Mini-Session Report

Mini-Session Report is a public information service of the Minnesota House of Representatives. This issue includes the Advance Committee Schedule for the upcoming Mini-Session Nov. 16-18 in Alexandria. The date for the last mini-session is Jan. 13-15, 1988 in Eveleth. All meetings are open to the public.

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About mini-sessions

Mini-sessions began after voters approved the flexible sessions constitutional amendment in 1973. The amendment marked the third time that voters extended the length of legislative sessions. It allows the Legislature to meet each year from January to May, for 120 legislative days over the biennium (two-year period).

However, lawmakers may continue committee work during the recess. This means committees have the same power to make recommendations on bills that they have during a legislative session.

This interim, committees have met in mini-sessions in Mankato and the Capitol in St. Paul. They will meet in Alexandria next week and Eveleth in January.

ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change. For information call House Calls at 296-9283 or contact Dorothy Sawyer at 296-2146. All meetings are open to the public.

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16 - 20

MINI-SESSION SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 16 - 18 AT ALEXANDRIA

Monday, November 16
9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/APPROPRIATIONS
Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center Auditorium
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Access to rural health care presentation by area medical care providers.

9:00 a.m.

EDUCATION
Room 614, 1000 N. 44th Ave., St. Cloud Apollo High School
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: Length of school day/year; age of compulsory attendance; all-day kindergarten.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS
Community Room, Pope County Courthouse, Glenwood
Chr. Rep. Dave Battaglia
Agenda: State mandate legislation.

TAXES
Room E124
Alexandria Technical Institute
Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss
Agenda: Open mike testimony on 1987 Tax Bill.

2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

COMMERCE
Room E124
Alexandria Technical Institute
Chr. Rep. John Sarna
Agenda: Tourism; Testimony from Cal Courneya, Operation Walleye; Kathy Lee, Chamber of Commerce; Hank Todd, Office of Tourism; and Resort Owners.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING
Meeting place: to be announced
Chr. Rep. Todd Otis
Agenda: Greater Minnesota Corporation presentation by Interim President Terry Montgomery.

CIVIL LAW SUBCOMMITTEE/JUDICIARY
Room E117
Alexandria Technical Institute
Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein
Agenda: Overview of “alternative dispute resolution mechanisms” or the possibility of “no-lawsuit options” to the tort system.

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| 6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | **EDUCATION DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS**                                                      | Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson  
**Agenda:** Site visit to University of Minnesota-Morris to view capital budget requests.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8:00 p.m.     | **AGRICULTURE**                                                                            | Sands Restaurant, Albany  
**Chr. Rep. Stephen Wenzel**  
**Agenda:** Testimony taken from area farmers and farm organizations concerning key dairy issues including Federal Milk Marketing Orders and scheduled reductions in price supports, and the formation of a Milk Price Stabilization Board. The public is invited to testify.                                                                 |
| 8:00 p.m.     | **EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/ EDUCATION**                                                   | Study Hall, Herman High School, Herman  
**Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson**  
**Agenda:** School district finances: Profiles of Elbow Lake, Herman and Fergus Falls School Districts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9:00 a.m.     | **LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS**                                                             | Room E128  
**Alexandria Technical Institute**  
**Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich**  
**Agenda:** 1) Workplace safety, injuries and fatalities; 2) The division's role within state government; 3) 1988 legislative proposals pertaining to OSHA's enforcement and compliance.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 9:00 a.m.     | **TRANSPORTATION**                                                                        | American Legion Hall, Barrett  
**Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis**  
**Agenda:** Discussion of railroad abandonments and the development of Regional Rail Authorities and Short Lines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 9:00 a.m.     | **AGRICULTURE**                                                                            | Room E126  
**Alexandria Technical Institute**  
**Chr. Rep. Stephen Wenzel**  
**Agenda:** Testimony taken from Agricultural Education Coordinators regarding problems surrounding the new formula adopted in 1987 for secondary reimbursement funding for High School Vocational Agriculture. Presentation also on impact statement recently released on farm business management programs. Presentation and update from Farm Credit Services regarding land sales, general legal changes, and the status of the Beginning Farmer Program.  
Speakers include Larry Williams, Chief Financial Office, Ex. V.P., and David L. Kettering, V.P. of Credit and Operations, Farm Credit Services.  
**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**  
**Room E126, Alexandria Technical Institute**  
**Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau**  
**Agenda:** HA34 (DeBlieck) A proposal to study combining the state building code and the uniform fire code.  
**STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS**  
**Depart from Alexandria Technical Institute**  
**Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn**  
**Agenda:** Water issues - tour Lake Oscar and Lake Carlos State Park  
**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE**  
**Room E124**  
**Alexandria Technical Institute**  
**Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund**  
**Agenda:** Bank closings.  
**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Grant County Development Achievement Center, Hoffman**  
**Chr. Rep. Paul Anders Ogren**  
**Agenda:** Overview of Developmental Achievement Centers (DAC) issues.  
**Wednesday, November 18**  
**9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**  
**- SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING**  
**- SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS/COMMERCE/ (Joint meeting)**  
**Room E128 Alexandria Technical Institute**  
**Chrs. Reps. Richard Jefferson and Rich O’Connor** |
### Agenda: HF1678 (Johnson, A.)
Housing; requiring written disclosure of defects. The subcommittees will hear public testimony on the bill.

### ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
Room E126
Alexandria Technical Institute
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
**Agenda:**
1) Degradable plastics bill (Cooper).
2) Comprehensive recycling discussion; Pollution Control, Waste Management Board, and Metropolitan Council.

### GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING
Room E124
Alexandria Technical Institute
Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz
**Agenda:**
- Discussion of lottery bills: HF4 (Osthoff) Authorizing lotteries; HF218 (Johnson, R.) Authorizing lotteries for education; HF633 (Kostohryz) Establishing a state lottery board; HF1270 (Anderson, G.) Creating a lottery agency.

### 12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FACILITIES / EDUCATION
Tour: Depart from Arrowood
Chr. Rep. Becky Kelso
**Agenda:**
- Tour of school facilities: Villard, Brooten, and Henning.

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