

AGRICULTURE

✓ Subcommittee on Corporate Farming - Rep. DeGroat, Chairman

Subcommittee studied the effect of corporate farming on the Minnesota agricultural community, and recommends that legislation requiring registration of corporate farms be enacted. A bill has been drafted pursuant to Subcommittee recommendations.

✓ Subcommittee on Meat Inspection - Rep. Stone, Chairman

Subcommittee studied the Minnesota meat inspection program and determined that additional funding and personnel is needed to comply with federal standards.

CONSERVATION

● ✓ Subcommittee on Game Habitat - Rep. Dunn, chairman

The report discussed the present game habitat improvement programs and future expansion of the programs. The Subcommittee recommends increasing future funding and upgrading of the game habitat programs.

● ✓ Subcommittee on Preservation of Wetlands - Rep. DeGroat, chairman

The Subcommittee report provides background information in the area of Minnesota's wetlands programs from the Department of Conservation and recommends acceleration of the wetlands acquisition program and proper management of the wetlands under the Department of Natural Resources. Drainage regulations should be reviewed.

● ✓ Subcommittee on State Lands - Rep. Gruys, chairman

The Subcommittee dealt with present inventory of state lands and state policy, financial problems of local areas which include state properties and development of broad long range policies for land use planning concerning the Dept. of Conservation.

COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

- ✓ Subcommittees on Organization and Personnel - Rep. Stangeland
Rep. McFarlin, chairmen

The Subcommittees heard testimony from a number of county officials and in the belief that the county is the governmental unit closest to people and most responsive to their needs, it should have broader powers. Several optional forms of government for voter approval are included.

CRIME PREVENTION

- ✓ Subcommittee on Adult Crime - Rep. Lindstrom, chairman

The report considers issues of parole board, employees of penal institutions and provides statistical data concerning the Adult Corrections Commission and prison job training programs. Recommendations include directing efforts at prevention rather than parole, improvement of job training programs and improved salaries for employees.

- ✓ Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency - Rep. O'Neill, chairman

The Subcommittee report discusses group foster homes, the YCC, proposed juvenile institutions, compares M. S. 260 with the model Juvenile Court Act. The recommendations include group foster homes and programs on the local level be improved.

- ✓ Subcommittee on Police Officer Training - Rep. Pavlak, chairman

The report discusses present police officer training programs and provides a summary of testimony obtained during outstate hearing during which sheriffs and police chiefs testified. The Subcommittee recommends that area vocational technical schools should be utilized in training of police officers and the BCA personnel should be utilized in the mandatory basic training of policemen.

EDUCATION

● ✓ Subcommittee on State Aids - Rep. Sathre, chairman

The Subcommittee report covers various aspects of the foundation aid formula and special aids. They investigated the financial problems of parochial schools and the constitutionality of state aid to those schools.

● ✓ Subcommittee on Levy Limitations - Rep. Dunn, chairman

The Subcommittee discussed the effect of the present levy limitation laws and the various proposals made to change them. They also investigated the statutory limitations on bonded indebtedness, the feasibility of the state's pledging full faith and credit to local bond issues and the rising costs of school construction.

ELECTIONS AND REAPPORTIONMENT

● ✓ Subcommittee on Legislative Reapportionment - Rep. Klaus, chairman

● Subcommittee on Congressional Reapportionment - Rep. Swanstrom, Chm.

The Subcommittees reports consist of several recommended guidelines for legislative and congressional reapportionment, a discussion of legal precedent, Minnesota law, and the use of computers in reapportionment.

Subcommittee on Fair Campaign Practices - Rep. Anderson, D.; chairman

A report prepared for the Subcommittee summarizes corrupt practices acts, the model law, and discusses legislative election contests.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

✓ Subcommittee on Penal Institutions - Rep. Albertson, chairman

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The Subcommittee considered a number of grievances of employee organizations representing personnel in state penal institutions. The Subcommittee recommended that salaries be upgraded, additional staff hired and more training provided.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

● 3 Subcommittee on Problems of the Aged and Aging - Rep. Christensen, Ch

The Subcommittee studied the problems of senior citizens in Minnesota. The Subcommittee makes recommendations in the areas of income maintenance, health care, housing, employment and leisure time.

✓ Subcommittee on Content and Administration of Welfare Laws - Rep. Knutson, Chairman

The Subcommittee report discusses the public welfare system in Minnesota, categorical aids, general relief and various programs within the social services realm such as adoptions, programs for the mentally retarded, job training, etc. The Subcommittee noted that much of the welfare program is federally controlled. The Subcommittee makes a number of recommendations to improve the welfare program in Minnesota.

