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HIGHLIGHTS

Session ends

A pre-dawn decision to adjourn "Sine Die" ended the 74th Legislative Session for the House on March 18 after 19 continuous hours of floor action.

Adjournment came without passing the tax and budget bills which are in conference committees.

To get final action on the two major revenue bills, the governor can decide to call a Special Session. However, the Constitution gives the governor authority to make whatever financial decisions he decides would remedy this year's budget shortfall—without legislative approval.

The House budget bill includes the education omnibus bill and proposals for reorganizing the Department of Natural Resources.

About 200 revisions, amendments or introductions to Minnesota's law texts could result from House action during these past six weeks. Major session highlights follow this article.

Farm package

A \$16-million farm package that supporters say targets aid to three different groups of farmers, won unanimous approval from the House, just short of the March 18 adjournment date.

After undergoing a week of conference committee battles, the proposal, now enroute to the Senate chamber for approval, targets funds for a variety of farm programs including interest buy-down and farm-debt mediation programs. It includes, too, legal assistance for farmers facing foreclosure and a bonding program whereby the state would sell general obligation bonds for farm-debt restructuring.

Says Rep. K.J. McDonald (IR-Watertown), a conferee who helped draft the proposal, "After traveling the state, meeting with farmers and many farm groups, we recognize three economic conditions in rural Minnesota that require a unique response from the Legislature. This proposal tries to treat these groups—farmers struggling to keep from losing ground financially, farmers on the brink of insolvency, and farmers irrevocably committed to liquidation—with unique remedies."

McDonald and others say the main feature in the bill is the debt-restructuring program that the newly created Rural Finance Administration (RFA) would oversee.

Under the program, the state would sell \$50 million in general obligation bonds. RFA would use the bond proceeds to pay back up to 25 percent of loans private lenders make to qualified farmers.

The program is expected to pump in as much as a billion dollars of new capital into the farm market for use by as many as 4,000 to 6,000 farmers.

Says Rep. Jerry Schoenfeld (DFL-Waseca), "This program will address many of the problems rural Minnesota is currently facing.

Provisions in the bill would send funds to:

- the Minnesota Farm Advocate Program;
- the family farm interest exclusion;
- the area AVTIs to help retrain displaced farmers;
- the Agricultural Data Collection Task Force; and
- the University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service.

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Other provisions would call for a priority lien study, permanent conservation practices, a redemption of agricultural homesteads, a capital gains income exclusion, and would make the state party to an interstate grain marketing compact.

Workers' compensation

In the early morning hours March 18, the House repassed HF1873 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon) as amended by the Senate, a bill that would change the way the state compensates injured workers.

The bill's author, Rep. Steve Sviggum, said the original bill the House passed included some controversial "red flags." One such provision would have held an insurance company liable for an injured worker's legal fees if a court awarded a claim the company had denied.

The legislative negotiation process removed that provision and several others, including the prospective elimination of supplementary benefits to make up for inflation.

The Senate's version of the workers' comp bill differs significantly from his original proposal, Sviggum said. "It's changed dramatically since the time it left. It's probably more notable for what it doesn't have in it now than what it does have in it."

Nevertheless, the House approved the compromise 106-19. "This is what the Senate felt they could go along with," Sviggum said, "and at this late hour, this is the bill we have."

HF1873 now awaits the governor's signature.

Postsecondary options

A conference committee deleted a House floor amendment to HF1919 (Levi, IR-Dellwood) that would have allowed certain private school students to participate in the state's postsecondary options program.

However, Senate conferees agreed to add a provision requiring a legislative task force to study the issue and make recommendations to both the Senate and House.

"It was the best we could do, folks," said bill author Rep. Connie Levi.

HF1919, if signed into law, would tighten up last year's Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act. The House adopted the conference committee's report during the March 18 session and repassed the legislation.

Charitable gambling changes

Charitable organizations that have up to five events a year and award prizes of not more than \$50,000 would not have to register with the state's Charitable Gambling Control Board. On March 17, the House voted, 93-34, in favor of the bill that's on the way to the governor for his signature. It would exempt these organizations from the current charitable gambling law.

Organizations would have to notify the board and their local government in writing 30 days before each lawful gambling occasion. Thirty days after the occasion, the organization would again have to notify the board of the total receipts, prizes, expenses, the distributor of their gambling equipment, and expenditures of net profits. Failure to file a report on time would be a \$250 fine.

Under HF2331 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata) a tax on the sale of pull-tabs by distributors would replace the current tax on a non-profit organization's gross receipts on pull-tabs. It would also impose a maximum prize limit of \$250 on pull-tabs and prohibit organizations from selling a them for more than \$2 each.

The bill would also prohibit organizations from expending more than 50 percent of their gross receipts from bingo for expenses and no more than 40 percent for expenses for all other forms of lawful gambling. It would authorize the board to specify allowable expenses.

Child abuse trust fund

A bill which began as an income tax checkoff program for child abuse prevention programs, but ended as a \$2 surcharge on birth certificates for such programs got the approval of the House, 103-18, March 17.



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During the 1985 session, the House had passed the income tax checkoff program, but this session, the Senate replaced it with the surcharge on birth certificates.

The bill, HF450 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington) would give the commissioner of public safety the authority to disburse money from the trust fund to any public or private nonprofit agency for child abuse prevention programs. The commissioner would also provide statewide educational and public informational seminars to develop public awareness on preventing child abuse.

To receive money from the trust fund, applicants would have to match 30 percent of the money. The commissioner would have to consider the extent to which applicants demonstrate a willingness and ability to continue the prevention program or service in case the trust fund money no longer exist. Another consideration would be their willingness and ability to provide prevention program models.

The bill now goes to the governor for his signature.

Medical malpractice, general civil liability

A compromise bill that aims at rising insurance costs in both general civil liability and medical malpractice actions passed the House, 124-9, on March 17 and is awaiting the governor's signature.

The bill, SF2078 (Halberg, IR-Burnsville) would create a joint underwriting association, which would make insurance available when state law requires coverage or when insurance is essential for business. Under the bill, each member of the joint underwriting association would share its losses and expenses, depending on the number of total premiums written the member writes.

The compromise also made several changes to the state's general civil liability laws, including a \$400,000 cap on "intangible losses", such as embarrassment, emotional distress, and loss of consortium (not pain, disability, or disfigurement).

Other changes include: prohibiting attorneys from including punitive damages in their initial complaint, but allowing them to amend if the court finds a factual basis for the claim; preventing a double recovery of damages through jury awards and other insurance (except life insurance, social security, or pension payments); and, reducing from 19 years to 7 years the tolling period a minor has before the statute of limitations begins to run in medical malpractice actions.

