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On Sept. 27, the first day of the Special Session House members numbering 133 (one seat vacant) doubled up in the 67-seat Senate Chamber. The House Chamber is under renovation which is scheduled to be finished before the 1990 session begins.

Mini-Session Schedule
October 17 - 20, 1989 • Worthington and surrounding area

This schedule is subject to change. For more information, call House Calls at (612) 296-9283. All meetings are open to the public.

Constituents will have opportunities to meet House members informally each morning during the mini-session. Members of various committees will be on hand at several restaurants to meet and talk with people over breakfast. Conversation is free; individuals are responsible for their own meals. Stop in and say hello!

Tuesday, Oct. 17
7:30 p.m.

• Rural Emergency Medical Services Task Force
  Frost School, Frost

Wednesday, Oct. 18
8:30 a.m.

• Breakfast in Heron Lake
  Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS
  Corner Cafe, Hwy. 62 and Main St.

• Breakfast in Jackson
  EDUCATION
  Bob & Jan’s Family Restaurant, 412 2nd St.

• Breakfast in Luverne
  Health & Human Services Division/ APPROPRIATIONS
  Veterans Affairs Subcommittee/ GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING
  The Pantry, 214 E. Main St.

• Breakfast in Pipestone
  Tax Increment Finance Round Table/ TAXES
  Gannon’s Restaurant, Hwys. 75 & 23

• Breakfast in Slayton
  Community Stabilization & Development Division/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
  Mint Cafe, 2637 Broadway; Slayton Bakery, 2613 Broadway
  9:45 a.m.

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-State Division/APPROPRIATIONS
Jeffers Petroglyphs
Chr. Rep. James Rice
Agenda: Tour of Jeffers Petroglyphs.
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At midnight on June 2, Gov. Rudy Perpich set the stage for a special session when he vetoed a property tax relief bill that the Legislature passed in the final days of the regular session.

In August, the governor announced a tax reform proposal aimed at avoiding a projected 14 percent tax increase in 1990. It also called for a new 6 percent sales tax on garbage collection to pay for a statewide recycling program. Other goals included: reducing disparities between highest- and lowest-taxed classes of property; allowing local governments to levy sales taxes; requiring the state to pay for the programs it mandates; simplifying the system by reducing the number of property tax rates from 21 to 10; and narrowing differences in tax rates among cities and counties.

A few days later, the governor’s tax advisers presented the proposal to the House Ways and Means Committee. The governor later made some alterations to the plan.

In early September, House Speaker Rep. Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) and Senate Majority Leader Sen. Roger Moe (DFL-Erskine) appointed a 24-member reconciliation team (12 House and 12 Senate members). The team met several times to iron out problem areas. Legislative leaders held further meetings with executive branch officials to reach final agreement.

The governor then called a special session that lasted three days during which time committees held meetings and public hearings. Each body, meeting separately in the Senate Chamber, passed the bill which the governor signed into law earlier this month.

**Photo right**
Aug. 14, 1989: After showing the Ways and Means Committee a visual presentation on the governor’s tax proposal, John James, commissioner of revenue, above, and Tom Triplett, commissioner of finance, not shown, answered questions and responded to lawmakers’ comments.

**Photo left**
Sept. 21, 1989: Following several weeks of discussion, Rep. Dee Long (DFL-Mpls) and Sen. Douglas Johnson (DFL-Cook), House and Senate tax chairs, announced agreement on a tax plan between the legislative and executive branches of government.


Sept. 27, 1989: It's the first time in Minnesota's history that the House of Representatives has passed a comprehensive tax bill.

Photo right
Sept. 28, 1989: Reps. Mary Murphy (DFL-Hermantown) and Thomas Pugh (DFL-South St. Paul), sitting elbow to elbow at a senator's desk, listened to the House debate the tax bill.
Highlights of the bill include:

- adjustments that will hold the statewide average increase in property taxes next year to 1.4 percent, rather than the projected 14.1 percent (according to Department of Finance estimates);
- a 6 percent sales tax on garbage collection to finance a new statewide waste recycling program;
- property tax relief targeted at businesses and rental property owners, including elimination of the 4 percent sales tax on purchases of capital equipment for new and expanding businesses;
- accountability provisions for state and local governments so taxpayers know who makes taxing and spending decisions;
- fewer property tax classes (down from 21 to 10) to simplify the system;
- a requirement that the governor recommend spending reductions in state government over the next three years;
- an increased state tax on charitable gambling, and an expanded child care credit;
- a mechanism to fund certain mental health services and procedures for allocating costs of certain human services between the state and county agencies.
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Civil Law Subcommittee/JUDICIARY
Worthington Community College,
1450 College Way, Administration
Building, Room 207, Worthington
Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein
Agenda: Task Force report on gender
bias in the courts. Process problems:
access to representation; bias within the
legal community.