● Subcommittee on Hospital Costs - Rep. Andersen, R.; Chairman

The Subcommittee heard testimony from persons in the health planning, care and payment fields. The report notes a number of findings concerning increased health care costs, and suggests that the subject of health care delivery be further studied.

● 2 sub 1 long Subcommittee on Treatment Facilities for Alcoholics and Drug Abusers - Rep. Schwarzkopf, Chairman

The Subcommittee report deals with alcoholism and drug abuse in Minnesota and the status of present treatment programs for drug dependent persons. A number of recommendations are made regarding drug dependent persons, with primary emphasis on education prevention and utilization of mental health centers in treatment and care. A Minnesota Commission on Drug Abuse is established, and mandatory treatment for drunken drivers recommended.

HIGHWAYS

✓ Joint Highway Executive Commission - Rep. Mueller, Co-chairman

The Commission report discusses highway operations, additional revenues needed, and the effect on the environment of highway related use. The report includes a discussion of studded tires.

Subcommittee on Highway Safety - Rep. Rappana, Chairman

The Subcommittee recommends enactment of new legislation to identify and control drunk driving, a program of drivers license re-examination and expansion of motor vehicle spot check program.

✓ Subcommittee on Rest Areas and Informational Signs - Rep. Skaar, Chairman

The Subcommittee recommends that the state implement the brand name informational signing program as soon as is permissible by the federal government.

INSURANCE

✓ Subcommittee on Licensing Insurance Adjusters - Rep. Gustafson, Chairman

The Subcommittee was charged with the responsibility of studying the need of licensing insurance adjusters and recommends that further study be done before legislation is drawn up.

Subcommittee on Non-Profit Insurance Organizations - Rep. Lindstrom

The Subcommittee studied the financial crisis and management merger of Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance Companies, and found that additional regulatory legislation regarding non-profit insurance agencies should be provided for the protection of the public. Commission Hunt made a number of recommendations in this area which are included in the report.

LABOR RELATIONS

- Subcommittee on Employment Problems of the Disadvantaged - Rep. Schwarzkopf, Chairman

The Subcommittee reports makes general observations in the area of employment of disadvantaged persons and discusses education, job training programs, transportation problems involved in employment of disadvantaged persons. The report recommends that the State Planning Agency serve as the coordinating body to review disadvantaged employment programs.

- Subcommittee on Wage Orders, Minimum Wages and Employment of Juveniles - Rep. McFarlin, Chairman

The Subcommittee studied state laws pertaining to child labor and establishment of minimum wages through the use of wage orders, and finds that Minnesota's child labor laws are dated and should be further analyzed prior to being revised.

- ✓ Subcommittee on Teacher-Board Relations - Rep. Erickson, Chairman

The Subcommittee reviewed the meet and confer law and effectiveness thereof. The recommendations attempt to improve procedures leading to smoother contract settlements.

LAND AND WATER RESOURCES

- ✓ Subcommittee on Minnesota River Flooding and Drainage - Rep. Schafe
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Pollution - Rep. Dunn, Chairman

one of the The Subcommittees heard testimony regarding utilization of water resources in Minnesota and recommended that a coordinated comprehensive state policy regarding water use be established. Recommendations abolish three agencies while establishing two that are more comprehensive in scope and calls for a comprehensive state land and water policy.

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LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION AND RULES

- Subcommittee on Ethics - Rep. Knutson, Chairman

The Subcommittee made recommendations with respect to conflict of interest and disclosure.

METROPOLITAN AND URBAN AFFAIRS

- Subcommittee on Air Transportation - Rep. Graw, Chairman

The report discusses aviation development in Minnesota and the effect of a new major airport in the metropolitan area. The Subcommittee suggests the establishment of a statewide airports commission with authority to act.

- Subcommittee on Coordination of Services in the Metropolitan Area
Rep. Klaus, Chairman

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The report discussed means of coordinating various services within the metropolitan area such as financing, police, transportation, fiscal information and cooperative purchasing. The Subcommittee made recommendations concerning means of coordinating governmental services.

- Subcommittee on Fiscal Disparities - Rep. Weaver, Chairman

The Subcommittee report is prepared, but has not yet been accepted by the Subcommittee.

- Subcommittee on Metropolitan Council - Reorganization and Power
Rep. Keefe, Chairman

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The Subcommittee studied the role and structure of the Metropolitan Council and its relationship to other agencies and governmental units. It made a number of recommendations regarding the activities of the Council in the areas of policy making, finance, health planning, environment, transportation, etc.

METROPOLITAN AND URBAN AFFAIRS (cont.)

