

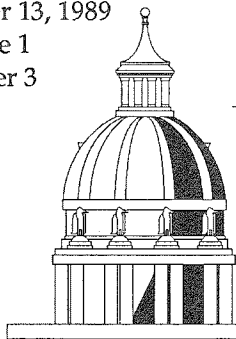
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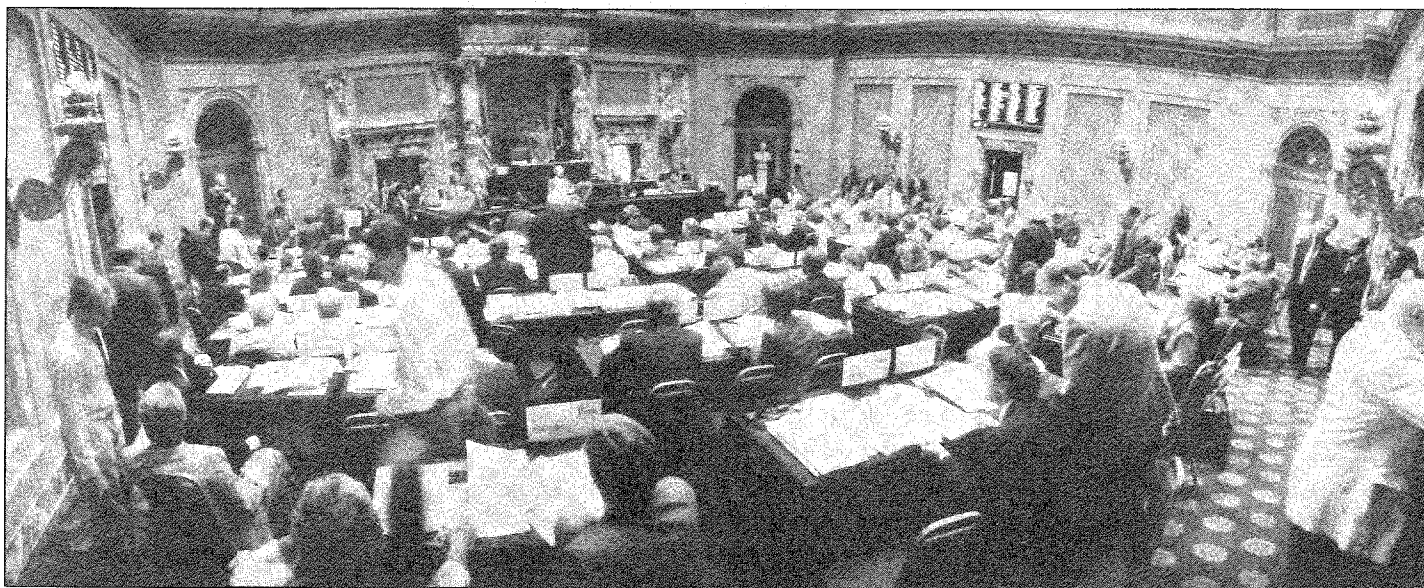
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# Interim Report

Minnesota House of Representatives



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.

**JOINT MEETING:**

**Health & Human Services Division/  
APPROPRIATIONS**

**Veterans Affairs Subcommittee/  
GENERAL LEGISLATION,  
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING**

Luverne High School, Little Theatre,  
709 N Kniss, Luverne

Chrs. Reps. Lee Greenfield and  
Andy Steensma

**Agenda:** Luverne Veterans' Home.

**Community Stabilization  
& Development Division/  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Murray County Courthouse Annex,  
28th and Broadway, Slayton

Chr. Rep. Karen Clark

**Agenda:** HF631 (Clark) Community  
stabilization bill and other related issues.

**EDUCATION**

Jackson High School,  
Media Room, Jackson

Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

**Agenda:** Children at risk.

**Tax Increment Finance Round Table/  
TAXES**

Pipestone

Chr. Rep. Ann Rest

**Agenda:** Tour of tax increment finance  
districts.

2:00 p.m.

**Criminal Justice Division/JUDICIARY**

Worthington Community College,  
1450 College Way, Fine Arts Building,  
Room 408, Worthington

Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga

**Agenda:** Divorce: Why kids don't profit  
(economic impact on divorce and gender  
bias in divorce settlements).

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT  
RELATIONS**

Worthington Community College,  
1450 College Way, Fine Arts Building,  
Theatre, Worthington

Chr. Rep. Joe Begich

**Agenda:** Workers' compensation.

3:15 p.m.

