Legislative attention focuses on suburbs

Although various committees will meet, no formal action can be taken on any proposals. That's because the Legislature is technically in recess between the first and second years of its annual sessions. But that doesn't mean the meetings are less substantive than the ones held at the Capitol in St. Paul. Legislative committees typically spend a lot of time early in a legislative session analyzing issues without ever taking a vote.

The mini-sessions are designed to gather the perspectives of those who can't make it to St. Paul to testify.

'School assemblies'
A forum for students

Information for students about the legislative process is available, but not all students and teachers are aware of it. The Suburban Mini-Session hopes to shed some more light on the process.

The mornings of each day of the Suburban Mini-Session will be devoted to assemblies and forums at both suburban high schools and community colleges.

Not only will the students be afforded a first-hand glance at the process, but they will also have access to a variety of information and programs offered by the House of Representatives.

The House Public Information and the Educational Programs offices will be at each of the seven assemblies/forums to distribute information and to answer questions.

Of particular interest to students and teachers will be the recently published People and the Process: A Legislative Study Guide, and information about the high school page and college intern programs.

And to prepare students for the assemblies, a seven-page "student primer" was prepared by the House Public Information Office. The primer lists laws approved by the 1991 Legislature that are of particular interest to students, as well as student-related issues that are expected to come up in the 1992 legislative session.

The primer is to be used by teachers to give students some background so they can prepare questions for legislators.

All of the assemblies, except for the one at North Hennepin Community College, will be limited to students to give them sole access to the legislative panels.

Others will have a chance to question legislators at three "community forums," one of which will be held each evening of the three-day mini-session.

Among laws passed by the 1991 Legislature of interest to students is one that will extend the length of the school year by two days beginning in school year 1985-86. Two more days will be added each succeeding year for the next nine years until the school year is 190 days long.

Another law requires that students be allowed to sit on school district boards, or that a youth advisory council be appointed to make recommendations to the board.
### Mini-Session Schedule

**Suburban Mini-Session . . . October 28-30, 1991**

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| 9:45 a.m. | Student Assembly  
Blaine High School, 12555 University Ave. N.E., Blaine. |
| 10 a.m.  | Senior Issues Forum  
Chandler Place, 3701 Chandler Dr. St. Anthony |
| 1:45 p.m. | Community College Forums  
North Hennepin Community College, 7411 85th Ave. N., Brooklyn Park (public invited); and Lakewood Community College, 3401 Century Ave. N., White Bear Lake. |
| 2 p.m.  | Economic Development, Infrastructure, & Regulation Division/APPROPRIATIONS  
Brookdale-Hennepin Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy., Brooklyn Center  
Chr. Rep. Jim Rice  
**Agenda**: Historical grants. |
| **Education Division/APPROPRIATIONS** | Anoka Technical College, 1355 W. Main St., Anoka  
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson  
**Agenda**: Science and technology in higher education. |
| **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE** | Tour  
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund  
**Agenda**: Tour of Deluxe Corporation |
| **Fiscal Disparities Task Force** | Anoka Ramsey Community College, Room 102, 11200 Mississippi Blvd. N.W., Coon Rapids  
Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber  
**Agenda**: Testimony from those who would like to speak on the fiscal disparities program. |
| **GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING** | Minnesota State Lottery Office, 2645 Long Lake Rd., Roseville  
Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff  
**Agenda**: Demonstration and discussion of home lottery network project (Nintendo). Tour lottery office. |
| **ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES** | Tours  
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger  
**Agenda**: Tour of Maple Grove Composting Facility, Brooklyn Park Transfer Station, and the Ramsey County Household Hazardous Waste Center, Mounds View. |
| **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES and International Trade & Technology Division/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** | Tours  
Chrs. Reps. Alan Welle and Rick Krueger  
**Agenda**: Tour of Pharmacia Deltec Inc., Arden Hills. Depart for Medtronics at 2:45 p.m. Presentation and discussion with members of Medical Alley. |
| **HOUSING** | City Hall, 5200 85th Ave. N., Brooklyn Park  
Chr. Rep. Karen Clark  
**Agenda**: Slide tour of multi-family housing units. Public testimony. |
| **7:30 p.m.** | **Community Forum**  
Roseville Area Middle School, 15 E. County Rd. B2, Little Canada  
**Subcommittee on Curriculum/EDUCATION**  
Anoka School Staff Development Center, 2727 Ferry St., Anoka  
Chr. Rep. Alice Johnson  
| **Government Structures Division/GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS** | Senior Center Room, Gladstone Community Education Center, 1945 Manton St., Maplewood  
Chr. Rep. Rich O’Connor  
**Agenda**: Public testimony: How to improve delivery of services to consumers while eliminating waste and lowering taxpayer costs. |
| **JUDICIARY** | Brooklyn Center Community Center, 6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy. (I-694 and Shingle Creek Pkwy.), Brooklyn Center  
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga  
**Agenda**: Presentation from Sentencing Guidelines Commission. Local drug task force presentations. |

