands. Various housekeeping amendments to the department's enabling legislation.

PHYSICIANS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES, Chapter 92, S.F. 146: Eliminates the authority of the Board of Medical Examiners to issue a license without evidence of the applicant's having successfully completed a comprehensive examination given by the appropriate board of the other state by which he is licensed.

BASIC SCIENCE EXAM, Chapter 93, S.F. 157: Clarifies the authority of the Board of Medical Examiners to require applicants for licensure as a medical doctor to have passed at least one of the two national examinations in the medical sciences.

PODIATRY, Chapter 132, S.F. 307: Changes the official designation of a podiatrist from a doctor of "surgical podiatry" to a doctor of "podiatric medicine"; repeals statutory language which sets a license renewal fee and authorizes the board to revoke registration and grants the State Board of Podiatry Examiners and Registration the authority to establish license renewal fees and requirements for license renewal by rule and regulation.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS, Chapter 136, S.F. 605: Establishes uniform provisions for all occupational licensing boards relating to terms of office of members (4 years), compensation (\$35 per day plus expenses), reporting requirements, removal from office, and filling of vacancies. Requires certain departments to furnish centralized administrative services for the boards.

ACQUISITION PROCEDURE FOR STATE LAND, Chapter 144, S.F. 1101: Specifies the procedure to be followed when the Commissioner of Administration is authorized to acquire lands for the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

ATTORNEY GENERAL SALARIES, Chapter 156, S.F. 1114: Increases the number of permissible deputy and assistant attorneys general. Increases the permissible maximum salary for deputy attorneys general. Permits the Attorney General to establish salaries for assistants and special assistants within salary ranges as approved by the Commissioner of Personnel.

STATE PROCUREMENT, Chapter 171, H.F. 78: Requires the Commissioner of Administration to procure 20 products and services from state-certified sheltered workshops and work activity programs.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL, Chapter 204, H.F. 1759: See Environmental Preservation and Natural Resources.

REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE HEALING ARTS, Chapter 233, H.F. 599: Changes the registration fee from \$10 to an amount fixed by rule. After 7-1-76, fees received are to be paid to the general fund and expenses are to be paid from the appropriation to the respective examining boards.

HEALTH-RELATED ADVISORY COMMITTEES, Chapter 234, H.F. 600: Provides for representation of the State Examining Committee for Physical Therapists and the Advisory Council for Hospital Administrators' Registration on the Allied Health Manpower and Credentialing Committee.

BOXING, Chapter 236, H.F. 638: Removes the limitation of \$6,000 on the Boxing Commissioner's salary. Removes the prohibition that no person licensed to promote or conduct boxing exhibitions shall be directly or indirectly engaged in the managing of a boxer; reduces various fees and modifies restrictions on the commission with regard to rules and regulations which they may promulgate to govern the holding of amateur boxing exhibitions.

NOMENCLATURE OF AGENCIES, Chapter 271, S.F. 336: Establishes a nomenclature scheme using the terms "board", "council", "committee", "commission", and "authority" for the naming of future boards and commissions, and renames some 48 existing boards and commissions consistent with this scheme.

STATE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES, Chapter 276, S.F. 867: Creates a managerial class of state employees in the classified civil service who will have a separate compensation and benefits schedule to be determined by the Commissioner of Personnel.

BOARD OF INVESTMENT, Chapter 277, S.F. 874: Permits the board to invest state funds in obligations guaranteed by the Federal Small Business Administration.

COMMISSION ON FLUCTUATING ENROLLMENTS, Chapter 291, S.F. 1299: Appropriates \$60,000 for use by the Advisory Commission on Fluctuating Enrollments.

BOARD OF THE ARTS, Chapter 297, S.F. 115: Creates an 11 member Board of the Arts to succeed the State Arts Council. Prescribes powers and duties and establishes an annual reporting requirement.

OMNIBUS CRIME BILL, Chapter 304, S.F. 242: See Corrections and Crime Prevention.

ADVISORY BOARDS, Chapter 315, S.F. 753: Establishes uniform provisions for all state agency advisory committees and councils relating to compensation (\$25 per day plus expenses), terms of members (4 year staggered terms), removal of members and filling vacancies.

ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND SURVEYORS, Chapter 329, S.F. 1290: Provides for the registration of landscape architects. Prohibits a person from practicing landscape architecture unless registered. Modifies the makeup of the board which will regulate landscape architects to include a landscape architect.

STATE LOANS AND GUARANTEES OF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, Chapter 331, S.F. 1379: See Local Government.

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY TASK FORCE, Chapter 344, H.F. 175: Establishes the Advisory Task Force on Small Business.

LABOR, Chapter 348, H.F. 218: Modifies the restriction that the Workmen's Compensation Commission and the Department of Labor and Industry keep their offices in St. Paul and permits them to maintain their main offices within the metropolitan area. Restructures the divisions in the Department of Labor and Industry. Eliminates and modifies certain obsolete language and repeals obsolete provisions related to laws regulating the employment of minors and women and reports on accidents.

BEDDING, Chapter 350, H.F. 232: Removes certain responsibilities for the regulation of bedding from the Department of Labor and Industry.

BOARD OF NURSING, Chapter 360, H.F. 532: Restructures the State Board of Nursing; redefines activities for which RN and LPN licenses may be suspended, revoked, or denied; permits the board to set, by rule, the various fees for licensing and registration.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, Chapter 369, H.F. 597: Relates to the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty. Removes the society's responsibilities with respect to children and authorizes the society to promulgate rules governing the care of animals. Authorizes society agents to investigate charges of animal cruelty and requires a sheriff to investigate such charges upon application by a society agent. A sheriff or deputy may take possession of an animal being cruelly treated and may have the society care for such an animal. The society shall be reimbursed for the cost of caring for the animal from a court award.

RULE-MAKING BY STATE AGENCIES, Chapter 380, H.F. 702: Redefines "agency" and "rule" in reference to rule-making by state agencies. Requires all affected agencies to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). Limits rule-making authority to topics specifically permitted by statute. Requires publication of the rule-making hearing notice and the proposed rule in the state register. Requires hearing examiners to conduct all rule-making hearings. Postpones the effective date of the rule to provide opportunities for public examination and submission of additional data. Requires an agency to announce its plans to hold meetings preparatory to the drafting of a rule. Requires an agency to respond to a petition from a resident of the state requesting the promulgation or repeal of a rule. Creates a Office of Hearing Examiners to provide examiners for all rule-making and contested case hearings by state agencies. Transfers all hearing examiners employed by state agencies to the newly created office. Appropriates \$167,000 to the Office of Hearing Examiners. Appropriates \$189,000 to the Department of Administration publication fund.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, Chapter 381, H.F. 703: Various housekeeping amendments to the personnel statutes. Excludes pre-service trainees from approved complement restrictions. Requires the commissioner to promulgate a code of ethics establishing standards of conduct for state employees. Restricts access to test questions to be administered by the Department of Personnel. Insures that a state employee will become a permanent employee unless the supervisor specifically objects. Expands right of an employee to take a leave of absence to run for public office. Permits the return of an unclassified employee to the classified civil service at a position with the same status and classification held prior to joining the unclassified civil service. Prohibits elected state employees from being paid for unused annual vacation or severance pay upon termination of the term of their office. Permits department heads to grant time off in emergencies. Expands optional group insurance coverages. Excludes managerial employees from collective bargaining units. Permits the State Department of Personnel to assist in the selection of qualified probation officers for county courts or community corrections agencies. Amends the manner of payment for certain judges' salaries.

MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, Chapter 382, H.F. 704: The State Board of Investment is made responsible for administering the investment account of the Zoological Gardens [which account is established by the act]. The Zoo Board is authorized to complete its land acquisition by gift, purchase or condemnation, sell or exchange animals deemed superfluous, and provide for promotional programs. Provides for the transfer of excess funds into the zoo's bond account and sets forth a legal description of the Zoological Garden site.

HIGHER EDUCATION OMNIBUS BILL, Chapter 390, H.F. 787: See Higher Education.

REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER, Chapter 416, H.F. 1309: Permits the Commissioner of Administration to establish a regional service center consisting of local offices of various state agencies in Region No. 2.

CREDIT UNION EMPLOYEES, Chapter 417, H.F. 1311: Extends eligibility for state group insurance plans to officers or employees of the State Capitol Credit Union and the Hiway Credit Union.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION, Chapter 420, H.F. 1331: Increases the membership of the commission from 9 to 11 members, with at least one member to be appointed from each natural resources region.

PAY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, Chapter 431, H.F. 1769: Conforms state personnel laws with negotiated and arbitrated agreements with state employees. Increases maximum compensation rates for classified civil service employees. Provides for a three-step cost of living adjustment during the next biennium. Increases severance pay for state employees. Permits the Commissioner of Personnel to set salaries for persons in the career executive service. Adjusts the effective dates for salary increases. Incorporates seniority as a statutorily recognized factor in the filling of vacant positions. Increases employer contributions for employee group insurance coverages. Alters salary and step schedule for Highway Patrol officers.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Organizational

GILLETTE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, Chapter 14, S.F. 103: Authorizes Gillette Hospital Authority to employ certified public accountants to annually audit its financial records. Report of the examination or audit is to be submitted to the legislative auditor. Effective immediately.

VETERANS HOME LICENSE EXEMPTION, Chapter 63, H.F. 648: Excludes the Minnesota Veterans Home from a license required for the operation of a hospital, rest home, or related institution.

FEES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, Chapter 95, S.F. 236: Provides that a county welfare board may charge fees for social services according to established schedules based on recipient's ability to pay. Effective 10-1-75.

COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING COMMITTEE, Chapter 169, S.F. 1166: Permits the per diem payment to members of each county public health nursing committee to be determined by each board of county commissioners, and prohibits members of the committee who are public employees from receiving the per diem unless, as a result of service on the committee, they suffer a loss in pay. Expands the membership of certain community mental health boards.

FEDERAL HOSPITALS, Chapter 174, H.F. 197: Permits the Commissioner of Public Welfare, upon written request from the appropriate federal authority, to appoint a review panel for any federal hospital within the state to review the admission and retention of patients hospitalized under chapter 253A. One of the members of such a panel must be the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs or his designee.

RECOVERY FROM LIABLE THIRD PARTIES, Chapter 247, H.F. 1074: Authorizes recovery of third party reimbursement by the Commissioner of Public Welfare for expenditures made under the medical assistance program. The commissioner may recover through

- (a) liens on causes of action accruing to recipients of medical assistance as a result of injuries necessitating medical assistance, and
- (b) subrogation and assignment rights under existing health insurance policies of medical assistance recipients.

Prohibits limitation of benefits in insurance policies solely because the insured is eligible for benefits under the medical assistance program.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED, Chapter 299, S.F. 177: Strikes the statutory reference to county nursing homes which were under the Department of Public Welfare and in 1973 transferred to the Health Department.

Changes definition of "construction or modification" of a health care facility by increasing the capital expenditure criteria from \$50,000 to \$100,000, expanding and extending the scope or type of service rendered or increasing the bed complement of the facility which requires capital expenditure in excess of \$50,000, or purchase of equipment in excess of \$100,000.

Definition of "areawide comprehensive health planning agency" is amended to include a successor designated pursuant to P.L. 93-641. A section is added to require that agency to conduct a comprehensive study on health care.

Amends the procedure prior to a proposal for construction or modification by providing that a person submitting a notice of construction or modification may request a written determination from the Health Department as to whether the project is subject to the certificate of need law. The Health Department must notify the applicant not later than 60 days after the request is submitted to the areawide comprehensive health planning agency.

Amends the proposal procedure by providing that in lieu of issuing or refusing to issue a certificate of need, the Department of Health may forward the proposal with recommendations for modification.

Automatic renewal of a certificate after expiring before commencement of construction is prohibited.

Adds a section to chapter 145 providing for appeals by persons aggrieved by the decision of the Department of Health denying a certificate of need.

Adds a section granting the Health Department the right to appeal a decision of the district court by appealing to the Supreme Court.

Amends M.S. 145.82 to correspond to the limitations made in sec. 2 of this act.

M.S. 145.81 is repealed. This repeals the Governor's Appeal Board process.

OMNIBUS BILL, Chapter 310, S.F. 578: Housekeeping bill for the Board of Health. Repeals obsolete language, removes statutorily set fees, permits board to set fees, raises fine limit for facilities from \$250 to \$1,000.

MATERNAL AND CHILD NUTRITION ACT OF 1975, Chapter 346, H.F. 210: See Health and Welfare, Social Services, Children.

