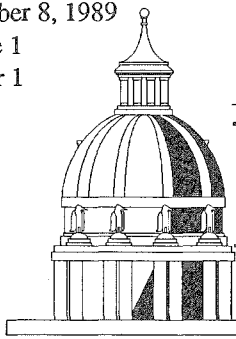


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is a public information service of the Minnesota House of Representatives. This issue features a photo story on the Minnesota House of Representatives Information Exhibit at the State Fair, and the meeting schedule for the upcoming mini-session in the cities of Winona and Rochester, Sept. 13-16.

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What is a mini-session?

A mini-session is a concentrated series of committee meetings held during the interim (the time between the two regular sessions of the biennium). During mini-sessions, representatives may study proposed legislation, conduct public hearings, and make formal recommendations on bills.

The Minnesota House of Representatives has scheduled three such sessions this year: Winona and Rochester (Sept. 13-16); Worthington (Oct. 18-20); and Moorhead (Nov. 15-17). In past years, the House has held mini-sessions in Alexandria, Eveleth, Mankato, and St. Paul.

Meetings away from the Capitol help bring state government to residents who otherwise may not have the chance participate in the process. Topics for mini-sessions vary, but usually include concerns of local residents. When legislators are not in committee meetings, they often tour surrounding areas, participate in community activities, and meet with local residents.

The Legislature has held mini-sessions since 1972 when voters approved the flexible sessions constitutional amendment. The amendment marked the third time 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). Lawmakers, however, may continue committee work during the recess with the same power to make recommendations on bills that they have during a legislative session.



For the 16th consecutive year, the Minnesota House of Representatives went to the State Fair. At the information exhibit in the Education Building, fairgoers could visit with House members and staff, get answers to questions about state government, and pick up materials about the Legislature and the legislative process. (See photo story on page 3.)

Mini-Session Schedule

Sept. 13 - 16, 1989 • Winona and Rochester

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

12:45 p.m.

EDUCATION

College of St. Teresa, Lourdes Hall,
North Lounge

Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern

Agenda: State math and science high school.

WINONA

Wednesday, Sept. 13

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE

Lewiston High School Gymnasium,
Lewiston

Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel

Agenda: Vertical integration (stockyards) bill and briefing on agricultural property taxes.

JUDICIARY/Privacy Subcommittee

Winona State University, Kryzsko
Commons, Purple Room 104

Chr. Rep. Tom Pugh

Agenda: Annandale decision (data privacy).

RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TASK FORCE

Winona State University, Kryzsko
Commons, Purple Room 106

Agenda: Rural emergency medical services.

FAIR *'Step right up, folks!'*



"Try your hand at a computer game!"



"Here's a sensational souvenir!"

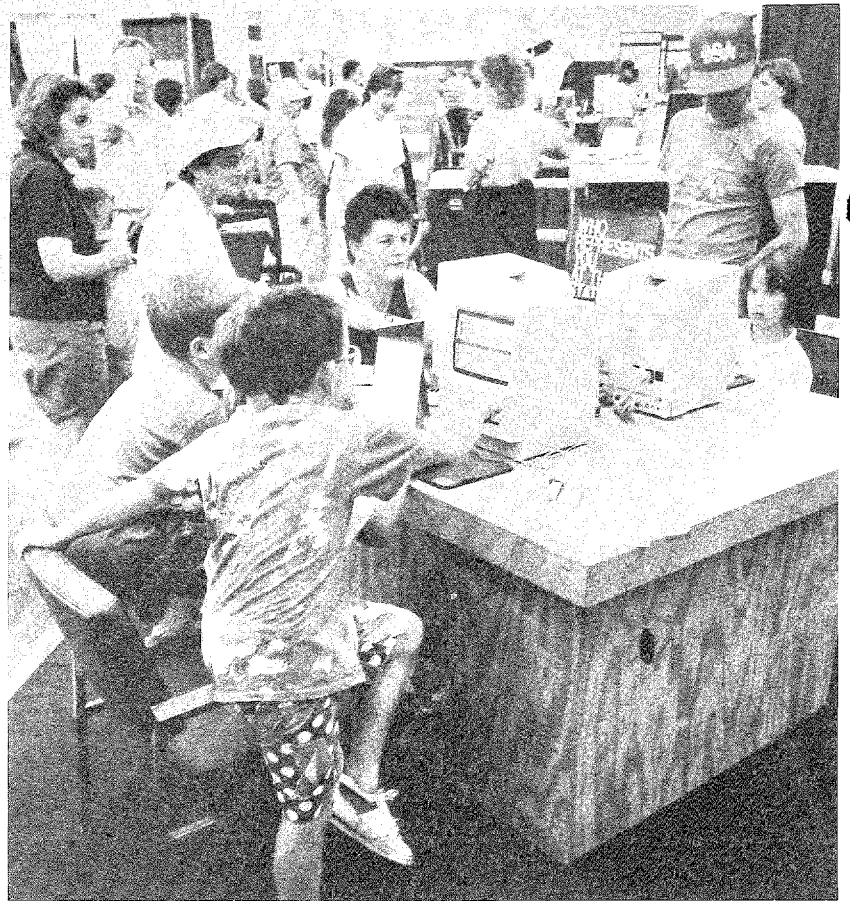
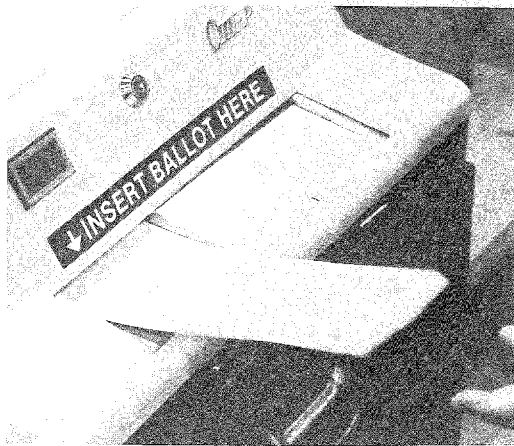
More than 500,000 fairgoers, all ages included, visited the Minnesota House of Representatives Information Exhibit in the Education Building during the State Fair. Some stopped to glance at legislative district maps with lawmakers' photos to find out who represents them at the State Capitol. Others took a four-part quiz on Macintosh computers to test their knowledge of state government. Children who played the State Symbols Game discovered that the loon is Minnesota's official state bird, and milk, the state drink.