| **Tuesday, Oct. 29** |                                                      |
| 9 a.m.  | Student Assemblies: Chaska High School, 1700 Chestnut St. N., Chaska; and Armstrong High School, 10635 36th Ave. N., Plymouth |
9:30 a.m.
Subcommittee on Rural Development, Marketing & International Trade/AGRICULTURE
Tour
Chr. Rep. Ted Winter
Agenda: Tour of Bongard's Creamery

1:30 p.m.
JUDICIARY
Tour
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: Tour of Women's Correctional Facility, Shakopee

2 p.m.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADC Corp., 12501 Whitewater Dr., Minnetonka
Chr. Rep. Gloria Segal
Agenda: High technology hearing.

EDUCATION
Robbinsdale (site not yet determined)
Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern
Agenda: Teachers' meeting and school tour.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
U of M Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Dr., Chanhassen
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: What the metro area is doing about wetland protection and milfoil control.

TRANSPORTATION
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Pkwy., Burnsville
Chr. Rep. Harold Lasley
Agenda: Payment structure for collector streets. (Half of the committee will meet here.)

TRANSPORTATION
K.C. Hall, 1760 E. 4th Ave., Shakopee
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: Collector streets and southwest suburban Hwy. needs. (The other half of the Transportation Committee will meet here.)

7:30 p.m.
Community Forum
Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 W. Hwy. 7, Hopkins

JUDICIARY
Richfield City Council Chambers, 6700 Portland Ave. S., Richfield
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: Legislative auditor's report on sentencing and corrections policies.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 30
8:45 a.m.
Student Assembly: Simley High School, 2920 E. 80th St., Inver Grove Heights; 9 a.m.
Student Assembly: Eagan High School, 4185 Braddock Trail, Eagan

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
City Hall, 6700 Portland Ave. S., Richfield
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson
Agenda: Airport issues.

1:30 p.m.
ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
Metro Wastewater Treatment Facility, 2400 Chiles Rd., Room 103, St. Paul
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: Briefing on Phase 1 Phosphorous Study Report (Metropolitan Waste Control Commission). Tour of plant. "Revival Field" sculpture by Mel Chin. Public interested in going on the tour should contact the facility.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS
Vermilion
Chr. Rep. Irv Anderson
Agenda: Tour of proposed airport site.

2 p.m.
Education Finance Division/EDUCATION
Park Senior High School, 8040 80th St. S., Cottage Grove
Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson
Agenda: Issues facing rapidly growing school districts.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
Eagan Municipal Center Council Chambers, 3830 Pilot Knob Rd., Eagan
Chr. Rep. Joe Begich
Agenda: Testimony regarding job losses due to the federal reductions in defense spending.

TRANSPORTATION
Woodbury City Hall, 8301 Valley Creek Rd., Woodbury
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis
Agenda: Hearing on proposed airport.

7:30 p.m.
Community Forum
Woodbury High School, 2665 Woodlane Dr., Woodbury

JUDICIARY
Sibley High School, Delaware Ave. at Hwy. 110, W. St. Paul
Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
Agenda: Juvenile justice issues.

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The Suburbs
Percent of Minnesota residents now living within 10-county metro area .......... 55
Number of Minnesota counties losing population in the 1980s ..................... 49
Number of Minnesota counties with fewer people now than in 1940 ............. 39
1990 Hennepin County population, largest in the state ..................... 1,032,431
1990 Cook County population, lowest in the state ............................. 3,868
1990 population of Dakota County, fastest growing county in the 1980s, ........ 275,227
Dakota County population, 1980 ........................................... 139,808
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Population of Savage, 1980 .................................................. 3,954
Number of top 25 fastest growing cities not within 10-county metro area ..... 1
Minorities as a percent of 7-county metro area suburbs, 1980 ................. 2.7
Minorities as a percent of 7-county metro area suburbs, 1990 ................. 4.6
Percent increase in Minnesota minority population during 1980s ............ 71.7
National rank ................................................................................. 4
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Population of Duluth, 1990 ....................................................... 85,493
Population of Bloomington, third largest Minnesota city in 1990 ............. 86,335