REGULATION OF MASS GATHERINGS, Chapter 351, H.F. 308: Authorizes the Department of Health to regulate for the protection of the public health mass gatherings (more than 1500 persons) held for more than 10 consecutive hours in an open space or a temporary structure. Public gatherings sponsored by a political subdivision or non-profit organization are excluded from this regulation.

ANATOMICAL GIFTS, Chapter 393, H.F. 837: Authorizes the Department of Public Safety to provide a donor document to enable each adult applicant to execute an anatomical gift. Donors may be designated on the driver's license or nonqualification certificate. Provisions are made whereby the department shall implement this act. The Anatomical Gift Act is amended to concur with this act. \$35,000 is appropriated for these purposes.

HUMAN SERVICES, Chapter 434, Section 2, Subdivision 24, H.F. 1743:
Amends the Human Services Act:

1. Financial assistance to operating human services boards, from a \$900,000 appropriation to the State Planning Agency.
2. Placing state level responsibility for servicing human services boards in the State Planning Agency.
3. Changing the mandatory "at least one-third citizen membership" on the human services boards to optional citizen membership.
4. Extending the number of days from 30 to 365 at which point existing local operating boards shall cease operation upon the establishment of a human services board.
5. Directing the State Planning Agency to implement a program for the standardization of personnel policies, evaluation and fiscal practices, forms and procedures among the Departments of Public Welfare, Health, Corrections, Employment Services and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Education and the federal categorical program activities in their relationship to human services boards.
6. Present to the state legislature in 1976 an interim report and a 1977 final report containing reorganization proposals for the delivery of state and local human services.

Local Government

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOUNDARIES, Chapter 69, S.F. 343: After 6-30-76, each community mental health services program must be within the economic development region boundaries and may include two regions.

Provides that grants shall not be made to programs after 6-30-76, unless they are contained within the economic development regional boundaries.

Requires county commissioner representation on the board, as well as representatives of mental retardation and chemical dependency constituents. Services may be purchased from outside regions, in which case, a representative of purchasing county may be on the board.

FOSTER CARE FOR DELINQUENT CHILDREN, Chapter 131, S.F. 93: Provides that the state shall reimburse the counties for the cost of care quarterly rather than annually. The reimbursement shall be 50% of the costs after deducting federal and state aids and grants. (Some further technical changes are made in the language prescribing the method of issuing warrants for this reimbursement.)

LAKE OWASSO, Chapter 242, H.F. 872: Requires the Commissioner of Public Welfare to negotiate an agreement to transfer operation of the Lake Owasso Children's Home to Ramsey County, and appropriates funds to the county for the operation and maintenance of the home.

WELFARE PAYMENTS TO RED LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION, Chapter 361, H.F. 533: States that the state agency shall pay to the counties 100% of the difference between the total estimated costs for payments on behalf of members of Red Lake Indian Reservation and the federal funds available under aid to families with dependent children program, the medical assistance program, the emergency assistance to needy families program, social services, and the administrative costs of these programs subject to rules and procedures of the Department of Public Welfare. Effective 7-1-75.

Personnel and Licensing Boards

HEALTH CARE REVIEW ORGANIZATION, Chapter 73, H.F. 646: Adds to the purposes of health care review organizations the determination of whether a professional is to be granted staff privileges in a medical institution or whether those privileges should be limited, suspended or revoked. In addition, language concerning the binding power of a ruling of a review organization is stricken from the existing law. Excludes the above from confidentiality provisions.

PHYSICIANS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES, Chapter 92, S.F. 146: Eliminates the authority of the Board of Medical Examiners to issue a license without evidence of the applicant's having successfully completed a comprehensive examination given by the appropriate board of the other state by which he is licensed.

BASIC SCIENCE EXAM, Chapter 93, S.F. 157: Clarifies the authority of the Board of Medical Examiners to require applicants for licensure as a medical doctor to have passed at least one of the two national examinations in the medical sciences.

GENERIC SUBSTITUTION, Chapter 101, H.F. 278: Permits pharmacists filling prescriptions to substitute a therapeutically and generically equivalent drug product for the brand name drug prescribed, unless the prescribing physician directs otherwise. Even if the prescribing physician prohibits generic substitution, the pharmacist may substitute an identical product manufactured by the same manufacturer but distributed under a different name.

Requires manufacturer disclosure on the immediate container of the drug after 1-1-76.

DIRECTORS OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS, Chapter 122, H.F. 535: Strikes the provisions that mandate that the Commissioner of Public Welfare employ a director of community mental health services under the supervision of a medical director for the community mental health centers.

PODIATRY, Chapter 132, S.F. 307: Changes the official designation of a podiatrist from a doctor of "surgical podiatry" to a doctor of "podiatric medicine"; repeals statutory language which sets a license renewal fee and authorizes the board to revoke registration and grants the State Board of Podiatry Examiners and Registration the authority to establish license renewal fees and requirements for license renewal by rule and regulation.

EYE DONATIONS, Chapter 198, H.F. 1262: Provides that authorized persons may enucleate eyes from deceased bodies if a release authorizing the enucleation is first obtained. The release must be obtained from a relative or other person as specified in sec. 525.922, subd. 2, and must be in written form. Persons designated to act in accordance with this act are provided with immunity from liability for eye enucleation.

DULUTH PARAMEDIC, Chapter 209, H.F. 49: Allows the city of Duluth and the town of Herman to establish a physicians trained mobile intensive care paramedic unit.

MEDICAL PRACTICE, Chapter 213, H.F. 119: Requires court to notify Board of Medical Examiners when a guardian is appointed for a medical licensee or a medical licensee is committed pursuant to the Hospitalization and Commitment Act.

REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE HEALING ARTS, Chapter 233, H.F. 599: Changes the registration fee from \$10 to an amount fixed by rule. After 7-1-76, fees received are to be paid to the general fund and expenses are to be paid from the appropriation to the respective examining boards.

HEALTH-RELATED ADVISORY COMMITTEES, Chapter 234, H.F. 600: Provides for representation of the State Examining Committee for Physical Therapists and the Advisory Council for Hospital Administrators' Registration on the Allied Health Manpower and Credentialing Committee.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR NURSES, Chapter 240, H.F. 784: Requires continuing education for registered nurses. Permits the Board of Nursing to set, by rule, the precise requirements, and to implement the rules through the licensing process.

MEDICAL STUDENT LOANS, Chapter 267, S.F. 220: Permits Minnesota residents who are students at accredited out-of-state medical or osteopathic schools to be eligible for loans under the Minnesota medical student loan program.

BOARD OF NURSING, Chapter 360, H.F. 532: Restructures the State Board of Nursing; redefines activities for which RN and LPN licenses may be suspended, revoked, or denied, permits the board to set, by rule, the various fees for licensing and registration.

CHIROPRACTIC, Chapter 362, H.F. 534: Defines "chiropractic" to include non-invasive means of treatment, and analytical x-rays. Prohibits the use of various therapies except in conjunction with chiropractic adjustment, and limits the use of mechanical devices by chiropractors.

VENDOR, Chapter 384, H.F. 715: Expands the definition of a vendor under the medical assistance program to cover registered nurses who perform screening and health assessment functions.

HIGHER EDUCATION OMNIBUS BILL, Chapter 390, H.F. 787: See Higher Education.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS, Chapter 409, H.F. 1140: Appropriates \$40,000 annually to the State Board of Health for the care and treatment of persons over 21 years of age who suffer from cystic fibrosis.

RAMSEY COUNTY, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, & MAPLEWOOD LEVY LIMITS AND SPECIAL CHARGES, Chapter 426, H.F. 1526: See Taxation

Health Care

HEALTH INSURANCE, Chapter 40, S.F. 409: Requires health insurance, including non-profit health service plan corporations and health maintenance organizations, which provide coverage for in-patient hospital and medical expenses, to include treatment of emotionally handicapped children in residential treatment facilities.

GROUP INSURANCE POLICIES AND PLANS, Chapter 89, S.F. 690: Requires that all group insurance policies and group subscriber contracts providing benefits for mental treatments or nervous disorder treatments in a hospital shall also provide, with certain limitations, coverage for treatments delivered while the patient is not in bed in a hospital.

GROUP INSURANCE, Chapter 100, H.F. 11: Modifies the law which allows a discharged employee to remain in his health insurance group for a limited period after employment to provide if the health care policy or plan is administered by a trust, the terminating employer is relieved of certain notification requirements and these requirements are imposed upon the trust.

INSURANCE, Chapter 139, S.F. 765: Prohibits discrimination in insurance on the basis of disability unless the claims experience or other data establish a significant and substantial difference in the class rates because of the disability.

SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES, Chapter 211, H.F. 79: Citation--"Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act". Declaration of Purpose--"To protect the public health, comfort and environment". Definitions of public place, public meeting and smoking. Prohibition of smoking in a public place or at a public meeting except in designated smoking areas. Exceptions are provided. Department of Labor and Industry shall enact rules for places of work. The process whereby areas are designated for smoking is prescribed. Proprietors shall make reasonable efforts to prevent smoking in prohibited places. The State Board of Health shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the act. Penalty for violation of sec. 3 is a petty misdemeanor. State and local boards of health may institute action in court to enjoin repeated violations.

PAY TOILETS, Chapter 215, H.F. 177: Prohibits pay toilets and urinals in public restrooms unless at least one-half of the facilities available in the restroom are free and maintained at the same level of sanitation as the pay facilities.

RAILROADS, Chapter 282, S.F. 921: Requires that motor vehicles designed for highway use and used by a railroad company for transporting employees must include toilet facilities under certain circumstances.

DENTAL EDUCATION, Chapter 434, Section 25, H.F. 1743: Establishes a dental health education project in four school districts in the state. The projects are designed to educate elementary school children in dental health.

Social Services

Aged

DULUTH PARK MAINTENANCE, Chapter 196, H.F. 1156: Allows the city of Duluth to have contracts with senior citizens for limited salaries to take care of the parks in the city.

SENIOR CITIZENS HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM, Chapter 219, H.F. 257: Permits all Minnesota resident senior citizens (over age 62) to attend any number of courses without payment of tuition in state-supported post-secondary institutions, when space is available and after all tuition-paying students are accommodated. Provides for an administration fee of \$2 per credit hour in courses taken for credit.

MEALS FOR ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED EXEMPT FROM SALES TAX, Chapter 312, S.F. 711: Meals or drinks which have been purchased by various agencies, organizations or churches, or pursuant to "meals on wheels" programs are exempt from the sales tax when served to persons over 60 years old and their spouses or to the permanently and totally disabled and their spouses. Effective immediately.

INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR RETIRED PERSONNEL, Chapter 365, H.F. 562: Permits school boards to purchase medical insurance for retired employees between the ages of 60 and 65. Changes ages to between 55 and 65.

NUTRITION FOR ELDERLY, Chapter 400, H.F. 1009: \$650,000 is appropriated to the Governor's Citizen's Council on Aging through the Commissioner of Public Welfare to increase service levels of nutrition programs funded by Title VII of the Older Americans Act. The Council on Aging is authorized to make grants to provide meals and supportive social services to the aging. The appropriation shall remain available until 6-30-77. Effective 7-1-75.

Children

REIMBURSEMENT TO CHILD CARING AGENCIES, Chapter 70, S.F. 396: Provides to licensed organizations payment for expenses related to adoption services including adoption counseling, services to children and supervision of children in the home prior to legal adoption. The \$600 maximum expense reimbursement is deleted.

FOSTER CARE FOR DELINQUENT CHILDREN, Chapter 131, S.F. 93: Provides that the state shall reimburse the counties for the cost of care quarterly rather than annually. The reimbursement shall be 50% of the costs after deducting federal and state aids and grants. (Some further technical changes are made in the language prescribing the method of issuing warrants for this reimbursement.)

JUVENILES, Chapter 210, H.F. 68: Requires the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor who is without a parent or guardian in neglect or dependency proceedings. Court may waive such appointment when counsel is provided, and may order the minor's parents to pay guardian fees.

ADOPTION, Chapter 216, H.F. 209: M.S. 259.30 is repealed. (The section repealed provides that parents of adopted children may seek an annulment of the adoption within 5 years after the adoption if the "child develops feeble-mindedness, epilepsy, insanity, or venereal infection.")