Hazardous waste sites

The House repassed a bill March 17 governing hazardous waste siting that would eliminate four sites from the current list of hazardous waste treatment facility locations.

The bill also would create a plan to encourage communities to volunteer local sites by offering state funds as incentives.

The Senate amended the bill to require settlement of siting disputes in Hennepin County within 120 days and to prohibit constructing facilities in areas where harm to the groundwater is a possibility.

The bill would eliminate sites in Carver, Scott, Aitkin and Marshall Counties which the Waste Management Board had chosen as potential sites. Protests from residents persuaded the 1984 Legislature to impose a moratorium on site selection.

The bill is on its way to the governor.

Boating while intoxicated

The House repassed a boating-while-intoxicated bill March 17 that is a little less strict than the one the House originally passed.

Last week, the House passed a version of SF31 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington) that would have applied to all watercraft, but a House/Senate conference committee decided the bill should apply only to motorboats.

It would subject boaters who drink and drive to the same penalties as drunk drivers on land. Department of Natural Resources officers would be able to stop boaters for probable cause, administer tests at the scene, and take the boater in for a breathalyzer test.

The bill, which would go into effect May 15, would not prohibit open bottles in boats and would not apply to passengers.

The bill goes next to the governor.

Child custody

Joint legal custody would be the rule—not the exception—if the Senate repasses a bill the House approved March 17 on a 119 to 4 vote.

SF1732 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm) would require judges to presume joint legal custody unless it wouldn't be in the child's best interest. It would exclude a current spouse's income when figuring a biological parent's support payment, and it would require courts to offer mediation to divorcing parents if they're arguing over custody.

In committee, the bill also provided that both parents' net income would determine child support payments. The non-custodial parent would pay child support based on his/her percentage of the total net income.

But Rep. Dempsey amended his bill on the floor to eliminate that provision, saying it would dramatically increase the non-custodial parent's child support payments.

The Senate repassed the bill and it's on its way to the governor.

High School League

On March 17, the House refused to adopt a conference committee report on the high school league bill, killing it for this session.

The bill, HF2010 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata), would have eliminated league rules that limit the athlete's right to play during the summer and would have allowed private athletic trainers to instruct the athletes during the school year.

Transfer students who changed residence could have played sports immediately. Those who transferred for other reasons would have waited 90 days to be eligible.

Supporters argued the bill would prevent the league from enforcing mediocrity but opponents said it would allow some schools to dominate.

Sex discrimination

Headed for the governor is SF1950 (Bishop, IR-Rochester), a bill that passed the House March 17. If the governor signs it, private golf courses that discriminate on the basis of sex would pay up to four or five times more in property taxes.

Courses could restrict play to one gender just one weekend day a month or two weekdays a week.

Proponents of the bill said it would eliminate a system that prevents women from golfing on the weekends. Opponents said it would slow play and lead to radical changes in the way golfers play the game.

The Senate had already approved the bill that the House passed by a 127 to 2 margin. It's headed for the governor.

Reinvest in Minnesota

Farmers will be "reinvesting in Minnesota" under terms of a bill the Minnesota House passed March 15.

HF628 (Rose, IR-Roseville), commonly known as the RIM bill, would appropriate \$16 million for a conservation program that would convert marginal agricultural land to wildlife habitat.

The state would use a \$10-million fund to pay farmers up to \$75 an acre for land in the program. In return, farmers would plant trees or grass on the parcels, which must be at least five acres in size.

The bill also allocates \$2.5 million to fish and wildlife projects, \$2.5 million for a habitat protection program the private sector would match, and \$1 million for an aspen recycling program.

The Senate also repassed the conference committee report, sending the bill on its way to the governor.

Metro properties

The Minneapolis Convention Center and the Bloomington Stadium site received attention on the House floor March 15.

After the House adopted Senate language to HF1755, Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls.) amended his Minneapolis Convention Center bill to cap the project's construction costs at \$118 million and level the combination of state and city-imposed liquor, food and hotel/motel taxes at 12 percent. The bill awaits Senate concurrence.

Just a step ahead of the Convention Center bill is legislation concerning the Bloomington Stadium site. Concurring with Senate amendments, the House repassed HF2123 (Himle, IR-Bloomington). The amended bill would exempt the Bloomington stadium site from contributing to the metro fiscal disparities pool, but requires the City of Bloomington to pay back the exempted funds. Also, the city would have to repeal any city-imposed sales taxes on the site once project bonds are retired.

The bill is now on the governor's desk.

Farm tractor lemon law

Consumers that get stuck with a lemon farm tractor could sweeten the sour deal under a bill that would set up a lemon law for farm vehicles, similar to the law for autos.

Under SF2179, which won House approval March 15, the farm tractor lemon law would work like this:

- a buyer must give written notice of the problem to the manufacturer or its authorized dealer during the warranty period or first year of delivery, and allow an opportunity to repair it;
- the manufacturers or dealers must repair, free, any reported defects or problems their warranty covers;
- if a reasonable number of repair attempts, (i.e. four or more repair attempts, or, the vehicle is out for repair purposes for 60 or more business days), do not correct the defect or problem, the buyer has the option of a replacement or refund of the full purchase price;
- if a manufacturer has a federally approved alternative dispute settlement program, the consumer must use this procedure before suing under the law to obtain replacement or refund;
- manufacturers are required to give buyers a written notice of their rights to replacement or refund at the time of purchase.

The protection covers only new farm tractors and doesn't apply if the defective condition results from abuse, neglect, or unauthorized alterations of the vehicle.

Rep. Ted Thorson (IR-Bemidji), is House author of the bill which awaits the governor's signature.

Drinking age

The bill to increase Minnesota's legal drinking age from 19 to 21 passed in the House March 15. Under the bill, SF5 (Schafer, IR-Gibson), the age would go from 19 to 21 on Sept. 1, except for those who are 19 and 20 years old on that date.

The Legislature considered the bill under a federal threat to cut off highway funds if states don't raise the legal drinking age.

On March 14, the House had refused to adopt the conference committee report but on the following day, the first order of business was to reconsider the bill the Senate had already passed. The House vote was 68 to 64.

Health, human services

The Health and Human Services Committee met for the last time March 7, after a week that witnessed three long meetings, an abundance of public testimony, and the recommended passage of 16 bills—a record for Rep. Tony Onnen's (IR-Cokato) committee.