The annual unofficial opinion poll asked fairgoers questions on several unresolved issues and gave them a chance to cast their ballots on an Optech III-P optical scanning machine, which some Minnesotans used for the first time in the 1988 general election.

Many visitors stopped to chat with state representatives and almost 10,000 picked up visor caps adorned with the State Capitol dome. The visors gave fairgoers a chance to take the dome home!



"Share your opinions with us!"



1989 State Fair Unofficial Opinion Poll

The Minnesota House of Representatives information exhibit gave more than 9,000 fairgoers the chance to express their opinions on five current issues using an Optech III-P electronic scanning machine.

Total ballots cast: 9,478*

Should the Minnesota Legislature:

1) ...restrict the number of hours that high school students may work during a school week (from Sunday through Thursday)?

Yes	No	Total
5,635	3,724	9,359
(60%)	(40%)	

2) ...adopt a statewide comprehensive recycling program?

Yes	No	Total
8,683	693	9,376
(93%)	(7%)	

3) ...require employers to provide advance notice of plant closings?

Yes	No	Total
7,670	1,644	9,314
(82%)	(18%)	

4) ...permit cities throughout Minnesota to have gambling parlors that televise races originating from Canterbury Downs?

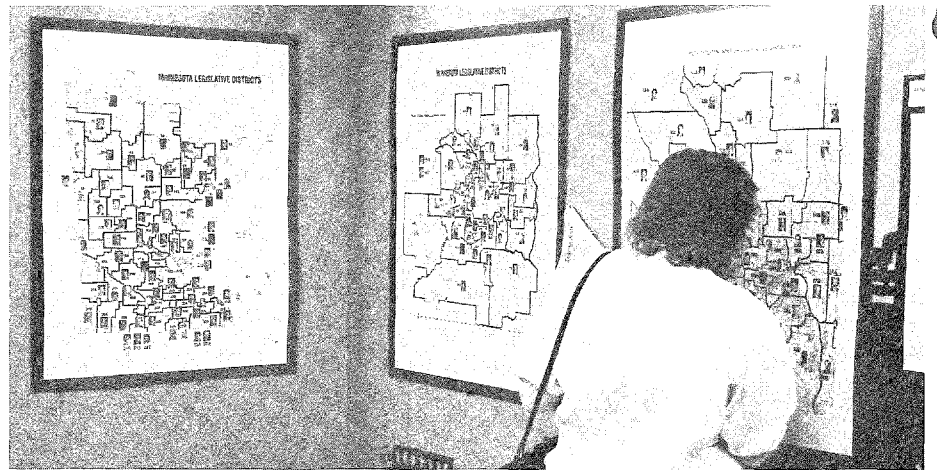
Yes	No	Total
2,964	6,348	9,312
(32%)	(68%)	

5) ...require the state to subsidize (partially pay for) health insurance for uninsured people?

Yes	No	Total
5,147	4,091	9,238
(56%)	(44%)	

* Questions left unanswered account for discrepancies in totals.