CHILD ABUSE, Chapter 221, H.F. 306: Requires the reporting of suspected child abuse by certain professionals, and provides for the voluntary reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect by any person. Contains provisions relating to the filing and investigation of reports, the disposition of records, and the reporting to coroners and medical examiners of deaths attributable to suspected child abuse. Persons reporting in good faith are granted immunity for their actions. Penalties are provided for the failure of a professional mandated to report to do so.

LAKE OWASSO, Chapter 242, H.F. 872: Requires the Commissioner of Public Welfare to negotiate an agreement to transfer operation of the Lake Owasso Children's Home to Ramsey County, and appropriates funds to the county for the operation and maintenance of the home.

SUBSIDY FOR PARENTS OF RETARDED CHILDREN, Chapter 293, S.F. 1415: Authorizes the Commissioner of Public Welfare to subsidize selected families for home care and training of minor dependents who are mentally retarded and who would otherwise require placement in state hospitals. Grants are determined by the commissioner. The costs for services to such families are itemized in the act. Individual care and training plans are required for each child. Effective 7-1-75. Appropriations: \$150,000 each year (Chapter 434, sec. 2, subd. 14).

MATERNAL AND CHILD NUTRITION ACT OF 1975, Chapter 346, H.F. 210: Provides definitions for this act of the following: local health agency, pregnant woman, lactating woman, infant, child, nutritional risk, low birth rate and nutritional supplements.

Establishes the Nutritional Supplement Program providing that eligible individuals shall receive specified food supplements. Eligibility is defined. Conditions for the cessation of eligibility are defined.

The duties of the Minnesota Department of Health in relation to the program are specified.

The Department of Public Welfare is required to cooperate with the Department of Health in administering this program. This program shall not be a replacement or substitute for existing programs administered by the Department of Public Welfare.

Limits the use of vouchers issued pursuant to this act to specific foods.

Appropriates \$1 million for the biennium ending 6-30-77, for the purposes of this act. No more than 10% shall be used by the department for administrative purposes.

Handicapped

RESIDENTIAL ZONING, Chapter 60, H.F. 319: Provides for the location and zoning of residences for the mentally retarded and physically handicapped. A facility for six or fewer is a permitted single family residential use; a facility for seven to fourteen is a permitted multiple family residential use. The Commissioner of Public Welfare may not issue a new license for such a facility if it is located within 300 feet of an existing facility. The commissioner is also required to consider certain factors within a community prior to issuing a facility license.

HUMAN RIGHTS, Chapter 206, H.F. 4: Extends the protections of the Minnesota Human Rights Act to disabled persons in the areas of public accommodations and public services. Prohibits discrimination in the extension of credit because of marital status.

MENTAL RETARDATION PROTECTION ACT, Chapter 208, H.F. 48: Relates to the supervision and protection of mentally retarded persons; establishes procedures for the appointment of the Commissioner of Public Welfare as guardian or conservator of such persons; requires a comprehensive evaluation of the proposed ward to be prepared prior to the commissioner's decision to accept or reject nomination as guardian or conservator; requires that the proposed ward be afforded counsel and a court hearing held whenever the commissioner accepts a nomination; grants the court the power to deny or allow the appointment of the commissioner as guardian or conservator; provides for annual evaluations of persons under the supervision and protection of the commissioner; establishes a procedure for the restoration of the ward to full legal capacity; permits mentally deficient persons to marry with the written consent of the commissioner; and provides that the appointment of a conservator does not deprive the conservatee of the right to vote.

HANDICAPPED LICENSE PLATES, Chapter 217, H.F. 231: Authorizes special license plates for physically handicapped persons.

TRANSPORTATION TO DAYTIME ACTIVITY CENTERS, Chapter 238, H.F. 685: Requires school boards to contract with D.A.C.'s to transport handicapped residents to D.A.C.'s under certain circumstances. Provides for Commissioner of Education to resolve conflicts in agreeing to contracts. Requires Commissioner of Public Welfare to fund total D.A.C. transportation costs in grants to each D.A.C. Requires D.A.C. boards of directors to provide for transportation of persons who attend D.A.C.'s.

SUBSIDY FOR PARENTS OF RETARDED CHILDREN, Chapter 293, S.F. 1415: See Health and Welfare, Social Services, Children.

PERMANENT PERMITS FOR HANDICAPPED HUNTERS, Chapter 296, S.F. 66: Provides that once a person establishes his disability as permanent, he shall qualify for the special permit without subsequent medical examinations.

MEALS FOR ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED EXEMPT FROM SALES TAX, Chapter 312, S.F. 711: Meals or drinks which have been purchased by various agencies, organizations or churches, or pursuant to "meals on wheels" programs are exempt from the sales tax when served to persons over 60 years old and their spouses or to the permanently and totally disabled and their spouses. Effective immediately.

HANDICAPPED PERSONS, Chapter 337, H.F. 67: Requires a qualified interpreter to be provided in all proceedings involving a person who has a communication disorder or who is unable to speak or comprehend the English language.

INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR DEAF PERSONS, Chapter 355, H.F. 439: Provides an income tax credit for deaf individuals of \$25 and increases credit for single blind persons from \$21 to \$25. Effective for taxable years beginning 1-1-75.

Income Maintenance

WELFARE PAYMENTS TO RED LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION, Chapter 361, H.F. 533: See Health and Welfare, Organizational, Local Government.

OMNIBUS TAX ACT, Chapter 437, H.F. 1674: 256.01, subd. 2 (Powers of Commissioner), amended.

Reference to cooperation with Director of Institutions repealed; Commissioner is in charge of institutions.

Fees for medical programs; restriction to M.A. deleted to include all medical care in which state participates pursuant to this act.

Adds power to promulgate standards of administration by local welfare boards of medical programs in which state participates 90%: M.A., Medical General Relief, Medical General Assistance and hospitalization for indigents. Standards to include performance and tolerated error rate, but not number of personnel. Fiscal sanctions may be established.

Report on complete state takeover of income maintenance in 1976.

Adjusts procedure for prosecution and recovery of wrongfully obtained welfare funds to correspond to increased state investment in programs.

"County of financial responsibility" is county of residence when applying. Decreased local investment makes complicated process of determining local responsibility unnecessary.

Provides for local reimbursement to state for M.A. payments disbursed by state (10% instead of previous 50%).

Gives state regulatory authority over local policies regarding waiving liquidation of assets because of "undue hardship."

Increases state influence in appeals to District Court - county attorneys under direction of Attorney General can represent state.

Divides costs - 90/10 - and eliminates procedures regarding county of responsibility in cases of children placed outside county of residence.

Adds new state participation in medical general relief at 90% of cost. Counties make vendor choice and can pay more than state standard. Commissioner is to promulgate rules and regulations for payment procedures (centralized disbursement) and for eligibility and services.

261.21 (Hospitalization of Indigents) provides choice of hospital to county (as opposed to free choice of vendor under Title XIX).

261.22 includes county choice of hospital under duties of county board.

261.23 provides 90% state share of cost of hospitalization of indigents.

Adds section to 261 empowering commissioner to establish payment procedures as well as eligibility and utilization for indigents.

Provides appropriation.

Effective 1-1-76.

HIGHER EDUCATION

TRUSTEES OF INCORPORATED COLLEGES, Chapter 90, S.F. 820: Changes the duty of incorporated colleges or seminaries to report to the Commissioner of Education to a duty to report to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. Effective 5-3-75.

REGISTRATION AND APPROVAL OF PRIVATE POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS, Chapter 201, H.F. 1506: Provides that any post-secondary institution located or offering programs in Minnesota shall register annually with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (H.E.C.C.). Provides for H.E.C.C. approval of all degrees granted by these institutions and of the use of the name "college", "academy", "institute", or "university". Requires H.E.C.C. to keep and maintain a list of approved institutions. Requires institutions to keep permanent records of all students. Sets maximum registration fee of \$200 and renewal fee of \$150. Grants rulemaking power to H.E.C.C. Permits Attorney General to request injunction of violations.

LEGAL COUNSELING AND SERVICE PROGRAMS AT POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS, Chapter 212, H.F. 80: Permits area vocational-technical institute or community college student associations to expend money to fund programs to provide legal counseling and services for students.

SENIOR CITIZENS HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM, Chapter 219, H.F. 257: Permits all Minnesota resident senior citizens (over age 62) to attend any number of courses without payment of tuition in state-supported post-secondary institutions, when space is available and after all tuition-paying students are accommodated. Provides for an administration fee of \$2 per credit hour in courses taken for credit.

MEDICAL STUDENT LOANS, Chapter 267, S.F. 220: Permits Minnesota residents who are students at accredited out-of-state medical or osteopathic schools to be eligible for loans under the Minnesota medical student loan program.

DESIGNATION OF STATE COLLEGES AS UNIVERSITIES, Chapter 321, S.F. 829: Requires State College Board to designate the state colleges as state universities. Changes name of State College Board to State University Board. Provides for State College Board to designate the name of each institution.

HIGHER EDUCATION OMNIBUS BILL, Chapter 390, H.F. 787: Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission (H.E.C.C.) to develop on-going program budgeting process and standardizing reporting format compatible among all public post-secondary systems. Requires H.E.C.C. to review all systems budget requests to relate resources and programs to needs. Requires H.E.C.C. to continuously analyze financing of systems, and to include assessment of programs in terms of legislative intent. Requires H.E.C.C. to obtain reports on the use of state funds from private institutions. Requires H.E.C.C. to include budgetary recommendations in its biennial report to governor and legislature. Requires all institutions to supply written information to H.E.C.C. on request. Permits a higher education reciprocity agreement with North and South Dakota to provide for transfer of funds between the states.

Appropriates annually to H.E.C.C. amounts needed for such payments to North and South Dakota. Permits H.E.C.C. to make agreements with states with which Minnesota has tuition reciprocity permitting reciprocity students to receive financial aid from their home states. Includes in definition of "eligible institution" for state scholarship and grant-in-aid purposes institutions in states with which H.E.C.C. has a student aid reciprocity agreement. Removes language requiring institutions to be operated not for profit to be eligible institutions for scholarship and grant-in-aid purposes. Increases dollar maximums of scholarship and grant-in-aid financial stipends from \$1,000 to \$1,100. Increases H.E.C.C.'s authority to issue revenue bonds to finance student loans from \$30,000,000 to \$90,000,000. Expands loans for which bond proceeds may be used, to cover all loans pursuant to Chapter 136A. Changes per student grant to private colleges from \$500 to \$150 in four-year institutions and from \$400 to \$120 in two-year institutions. Changes category of students eligible to earn grants from Minnesota residents in excess of those enrolled in 1970, to all Minnesota residents. Permits H.E.C.C. to issue bonds to secure funds for renewal of loans to medical and osteopathic students and to secure \$120,000 for new loans to medical and osteopathic students who agree to practice in rural areas. Extends eligibility for rural practice loans to Minnesota domiciliaries who enroll in out-of-state medical schools. Changes required period of rural practice for loan forgiveness from three years to the lesser of five years or 18 months per initial or renewal period of the loan. Reduces maximum loans per recipient from \$6,000 to \$5,000 per year and from \$24,000 to \$20,000 in total.

WORK-STUDY PROGRAM FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS, Chapter 430, H.F. 1638:

Provides for work-study grants to be paid by Higher Education Coordinating Commission (H.E.C.C.) to institutions, rather than to students, and for institutions to pay students. Requires institutions to select full-time students for work-study programs on the basis of financial need determined according to H.E.C.C. standards. Changes definition of eligible employers to include post-secondary institutions. Provides for students to be paid for hours actually worked at pay rates determined by law. Requires eligible employer to pay at least 20% of work-study student's compensation. Prohibits use of more than 50% of allocation for employment of students by the institution.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION--COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERSONNEL, Chapter 433, H.F. 1758:

Sec. 11, subd. 4 of this lengthy appropriations bill contains a proviso which prohibits the payment of unemployment compensation benefits to community college personnel during summer vacation months unless the employee has been indefinitely separated from the college and will not return to work in the fall.

BUILDING BONDS, Chapter 436, H.F. 1810: Provides for issuance of state bonds to fund:

University of Minnesota Law School	
Construction:	\$10,500,000
Site, equipment, etc.:	1,800,000

Matching grants for school construction or modification in implementing a state board-approved desegregation plan:	\$ 4,000,000
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Metropolitan Community College campus expansion:	\$ 1,075,000
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Vocational-technical building and capital improvements:	\$15,500,000
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Provides for the acquisition of certain property by St. Cloud State College. Effective immediately.

JUDICIARY

CHANGES OF NAME, Chapter 52, H.F. 51: Abolishes distinctions based on sex in the laws relating to changes of name.

REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCES, Chapter 98, H.F. 259: Provides that certain conveyances of land greater than a specific minimum area are not to be filed or recorded by metes and bounds if the conveyance results in the division of the land into parcels smaller than the specified area.

REGISTER OF DEEDS, Chapter 115, S.F. 1441: Changes the recording functions of the register of deeds to allow alternative methods of record-keeping.

REAL ESTATE LIENS, Chapter 116, S.F. 1443: Eliminates the required margin notation by the register of deeds on recorded lien statements.

CHANGES OF VENUE, Chapter 123, H.F. 540: Provides that when venue is changed in a civil action, the party who has paid the original filing fee need not pay another filing fee in the new county. The transferor county may retain whatever filing fees it has received, but must notify in writing the county to which the action is transferred of the payment of any such fees.

PARKING VIOLATIONS, Chapter 137, S.F. 637: Provides that all fines or penalties for certain parking violations are to be paid over in full to the municipalities in which the violations occurred. Makes provision for monies collected prior to the effective date of this act.

CONCILIATION COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, Chapter 142, S.F. 935: Provides that the conciliation courts of St. Louis County may conduct personal receiverships.

REGISTER OF DEEDS, Chapter 148, S.F. 1442: Allows the register of deeds to record mortgage discharges on microfilm cards.

NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, Chapter 160, S.F. 114: Removes the requirement that a motor vehicle must be insured at all times and replaces it with the requirement that the motor vehicle must be insured during the period in which operation or use is contemplated. Also authorizes the Supreme Court to provide for the submission to arbitrate upon mutual consent of all parties to an action of cases where the claim is \$5,000 or less.

COURT REPORTERS, Chapter 165, S.F. 987: Returns the court reporters in the Fourth Judicial District to within the jurisdiction of the Hennepin County Personnel Board.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, Chapter 166, S.F. 1055: See Financial Institutions and Insurance.

HEARING AID LAW, Chapter 182, H. F. 490: Fills a gap in the penalty provisions of the hearing aid law passed in 1973. In addition, the injunctive remedies provided for in M.S. 325.79 are made applicable to violations of the hearing aid law.

HUMAN RIGHTS, Chapter 206, H.F. 4: Extends the protections of the Minnesota Human Rights Act to disabled persons in the areas of public accommodations and public services. Prohibits discrimination in the extension of credit because of marital status.

MENTAL RETARDATION PROTECTION ACT, Chapter 208, H.F. 48: See Health and Welfare, Social Services, Handicapped.

JUVENILES, Chapter 210, H.F. 68: Requires the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor who is without a parent or guardian in neglect or dependency proceedings. Court may waive such appointment when counsel is provided, and may order the minor's parents to pay guardian fees.

MEDICAL PRACTICE, Chapter 213, H.F. 119: Requires court to notify Board of Medical Examiners when a guardian is appointed for a medical licensee or a medical licensee is committed pursuant to the Hospitalization and Commitment Act.

COURT REPORTER SALARIES, Chapter 241, H.F. 866: Raises the permissible salaries for court reporters, to be determined by the judge of district court, to a maximum of \$19,100 per year.

CHARITABLE TRUSTS AND TRUSTEES, Chapter 243, H.F. 907: See Commerce and Economic Development.

RECOVERY FROM LIABLE THIRD PARTIES, Chapter 247, H.F. 1074: See Health and Welfare, Organizational.

PUBLICATION OF STATUTES, Chapter 256, H.F. 1423: Provides for the regular publication of Minnesota Statutes.

RAMSEY COUNTY COURTS, Chapter 258, H.F. 1456: Changes composition of Ramsey County law library trustees and establishes a Ramsey County public defender's board. Specifies powers and duties of the public defender. Authorizes the county board to sell \$7,500,000 in bonds for the construction of an adult detention center and \$3,700,000 in bonds for the construction of a juvenile center. Allows interest from investment of these proceeds to be used to remodel the jail annex of the Ramsey County sheriff's office. Provides that if a petition signed by at least 20% of the qualified voters in the county so requests, a referendum shall be held on the issuance of the bonds. Specifies the form of the referendum.

CONCILIATION COURTS, Chapter 263, S.F. 46: Requires all county courts to establish conciliation courts and raises the jurisdictional amount for conciliation court actions to \$1,000. Provides that the territorial jurisdiction of the conciliation court shall be coextensive with that of the county court.

CONCILIATION COURTS, Chapter 269, S.F. 306: Authorizes county boards to direct conciliation court sessions to be held during the evening and on Saturday and at specified locations throughout the district.

CONSPIRACY, Chapter 279, S.F. 892: Applies the prohibitions against conspiracy to persons inside the state.

HENNEPIN COUNTY COURTS, Chapter 290, S.F. 1222: Authorizes the chief judge of the Hennepin County municipal court to assign retired judges to hear cases. Provides such retired judges with compensation of \$50 per diem, 12¢ per mile and expenses.

CRIMES, Chapter 314, S.F. 747: Defines and provides penalties for the crime of possession of shoplifting gear. Defines and provides both civil and criminal penalties for certain crimes relating to the theft or killing of livestock.

COURTS, Chapter 318, S.F. 782: Raises the daily compensation for jurors to \$15 and sets their minimum mileage allowance at 13¢ per mile and their maximum at the rate provided in M.S. 43.328.

HENNEPIN COUNTY COURTS, Chapter 328, S.F. 1221: Increases the compensation for conciliation court referees to \$75 per day.

HANDICAPPED PERSONS, Chapter 337, H.F. 67: Requires a qualified interpreter to be provided in all proceedings involving a person who has a communication disorder or who is unable to speak or comprehend the English language.

PROBATE, Chapter 347, H.F. 216: Amends numerous provisions of Minnesota Statutes relating to probate, administration of estates, protected persons, minors, incapacitated persons, wills, taxation of inheritances and others.

The primary objective of the major probate bill passed during the 1975 legislative session was to mesh the 1974 legislation (UPC) with the present probate code. In addition, the 1975 probate law accomplishes certain substantive changes, many of which are discussed below.

1. The 1975 law incorporates the UPC's provisions relating to rules of construction. The adoption of these rules will lend greater certainty and definition to probate administration and create an opportunity for uniformity of such rules between the states.
2. The creditors' claims provisions of the UPC have also been adopted as law in Minnesota. Essentially, this streamlines the claims procedure and places the burden for payment of claims on the personal representative without supervision or approval by the probate court.
3. Makes provision for self-proved wills through the use of witness affidavits and notarization. Eliminates the necessity of locating witnesses to prove that a will has been properly executed.

4. Requires published notice of informal and formal probate and appointment proceedings; provides that published notice advising creditors to make timely presentment of claims must also be given; such notice is to take place once a week for two consecutive weeks; permits these notices to be combined into one publication.
5. Notice relating to informal probate and appointment proceedings is given after probate has been allowed or appointment of the personal representative has been effected. Informal appointment of a personal representative subjects him to a 30-day restriction regarding transfer of real estate.
6. Grants the personal representative the alternative of obtaining a decree of distribution from the court upon termination of probate administration. The issuance of the decree will eliminate the necessity of a deed from the personal representative to the taker of real estate.
7. Incorporates descent decree provisions patterned after the descent section that was repealed in 1974. The purpose of these provisions is to enable the court to make terminations of descent and ownership of property that has passed from deceased persons whose wills or estates were not probated or administered within the allowed 3-year period after date of death.
8. Creates a irrevocable power of attorney. Under prior law, a power of attorney usually terminated upon the occurrence of conditions which generally trigger the need for the power--disability or incompetency. Under the new law, a person can elect in favor of an irrevocable power of attorney that will continue in effect notwithstanding incompetency or disability.
9. Repeals previous law that voided a beneficiary's interest under a will when the beneficiary is a subscribing witness to the will.
10. Repeals law providing that a will executed prior to testator's marriage is revoked upon his subsequent marriage.
11. Requires that a copy of the inventory of property owned by the decedent be filed with the court or registrar. Also requires that a copy of the Minnesota inheritance tax return be filed with the court or registrar for all informal, formal and supervised administrations.
12. Effective date of the new probate law is 1-1-76.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, Chapter 370, H.F. 605: Makes it a violation of the DWI law to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance which impairs driving ability.

SEXUAL OFFENSES, Chapter 374, H.F. 654: Defines 4 degrees of criminal sexual conduct and provides maximum penalties for each. Provides a 3-year minimum sentence for persons convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this act within 15 years of a prior conviction, except that the judge may stay the sentence pending completion of a treatment program. Limits introduction

of evidence relating to complainant's previous sexual conduct and provides a procedure whereby it may be introduced. States evidentiary requirements and prohibits certain instructions to the jury. Costs of medical examination of a complainant for purposes of evidence collection are to be borne by the county in which the alleged offenses occurred. Certain conduct is exempted from the terms of the act.

DISTRICT COURTS, Chapter 385, H.F. 720: Authorizes the district judges, except in the second and fourth judicial districts, to appoint law clerks and establish their salaries, which are not to exceed \$15,000 per year without the approval of the county boards involved. The cost of the salaries are to be apportioned among the counties in the district by population.

REAL ESTATE, Chapter 391, H.F. 789: Provides that instruments of conveyance shall state the name and address of the grantee.

PRIVACY, Chapter 401, H.F. 1014: Regulates the collection and use of personal data by the state and its political subdivisions. Provides for the classification of data as "confidential", "public", or "private". Requires reports from public authorities responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on individuals. Specifies rights of the subjects of the data and procedures for handling the data, including disputes over the data's accuracy. Creates a Privacy Study Commission to investigate the collection and use of personal data in the state. Appropriates \$25,000 or as much thereof as necessary to pay the expenses of the commission.

LANDLORDS AND TENANTS, Chapter 410, H.F. 1146: Regulates the taking of a tenant's personal property by the landlord upon the tenant's abandonment of rented premises. Provides remedies for unlawful ouster or termination of utilities by the landlord. Prohibits, with certain exceptions, the withholding by the tenant of the payment of all or any portion of the rent for the last payment period of a residential rental agreement.

JUDGES' RETIREMENT, Chapter 418, H.F. 1313: Funds a judges' retirement plan consistent with recent Supreme Court decisions on the condition that judges receiving pension benefits agree not to accept increased benefits as a result of future increases in judges' salaries. Grants proportional annuity benefits for all judges who retire on or after the date of mandatory retirement. Extends survivors' annuity benefits to certain survivors who were not otherwise eligible for these benefits as a result of statutes in effect prior to 1-1-74. Appropriates \$2,022,700 to make up the deficiencies in the judges' retirement fund and the judges' survivors' benefit fund.

REAL ESTATE ABSTRACTORS, Chapter 419, H.F. 1328: Requires persons to obtain a certificate of registration as a prerequisite to preparing abstracts and issuing certificates; increases abstractor's bond or liability insurance policy to \$50,000 in counties with a population of 200,000 or greater and to \$20,000 in all other counties. Increases certificate renewal fee to \$25 and expands the enforcement powers of the Minnesota Abstractors Board of Examiners.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT, Chapter 2, S.F. 55: Updates references in present law to allow emergency employment of individuals under a federal law which was recently updated. Permits the state to measure its liability under the workmen's compensation law for persons employed under the federal act.

LITTLE BACON-DAVIS ACT, Chapter 191, H.F. 794: Expands the projects covered by the act to include those financed in whole or in part by state funds. Directs the Department of Labor and Industry to determine the prevailing wage rate and upgrades the penalties for violation of the act.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, Chapter 205, H.F. 2: Authorizes the summer employment of young persons for state and local service and appropriates \$4,000,000.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, Chapter 302, S.F. 226: Technically modifies the law relating to monies credited to the account of the state in the Unemployment Trust Fund of the United States pursuant to sec. 903 of the Social Security Act. Reinstates a special account in the state treasury which may be used for certain miscellaneous expenses incurred by the department; appropriating money to that account and placing interest on past due contributions and certain penalties and assessments in that account.