● ✓ Subcommittee on Metropolitan Mosquito Control District - Rep. Gruys

ok The report is concerned with the structure and activities of the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District. The Subcommittee heard testimony from the Metropolitan Council, Citizens League, Pollution Control Agency, Dept. of Conservation, and District itself concerning control activities.

● ✓ Subcommittee on Open Space and Environment - Rep. Albertson, Chm.

The report makes a number of recommendations concerning protection of environment and pollution. It contains testimony and background information from Metropolitan Council and Pollution Control Agency representatives.

● ✓ Subcommittee on the Role of the State in Urban Affairs - Rep. Humphrey, Chairman

ok The Subcommittee report recapitulates testimony received from cities regarding their local governments, League of Municipalities, the Office of Local and Urban Affairs, Urban Affairs Council and makes a number of recommendations concerning finances, structure utilizing joint powers authority, housing and a loan fund for losses resulting from annexation.

● ✓ Subcommittee on Metropolitan and Statewide Transit Problems - Rep. Anderson, R.; Chairman

The Subcommittee notes there is no coordinated transportation or transit planning for Minnesota, although the metropolitan area has taken action through the Metropolitan Transit Commission. The Subcommittee recommends the establishment of a Department of Transportation and urges further study of transportation problems. The Metropolitan Council should be responsible for all metropolitan area transportation planning. They surveyed facilities in California.

METROPOLITAN AND URBAN AFFAIRS (cont.)

● Subcommittee on Urban-Rural Balance - Rep. Schumann, Chairman

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The report discusses the general problems of urban-rural balance, housing, new towns, Minnesota Experimental City and recommends that a realistic approach to the problem is regionalization and a coordinated program to encourage growth of rural communities.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS - Rep. Jopp, Chairman

The Committee made recommendations regarding interest ceiling rates, state guarantee of local bond issues and a reform of the property tax system to improve investor acceptance of state bonds.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES

Liquor Subcommittee - Rep. Fischer, Chairman

The Subcommittee studied the effect of the liquor fair trade moratorium and includes a statistical report from the Dept. of Liquor Control. The Subcommittee recommends that the moratorium be extended another two years.

Utilities Subcommittee - Rep. White, Chairman

The Subcommittee recommends the enactment of no new legislation for the statewide regulation of utilities.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - Rep. Everson, Chairman

The final report has not been accepted by the committee.

TAXES

- Subcommittee on Income Taxes and Gross Earnings Taxes - Rep. Chamberlain, Chm.

The report contains an explanation of the effects of the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1969 on the Minnesota individual tax base and the effect on the individual tax payer.

The report contains an explanation of Senate File 2352 which imposes a gross earnings tax on certain electric utility companies in lieu of property taxes. Also included are statistics which show the level of property taxes presently being paid by electric utility companies in relation to operating revenues.

- Subcommittee on Finance of Local Government - Rep. Humphrey, Chairman

The report contains 8 Subcommittee comments on basic policy objectives involving problems of financing of local government and the property tax system in general. Appended to the report are a copy of the Government's Property Tax Advisory Committee, a summary of the Citizens League report, New Formulas for Revenue Sharing in Minnesota, a copy of the Metropolitan Council's Staff Recommendations for Dealing with Fiscal Disparity and a copy of the Urban Study and Action Committee, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Recommendations and Supporting Information.

- Subcommittee on Delayed Exemptions and Taxation of Mobile Homes - Rep. Hoppe, Chairman

The report contains an explanation of the present manner of taxing mobile homes and includes comments and certain changes deemed to be desirable by the Subcommittee. Basically, the Subcommittee recommends that mobile homes be taxed in substantially the same manner as other property. The

TAXES (cont.)

Subcommittee also recommends that serious consideration be given to abolishing the present laws granting delayed assessment to improvements on certain residential real estate in five counties.

● Subcommittee on Tax Exempt Organizations - Rep. Lindstrom, Chairman

The report contains an analysis and explanation of Federal tax treatment of private foundations and other tax exempt organizations under the Tax Reform Act of 1969. Also included is a study of State income tax treatment of exempt organizations in Minnesota.

The Subcommittee recommends that a tax on unrelated business income be imposed by the State and that certain exempt organizations be required to file annual information returns with the Department of Taxation.

Subcommittee on Levy Limitations - Rep. Adams, S., Chairman

The report contains data showing the level of property taxes in each county of the State as a percentage of the market value of property located therein. The report includes alternative methods in which local spending might be limited.

● Subcommittee on 1967 Tax Reform and Relief Act - Rep. Johnson, R., Chm.

The report contains a list of problems the Tax Department is presently grappling with under the sale tax provisions of the personal property tax exemption provisions of the 1967 Tax Reform and Relief Act.