Onnen's home health care bill, HF370, was among the committee's more visible and widely debated pieces of legislation this session. In contrast to its counterpart in the Senate, the House bill favors home health care registration over licensure.

Rep. Joel Carlson's (IR-Moorhead) omnibus policy bill and Onnen's Mandate Control Act also dominated the committee's time. Carlson's bill would establish a statewide cancer surveillance system and mandate screening of individuals for social security eligibility. Onnen's bill would allow local governments flexibility in the delivery of state-supervised, county-administered public service systems.

Mental health and child-related issues were other priorities. Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) authored bills providing for a mental health service system and a patient bill of rights. Rep. Dale Clausnitz-

er's (IR-Maple Grove) food assistance bill, Rep. Karen Clark's (DFL-Mpls.) child care resource and referral act, and Rep. Dennis Ozment's (IR-Rosemount) child day care regulation bill addressed child nutrition and quality day care concerns.

Labor-management relations

Rep. Jim Heap's (IR-Plymouth) Labor-Management Relations Committee considered its last bill Feb. 28, after four weeks of intense debate on workers' and unemployment compensation.

The committee recommended passage of the business-backed bills without much compromise. Although Senate action made some changes, both bills retained the committee's stated goal of reducing worker benefits while lowering employer taxes.

Supporters of the House bills said in committee debate that the state's business climate suffers under Minnesota's tax structure. Another rallying cry was the expected budget shortfall. And supporters pointed to the state unemployment fund's projected \$8 million deficit this year as evidence that unemployment comp reform has been a long time coming.

The committee also recommended passage of bills to: repeal entertainment agency licensure (a provision that died on the House floor); to set up a Labor Interpretive Center under the auspices of the Minnesota Historical Society; and to define a restaurant's system of sharing or pooling gratuities.

The committee tabled Rep. Peter McLaughlin's (DFL-Mpls.) parental leave of absence bill—which would provide up to one year of unpaid leave for natural or adoptive parents—but voted to conduct an interim study on the issue.

Conference committee bill status

Not all conference committee bills have yet received action by both houses of the Minnesota Legislature. Here's the status of these bills:

*Rule of 85

HF229*/SF312 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Sentencing guidelines bill

HF654*/SF663 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Job evaluation—fire and police exemption

HF418*/SF438 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Farm relief package

HF1599*/SF2268 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Compulsory attendance—home education

HF1744*/SF1696 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Omnibus tax bill

HF1815*/SF2020 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—out of conference; not considered by either the House or the Senate.

*Property assessments—requiring notification

HF1886*/SF1955 (Frederickson, IR-Windom)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Traffic citation quotas—prohibited

HF1930*/SF1818 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Budget balancing bill

HF2009*/SF2033 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—in conference.

*State High School League—changes

HF2010*/SF2029 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—committee report not adopted by the House.

*Secretary of State—housekeeping changes

HF2014*/SF1838 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—repassed in the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Administrative Procedures Act—clarifying emergency rules

HF1101/SF985* (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—in conference.

*Weapons—dealer authorization

HF1732/SF1648* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—in conference.

Revisor's cleanup changes

HF1841*/SF1993 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—in conference.

COMMITTEE ACTION

APPROPRIATIONS

Friday, March 14

- **Economic development—rural**
HF2095/SF1790* (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Trunk highways—transfer of ownership**
HF2062/SF2051 (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Key

HF — House File

SF — Senate File

HF#/SF# — companion bills

* — version of the bill under consideration

** — bill goes to governor for signature

*** — bill needs Senate action as of press time Wednesday, March 19

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FLOOR ACTION

CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

Friday, March 14

- **Municipal power plants—fuel purchase**
HF1664*/SF1547 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
 - **Credit unions, state banks—IRAs allowed**
HF1806*/SF1718 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
 - **Advertising—on telephone booths**
HF1185*/SF1473 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
 - **Vital statistics—county registrars**
HF1940*/SF1860 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
 - **Dept. of Veterans Affairs—clarifying changes**
HF1871*/SF1992 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
 - **Sexual abuse laws—technical corrections**
HF1730*/SF1751 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- Saturday, March 15**
- **Bloomington stadium site—tax exemptions**
HF2123*/SF1968 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
 - **Physical fitness therapies—mental health programs**
HF651*/SF1395 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
 - **Real estate, mortgage loans, securities—regulation**
HF1984*/SF1854 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—repassed as amended by Senate.**

- **Shakopee Correctional Facility—sale authorized**
HF2351*/SF2115 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **St. Louis County—appointing an administrator**
HF2344*/SF2163 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **Litchfield investments—municipal powers**
HF2068*/SF1922 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **Escape from custody—mental patients**
HF839*/SF810 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **County land surveys—subdividing townships**
HF2216*/SF2252 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **Watershed management—taxing districts**
HF1911*/SF1948 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **POW-MIA flag—flown over State Capitol**
HF2394*/SF2235 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **Milk—definition amended**
HF1838*/SF1834 (Richter, IR-Wadena)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **Police, fire pensions—auditing requirements**
HF2035*/SF2112 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **Court videotaping—child statements**
HF2017*/SF1862 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls.)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **State Fair performer contracts—restrictions allowed**
HF2100*/SF1792 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **Tobacco, smokeless-warning labels**
HF1773*/SF1705 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—repassed as amended by Senate.**

Monday, March 17

- **Mental health service system**
HF2081*/SF1969 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- **Grand Ave., Highland Park—special service districts**
HF2051*/1883 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- **Court fees increased**
HF1772*/SF1857 (Dempsey, New Ulm)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**

- **State parks—changing boundaries**
HF2466*/SF2217 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- **Crosby, Ironton—land transfer**
HF2407* (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- **Fish stocking—authorized in certain private lands**
HF1793*/SF1659 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- **Hazardous waste—containment site selection**
HF1968*/SF1952 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- **Child abuse prevention trust fund created**
HF450*/SF942 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- **Uniform Limited Partnership Act—changes**
HF2256*/SF2081 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- **Minneapolis Park Board—setting elections**
HF2405*/SF1985 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls.)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **Raptors—propagation, sale**
HF2170*/SF1925 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **Court administrators—salary procedure**
HF2044*/SF1946 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **Transportation regulation board—track abandonment**
HF2364*/SF2144 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—repassed as amended by Senate.**

- **Dakota County/Hastings—state land sale**
HF1970*/SF1935 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **Corporate takeover law—changes**
HF2263*/SF2122 (Heap, IR-plymouth)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- **Juvenile prostitution—increasing penalties**
HF2012*/SF2007 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- **Sexual solicitation—children**
HF1835*/SF1592 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—repassed as amended as amended by the Senate.**
- **Crime victims—rights defined**
HF1958*/SF1953 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- **Workers' compensation**
HF1873*/SF1903 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—repassed as amended by Senate.**