PENSIONS, Chapter 307, S.F. 476: Makes invalid any clause in a pension or profit sharing plan which provides that an employee will lose vested rights if the employee joins a competing employer.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, Chapter 336, H.F. 1: Removes certain obsolete language. Covers the employment of employees in private schools. Provides that a person who is unemployed as a result of a uniform vacation is not deemed voluntarily unemployed. Provides that tips and gratuities will be included as wages for purposes of unemployment compensation. Provides that the wage base upon which the unemployment compensation tax is based shall be 70% of the average annual wage rounded off to the nearest \$100, up to a maximum of \$6500. Provides that the commissioner shall determine the average annual wage and the average weekly wage paid by employers subject to the Unemployment Compensation Act. Provides that where the employer's contribution is less than a dollar in any calendar quarter it may be disregarded. Provides that the maximum increase in the contribution rate paid by employers shall be 1-1/2%. Provides that employees whose experience ratio in each of the three preceding calendar years was in excess of 5% shall have a maximum contribution rate of 6%. Provides that employers shall not be liable for payments in lieu of contributions with respect to extended pension payments which are wholly reimbursed by the federal government. Modifies the formula for obtaining benefits to provide that the individual will receive 60% of the first \$85.00 of his wage, 40% of the next \$85.00 of his wage, and 50% of the remainder up to a maximum of 62% of the average weekly wage in the state, provided, however, this maximum may not exceed \$116.00. Provides that an individual will receive payment for his waiting week after four weeks of unemployment rather than four consecutive weeks of unemployment. Provides that vacation allowance paid with respect to periods following termination or indefinite separation from employment shall not be treated as deductible income in determining benefits. Provides that

remunerations in the form of a pension received for service in the armed forces shall to a certain extent not affect the eligibility of an employee to receive benefits. Provides that an individual who is voluntarily separated from his employment shall have his total benefits decreased. Provides that an individual whose last separation from employment occurred prior to the commencement of a strike shall not be denied benefits because of failure to accept a recall to work during the labor dispute. Modifies the time limitations with regard to the examination of claims. Modifies the time limitations with regard to appeals. Increases the fee paid to persons serving on an appeals tribunal. Authorizes the destruction of records after two years rather than four years. Permits the Attorney General to compromise contributions, penalties and interest in any case referred to him.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, Chapter 343, H.F. 161: Simplifies the procedure for bringing an action by an employee who believes he has been discriminated against because he has exercised a right authorized by the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

LABOR, Chapter 348, H.F. 218: Modifies the restriction that the Workmen's Compensation Commission and the Department of Labor and Industry keep their offices in St. Paul and permits them to maintain their main offices within the metropolitan area. Restructures the divisions in the Department of Labor and Industry. Eliminates and modifies certain obsolete language and repeals obsolete provisions related to laws regulating the employment of minors and women and reports on accidents.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION, Chapter 359, H.F. 522: Replaces the term "workmen's compensation" with "worker's compensation." Permits the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry to temporarily assign a compensation judge to take the place of a disqualified or ill commissioner. Modifies the law relating to exemptions from coverage in technical matters and modifies the exemptions for domestic workers to refer to household workers who earn less than \$500 in any three-month period. Provides for greater extraterritorial application of the Minnesota law. Provides for a limitation on attorneys' fees in workmen's compensation cases and provides that a portion of those fees will be paid by the insurance. Provides that the maximum weekly benefit will be increased to \$135 and the minimum weekly benefit will be increased to 20% of the statewide average weekly wage. Modifies the compensation law with regard to disfigurement to include scarring and broadens the disability provision slightly. Removes the provision which provides that previous payments are deducted from death benefits. Increases the number of weeks for compensation during the treatment and removes the maximum which may be paid for such compensation. Increases the age limit for a child to remain a dependent if he attends school. Increases the percentage of daily wage dependents receive as death benefits. Increases the lump sum settlement a surviving spouse may receive upon remarriage and grants the same benefits for men with regard to remarriage by surviving spouses. Removes the maximum amount that may be paid out in death benefits. Allows a greater decrease in the tax for the special compensation fund. Increases the supplementary benefits and makes them a percentage of the statewide average weekly wage. Increases certain time limits. Eliminates the eight-year statute of limitations. Adjusts benefits an injured employee receives on the basis of an increase or decrease in the statewide average weekly wage. Creates a civil cause of action for a person who has been discriminated against because he seeks workmen's compensation.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT, Chapter 375, H.F. 661: Modifies the definition of serious violation. Modifies the posting requirements. Requires that the proposed penalty to be assessed be posted with each citation and that they be posted for a minimum period of 15 days. Provides a copy of citations and proposed penalties be sent to the bargaining representative of the employees.

Public Employees

VETERANS PREFERENCE, Chapter 45, H.F. 84: Redefines veterans eligible for preference. Restricts usage of a 5 or 10 point preference to initial employment positions in public service except for certain disabled veterans who may use a one-time 5 point preference in securing a promotional position. Applies state veterans preference law to all political subdivisions of the state giving examinations in the employment of public employees.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT, Chapter 102, H.F. 584: Miscellaneous amendments to the PERA Act, including within coverage of the Act, employees of a hospital district organized or reorganized after 7-1-75. Excludes workmen's compensation payments from salary computations for pension benefit purposes. Permits continued membership in PERA in certain circumstances after leaving public employment. Prescribes powers and duties of executive director of PERA. Limits venue on all actions involving PERA to Ramsey County. Providing alternative annuity benefits for surviving spouses. Making miscellaneous changes in the manner of payment of annuity benefits.

TEACHERS, Chapter 151, H.F. 428: Provides a teacher shall have ten days after receipt to consider, demand corrections, execute and return a contract. Does not affect teacher's final resignation date.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS, Chapter 273, S.F. 366: Extends the option of participating in the state's deferred compensation plan to employees of the state and its political subdivisions without authorizing employer contributions from the subdivisions. Provides that the MSRS and its executive director shall administer the deferred compensation plan.

TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACT, Chapter 306, S.F. 469: See Governmental Operations, Retirement.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, Chapter 381, H.F. 703: See Governmental Operations, State Agencies and Boards.

CONSERVATION OFFICERS; CERTAIN VEHICLE OPERATORS; LOYALTY OATHS, Chapter 399, H.F. 1007: Excludes state conservation officers and certain persons covered by U.S. Department of Transportation regulations from state minimum wage and fair labor standard provisions. Repeals requirement that state employees prior to employment must swear to uphold the state and federal constitutions.

PAY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, Chapter 431, H.F. 1769: See Governmental Operations, State Agencies and Boards.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION--COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERSONNEL, Chapter 433, H.F. 1758:
Sec. 11, subd. 4 of this lengthy appropriations bill contains a proviso which prohibits the payment of unemployment compensation benefits to community college personnel during summer vacation months unless the employee has been indefinitely separated from the college and will not return to work in the fall.

Unemployment Compensation:

EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS, Chapter 1, H.F. 3: Updates Minnesota law to permit the state to pay extended benefits in accordance with a recent federal law.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, Chapter 104, S.F. 311: Provides that holiday pay will not be considered as income in determining unemployment compensation benefits.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, Chapter 108, S.F. 590: Provides that reports made to the department by an employer shall identify the employer's name as it appears on the payroll checks issued by the employer in this state.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, Chapter 143, S.F. 1059: Removes temporary or session employees of the legislature from the coverage of the unemployment compensation law.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, Chapter 302, S.F. 226: Technically modifies the law relating to monies credited to the account of the state in the Unemployment Trust Fund of the United States, pursuant to sec. 903 of the Social Security Act. Reinstates a special account in the state treasury which may be used for certain miscellaneous expenses incurred by the department; appropriating money to that account and placing interest on past due contributions and certain penalties and assessments in that account.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, Chapter 336, H.F. 1: See Labor-Management Relations.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TREASURER'S BOND, Chapter 8, S.F. 216: Permits the town board to determine the amount of the treasurer's bond.

TOWNSHIP MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANIES, Chapter 15, S.F. 348: Restricts the area in which the companies may operate to adjoining townships; removes provisions of law related to limitations on corporate existence. Modifies powers of the corporation; permits board of directors to appoint officers; clarifies and updates certain language used in the present chapter and authorizes arbitration of disputes.

HOURS OF ANNUAL MEETING, Chapter 20, S.F. 248: Permits the electors of a town to determine the hour at which the next annual town meeting is to be convened. Does not affect the hours for elections.

FURNISHING OF CULVERTS, Chapter 24, H.F. 139: Authorizes town and county boards to charge all or part of the costs of furnishing culverts on town and county roads to the owners of abutting land.

PAYMENT DATES FOR LOCAL AIDS, Chapter 46, H. F. 136: Establishes dates for payments of local aids where none were specified; changes some other payment dates and authorizes Commissioner of Revenue to make certain distributions. Effective immediately.

RESIDENTIAL ZONING, Chapter 60, H.F. 319: Provides for the location and zoning of residences for the mentally retarded and physically handicapped. A facility for 6 or fewer is a permitted single family residential use; a facility for 7 to 14 is a permitted multiple family residential use. The Commissioner of Public Welfare may not issue a new license for such a facility if it is located within 300 feet of an existing facility. The commissioner is also required to consider certain factors within a community prior to issuing a facility license.

LEVY LIMIT FOR FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION, Chapter 67, S.F. 286: Removes the \$6,000 levy limitation for police and fire protection.

ASSESSOR'S COMPENSATION, Chapter 71, S.F. 422: Permits town boards to determine the compensation of the town assessor and removes the limitation on the amount of expense and mileage reimbursement.

DIRECTORS OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS, Chapter 122, H.F. 535: Strikes the provisions that mandate that the Commissioner of Public Welfare employ a director of community mental health services under the supervision of a medical director for the community mental health centers.

JOINT POWERS LAW, Chapter 134, S.F. 523: Includes within the definition of "governmental unit" any instrumentality of a governmental unit which is further defined as "an instrumentality having independent policy-making and appropriating authority". Also removes the requirement that a county performing services or functions for other governmental units do so at cost. The exception of Ramsey County from the provisions of subd. 8 was also deleted.

BOND OF DEPUTY REGISTRARS, Chapter 146, S.F. 1183: Provides that deputy motor vehicle registrars who are also city or county employees need not post a bond.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS, PER DIEMS, Chapter 176, H.F. 264: Permits payment of a per diem of up to \$35 to members of regional development commissions with the exact amount to be determined by each commission. Members of the commission board of directors could receive only the per diem payable to them as board members when meetings of the board of directors and the commission are held on the same day.

SHADE TREE DISEASE CONTROL, Chapter 253, H.F. 1288: The major impact of the bill is in the 7 county metropolitan area including the establishment of a grant program for partial funding of municipal programs of subsidies to residential property owners for treatment or removal of diseased trees and for aid to cities over 80,000 population and counties for up to 50% of the cost of wood utilization or disposal systems. Also authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations prescribing minimum shade tree disease control measures for outstate cities, counties and towns. In both the metro area and outstate, the rules and regulations of the commissioner or a more stringent local ordinance will apply to all state agencies and special purpose districts.

REMOVAL OF ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND LEVY LIMIT, Chapter 268, S.F. 282: Repeals the existing statutory millage limitation on levies for road and bridge purposes in towns. Also specifically supersedes special acts which establish road and bridge levy limits for individual towns. The effect is that levies for these purposes may be made within applicable general purpose statutory levy limitations.

OPTIONAL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT FOR TOWNS, Chapter 274, S.F. 583: Authorizes all towns following approval by the electors at an annual town meeting to adopt the following optional forms of government: (a) 5 member town board (towns exercising the powers of a statutory city must submit this option to the electors at the next annual town meeting); (b) authority to hire an administrator to handle non-discretionary, ministerial duties; and (c) appointment rather than election of the town clerk and treasurer. Also authorizes towns exercising the powers of a statutory city to combine the offices of clerk and treasurer following approval of the electors at an annual meeting. Only one option may be submitted at an annual meeting. Also establishes procedures for adoption of and transition to the optional plans and for abandonment of optional plans and return to the standard form of town government.

ADVANCE OF EXPENSE MONEY TO LOCAL OFFICIALS, Chapter 288, S.F. 1168: Permits cities and counties to advance to local officials the estimated costs of traveling to and attending meetings of county, regional, state and national organizations. Upon return from such meetings, the representative would be required to submit a verified, itemized claim. Amounts in excess of the estimate would be reimbursed to the representative. If the amount is less than the estimate, the representative would be required to return the excess received.

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, Chapter 311, S.F. 624: Grants cities certain powers now conferred on county boards concerning bodies of water situated partly within municipal boundaries for the purpose of flood prevention and control if in conjunction with a federal project.

