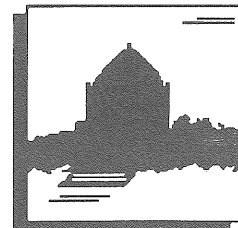


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Mini-Session Report is a public information service of the Minnesota House of Representatives. This issue includes the Advance Committee Schedule for the upcoming Mini-Session Sept. 9-11 in Mankato. Dates for other mini-sessions are: Oct. 14-16 at the Capitol, St. Paul; Nov. 16-18 in Alexandria; and Jan. 13-15, 1988 (place to be determined). 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 will meet in mini-sessions at the Capitol in St. Paul and in other Minnesota communities.

ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change. For information call House Calls at (612) 296-9283 or contact Dorothy Sawyer at (612) 296-2146. All meetings are open to the public.

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7 - 11, 1987

including:
**MINI-SESSION
COMMITTEE SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 9 - 11
AT MANKATO**

Monday, Sept. 7

Labor Day--Legislative Offices closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

10:00 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE TAX STUDY COMMISSION

Room 200 State Office Building
St. Paul.

Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss.

Agenda: Continuation of data informational resources report from House Research.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Minnesota Valley Regional Library,
Mankato.

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice.

Agenda: Regional Arts; Humanities.

EDUCATION DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson.

Agenda: Site tour of University of Minnesota-Waseca campus to review status of capital building projects.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Room 253-254 Student Union
Mankato State University.

Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau.

Agenda: HF453 (O'Connor) State investments; limiting investments in companies doing business in Northern Ireland.

TAXES

Student Union/Auditorium Conference Room, Mankato State University.

Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss.

Agenda: Comments from the public & other interested individuals & organizations on the changes made by the Omnibus Tax Bill. Contact the committee clerk or administrator if you wish to testify at (612) 296-7171 or 296-1237.

10:15 a.m.

ADOPTION & BIRTH ALTERNATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE/CRIME & FAMILY LAW DIVISION/ JUDICIARY

Room 201 Student Union Bldg.,
Mankato State University Campus on
Stadium Road.

Chr. Rep. Jean Wagenius.

Agenda: Surrogate mothers; Public testimony on the constitutional implications of regulating surrogate contracts & whether as a matter of public policy, the state should enforce these contracts.

Nothing herein is admissible as legal proof of legislative intent.

2:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

Rooms 253-254 Student Union
Mankato State University.

Chr. Rep. Todd Otis.

Agenda: Public testimony on regional economic development activities.

Speakers include: Larry Johnston, Southern MN Municipal Power Agency; Frank Cesario, Executive Director, Valley Industrial Development Corporation; Marica Keller, The Minnesota Project.

CHILD ABUSE/CHILD PROTECTION SUBCOMMITTEE/JUDICIARY

Rooms 101-102 Student Union
Building, Mankato State University
Campus on Stadium Road.

Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly.

Agenda: Testimony from professionals in the field of child protection/law enforcement. Testimony from: Judge Warren Litynski, Nicollet County Fifth District Judge, St. Peter; Richard Embacher, Social Service Supervisor, Brown County Family Service; Ms. Jesse Capparelli, child protection worker, Brown County, New Ulm; John Rodenberg, Brown County Attorney's office; Larry Pederson, Brown County Sheriff; Cheryl Thomas, Coordinator, Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Mankato Battered Women's Shelter.

STATUS OFFENDER SUBCOMMITTEE/CRIME & FAMILY LAW DIVISION/JUDICIARY

Room 201 Student Union Blvd.
Mankato State University Campus on
Stadium Road.

Chr. Rep. Sandy Pappas.

Agenda: Overview of current law by Emily Shapiro, House Research. Public testimony.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Room 255 Student Center Mankato
State University.

Chr. Rep. David Battaglia.

Agenda: HF205 (Carlson, D.) Local government; permitting establishment of fire protection districts by cities & towns.

6:30 p.m.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Austin Technical Institute Cafeteria,
1900 8th Ave. NW, Austin.

Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros.

Agenda: HF1100 (Larsen, E.) Community College AVTI merger proposal.

8:00 p.m.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Room 253-254 Student Union,
Mankato State University.

Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs.

Agenda: HA38 (Frederick) A study of whether general merchandise stores should be allowed to sell intoxicating liquor at off-sale.

Thursday, Sept. 10

8:00 a.m.

EDUCATION DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson.

Agenda: Tour of Mankato Technical Institute to review status of capital building projects; discussion on restructuring of course delivery to credit system.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Room 101-102 Student Union,
Mankato State University.

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield.

Agenda: Rural access to health care; local representatives of the Minnesota Medical Assn. & the Minnesota Hospital Assn. will present reports they have prepared on the status of

health care access in rural Minnesota. Interested area residents may also participate.

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/ EDUCATION

LeCenter High School, LeCenter.

Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson.

Agenda: Profiles of the LeCenter, Le Sueur & Mankato School Districts.

10:15 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ APPROPRIATIONS

Mapleton High School.

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice.

Agenda: Joint meeting with the Transportation Committee. DWI & transportation issues.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Student Union Room 253-254,
Mankato State University, Mankato.

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund.

Agenda: HF1021 (Carruthers) Underinsured motorist coverage. HF971 (Rukavina) Mandatory arbitration of no-fault claims.

TRANSPORTATION

Mapleton High School gymnasium,
Mapleton.

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis.