Minnesota House Children's Party
Worthington Community Center,
415 9th St., Worthington
3:45 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL
RESOURCES
Worthington Community College,
1450 College Way, Fine Arts Building,
Theatre, Worthington
Chr. Rep. Willard Munger
Agenda: County water and solid waste
management.

Elections Division/
GENERAL LEGISLATION,
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING
Worthington Community College,
1450 College Way, Agriculture Building,
Room 506, Worthington
Chr. Rep. Linda Scheld
Agenda: Uniform Municipal Election
Day bill.

Facilities Assessment Subcommittee/
JUDICIARY
Nobles County Jail
Chr. Rep. Sandy Pappas
Agenda: Tour of Nobles County Jail.

Air Transportation Subcommittee/
TRANSPORTATION
Worthington Airport
Chr. Rep. Bernie Lieder
Agenda: Economic impact of Worthington
Airport on the local economy.

Friday, Oct. 20
8:30 a.m.

- Breakfast in Jackson
  Education Division/
  APPROPRIATIONS
  ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
  Southwestern Technical College Cafeteri
  a (Jackson campus), 401 West St.

- Breakfast in Luverne
  Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-
  State Division/APPROPRIATIONS
  TRANSPORTATION
  The Pantry, 214 E Main St.

- Breakfast in Pipestone
  HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
  Calumet Hotel Coffee Shop, Main and
  Hiawatha
  9:45 a.m.
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  Agenda: Tour of historic Luverne
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Wednesday, September 27

HF1—Long (DFL)
Appropriations
Financing and operation of government in Minnesota; changing tax rates and bases; modifying the administration, collection, and enforcement of taxes; imposing taxes; creating tax exemptions; changing the computation, administration, and payment of aids, credits, and refunds; providing new aids and credits; making technical corrections and clarifications; changing proposed property tax notice provisions; changing levy limits and other local government powers and duties; allowing certain units of local governments to impose taxes; changing tax increment financing provisions; providing that the state will be supplier of gambling equipment; authorizing establishment of an economic development authority in the city of Otsego and in Kandiyohi County; exempting Itasca County from a levy limit penalty and authorizing a special levy; modifying the levy authority of the Red River Watershed Management District; authorizing an appropriation by Aitkin County; providing for payment of certain aid to the cities of Moorhead and Chanhassen; exempting a redevelopment district in the city of Minneapolis from certain requirements; granting certain powers to towns; modifying certain bond allocation procedures; authorizing a transfer by the Tower-Soudan School District; requiring studies of state and local finance issues; requiring the governor to recommend spending reductions; setting the amount of the budget reserve; establishing plans and programs to reduce waste generated, recycle waste, develop markets for recyclables, address materials that cause special problems in the waste stream, prevent, control, and abate litter, inform and educate the public on proper waste management; requiring a mechanism to fund certain mental health services; providing for the correction of miscellaneous oversights, inconsistencies, ambiguities, unintended results, and technical errors; amending laws.

HF2—Rest (DFL)
Judiciary
Legislative enactments; providing for the correction of miscellaneous oversights, inconsistencies, ambiguities, unintended results, and technical errors; amending laws.

HF3—D. Carlson (IR)
Education
State and local government; requiring districts to offer family life education instruction; designating a day as children’s day; requiring employment and training programs as a priority for certain recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

Thursday, September 28

HF4—Sviggum (IR)
Labor-Management Relations
Labor and industry; regulating workers’ compensation benefits and administration; regulating workers’ compensation insurance; providing for the appointment of actuaries; affecting the Workers’ Compensation Court of Appeals; requiring certain reports relating to workers’ compensation; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF5—Seaberg (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
Legislature; requiring the Legislature to conform to the standards of the Open Meeting Law; proposing coding for new law.

HF6—Tjornhom (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
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HF7—Lynch (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
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HF8—Gruenes (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
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HF9—Maeklin (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
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HF10—Stanlus (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
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HF11—Valento (IR)
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HF12—Weaver (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
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HF13—Poppenhagen (IR)
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HF14—McDonald (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
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HF15—Schreiber (IR)
Rules & Legislative Administration
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HF16—Poppenhagen (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
Solid waste; establishing plans and programs to reduce waste generated, recycle waste, develop markets for recyclables, address materials that cause special problems in the waste stream, prevent, control, and abate litter, inform and educate the public on proper waste management; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF17—Heap (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
See above

HF18—Lynch IR
Environment & Natural Resources
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HF19—Bennett (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
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HF20—Frederick (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
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HF21—Redalen (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
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Environment & Natural Resources
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HF23—Stanlus (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
See above

HF24—Abrams (IR)
Environment & Natural Resources
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Friday, September 29

HF25—Carruthers (DFL)
Regulated Industries
Liquor; authorizing an on-sale liquor license for the Earle Brown Heritage Center.

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