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Friday, March 14

- **Drinking age—raised to 21**
HF102/SF5* (Schafer, IR-Gibbon)—returned to conference. (See March 15 conference committee action)

Saturday, March 15

- **Drinking age—raised to 21**
HF102/SF5* (Schafer, IR-Gibbon)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Comparable worth**
HF418*/SF438 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM)**
HF628*/SF273 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—repassed as amended by conference.**

Monday, March 17

- **Lake improvement districts—authorization**
HF1782*/SF1599 (R. Anderson, IR-Ottertail)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Revisor's gender—changes**
HF1824*/SF1752 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Mosquito control—seasonal debt permitted; metro governance**
HF1860*/SF1588 (Stanislaus, IR-White Bear Lake)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Secretary of State—housekeeping changes**
HF2014*/SF1838 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—repassed as amended by conference.***

- **Duluth School Dist. 709—civil service**
HF2294*/SF2130 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Sentencing guidelines bill**
HF654*/SF663 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—repassed as amended by conference.***
- **Boating while intoxicated**
HF456/SF31* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Property taxes—sexual discrimination by golf clubs**
HF2077/SF1950* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **State leased lands—selling procedures**
HF2169*/SF2023 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Traffic citation quotas—prohibited**
HF1930*/SF1818 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—repassed as amended by conference.***
- **Compulsory attendance—home education**
HF1744*/SF1798 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—repassed as amended by conference.***
- **Ramsey County Medical Center—reorganization**
HF1875*/SF1710 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Farm relief package**
HF1599*/SF2268 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—repassed as amended by conference.***
- **Property assessments—requiring notification**
HF1886*/SF1955 (Frederickson, IR-Windom)—repassed as amended by conference.***
- **Charitable gambling—taxation changes**
HF2331*/SF2026 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Tax increment financing—bond allocation**
HF2287*/SF1847 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Postsecondary options—revisions**
HF1919*/SF1771 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **State High School League—changes**
HF2010*/SF2029 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—report not adopted.
- **Mineral taxation**
HF2520/SF2280* (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Transportation omnibus bill**
SF1910* (Johnson, D., IR-Wilmar)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Public Utilities Commission—ethics and procedures**
HF2221/SF1869* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—repassed as amended by conference.**

- **Tax return—failure to file**
HF1863*/SF1770 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Lake public access—restrictions**
HF2146/SF1949* (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **Rule of 85**
HF229*/SF312 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- **East Grand Forks—port authority, econ. dev. dist.**
HF1931/SF1725* (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—repassed as amended by conference. (Language of HF1990 - Local government—econ. dist. was amended into conference committee reports).**
- **McGregor library—construction financing**
HF2105/SF1793* (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—repassed as amended by conference.**

CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 13

- **Intermediate care facilities—life safety requirements**
HF1774/SF1580* (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—passed as amended.**
- **Non-profit corporations**
HF2388/SF2094* (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed.**
- **Judgment lien procedures—clarified**
HF2079/SF1939* (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—passed.**

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Friday, March 14

- **Bloomington stadium site—taxes exemptions**
HF2123*/SF1968 (Himle)—passed.**

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Thursday, March 13

- **Tax increment financing—bond allocations**
HF2287*/SF1847 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—passed as amended.** (HF1990*/SF1996: Local government—economic development districts, and HF1869*/SF2166: Wastewater treatment—privatization were amended into the bill) (See March 17 conference committee action)

SPECIAL ORDERS

Thursday, March 13

- **Cemeteries—**
maintenance by towns
HF1801/SF1701* (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—passed.**
- **Precinct caucuses—**
postponement for bad weather
HF2064/SF2069* (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—passed.**
- **Services for the blind**
HF2134/SF2079* (Boo, IR-Duluth)—passed.**

Friday, March 14

- **Psychotherapists—**
sexual exploitation by
HF1851/SF1619* (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed as amended.**
- **Litchfield—tax**
increment financing district
HF2210/SF2040 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—passed as amended.**
- **Savings associations—**
open end loan accounts allowed
HF1956/SF1823* (Boo, IR-Duluth)—passed.**
- **Theft of services—**
technical changes
HF2250/SF1914* (Hartinger, IR-Coon Rapids)—passed.**
- **Workers' compensation**
HF1873*/SF1903 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended.**
(See March 17 conference committee action)
- **Hazardous waste—**
containment site selection
HF1968*/SF1952 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—passed.** (See March 17 conference committee action)
- **Long term sheltered employment program**
HF2072/SF1441* (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed.**
- **Distressed counties/const. materials—sales tax exempt**
HF2154*/SF2048 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—passed.**
- **Minnesota Electricians Act—changes**
HF2233/SF1642* (Dyke, IR-Worthington)—passed.**

Saturday, March 15

- **Minneapolis Convention Center**
HF1755/SF1671* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—passed as amended.**
- **State retirement—university officials unclassified**
HF1007/SF707* (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—passed as amended.
(Senate did not concur)
- **Long term care insurance**
HF1953/SF1782* (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed as amended.**
- **Public Utilities Commission—structural changes**
HF2221/SF1869* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—passed as amended.**
(See March 17 conference committee action)
- **Transportation omnibus bill**
/SF1910* (Johnson, D., IR-Willmar)—passed as amended.**
(See March 17 conference committee action)
- **Chemical dependency consolidated fund**
HF943/SF912* (Forsythe, IR-Edina)—passed.**
- **Life support services—**
licensing requirements
HF2297/SF2147* (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended.**
- **Cologne fire station, city hall—exceeding debt limit**
HF2328/SF2127* (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—passed.**
- **Voting equipment—optical scan**
HF2423/SF2245* (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—passed.**
- **Child day care regulation**
HF1765/SF1581* (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—passed as amended.**
- **Mississippi River Act—resolution**
HF1971*/SF1829 (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—passed.**
- **Guardian ad litem—**
mandated for child abuse
HF2243/SF2102* (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—passed as amended.**

Monday, March 17

- **Unemployment insurance—reform plan**
HF2037/SF2114* (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—passed.**
- **Pearl Lake lakeshore—**
sale authorized
HF2200/SF1745* (Brinkman, DFL-Richmond)—passed.**
- **Air ambulance services—**
providing certain exemptions
HF2350/SF2171* (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—passed.**
- **Life support services—**
licensing requirements
HF2297/SF2147* (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended.**