Agenda: Discussion of DWI laws & HA15 (Johnson, A.) limited licenses; Joe Meyerring, Education; Ray Lewis, DWI Task Force; Reactor Panel-Mapleton High School students, Nancy Johnson, Lonsdale, MADD; Representative from SADD; Don Nichols, MN Bar Association.

1:00 p.m.

COMMERCE

Auditorium 1, Mankato East High
School.

Chr. Rep. John Sarna.

Agenda: Overview by Hank Todd, Director of Tourism, regarding the new tourism office opened this year in Mankato.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Rooms 253-254 Student Union, Mankato State University.
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger.
Agenda: Groundwater in rural Minnesota. Testimony from: Tom Klaseus, MN Dept. of Health; Greg Buzick, Dept. of Agriculture; Environmental Quality Board; Pollution Control Agency; Jim Birkholz, State Soil & Water Conservation Board; Diane Jensen, Clean Water Action Project; Loni Kemp, Minnesota Project; Dwight Ault, farmer, Austin; Vern Ingvalson, Farm Bureau; Julie Bleyhl, Farmers Union.

3:15 p.m.

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/EDUCATION (Joint meeting)

Le Center High School, Le Center.
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson.
Agenda: Interactive television project KIDS, Mankato & surrounding school districts.

FUTURE & TECHNOLOGY (Joint Meeting)

322 Armstrong Building, Mankato State University.
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding.
Agenda: A presentation on Two-way Interactive Television for classroom instruction. Legislators will be at six locations: Mankato MSU-Armstrong Hall room AH322; Cleveland High School, room 208; Lake Crystal High room 206; St. Clair High School KIDS classroom; St. Peter High School, rooms 321 & 324; Nicollet OLD High School KIDS classroom. Their television network will link all locations. Legislators will be taking a close look at the current applications & the potential opportunities for students that this technology offers.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Town Mall Meeting Room, Mankato.
Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich.
Agenda: Review & discussion of the 1987 Unemployment Insurance Legislation.

7:00 p.m.

EDUCATION

Windom Area Central School, 1012 5th Avenue, Windom.
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern.
Agenda: School district cooperation efforts.

7:30 p.m.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Norman's Cafe, Amboy.
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia.
Agenda: HF205 (Carlson, D.) Local government; permitting establishment of fire protection districts by cities & towns.

Friday, Sept. 11

8:30 a.m.

AGRICULTURE (Joint Meeting)

Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel.
Agenda: Tour Farm America at Waseca 8:30 a.m., at 9:45 a.m. a short talk by Richard Anderson, Superintendent of Southern Experiment Station, University of Minnesota, Waseca, & tour of experiment station.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION, SEMI-STATE DIVISION/APPROPRIATIONS (Joint Meeting)

Chr. Rep. Jim Rice.
Agenda: Farm America tour.

EDUCATION DIVISION/APPROPRIATIONS

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson.
Agenda: Tour of Mankato State campus to review status of capital building projects.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros.
Agenda: Tour Mankato State University Campus.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Room 203 Student Union, Mankato State University.
Chr. Rep. Richard Jefferson.

Agenda: Assessment of Minnesota's housing needs.

SENTENCING GUIDELINES SUBCOMMITTEE/JUDICIARY

201 Student Union Building, Mankato State University.
Co-Chair Rep. Sandy Pappas.
Agenda: Overview by Emily Shapiro, House Research & Debra Dailey, Sentencing Guidelines Commission. Testimony from Noah Rosenbloom; Judge 5th District St. James; Edward Kubat, Sheriff Waseca County; Steve Alpert, Attorney Rice County, Faribault; Ross Arneson, Attorney Blue Earth County, Mankato; W. M. Gustafson, Attorney Nicollet County, St. Peter.

9:30 a.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/APPROPRIATIONS

Council Chambers, New Ulm Public Library, New Ulm. (in basement)
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield.
Agenda: Presentations & comments by representatives of nursing home industry associations, advocate groups, & interested citizens on issues associated with long-term care in rural Minnesota.

10:30 a.m.

EDUCATION DIVISION/APPROPRIATIONS (Joint Meeting)

Room 253-255 Mankato State University.
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson.
Agenda: Open microphone joint hearing. Presentations by Chancellor Robert Carothers, MSU President Margaret Preska, State University faculty & students.
HIGHER EDUCATION
(Joint Meeting)
Chr. Rep. Mike Jaros.
Agenda: Overview of Minnesota State University System. Discussion by MSU administrators, faculty & students on the issues raised. Open testimony.



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The term "session" has several meanings in the legislative process.

- **Session:** the biennial period during which the the Legislature meets, such as "The 75th Session."
- **Daily Session:** a meeting of the House or Senate in its Chamber, used interchangeably with "legislative day."
- **Joint Session:** same as "Joint Convention." (Joint Convention: combined meeting of the two bodies of the Legislature to transact certain business, to hear addresses by the governor or other distinguished guests. The speaker of the House presides as president of the Joint Convention; the House chief clerk is the secretary.)
- **Mini-Session:** an interim committee meeting during which representatives may consider proposed legislation and act on bills.
- **Regular Session:** the annual meeting of the Legislature between the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January, and the first Monday after the third Saturday in May.
- **Special or "Extra" Session:** when the Legislature uses all of its constitutionally permitted 120 legislative days in a biennium, or after the date the law sets for annual adjournment and if matters in the state present a sufficient urgency, the governor may call a special (or extra) session of the Legislature. But the governor may not dictate the matters the Legislature will consider nor the length of the special session.