**AGRICULTURE**

Worthington Community College,  
1450 College Way, Agriculture Building,  
Room 506, Worthington

Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

**Agenda:** HF31 (Marsh) Wetlands  
legislation. Federal milk marketing  
orders; bovine growth hormone.

3:45 p.m.

**ENVIRONMENT  
& NATURAL RESOURCES**

Herlein-Boote Wildlife  
Management Area, Worthington

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

**Agenda:** Tour of Herlein-Boote Wildlife  
Management Area.

8:00 p.m.

**Town Meeting**

Fulda Grade School, Lafayette Ave.  
and 3rd St., Fulda

Thursday, Oct. 19

8:30 a.m.

• **Breakfast in Luverne**

**INSURANCE**

The Pantry, 214 E Main St.

• **Breakfast in Pipestone**

**Subcommittee on Agriculture Finance  
and Farm Programs/AGRICULTURE**

Lange's Cafe, Hwys. 75 and 23

• **Breakfast in Pipestone**

**REGULATED INDUSTRIES**

Villager Cafe, Hwy. 75 N. (past Hwy. 23)

• **Breakfast in Slayton**

**International Trade  
& Technology Division/  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Country Host Restaurant, corner of  
Hwys. 59 and 30

• **Breakfast in Windom**

**Health & Human Services Division/  
APPROPRIATIONS**

Mom's Kitchen, 923 3rd Ave.

• **Breakfast in Windom**

**TRANSPORTATION**

Corner Cafe, 302 10th St.

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL  
RESOURCES**

Heron Lake/Lakefield

Chr. Rep. Willard Munger

**Agenda:** Tour of Heron Lake Restoration  
Project.

9:45 a.m.

**Subcommittee on Agriculture Finance  
and Farm Programs/AGRICULTURE**

Southwestern Technical College  
(Pipestone campus), Room 222,  
Pipestone

Chr. Rep. Wally Sparby

**Agenda:** Overview of new Rural Finance  
Administration (RFA) loan program;  
contract feeding operations and issues.

**Health & Human Services Division/  
APPROPRIATIONS**

City Hall Council Chambers,  
444 9th St., Windom

Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield

**Agenda:** Rural physician recruitment.

**International Trade  
& Technology Division/  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Murray County Courthouse Annex,  
28th and Broadway, Slayton

Chr. Rep. Leo Reding

**Agenda:** Examine success of state-  
funded programs aimed at increasing  
foreign sales of agricultural products.

**INSURANCE**

Tri-State Insurance Company, One  
Round Wind Road (on Blue Mound Ave.,  
six blocks north of Main St.), Luverne

Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund

**Agenda:** Comprehensive Health Associa-  
tion: open forum.

**REGULATED INDUSTRIES**

Southwestern Technical College  
(Pipestone campus), Room 215,  
Pipestone

Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs

**Agenda:** Telephone party lines and  
Gopher State One-Call.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Windom High School, 1400 17th St.,  
Auditorium, Windom

Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis

**Agenda:** Open forum on transportation  
issues.

2:00 p.m.

**Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-  
State Division/APPROPRIATIONS**

Worthington Community College,  
1450 College Way, Agriculture Building,  
Room 506, Worthington

Chr. Rep. James Rice

**Agenda:** Greater Minnesota Corporation.

**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

Worthington Community College,  
1450 College Way, Fine Arts Building,  
Theatre, Worthington

Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau

**Agenda:** Comparable worth.

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# From governor's veto to special session



Aug. 10, 1989: Surrounded by graphs and charts, Gov. Rudy Perpich released his tax reform proposal at the Capitol.

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.