STATE LOANS AND GUARANTEES OF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, Chapter 331, S.F. 1379: Authorizes the State Agency, which is the State Executive Council (i.e. the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer and Attorney General) to participate with Federal Agencies under The Rural Development Act of 1972, The Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 or The Small Business Act in the financing of redevelopment projects under The Area Redevelopment Act through loans or guarantees of the non-federal portion of costs. Loans or guarantees could not exceed 20% of the total cost of the project and total guarantees outstanding could not exceed five times the balance in the development revolving fund (to which an additional \$1 million is appropriated). Also permits the Executive Council to use moneys in the revolving fund for the purpose of matching federal funds under The Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965. From the appropriation, the Commissioner of Economic Development is to fund two pilot community development corporation projects, one in the seven-county metropolitan area and one in outstate Minnesota.

RESTRICTING LOCAL PENSION PLANS, Chapter 405, H.F. 1073: Prohibits the establishment of local pension plans paid for from public funds other than volunteer firemen's relief associations.

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, Chapter 411, H.F. 1160: Permits local government units to expend money for Bicentennial purposes. Validates prior expenditures for this purpose. Creates by statute the Minnesota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission to supersede a similar commission created by executive order. Instructs the commission to coordinate Bicentennial programs and activities throughout the state.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Chapter 421, H.F. 1428: Defines the governing body of an Indian tribe to be a local agency within the meaning of the chapter for purposes of economic development.

MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL REVENUE ACT AMENDMENTS, Chapter 422, H.F. 1441: Authorizes the use of revenue agreements in connection with industrial revenue projects whereby the municipality need not actually acquire title to the land. Includes counties in the general definition of a municipality so that counties may now undertake all qualifying projects. Also makes a number of technical changes.

City Government

STATUTORY CITIES; AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE DECORATIONS, Chapter 30, H.F. 611: Authorizes statutory cities to provide decorations, signs, plaques and attached accessories for public streets, buildings and parks.

STATUTORY CITIES, PARK BOARDS, Chapter 179, H.F. 432: Permits statutory cities to establish park boards of 3, 5, 7 or 9 members. Prior law limited the membership to 3. Existing 3-member boards may be increased accordingly.

PAYMENT OF M.S.A. CONTRACTS, Chapter 259, H.F. 1476: Allows the governing body of a city to release a portion of the contract price on a municipal state aid street project to the contractor when the work is 90% complete.

PROPERTY TAXES, Chapter 339, H.F. 133: See Taxation.

Cities of the First Class

PEDESTRIAN MALLS, Chapter 28, H.F. 163: Allows cities of the first class to have more than one pedestrian mall advisory board.

TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACT, Chapter 306, S.F. 469: See Governmental Operations, Retirement.

OMNIBUS SCHOOL AIDS BILL, Chapter 432, H.F. 235: See Education.

Duluth

City of Duluth, Chapter 127, H.F. 1136: Adjusts benefits for retired members of the Duluth Firemen's Relief Association. Provision of survivors' benefits for widows and children of deceased members.

DULUTH PARK MAINTENANCE, Chapter 196, H.F. 1156: Allows the city of Duluth to have contracts with senior citizens for limited salaries to take care of the parks in the city.

DULUTH PARAMEDIC, Chapter 209, H.F. 49: Allows the city of Duluth and the town of Herman to establish a physicians trained mobile intensive care paramedic unit.

DAM CONSTRUCTION - DULUTH, Chapter 257, H.F. 1436: Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to make a grant not to exceed \$87,500 to Duluth for the construction of a dam on Tischer Creek.

SEAWAY AUTHORITY, Chapter 326, S.F. 1102: Allows the Seaway Port Authority of Duluth to buy, lease, or contract for vessels.

CITY OF DULUTH, Chapter 408, H.F. 1133: Increases benefits payable to retired members of the Duluth Police Department. Amends wording of statute to avoid sexual discrimination. Expands benefits payable to a deceased member's children between the ages of 18 and 22.

Minneapolis

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, Chapter 56, H.F. 202: Permits reimbursed out-of-state travel in connection with the business of the Minneapolis Firemen's Relief Association.

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, Chapter 57, H.F. 203: Permits a widow who ceased receiving pension benefits because of remarriage to qualify for renewed pension benefits if her remarriage terminates.

MINNEAPOLIS HUMAN RIGHTS, Chapter 82, H.F. 130: Allows the city of Minneapolis to give to its human rights commission all of the powers of the State Human Rights Commission.

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, Chapter 152, H.F. 774: Changes certain accounting functions to a fiscal year basis. Permits payment of certain retirement fund benefits at age 62.

MINNEAPOLIS HOUSING FINANCE, Chapter 188, H.F. 666: Allows the city of Minneapolis to establish a housing finance agency program similar to that of the statewide agency. They may issue up to \$20 million in general obligation bonds to support the program. They may also issue revenue bonds.

MINNEAPOLIS ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSES, Chapter 305, S.F. 244: Authorizes the city of Minneapolis to issue on-sale licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor to three non-profit organizations.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BONDING AUTHORITY, Chapter 320, S.F. 795: Extends through 1979 permission for Minneapolis school district, by two-thirds majority vote of the school board, to issue bonds equal in value to the amount of indebtedness to be retired, in the calendar year and to add any amounts of these authorized bonds which are not sold to the following calendar year's authorization. (Bonds may be used only for remodeling, expanding and equipping existing school buildings and for new school buildings. Plans must be submitted to the city planning commission.)

MINNEAPOLIS WORKHOUSE, Chapter 402, H.F. 1020: Authorizes Hennepin County to lease the Minneapolis workhouse for \$1 per year until 7-1-77, and work out an agreement with Minneapolis for assuming some of the workhouse employees.

RAMSEY COUNTY, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, & MAPLEWOOD LEVY LIMITS AND SPECIAL CHARGES, Chapter 426, H.F. 1526: See Taxation.

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, Chapter 428, H.F. 1551: Increases benefits payable to retired policemen or their survivors by providing medical insurance.

St. Paul

RESTORATION OF SICK LEAVE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, Chapter 86, H.F. 1465: Authorizes the city of St. Paul to restore to a police officer injured in the line of duty any sick leave accrued to him prior to the injury, regardless of the date of the injury.

CITY OF ST. PAUL, Chapter 187, H.F. 596: Permits a certain retired employee of the St. Paul Bureau of Health to credit additional work time towards retirement benefit computations.

ST. PAUL, HOUSING FINANCE, Chapter 260, H.F. 1513: Allows the city of St. Paul to administer a housing finance program within the city, with up to \$2 million in general obligation bonds outside the debt limit, and additional revenue bonds; and transfers \$2 million in existing bond authorization to the housing rehabilitation loan and grant program.

ST. PAUL, Chapter 261, H.F. 1518: Eliminates the power of the city of St. Paul to levy for school district severance pay and grants this power to the school district; authorizes the city of St. Paul to make a one-time increase of up to \$2,000 in the salary of its elected officers; and eases the requirements for certain zoning changes in the city within two years after the adoption of a new zoning ordinance.

ST. PAUL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, Chapter 332, S.F. 1425: Allows the city of St. Paul to negotiate contracts for solid waste collection and disposal, with review by the Metropolitan Council.

CITY OF ST. PAUL, Chapter 423, H. F. 1448: Extends survivors' benefits to a surviving spouse who remarried but whose remarriage terminated.

RAMSEY COUNTY, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, & MAPLEWOOD LEVY LIMITS AND SPECIAL CHARGES, Chapter 426, H.F. 1526: See Taxation.

Counties

FEES FOR BOARDING PRISONERS, Chapter 94, S.F. 182: Eliminates the payment of fees to sheriffs for boarding prisoners in county jails. Requires counties to furnish board, laundry and other services to prisoners or reimburse the sheriff for his expenses in furnishing such services to prisoners.

FEES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, Chapter 95, S.F. 236: Provides that a county welfare board may charge fees for social services according to established schedules based on recipient's ability to pay. Effective 10-1-75.

FILING OF SURVEYS WITH COUNTY SURVEYOR, Chapter 112, S.F. 1038: Requires surveyors to file copies of all surveys with the county surveyor in those counties in which the office of county surveyor is a full-time position and where the surveyor has an office in a county-maintained building.

CHANGES OF VENUE, Chapter 123, H.F. 540: Provides that when venue is changed in a civil action, the party who has paid the original filing fee need not pay another filing fee in the new county. The transferor county may retain whatever filing fees it has received, but must notify in writing the county to which the action is transferred of the payment of any such fees.

FOSTER CARE FOR DELINQUENT CHILDREN, Chapter 131, S.F. 93: Provides that the state shall reimburse counties for the cost of care quarterly rather than annually. The reimbursement shall be 50% of the costs after deducting federal and state aids and grants. (Some further technical changes are made in the language prescribing the method of issuing warrants for this reimbursement.)

JOINT POWERS LAW, Chapter 134, S.F. 523: Includes within the definition of "governmental unit" any instrumentality of a governmental unit which is further defined as "an instrumentality having independent policy-making and appropriating authority". Also removes the requirement that a county performing services or functions for other governmental units do so at cost. The exception of Ramsey County from the provisions of subd. 8 was also deleted.

COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING COMMITTEE, Chapter 169, S.F. 1166: Permits the per diem payment to members of each county public health nursing committee to be determined by each board of county commissioners, and prohibits members of the committee who are public employees from receiving the per diem unless, as a result of service on the committee, they suffer a loss in pay. Expands the membership of certain community mental health boards.

USE OF COUNTY STATE AID FUNDS, Chapter 193, H.F. 899: Allows counties to spend part of their CSA municipal funds on other county state-aid highways after notification of affected cities and with the consent of the Commissioner of Highways; requires repayment to the municipal account within five years unless other terms are agreed upon by the county and affected cities.

PUBLICATION OF COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Chapter 278, S.F. 888: Extends the time for completing county financial statements from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March. Also authorizes counties to summarize disbursements in lieu of an itemized account of amounts paid, to the extent that published proceedings of the board contain the itemized accounts and provided that all disbursements of \$1,000 or more to any individual are set forth in the statement.

FILLING VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Chapter 280, S.F. 903: Eliminates the appointment system of filling vacancies in the office of county commissioner and provides for vacancies to be filled by special election held not less than 30 nor more than 60 days after the vacancy occurs. The special election may be held on the same day as the regular election. If a vacancy occurs more than 60 days before the general election preceding the end of the term, the vacancy would be filled by the person elected at that election and the person elected would take office immediately upon receipt of the certificate of election and filing the bond and oath of office.

BLANKET BONDS FOR COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, Chapter 281, S.F. 912: Permits any county to accept a blanket bond covering all county officers and employees (including those required by law to furnish individual bonds) in lieu of individual bonds.

COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, Chapter 289, S.F. 1184: Allows a change in payments by the county to municipalities from the road and bridge fund.

PUBLIC WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS, Chapter 294, S.F. 1434: Authorizes county boards to form water and sewer districts in the same manner authorized by municipalities. Specifies the formation and operation procedures of such districts.

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DUTIES, Chapter 295, S.F. 1554: When sales ratio studies for two or more counties in the same taxing district show that the average level of assessments in those counties (measured by the aggregate assessment sales ratio) differ by more than 10%, the board (which is the Commissioner of Revenue) may order that the taxing district's levy be apportioned among the counties in the proportion that the adjusted assessed values (as determined by the E.A.R.C.) for each portion bears to the adjusted assessed value for the entire taxing district.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER SALARIES AND PER DIEMS, Chapter 301, S.F. 211: Eliminates the various statutory per diems payable to county commissioners and provides that county boards may establish a schedule of per diems to be paid to individual county commissioners for service on any board, commission or committee of county government or for services performed by individual commissioners when required by law. Also authorizes county commissioners to change their salaries at any time provided that they do not take effect until January 1 of the next year, and eliminates the automatic cost of living salary increases for various county officers. Generally has no application to Hennepin, Ramsey and St. Louis Counties.

COUNTY LICENSES, Chapter 334, S.F. 1466: Allows counties to issue an unlimited number of on-sale licenses; allows counties to issue on-sale licenses to clubs; prohibits counties from issuing a license to any person who already holds a county or city liquor license within the county, but does not prohibit the reissuance of any license already lawfully issued.

PROPERTY TAXES, Chapter 339, H.F. 133: See Taxation.

CONFISCATION OF VEHICLES TRANSPORTING CIGARETTES ILLEGALLY, Chapter 340, H.F. 135: Defines vehicles used for purpose of illegally transporting cigarettes as contraband and authorizes the Commissioner of Revenue to confiscate them. Effective immediately.

MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL REVENUE ACT AMENDMENTS, Chapter 422, H.F. 1441: Authorizes the use of revenue agreements in connection with industrial revenue projects whereby the municipality need not actually acquire title to the land. Includes counties in the general definition of a municipality so that counties may now undertake all qualifying projects. Also makes a number of technical changes.