- **Cologne fire station, city hall—exceeding debt limit**
HF2328/SF2127* (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—passed.**
- **Revisor's cleanup changes**
HF1841/SF1993* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended.
(In conference)
- **Shoplifting laws**
HF2050/SF1730* (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—passed.**
- **Prosecuting attorneys—**
offenses specified
HF2239/SF2087* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed.**
- **Fees for agency services—regulated**
HF1979/SF1850* (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—passed.**
- **Employees right to know**
HF2338/SF2161* (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended.**
- **State veterans cemetery**
HF2030/SF1880* (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—passed.**
- **Election contest laws—recodification**
HF2075/SF1839* (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—passed.**
- **Administrative Procedures Act—clarifying emergency rules**
HF1101/SF985* (Knickerbocker, DFL-Hopkins)—passed as amended.
(In conference)
- **Counties—**
products, conflicts, positions
HF2292/SF2090* (Jennings, L., DFL-Rush City)—passed.**
- **Mendota Heights—**
special service district
HF2131/SF2067* (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed.**
- **Veterans bonus claims**
HF1459/SF164* (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—passed as amended.**
- **Wastewater treatment—**
administration of grants, loans
HF1894*/SF1978 (Becklin, IR-Cambridge)—passed as amended.**
- **Vadnais Heights—five additional on-sale liquor licenses**
HF2229/SF1912* (Stanisius, IR-White Bear Lake)—passed as amended.**

- **Thompson—exchange of land**
HF2315/SF2101* (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)—passed.**
- **Severance pay**
HF2071/SF1940* (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—passed as amended.**
- **Gravel tax—penalties**
HF1091/SF1193* (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—passed.**
- **Lake public access—restrictions**
HF2146/SF1949* (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—passed as amended.** (See March 7 conference committee action)
- **Child support—withholding rules clarified**
HF2391/SF1721* (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—passed as amended.**
- **Criminal law—procedure changes**
HF851/SF1014* (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—passed as amended.**
- **Fleet vehicles—registration**
HF1746/SF1641* (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—passed.**
- **Weapons—dealers authorization**
HF1732/SF1648* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington) passed as amended. (In conference)
- **Probate, augmented estate—incusions, exclusions**
HF2181/SF1974* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended.**
- **Community Social Services Act**
HF1951/SF1965* (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended.**
- **Contracts for deed—cancellation**
HF2078/SF1930* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed.**
- **Adoption subsidies**
HF2490/SF1980* (Stanisus, IR-White Bear Lake)—passed as amended.**
- **All-terrain vehicle regulation**
HF1015/SF1065* (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—passed as amended.**
- **Non-profit organizations—trust funds authorized**
HF2268/SF2078* (Holberg, IR-Burnsville)—passed as amended.** (language of conference committee report on HF1950-Omnibus tort liability changes was amended into bill)

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Friday, March 14

- **Mineral taxation**
HF2520/SF2280* (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—passed.** (See March 17 conference committee action)
- **Replevin actions—change of venue**
HF2497/SF1975* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed.**
- **East Grand Forks—port authority, econ. dev. dist.**
HF1931/SF1725* (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—passed as amended.** (See March 17 conference committee action)
- **St. Cloud convention center—taxes authorized**
HF2126/SF1966* (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed.**

Saturday, March 15

- **Wild rice license fees; Indian land resettlement**
HF2138*/SF2015 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—passed as amended.**
- **Soft Drink distributors—regulation**
HF1852/SF1703* (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—passed.**
- **Child abuse—immunity for disclosure**
HF2392/SF2135* (Stanisus, IR-White Bear Lake)—passed.**
- **Ramsey County—library bonds**
HF1611/SF1515* (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)—passed.**

Monday, March 17

- **Elected county officials—removal procedures**
HF2422/SF2116* (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed.**
- **Child custody, support—revision**
HF948/SF1732* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed as amended.**
- **Lemon Law—extended to leased vehicles; farm tractors**
HF2411/SF2179* (Thorson, IR-Bemidji)—passed.**

GOVERNOR BILLS

BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

Friday, March 14

- **Potato industry promotion**
HF1727*/SF1578 (Richter)—Chapter 318.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee—organization changes**
HF2265*/SF2085 (Levi)—Chapter 319.
- **Libraries—surplus documents**
HF720/SF496* (Quist)—Chapter 320.

- **Retired public employees—insurance, HMO policies**
HF1330/SF1349* (Becklin)—Chapter 321.
- **Double jeopardy law—repealed**
HF1842/SF1597* (Dimler)—Chapter 322.
- **Archaeology—Prelating to Indian affairs**
HF2168/SF1851* (Fjoslien)—Chapter 323.

Monday, March 17

- **Precinct caucuses—postponement for bad weather**
HF2064/SF2069* (Ozment)—Chapter 324.
- **State historical site—renaming, changing boundaries**
HF2165/SF2018* (Zaffke)—Chapter 325.
- **Mental health—patient bill of rights**
HF2082/SF1919* (Sviggum)—Chapter 326.
- **Local government—permitting property sales**
HF1912/SF1797* (Frederickson)—Chapter 327.
- **Washington County—building sale to hospital**
HF2202/SF1794* (McPherson)—Chapter 328.
- **Military employees' compensation**
HF1945/SF1742* (Heap)—Chapter 329.
- **Drinking age—raised to 21**
HF102/SF5* (Schafer)—Chapter 330.
- **Corporations—foreign corporation agents**
HF2317*/SF2184 (Zaffke)—Chapter 331.

Key

HF — House File
SF — Senate File
HF#/SF# — companion bills
* — version of the bill under consideration
** — bill goes to governor for signature
*** — bill needs Senate action as of press time Wednesday, March 19

**Copies of bills and resolutions are available from the Chief Clerk's Office
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St. Paul, MN 55155, (612) 296-2314.**

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Where to get answers

Chief Clerk's Office
Rm 211, State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155
(612) 296-2314

House Index Department
Rm 211, State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155
(612) 296-6646

House Public Information Office
175 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155
(612) 296-2146

Legislators

Who represents you at the State Capitol?

The House Information Office can tell you which legislative district you live in, and who represents that district.

Legislators' districts, addresses, phone numbers, office locations, biographical details, and photos.

The House Information Office publishes the *Official Directory of the Minnesota Legislature* and the *Members Directory* with committee assignments. You can get copies in the House Information Office.

What legislation did your representative introduce?