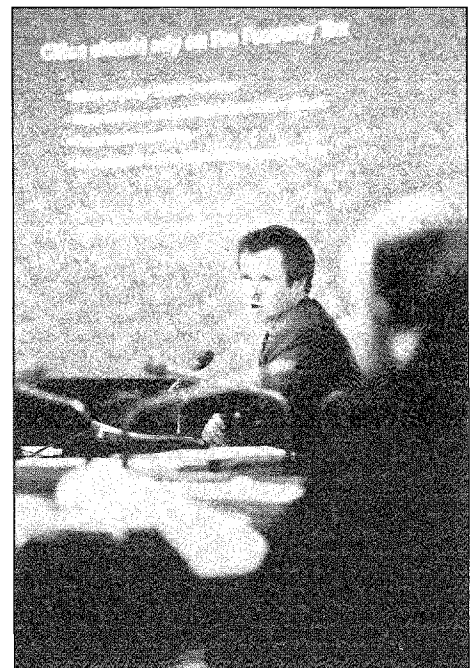


*Photo right*

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*

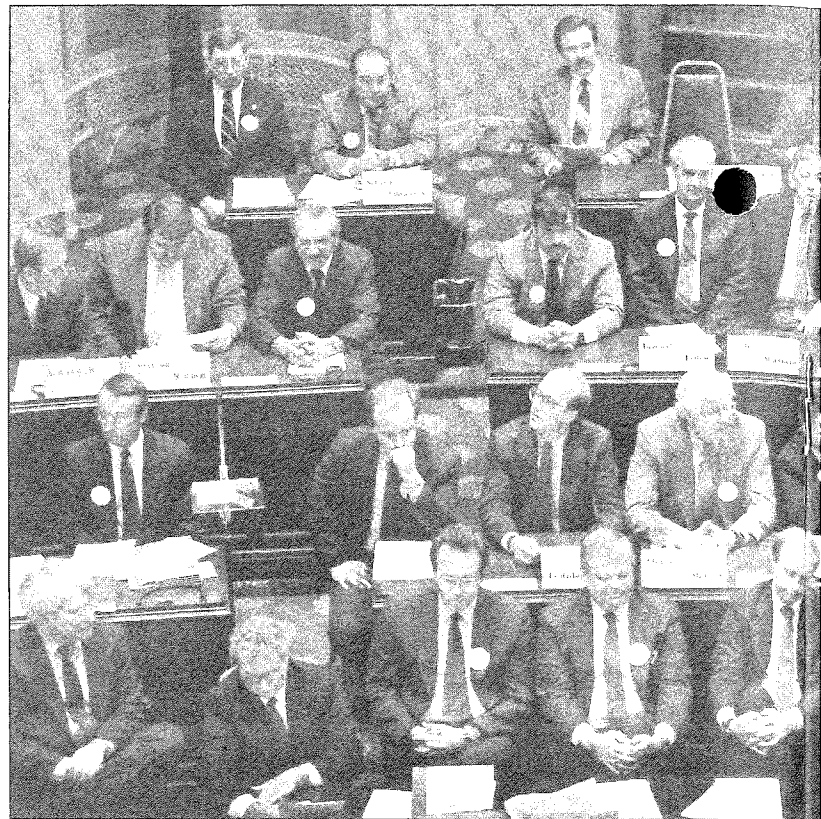
Aug. 30 - Sept. 25, 1989: The House-Senate Reconciliation Team held numerous public meetings. Rep. Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park), House minority leader, Sen. Duane Benson (IR-Lanesboro), Senate minority leader, and Sen. John Bernhagen, assistant Senate minority leader, conferred before the team's final meeting.







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...



Sept. 26, 1989: The House Taxes Committee heard public testimony on the proposed 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.

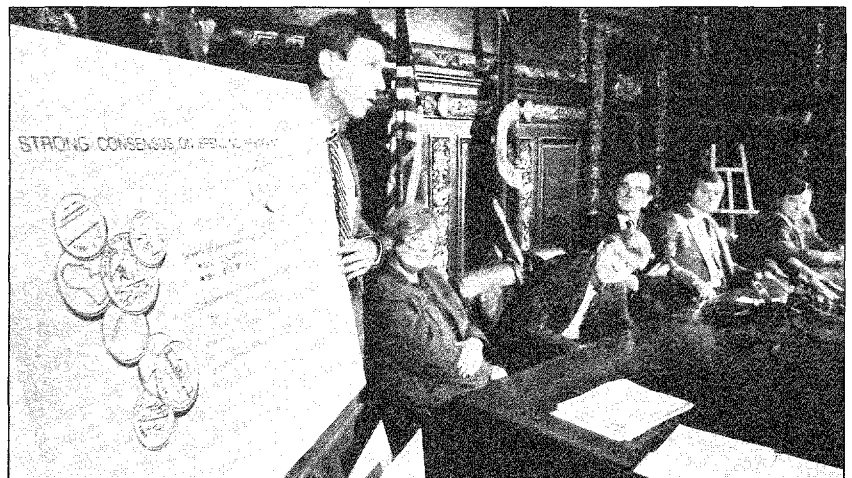




Legislative representatives have conducted legislative business in the Senate Chamber.



*Photo left*  
**Sept. 29, 1989:** After an oral roll call, Chief Clerk Edward Burdick handed Speaker Rep. Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) the final vote total on the tax bill. The House passed the bill on a 102-27 vote.