OMNIBUS TAX ACT, Chapter 437, H.F. 1674: See Taxation and Health and Welfare, Income Maintenance.

Hennepin

TRAIL SYSTEM, Chapter 66, H.F. 1093: Authorizes the Hennepin County Park Reserve District to acquire and operate trail systems.

SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT FUND, Chapter 153, H.F. 1008: Relates to Minnesota supplemental retirement fund. Requires employees to elect which account he wishes his salary deductions and matching funds invested before July 1 (old January) of each year. Permits withdrawal of shares at age 62 (old 65) for persons no longer employed by the county.

COURT REPORTERS, Chapter 165, S.F. 987: Returns the court reporters in the Fourth Judicial District to within the jurisdiction of the Hennepin County Personnel Board.

COUNTY LAW LIBRARY Chapter 285, S.F. 977: Authorizes the support and maintenance of the Hennepin County Law Library by the county.

HENNEPIN COUNTY COURTS, Chapter 290, S.F. 1222: Authorizes the chief judge of the Hennepin County municipal court to assign retired judges to hear cases. Provides such retired judges with compensation of \$50 per diem, 12¢ per mile and expenses.

HENNEPIN COUNTY COURTS, Chapter 328, S.F. 1221: Increases the compensation for conciliation court referees to \$75 per day.

MINNEAPOLIS WORK HOUSE, Chapter 402, H.F. 1020: Authorizes Hennepin County to lease the Minneapolis workhouse for \$1 per year until 7-1-77, and work out an agreement with Minneapolis for assuming some of the workhouse employees.

Ramsey

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT, Chapter 102, H.F. 584: See Governmental Operations, Retirement.

JOINT POWERS LAW, Chapter 134, S.F. 523: Includes within the definition of "governmental unit" any instrumentality of a governmental unit which is further defined as "an instrumentality having independent policy-making and appropriating authority". Also removes the requirement that a county performing services or functions for other governmental units do so at cost. The exception of Ramsey County from the provisions of subd. 8 was also deleted.

LAKE OWASSO, Chapter 242, H.F. 872: Requires the Commissioner of Public Welfare to negotiate an agreement to transfer operation of the Lake Owasso Children's Home to Ramsey County, and appropriates funds to the county for the operation and maintenance of the home.

RAMSEY COUNTY COURTS, Chapter 258; H.F. 1456: See Judiciary.

RAMSEY COUNTY, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, & MAPLEWOOD LEVY LIMITS AND SPECIAL CHARGES, Chapter 426, H.F. 1526: See Taxation.

St. Louis

ST. LOUIS COUNTY CORONER, Chapter 39, S.F. 371: Repeals a special law for the St. Louis County coroner. The county now operates under the general law.

MESABI NURSING HOME, Chapter 111, S.F. 871: Authorizes the county board of St. Louis County to donate to range hospital corporation, a non-profit corporation, the Mesabi Nursing Home.

CONCILIATION COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, Chapter 142, S.F. 935: Provides that the conciliation courts of St. Louis County may conduct personal receiverships.

ROUTE ADDED TO VOYAGEUR HIGHWAY, Chapter 255, H.F. 1422: Adds a segment of the trunk highway system, from I-35 south of Cloquet along T.H. 33 to Independence, in St. Louis County, to the Voyageur Highway.

METROPOLITAN AND URBAN AFFAIRS

BROOKLYN PARK IMPROVEMENTS, Chapter 4, S.F. 321: Validates the actions taken by the city of Brooklyn Park in connection with the construction of certain improvements.

RECODIFICATION, Chapter 13, S.F. 19: Recodifies the laws relating to the Metropolitan Council, Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, Metropolitan Transit Commission, Metropolitan Waste Control Commission, Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission, Metropolitan Airports Commission, and the county solid waste duties into a single chapter 473.

PEDESTRIAN MALLS, Chapter 28, H.F. 163: Allows cities of the first class to have more than one pedestrian mall advisory board.

RICE CREEK WATERSHED, Chapter 74, S.F. 587: Allows the Rice Creek Watershed District to establish an administrative fund with a levy of up to \$125,000 per year.

RICE CREEK WATERSHED, Chapter 75, S.F. 588: Authorizes the Rice Creek Watershed District to establish a water maintenance and repair fund, with a first year levy of \$30,000 and subsequent annual levies of up to \$15,000.

PLYMOUTH REFUNDING BONDS, Chapter 84, H.F. 967: Allows the city of Plymouth to refund improvement bonds for another two years.

BLOOMINGTON AND SOUTH ST. PAUL HOUSING FINANCE, Chapter 195, H.F. 1129: Allows the cities of Bloomington and South St. Paul to establish housing finance programs similar to that of the statewide agency. The cities may issue up to \$4 million in general obligation bonds to support the program. In addition, they both may issue revenue bonds.

SHOREVIEW, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, Chapter 202, H.F. 1569: Allows Shoreview to defer special assessments levied on property owned by senior citizens.

TRANSPORTATION FINANCING, Chapter 203, H.F. 1722: See Transportation, Highways.

SHADE TREE DISEASE CONTROL, Chapter 253, H.F. 1288: See Local Government.

LAND ACQUISITION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION, Chapter 415, H.F. 1241: Appropriates \$15,000,000 for the acquisition of state parks, recreation areas, trails, wildlife management areas, fishing management lands, wetlands outside designated wildlife management areas, wild, scenic, or recreational rivers, and canoe and boating routes. Appropriates \$20,000,000 for acquisition and betterment of recreational lands with the 7-county metropolitan area, and authorizes the state to issue bonds for that amount.

MISCELLANEOUS

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, Chapter 252, H.F. 1277: Provides that the Joint Coordinating Committee appoint a Director of the Legislative Reference Library and the Revisor of Statutes. Authorizes the Joint Coordinating Committee to establish an Office of Legislative Research to be under the supervision and control of the Committee. Abolishes the Office of Legislative Research as previously established.

TAXATION

PAYMENT DATES FOR LOCAL AIDS, Chapter 46, H.F. 136: Establishes dates for payments of local aids where none were specified; changes some other payment dates and authorizes Commissioner of Revenue to make certain distributions. Effective immediately.

TAX TREATMENT OF KEOGH PLANS, Chapter 47, H.F. 227: Validates trust funds which were adjusted to take advantage of increased contribution limits for Keogh Plans in the new Federal Pension Reform Act of 1974. Does not affect the state tax treatment of these plans.

LEASING OF SCHOOLHOUSES, Chapter 199, H.F. 1488: See Education.

DENIAL OF TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR CERTAIN SUBSTANDARD HOUSING, Chapter 226, H.F. 474: Disallows income tax deductions for interest and depreciation on certain rental properties that are hazardous to public safety and health.

EXEMPTION FROM MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX, Chapter 262, S.F. 39: Sales of a motor vehicle previously registered in Minnesota to a corporation or a partnership is not subject to the four percent motor vehicle excise tax if the sale qualifies under federal law (1) as a transfer to a corporation controlled (80% of total voting power of all classes of voting stock and 80% of the total percent of all other classes of stock) by the transferor, or (2) as a contribution to a partnership in exchange for an interest in the partnership.

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DUTIES, Chapter 295, S.F. 1554: When sales ratio studies for two or more counties in the same taxing district show that the average level of assessments in those counties (measured by the aggregate assessment sales ratio) differ by more than 10%, the board (which is the Commissioner of Revenue) may order that the taxing district's levy be apportioned among the counties in the proportion that the adjusted assessed values (as determined by the E.A.R.C.) for each portion bears to the adjusted assessed value for the entire taxing district.

TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACT, Chapter 306, S.F. 469: See Governmental Operations, Retirement.

MEALS FOR ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED EXEMPT FROM SALES TAX, Chapter 312, S.F. 711: Meals or drinks which have been purchased by various agencies, organizations or churches, or pursuant to "meals on wheels" programs are exempt from the sales tax when served to persons over 60 years old and their spouses or to the permanently and totally disabled and their spouses. Effective immediately.

RIGHT TO REPURCHASE TAX-FORFEITED LANDS, Chapter 316, S.F. 757: Limits the time for repurchasing homestead property which has been tax forfeited to one year from the date of forfeiture.

PROPERTY TAXES, Chapter 339, H.F. 133: Provides that the Commissioner of Revenue no longer must make the agricultural census for the state. Disallows direct appeals to the county board of equalization or the commissioner on property tax assessment unless the property owner has first appeared before the local board of review. Mandates that all persons employed by assessors who assist in making decisions regarding the value of property must be certified within 3 years. Mandates that assessors include on the tax list parcels that have a change in classification in years when they are not assessed. Allows the governing body of any city or county to appoint a special board of review or equalization and to delegate all review powers to that board. At least one member of the board must be an appraiser or other person familiar with property values in the area. Allows owners of half-homesteads to apply for tax abatements if they failed to notify the assessor on time to qualify for the classification change currently. Effective immediately.

CONFISCATION OF VEHICLES TRANSPORTING CIGARETTES ILLEGALLY, Chapter 340, H.F. 135: Defines vehicles used for purpose of illegally transporting cigarettes as contraband and authorizes the Commissioner of Revenue to confiscate them. Effective immediately.

INCOME TAXES, Chapter 349, H. F. 229: Modifies definitions used in income tax chapter to conform with changes made in probate law and provides definition of personal representative for income tax law. Updates references to Internal Revenue Code thereby allowing larger tax deferred contributions to Keogh Plans and authorizing tax deferral for IRA retirement plans in Minnesota. Limits investment credits only to that portion of an investment which is connected with the production of Minnesota income. The Minnesota corporate income tax is changed to an excise tax. Sets one table for all taxpayers under \$10,000 income. Changes manner for substantiating claim of political contribution. Provides time frame and penalty for late filing of non-public school credit. Disallows the foreign tax credit for corporations. Disallows individuals change to claim double benefits for depreciation, capital gains and losses, etc. Limits times a taxpayer may claim a refund for overpayment of taxes and allows 6% interest on such amounts. Also provides procedure for taxpayer to appeal commissioner's order regarding refunds. Allows commissioner to prescribe varying reporting periods for withholding tax. Eliminates withholding requirement for "working poor" taxpayers. Requires all corporations with tax liability over \$1,000 to file declarations of estimated taxes. Provides time and penalties for late filing of renter credit. Deals with taxation of lump sum distributions from pension funds. The tax is computed on one-tenth the distribution, then multiplied by ten, and added on to other taxes. Instructs Revisor to update references to Internal Revenue Code in the statutes and use term "personal representative" whenever "executor" or "administrator" appears now.

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY, Chapter 352, H.F. 332: exempt status for certain properties to file a statement of exemption with the assessor once every 4 years. Effective for taxes payable in 1977 and thereafter.

INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR DEAF PERSONS, Chapter 355, H.F. 439: Provides an income tax credit for deaf individuals of \$25 and increases credit for single blind persons from \$21 to \$25. Effective for taxable years beginning 1-1-75.

MOBILE HOME PROPERTY TAX, Chapter 376, H.F. 669: Establishes a procedure for appeals of assessment and collection of delinquent taxes. Effective for taxes payable in 1976 and thereafter.

TAX COMPLIANCE ACT, Chapter 377, H.F. 674: Allows commissioner to abate interest and penalties on delinquent taxes at his discretion. Allows crediting of overpayments for 10 years. Makes penalty for failure to file late payment or non-payment of taxes 10%. Provides for the right of setoff when a taxpayer having delinquent taxes sells goods or services to the state. Empowers the commissioner to collect unpaid taxes by a levy on all property and property rights of the delinquent taxpayer and provides a process for doing this. Provides that unpaid withholding and sales taxes bear interest at a rate of 10% per year and all other unpaid taxes bear interest at 8% per year. Authorizes the state to pay 6% interest on refunds of overpayments.

HOMESTEAD TAXES FOR FAMILY FARM CORPORATIONS, Chapter 395, H.F. 884: Provides that effective for the 1975 assessment year and thereafter, family farm corporations and partnerships are to be entitled to one 120 acre agricultural homestead classification for a homestead occupied by a shareholder or partner residing on the land and actively engaged in the farming of the land, although the legal title to the property may be in the name of the corporation or partnership. Additional one acre agricultural homesteads may be granted to other residences owned by the corporation or partnership located on the agricultural land and occupied by shareholders or partners actively farming.