The House Index Department has a Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) which shows information on a television-like screen. The CRT lists each member's name and the bills s/he sponsored in the current session. Staff members will help you use the CRT.

Where members sit in the House Chamber

The House Information Office publishes a *Seating Arrangement of the Minnesota Legislature* with members' photos.

United States Congress

The House Information Office can give you names of Minnesota's members of Congress.

To write your legislator, address him/her as follows:

The Honorable (name)
Minnesota House of Representatives
(or Minnesota Senate)
State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative (or Senator)
name:

Bills

Need a copy of a bill?

The Chief Clerk's Office can give you copies of bills and resolutions.

Want to know a bill's author, status, or committee assignment?

The computerized House Index tracks all bills through the legislative process. You can get the information you want about bills on the CRT. House Index lists bills by committee and by over 150 topics (e.g. environment, taxes, education) on the CRT.

You can call the *House Bill Status Line*, a 24-hour recorded message on the day's committee action on bills, (612) 297-1264.

Which bills became law?

Bills that became law are on the CRT in House Index, and the House Information Office publishes brief summaries of new laws each session. Contact the Information Office to get on the mailing list for the summaries.

Committees

For committee meeting schedules

Call *House Calls*, (612) 296-9283, for a 24-hour recording of up-to-date information on committee schedules (time, place, and agendas). The House Information Office and the Chief Clerk's Office have copies of daily schedules.

Committee action during interim

The House Information Office summarizes committee action during the interim (the time between the end of one session and the beginning of the next) in *Interim* magazine. (Same mailing list as for new law summaries).

Standing committees and committee assignments

The *Members Directory* and the *Official Directory*, list committees and committee assignments. Both are available in the House Information Office and Chief Clerk's Office.

Government

The Legislature—how it works

The House Information Office has brochures on Minnesota and its government, including: *How a Bill Becomes a Law*; *Citizen's Participation Course*, a test-yourself quiz on the legislature; and the *Government is for Everyone* information packet with single sheets on: how to contact your legislator, where to get information, Minnesota facts, how legislators make voting decisions, and an explanation of the differences between state and federal government.

For youngsters, the House Information Office provides *The Road to Minnesota Laws*, a cartoon version of how a bill becomes a law; and *Joey's Visit*, a coloring book.

Proceedings in the House

The Chief Clerk's Office can answer your questions. The office publishes the *Journal of the House*, the official daily record of legislative action.

House Agendas

The Chief Clerk's Office has copies of the schedules of House floor action (e.g. *Calendar*, *General Orders*).

Structure of Government

The House Information Office publishes *Three Branches of Government*, a wall chart showing the structure of state government. Staff members will help you find various state departments and agencies, and furnish phone numbers.

Capitol Tours

The Minnesota Historical Society gives regular daily tours of the State Capitol, (612) 296-2881.

In the Senate

The Secretary of the Senate's Office (612) 296-2343 and Senate Index (612) 296-4392, Rm 231, State Capitol, provide services similar to the Chief Clerk's Office and House Index.

Senate Public Information services similar to those of the House Information Office are also available in Rm 231 of the State Capitol, (612) 296-0504, or 296-0504.

For Senate committee meeting schedules, Call the *Senate Hotline*, (612) 296-8088.

INFO

How a bill becomes a law

● **A bill is an idea** for a new law, or an idea to abolish or change an existing law. Several thousand bills enter the legislative process in Minnesota each time the Legislature meets.

● **Minnesota has a bicameral Legislature**, or two groups of elected citizens—senators in the Senate—representatives in the House of Representatives—who study, discuss, and vote on bills, acting for the people of Minnesota. Bills begin their legislative journey in either the House or Senate, or both. To become a law, all bills must pass both the House and Senate and go to the governor for his approval and signature.

● The Idea

Anyone can propose an idea for a bill—an individual, a consumer group, corporation, professional association, a governmental unit, the governor. Most ideas come from members of the Legislature. The revisor of statutes puts the ideas into proper legal form as a bill for introduction. Only legislators can introduce bills into the process.

● Chief Author

The legislator who sponsors and introduces the bill in the Legislature is the chief author. The chief author's name appears on the bill with the bill's file number to identify it as it moves through the legislative process. The chief author may select other authors, whose names also appear on the bill—no more than five authors on a bill.

● Introduction in the legislature

When the author introduces a bill in the House, it gets a House File (HF) number (HF264, for example), indicating the chronological order of the bill's introduction. In the Senate the bill gets a Senate File (SF) (SF224, for example). Each HF usually has a companion SF in the Senate. All revenue-raising bills must begin in the House.

● Committee consideration

At introduction, the bill has its first reading (the Minnesota Constitution requires three readings for all bills—on three separate days). The presiding officer of the House or Senate refers it to an appropriate standing committee for committee action. All committee meetings are open to the public.

A committee may: recommend passage of a bill in its original form; recommend passage after amendment by the committee; or make no recommendation, in which case a bill may die when the session ends. After acting on a bill, the committee sends a report to the House or Senate, stating its actions and recommendations.

● General orders

After adoption of the committee report in the House and Senate, the bill has its second reading and goes onto General Orders of the Day. In the Committee of the Whole, legislators discuss bills on General Orders. They may debate the issues, adopt amendments, and present arguments. They may vote to recommend that a bill "do pass," recommend postponement, or recommend further committee action.

● Calendar

The calendar is a list of bills the Committee of the Whole recommends to pass. At this point a bill has its third reading. Amendments to the bill must have the unanimous consent of the entire body. Legislators vote on it for the final time.

By committee recommendation, non-controversial bills can bypass General Orders and go directly onto a Consent Calendar, usually passing without debate. Every bill requires a majority vote of the full

membership of the House and Senate to pass.

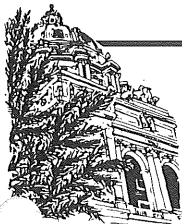
● Conference committee

If the House and Senate do not agree on a bill, a conference committee of three to five senators, and an equal number of representatives, meets to reach an agreement. If both bodies then pass the bill in compromise form, it goes to the governor.

● Governor

When a bill arrives at the governor's office, he may: sign it, and the bill becomes law; veto it (return it, with a "veto message," stating his objections); pocket veto the bill (after final adjournment of the Legislature); exercise his right to line veto portions of appropriations bills.

If he does not sign or veto a bill within three days after receiving it, while the Legislature is in session, the bill becomes law.