**Sept. 29, 1989:** Tom Triplett, commissioner of finance, told the governor and legislative leaders about the effects of the tax bill at a news conference immediately following the adjournment of the House and Senate.

***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.



*Photo left*  
**Oct. 3, 1989:** To underscore the waste reduction and recycling provisions in the tax bill, the governor signed the bill atop a podium built of crushed aluminum beverage containers at the Dakota County Recyclables Collection Center in Burnsville.

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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 Scheid

**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 Worthing-  
ton Airport on the local economy.

Friday, Oct. 20

8:30 a.m.

**• Breakfast in Jackson**

**Education Division/  
APPROPRIATIONS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Southwestern Technical College Cafete-  
ria (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.

**Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-  
State Division/APPROPRIATIONS  
Luverne**

Chr. Rep. James Rice  
**Agenda:** Tour of historic Luverne  
buildings.

**Education Division/  
APPROPRIATIONS**  
Southwestern Technical College  
(Jackson campus), 401 West St.,  
Room 107-109, Jackson

Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson  
**Agenda:** Overviews of technical colleges  
and community colleges; presentation of  
capital requests; presentation on inter-  
system cooperation.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Southwestern Technical College  
(Jackson campus), 401 West St.,  
Auditorium, Jackson  
Chr. Rep. Todd Otis

**Agenda:** HF71 (K. Olson) Creating  
county economic development  
authorities.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Southwestern Technical College  
(Pipestone campus), Room 215,  
Pipestone  
Chr. Rep. Paul Ogren  
**Agenda:** Health care on the family farm.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Luverne Armory, corner of Freeman and  
railroad tracks, Luverne  
Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis  
**Agenda:** Buffalo Ridge Railroad.

# Special Session Committee & Floor Action

## COMMITTEE ACTION

### APPROPRIATIONS

Wednesday, Sept. 27

**Taxes—property tax changes**  
HF1/SF1 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—  
recommended to pass; rereferred to  
Taxes Committee.

### JUDICIARY

Wednesday, Sept. 27

**Session Laws 1989—revisor's  
corrections**  
HF2 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—  
recommended to pass.

### TAXES

Wednesday, Sept. 27

**Taxes—property tax changes**  
HF1/SF1 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—  
recommended to pass as amended.

## FLOOR ACTION

### SUSPENSION OF RULES

Thursday, Sept. 28

**Taxes—property tax changes**  
HF1\*/SF1 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—passed as  
amended (107-26).

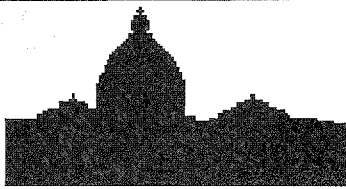
**Session Laws 1989—  
revisor's corrections**  
HF2\*/SF4 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—  
passed as amended (132-0).

### CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

Friday, Sept. 29

**Taxes—property tax changes**  
HF1\*/SF1 (Long, DFL-Mpls)—repassed  
as amended by the Senate (102-27).





# Bill Introductions Special Session HF1 - 25

## 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 Falcon Heights and Lauderdale; extending the duration of tax increment financing districts in the cities of Moorhead and Chanhausen; 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 procedures for allocating costs of certain human services between the state and county agencies; imposing penalties; appropriating money; amending statutes; repealing statutes; proposing coding for new 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

See above

### HF7—Lynch (IR)

#### Rules & Legislative Administration

See above

### HF8—Gruenes (IR)

#### Rules & Legislative Administration

See above

### HF9—Macklin (IR)

#### Rules & Legislative Administration

See above

### HF10—Stanius (IR)

#### Rules & Legislative Administration

See above

### HF11—Valento (IR)

#### Rules & Legislative Administration

See above

### HF12—Weaver (IR)

#### Rules & Legislative Administration

See above

### HF13—Poppenhagen (IR)

#### Rules & Legislative Administration

See above

### HF14—McDonald (IR)

#### Rules & Legislative Administration

See above

### HF15—Schreiber (IR)

#### Rules & Legislative Administration

See above

### 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

See above

### HF19—Bennett (IR)

#### Environment & Natural Resources

See above

### HF20—Frederick (IR)

#### Environment & Natural Resources

See above

### HF21—Redalen (IR)

#### Environment & Natural Resources

See above

### HF22—Valento (IR)

#### Environment & Natural Resources

See above

### HF23—Stanius (IR)

#### Environment & Natural Resources

See above

### HF24—Abrams (IR)

#### Environment & Natural Resources

See above

## 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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