SALES TAX, Chapter 397, H.F. 981: Clarifies definition of "sales price" to exclude service charges in lieu of tips, that are separately stated on a bill. Permits confiscation of vehicles used for illegal importation of property by retailers who don't have sales and use permits. Effective immediately.

ACCELERATED REDEMPTION OF TAX FORFEITED PROPERTY, Chapter 403, H.F. 1043: Provides for a shortened redemption period (2 years) when the combined property owned or controlled by a given corporation is liable for special assessments exceeding \$1,000,000 and are at least 50% of all special assessments outstanding in the district. Appropriates \$825,000 to a special state redemption account to help pay local jurisdictions for special assessments against such property which has been forfeited to the state. Effective immediately.

RAMSEY COUNTY, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, & MAPLEWOOD LEVY LIMITS AND SPECIAL CHARGES, Chapter 426, H.F. 1526: Establishes St. Paul levy limit as that provided in state law. Provides that St. Paul-Ramsey Hospital physicians, R.N.'s and paramedics who exercise reasonable care in providing emergency services are not liable for civil damages. Allows the cities of St. Paul and Maplewood to charge user fees for emergency or paramedic ambulance services to certain persons. Authorizes an appropriation from Ramsey County to St. Paul for road construction and maintenance. Empowers Minneapolis park board to issue bonds for land acquisition for parks and parkways.

OMNIBUS TAX ACT, Chapter 437, H.F. 1674: Provides increased property tax relief for homeowners and renters through an income adjusted homestead credit. Increases the state's share of medical assistance payments from 50% to 90%; provides 90% participation of the state in paying for hospitalization and medical care of indigent persons. Increases and changes formula for distributing state aids to local governments and changes calculations of local government levy limits. Increases amount of non-farm income which can be offset by farm losses. Exempts the 1975 federal income tax rebate from state income taxes; extends the Tax Study Commission and instructs it to study individual and corporate income taxes. Alters present method of reassessment, providing for viewing all property at least once every four years and changes the limitation on increases in valuation for tax purposes. Expands the working poor tax law. Provides for a flexible homestead base value which can be increased to reflect inflation in home values. Imposes an additional tax on the production of taconite and iron sulphides and provides for the distribution of these revenues. Also establishes a state grant program for the construction of a water filtration plant which will be repaid out of the proceeds of the new taconite production tax. Increases the agricultural mill rate differential from 8 mills on all ag land to 10 mills for non-homestead ag and 12 mills for homestead ag lands. Reduces the period of redemption for certain tax forfeited lands. Appropriates money to the commissioner for administration of the act.

TRANSPORTATION

CONSERVATION OFFICERS; CERTAIN VEHICLE OPERATORS; LOYALTY OATHS; Chapter 399, H.F. 1007: Excludes state conservation officers and certain persons covered by U.S. Department of Transportation regulations from state minimum wage and fair labor standard provisions. Repeals requirement that state employees prior to employment must swear to uphold the state and federal constitutions.

Aeronautics

SERVICES TO MUNICIPALITIES, Chapter 159, S.F. 102: Allows the Department of Aeronautics to charge municipalities for various services under certain circumstances; allows such services to include airport zoning, planning and acquisition.

JOINT AIRPORT OPERATIONS WITH CANADA, Chapter 224, H.F. 382: Permits the state, with the approval of the United States Government, to enter into joint airport operations with Canada or its governmental subdivisions.

CONTROL OF AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES, Chapter 239, H.F. 739: Provides that the Commissioner of Administration's supervision of state telecommunication facilities does not affect the power of the Commissioner of Aeronautics relating to radio and other air navigation facilities.

Highways

FURNISHING OF CULVERTS, Chapter 24, H.F. 139: Authorizes town and county boards to charge all or part of the costs of furnishing culverts on town and county roads to the owners of abutting land.

PUBLICATION OF HIGHWAY MAPS, Chapter 126, H.F. 1049: Deletes the requirement that the Commissioner of Highways publish a highway map annually, and allows him to publish it periodically.

USE OF COUNTY STATE AID FUNDS, Chapter 193, H.F. 899: Allows counties to spend part of their CSA municipal funds on other county state-aid highways after notification of affected cities and with the consent of the Commissioner of Highways; requires repayment to the municipal account within 5 years unless other terms are agreed upon by the county and affected cities.

TRANSPORTATION FINANCING, Chapter 203, H.F. 1722: Raises the gasoline tax from 7¢ to 9¢ and exempts fuel derived from waste products; reduces the Metropolitan Transit Commission mill levy, reduces the size of the transit taxing district and provides for MTC contract service; allows a MTC mill levy outside the transit taxing district; allows a maximum transit youth fare of 10¢ in nonpeak hours; appropriates \$29 million to the State Planning Agency for transit aid, and \$85,000 for supplemental transit aid and the public transit demonstration program; appropriates \$14 million to the Highway Department from the general fund for fiscal 1975; restricts construction on certain metropolitan freeway segments, and adds routes to the trunk highway

system; requires the construction of noise barriers on certain freeways in the metropolitan area; creates a commission to study the Highway Department; allows 32% of the county turnback account to be spent on town bridges; proposes an amendment to the highway article of the Constitution directing that the revenues from future increases in highway user taxes be placed in the general fund.

NEW TRUNK HIGHWAY ROUTE, Chapter 214, H.F. 142: Adds a new route to the trunk highway system, crossing the Mississippi River and connecting Interstate 94 in Hennepin County and I35 in Ramsey County ("Northtown corridor"); allows affected counties and municipalities to use their highway funds to finance planning and land acquisition.

ROUTE ADDED TO VOYAGEUR HIGHWAY, Chapter 255, H.F. 1422: Adds a segment of the trunk highway system, from I-35 south of Cloquet along T.H. 33 to Independence, in St. Louis County, to the Voyageur Highway.

PAYMENT OF M.S.A. CONTRACTS, Chapter 259, H.F. 1476: Allows the governing body of a city to release a portion of the contract price on a municipal state aid street project to the contractor when the work is 90% complete.

DEADLINE FOR JUNKYARD RENEWAL, Chapter 266, S.F. 167: Extends the deadline for the removal of unscreened junkyards adjacent to the trunk highway system from 7-1-74 to 7-1-79.

REMOVAL OF ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND LEVY LIMIT, Chapter 268, S.F. 282: Repeals the existing statutory millage limitation on levies for road and bridge purposes in towns. Also specifically supersedes special acts which establish road and bridge levy limits for individual towns. The effect is that levies for these purposes may be made within applicable general purpose statutory levy limitations.

Motor Vehicles

SPECIFICATIONS FOR LICENSE PLATES, Chapter 10, S.F. 128: Directs the Commissioner of Public Safety to establish, in consultation with law enforcement agencies, specifications for license plates.

LIQUID FERTILIZER TRAILERS, Chapter 12, S.F. 7: Exempts from vehicle registration farm trailers used exclusively to carry liquid fertilizer.

DRIVERS LICENSES FOR 15-YEAR-OLDS, Chapter 23, S.F. 636: Allows the Commissioner of Public Safety to issue a drivers license to a 15-year-old who is otherwise qualified, when required by personal or family medical reasons.

MOTORCYCLE DRIVING RULES, Chapter 29, H.F. 272: Reduces the life of a motorcycle instruction permit from 90 to 45 days, and prohibits persons driving motorcycles on such permits from driving at night or on freeways, or with passengers; requires all motorcycle operators to wear eye-protective devices if the motorcycle is not equipped with a windshild; requires all motorcycles to have their headlights on when in operation on a street or highway.

REGISTRATION OF COLLECTOR'S VEHICLES, Chapter 55, H.F. 138: Establishes a category of motor vehicles known as collector's vehicles, and provides for their registration and licensing.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT ON VEHICLES, Chapter 68, S.F. 312: Restricts the maximum size of bug deflectors; requires fenders or similar devices on all automobiles; requires all trucks of more than 11,000 lbs. gross weight to submit to signs directing them to stop at weigh stations.

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, Chapter 78, S.F. 730: Extends the date for the application of the certificate of title law to previously registered vehicles with a security interest from 10-1-75 to 10-1-76.

BOND OF DEPUTY REGISTRARS, Chapter 146, S.F. 1183: Provides that deputy motor vehicle registrars who are also city or county employees need not post a bond.

HANDICAPPED LICENSE PLATES, Chapter 217, H.F. 231: Authorizes special license plates for physically handicapped persons.

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES, Chapter 223, H.F. 334: Allows local units of government to operate their own collection programs for abandoned vehicles; allows the Pollution Control Agency to study programs for controlling motor vehicle waste and abandoned vehicles and to develop public information programs.

PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES, Chapter 245, H.F. 982: Allows the issuance of personalized license plates; provides for an additional fee therefor of \$50 payable only in years when a new plate is issued.

PLATES FOR DRIVER EDUCATION VEHICLES, Chapter 248, H.F. 1167: Allows license plates issued to a driver education vehicle to be transferred to another such vehicle without additional fees.

EXEMPTION FROM MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX, Chapter 262, S.F. 39: Sales of a motor vehicle previously registered in Minnesota to a corporation or a partnership is not subject to the 4% motor vehicle excise tax if the sale qualifies under federal law (1) as a transfer to a corporation controlled (80% of total voting power of all classes of voting stock and 80% of the total percent of all other classes of stock) by the transferor, or (2) as a contribution to a partnership in exchange for an interest in the partnership.

INSPECTION OF SCHOOL BUSES, Chapter 283, S.F. 949: Requires all school buses to be inspected prior to their initial registration in Minnesota.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE, Chapter 313, S.F. 741: Removes the requirement that a common carrier make a report of all accidents, wrecks, and casualties occurring in the state. Removes the requirement that all written complaints by a governmental unit must be considered at a hearing. Modifies the definition of "for hire" to include occasional accommodation service. Modifies the definition of "exempt carrier" to include a person exclusively engaged in the transportation of bituminous asphalt mix and crushed rock. Changes certain terminology used in various sections.

Adopts fees for amendments to regular route common carrier permits. Eliminates ability to register vehicle and obtaining a permit for less than a 12-month period at a reduced rate. Allows bona fide transfer of a permit carrier's permit without a hearing to a member of the transferor's immediate family. Expands the department's jurisdiction over warehousemen in the state. Requires licensing of all warehousemen in the state. Repeals certain portions of M.S. 239, which deal with the wrapping of bread and testing of weights, measures and scales.

REINSTATEMENT OF CARRIER RIGHTS, Chapter 317, S.F. 767: Allows a carrier permit holder with grandfather rights who has transferred his operating authority to have the authority reinstated by the Public Service Commission if the transferee loses the authority because of inadequate insurance.

Railroads

RAILROADS, Chapter 282, S.F. 921: Requires that motor vehicles designed for highway use and used by a railroad company for transporting employees must include toilet facilities under certain circumstances.

EQUIPMENT ON CRANES, Chapter 286, S.F. 113: Requires crawler, locomotive and truck cranes operating on railroad tracks to have devices to warn of nearby electrical lines.

TRACK SAFETY ENFORCEMENT APPROPRIATION, Chapter 325, S.F. 1035: Appropriates up to \$105,000 from the general fund to the Public Service Department for enforcement of Federal Railroad Administration track safety standards.

SPEEDOMETERS ON LOCOMOTIVES, Chapter 406, H.F. 1107: Requires railroad locomotives to have speedometers or speed recorders accurate to within 3 m.p.h.; requires total compliance by 10-1-77.

Traffic Law

LEFT TURN ON RED, Chapter 49, H. F. 445: Allows left turns against red lights from one one-way street onto another, unless a sign is erected at the intersection to prohibit the movement.

RADAR SPEED EVIDENCE, Chapter 53, H.F. 87: Establishes standards for the admissibility of evidence of speed obtained by radar or other speed-analyzing devices.

OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES, Chapter 265, S.F. 143: Allows persons without school bus endorsements on their drivers licenses to operate vehicles with a seating capacity of 10 or fewer which are used as school buses.

PHARMACIES AND DRUGS, Chapter 356, H.F. 470: Provides that when any drug containing a controlled substance may either alone or in conjunction with alcohol impair the ability of the user to operate a motor vehicle, that fact shall be set forth on the label or container.

SCHOOL SPEED ZONES, Chapter 363, H.F. 556: Authorizes local authorities to establish school speed zones with speeds no lower than 20 m.p.h., or 15 m.p.h. below the previously established limit.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, Chapter 370, H.F. 605: Makes it a violation of the DWI law to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance which impairs driving ability.