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BILL INTRODUCTIONS

Bill Introductions

Thursday, Mar 13

HF2555—McLaughlin (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; corporate income; limiting the maximum small business investment credit; providing a tax credit for neighborhood assistance program expenditures and contributions; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2556—Dempsey (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government aids; modifying the distribution formula for cities; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

Friday, Mar 14

HF2557—Marsh (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; requiring the filing and publication of certain organizational information of financial institutions and limited partnerships; requiring publication of notice of incorporation; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2558—Ogren (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; authorizing the issuance of free deer licenses to persons 65 years or older; amending statutes.

HF2559—Staten (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF2560—Staten (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

Legislature; requiring the establishment of an affirmative action plan for the legislature; creating a staff position of director of legislative equal employment opportunity; providing for immediate action to be taken in furtherance of equal employment opportunity; proposing coding for new law.

HF2561—Staten (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; providing a state paid small business property tax credit; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2562—Staten (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy

Utilities; creating legislative utility rate study commission; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2563—Staten (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; establishing the insurance consumers board; giving the board authority to collect and disseminate information; establishing a surcharge on insurance contracts; appropriating money collected by the surcharge to the board; proposing coding for new law.

HF2564—Wenzel (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; sales; clarifying the definition of farm machinery; amending statutes.

HF2565—Marsh (IR)—Crime/Family Law

Crimes; authorizing upward departures from presumptive sentences in certain aggravated cases; extending the mandatory minimum sentencing law to certain controlled substance offenses; amending statutes.

HF2566—Solberg (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Fishing licenses; prescribing a fee for a 14-day angling license; amending statutes.

HF2567—Kvam (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Agriculture; requiring an appropriate committee of the legislature to conduct a study of the necessity for a central filing system for agricultural credit instruments.

HF2568—Shaver (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; requiring fair campaign practices; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

Saturday, Mar 15

HF2569—Poppenhagen (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; providing a personal credit for mentally retarded persons; amending statutes.

HF2570—Brandl (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy

Utilities; requiring recorded telephone solicitation devices to disconnect from the telephone line when the person called hangs up; imposing a penalty; proposing coding for new law.

HF2571—Staten (DFL)—Appropriations

Housing; appropriating money to the Minnesota housing finance agency for low interest housing loans.

HF2572—Wenzel (DFL)—Education

Education; naming state scholarships the Christa McAuliffe Minnesota State Scholarships; amending statutes.

HF2573—Staten (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

Legislature; requiring each body to prepare a set of standards by which the ethical conduct of its members will be judged.

HF2574—Stanius (IR)—Governmental Operations

Government data; classifying reports and records collected or maintained by the medical examiners board; providing a physician under investigation with access to certain board records; amending statutes.

HF2575—Wenzel (DFL)—Crime/Family Law

Crimes; prohibiting waiver of certain mandatory minimum sentencing provisions; repealing statutes.

HF2576—Wenzel (DFL)—Crime/Family Law

Crimes; increasing penalties and imposing mandatory minimum sentences for certain criminal sexual conduct crimes; amending statutes.

HF2577—Segal (DFL)—Health/Human Services

Child abuse; creating a child abuse prevention fund to be used for the training of peace officers and child protection workers; increasing the birth certificate filing fee for the purpose of funding the child abuse prevention fund; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2578—Boo (IR)—Health/Human Services

Human services; establishing a board of social work examiners; licensing and regulating social workers; providing penalties; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2579—Wenzel (DFL)—Crime/Family Law

Crimes; increasing penalties and imposing mandatory minimum sentences for certain homicides; amending statutes.

HF2580—Wenzel (DFL)—Crime/Family Law

Crimes; clarifying the elements of manslaughter in the first degree; increasing penalties for certain crimes committed against children; amending statutes.

Monday, Mar 17

HF2581—Quist (IR)—Health/Human Services

Health; requiring licensure to practice massage; establishing a board of examiners in massage; providing for exemptions, conditions, and qualifications of licensure; proposing coding for new law.

HF2582—Staten (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; exempting certain persons age 65 or over from income and sales taxes; amending statutes.

House Advisories

Friday, Mar 14

HA86—Clark (DFL)—Health/Human Services

A proposal to study legislative responses to the problems of osteoporosis.

HA87—Jacobs (DFL)—Education

A proposal to study the transferability of AVTI credits.

Saturday, Mar 15

HA88—Pappas (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

A proposal to study the effectiveness of the Veterans' Preference Laws.

HA89—Onnen (IR)—Health/Human Services

A proposal to study welfare reform.

HA90—Omann (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy

A proposal to study the effects of stray electricity.

HA91—Redalen (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy

A proposal to study various problems in the area of energy-efficiency in housing.

HA92—Staten (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A proposal for the development of ethical standards for house members.

HA93—Kvam (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

A proposal to study issues relating to the various state and federal agricultural liens.

HA94—Redalen (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy

A proposal to consider the recodification of Chapter 237, relating to telecommunications regulation.

Monday, Mar 17

HA95—Ozment (IR)—Governmental Operations

A proposal for an interim study of the structure of water agencies to review water allocation needs.

HA96—McLaughlin (DFL)—Crime/Family Law

A proposal to study standards for licensing private detectives.

HA97—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

A proposal to study future funding for the Reinvest in Minnesota Resources programs.

Senate Files/ 1st. Readings

Friday, Mar 14

SF1975—Reichgott (DFL)—Rules suspended

Venue of actions; modifying venue in actions to recover possession of personal property; amending statutes.

SF1725—Moe, R (DFL)—Rules suspended

City of East Grand Forks; permitting the establishment of a port authority; authorizing the port authority to exercise the powers of a municipal housing and redevelopment authority.

SF164—Dahl (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Claims against the state; providing for payment of various claims; appropriating money.

SF2101—Gustafson (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

State lands; authorizing an exchange of certain state lands with the city of Thomson in Carlton county and sale of certain state land in Lake of the Woods county.

SF1868—Pogemiller (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Human services; streamlining food and nutrition programs in the state; promotion of full participation in food assistance programs; establishing a coordinated nutrition data system; requiring the full expenditure of federal funds by agencies administering the special supplemental food program for women, infants, and children; requiring food stamps to be provided within 24 hours to persons eligible for expedited issuance; requiring the board on aging to pursue reimbursement of costs of home-delivered meals for the elderly; establishing a pilot school breakfast program; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF2147—Benson (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Health; requiring transportation services involving the use of a stretcher to meet life support transportation licensing standards; amending statutes.

SF1814—Berglin (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Health and human services; establishing a task force on long-term care planning; requiring the commissioner of health to monitor transitional care; authorizing use of swing beds by patients transferred from hospitals located outside of the patient's community; modifying the preadmission screening program; changing financial statement certification requirements for nursing homes that are phasing out of the medical assistance program; establishing requirements for medical assistance rate appeals procedures for intermediate care facilities; requiring a study of geographic groupings of nursing homes; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF2054—Dahl (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Taxation; sales; clarifying the application of the exemption for certain fundraising activities to certain school organizations; defining registered combined charitable organization; amending statutes.

SF2102—Petty (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Marriage dissolution and legal separation; requiring appointment of guardians ad item in certain child custody proceedings; amending statutes.

SF1515—Novak (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Ramsey county; authorizing the issuance of bonds for the construction of library buildings and an annual levy for debt retirement; providing for an appointed county abstract clerk; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF1745—Bertram (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

State lands; authorizing sale of Peal Lake lakeshore parcel in Stearns county.

SF2014—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Game and fish; designation and use of waterfowl feed or resting areas; amending statutes.

SF2222—Bertram (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

Education; vocational; specifying use of appropriation for firefighter training programs in AVTI's; amending laws.

SF1702—Samuelson (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; granting the city of Brainerd the authority to establish a port authority; authorizing the port authority to exercise the power of a municipal housing and redevelopment authority; authorizing the city to impose restrictions and limitations upon the powers and procedures of the port authority; permitting the city to choose the name of the port authority; providing for removal of port authority commissioners; requiring local approval.

SF1966—Pehler (DFL)—Rules suspended
City of St. Cloud; authorizing the city to impose certain taxes to construct, operate, and promote a convention center facility.

SF2262—Kronebusch (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Winona county; permitting the county to convey certain real estate to a county agricultural society.

SF707—Moe, D (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Retirement; public plans generally; providing health insurance benefits for certain retired teachers; changing eligibility requirements for surviving spouse benefits; regulating coverage under the unclassified employees retirement program; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF1065—Peterson, R (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Transportation; regulating recreational vehicles; regulating all-terrain vehicles; regulating routes to the trunk highway system; providing penalties; appropriating money; amending statutes.

SF1930—Luther (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Real estate; providing for cancellation of real estate contract depending upon when contract was executed; providing for determination of purchase price; appropriating money; amending statutes.

SF2098—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Public safety; providing for the mandatory surrender of registration plates and certificates on motor vehicles operated by repeat DWI offenders; clarifying the evidentiary use of partial alcohol concentration breath tests; imposing mandatory minimum penalties on habitual DWI offenders; provided for proof of increased insurance coverage before reinstatement of driver's license following its revocation due to DWI conviction; expanding the crime of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or certain substances; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF2135—Reichgott (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Liability; limiting the civil liability of practitioners for the violent acts of patients; providing immunity from liability for disclosure; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF1956—Ramstad (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

City of Plymouth; authorizing establishment of a capital improvement reserve fund.

SF2067—Knutson (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Local government; permitting the establishment of special service districts in the city of Mendota Heights; providing taxing and other financing authority taxing and other financial authority for the city.

SF2255—Chmielewski (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

City of Cloquet; permitting the establishment of a port authority; authorizing the port authority to exercise the powers of a municipal housing and redevelopment authority.

SF1648—Belanger (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Firearms; permitting certain licensed dealers and manufacturers to own or possess machine guns and short-barreled shotguns for certain purposes; amending statutes.

SF1734—Pehler (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Education; memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to take action to officially commend those who have assisted the educational process of this country by operating the country's school buses.

SF1744—Pehler (DFL)—Transportation

Motor vehicles; providing for special license plates for Vietnam era veterans, national guard members, and former prisoners of war; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF2153—Peterson, C (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

Agricultural finance; renaming the agricultural resource guaranty board; authorizing the board to participate in loans; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF2127—Renneke (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

City of Cologne; exempting certain general obligation bonds and tax levies from debt and levy limitations.

SF2171—Benson (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Health; providing exemptions for certain air ambulance services; allowing first responders to drive life support transportation service vehicles under certain conditions; amending statutes.

SF2129—Waldorf (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

City of St. Paul; permitting the imposition of an additional tax on transient lodging; providing for the redesign, reconstruction and widening of Lexington avenue south of Larpenetue avenue; amending statutes.

SF1151—Frederickson (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Elections; adopting the court-ordered congressional redistricting plan, but changing Ottawa township in LeSeur county from the second to the first congressional district; repealing statutes.

SF1584—Peterson, C (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; providing that nonresident athletes and entertainers are exempt from the income tax; imposing an alternative tax on their income; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF1703—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Commerce; regulating those who package soft drinks and other nonalcoholic beverages; increasing certain vending machine inspection fees; clarifying authority to inspect vending machines; clarifying rulemaking authority of commissioner of agriculture; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF2280—Johnson, Doug (DFL)—Rules suspended

Taxation; imposing levy limits on certain towns and cities; altering provisions governing distribution of certain taconite tax proceeds; reducing the taconite railroad gross earnings tax rate; reducing occupation and royalty tax rates; providing for the deduction of taconite production taxes and transportation costs; appropriating money; amending statutes.

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SF1660—Frederickson (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

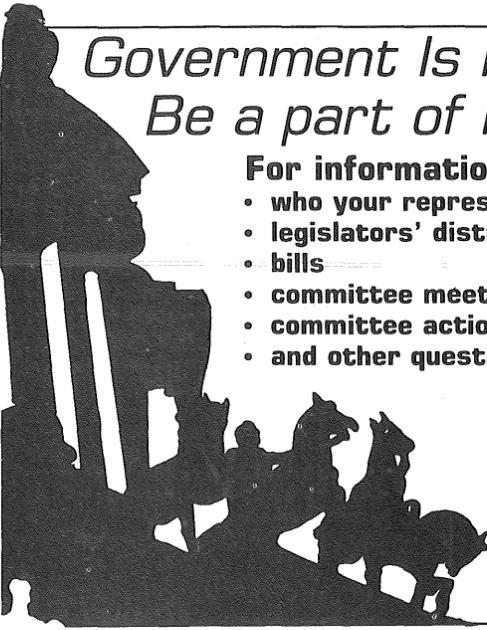
Real property; allowing designation, sale, and redemption of a homestead that is executed on and sold as part of other property; allowing designation, sale, redemption of a homestead foreclosed on or part of other property; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF2116—Luther (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Elections; providing for removal of certain elected county officials; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF1604—Frederickson (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Agriculture; declaring crop ownership; prescribing a procedure for planting crop owners to recover crop values; providing liens on crops and property; prescribing satisfaction and enforcement of liens; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.



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