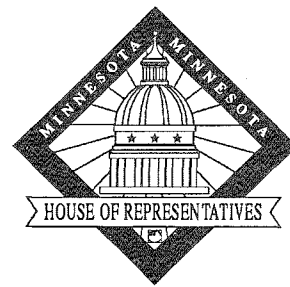
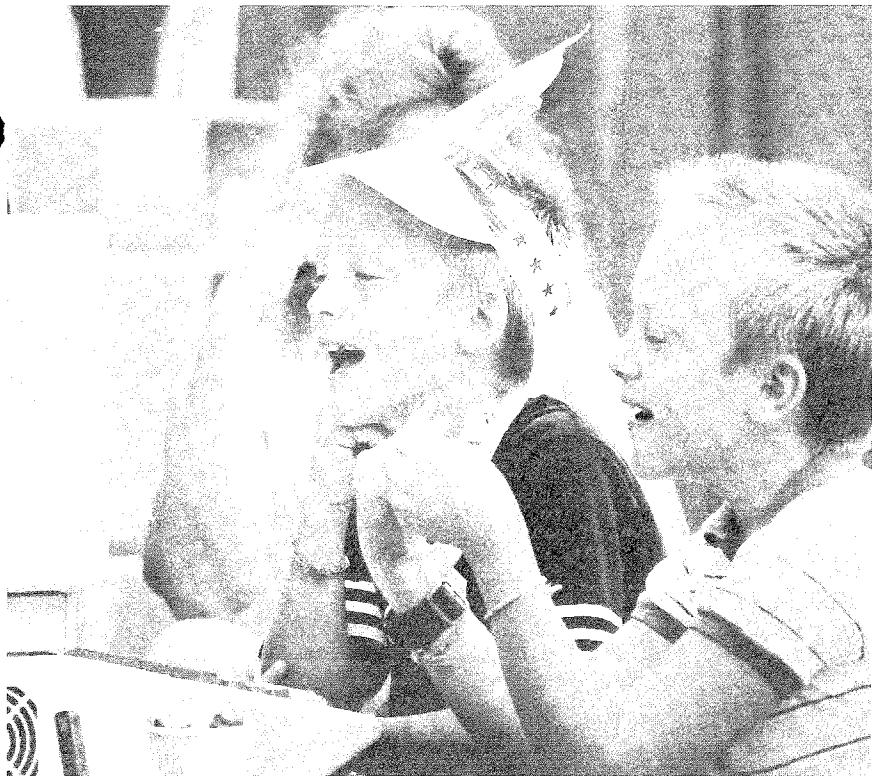
"Try a Macintosh computer! Move the mouse! Click on your answer!"



"Find out who represents you at the State Capitol!"



"Yes, wild rice really is the state grain!"



House members at the fair

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|--|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Doug Carlson
IR-Sandstone | Virgil J. Johnson
IR-Caledonia | Paul Anders Ogren
DFL-Aitkin | Linda Runbeck
IR-Circle Pines |
| Roger Cooper
DFL-Bird Island | Henry J. Kalls
DFL-Walters | Sally Olsen
IR-St. Louis Park | Gary Schafer
IR-Gibbon |
| Terry Dempsey
IR-New Ulm | Harold Lasley
DFL-Cambridge | Tom Osthoff
DFL-St. Paul | Arthur W. Seaberg
IR-Eagan |
| Steve Dille
IR-Dassel | Teresa Lynch
IR-Andover | Don Ostrom
DFL-St. Peter | Gloria Segal
DFL-St. Louis Park |
| Marcel Frederick
IR-Mankato | K.J. McDonald
IR-Watertown | Gene Pelowski, Jr.
DFL-Winona | Wayne Simoneau
DFL-Fridley |
| Dean Hartle
IR-Owatonna | Mary Jo McGuire
DFL-Falcon Heights | Jerome 'JP' Peterson
DFL-Princeton | Loren A. Solberg
DFL-Bovey |
| Kris Hasskamp
DFL-Crosby | Harriet McPherson
IR-Stillwater | Thomas W. Pugh
DFL-South St. Paul | Brad Stanius
IR-White Bear Lake |
| Bob Haukoos
IR-Albert Lea | Robert P. Milbert
DFL-South St. Paul | Ann H. Rest
DFL-New Hope | Don Valento
IR-Little Canada |
| Gene Hugoson
IR-Granada | Connie Morrison
IR-Burnsville | Peter Rodosovich
DFL-Faribault | Bob Waltman
IR-Elgin |
| Richard H. Jefferson
DFL-Minneapolis | Clair Nelson
DFL-Barrett | Tom Rukavina
DFL-Virginia | Ted Winter
DFL-Fulda |
| Alice M. Johnson
DFL-Spring Lake Park | | | |

"Discover your government I.Q.!"



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Friday, Sept. 15

8:00 a.m.

OPEN TOUR

Agenda: Tour College of St. Teresa and Winona Technical College Aviation Training Center.

9:00 a.m.

**JOINT MEETING:
AGRICULTURE and
ENVIRONMENT
& NATURAL RESOURCES**

Preston and Lanesboro
Chrs. Reps. Steve Wenzel
and Willard Munger
Agenda: Tour - Preston Tire Recycling,
composting, sink holes, and Forest
Resource Center.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
Health & Human Services Division**

Byron State-Operated
Community Facility, Byron
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Tour of Byron State-Operated
Community Facility (SOCS) for the
Developmentally Disabled.
(Members only)

JUDICIARY/Civil Law Subcommittee

Winona State University, Kryzsko
Commons, Purple Room 106
Chr. Rep. Howard Orenstein
Agenda: Pro bono work.

ROCHESTER

1:45 p.m.

**AGRICULTURE/
Grasshopper Control Subcommittee**

Rochester Community College,
Coffman Room
Chr. Rep. Wally Sparby
Agenda: Recommendations.

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

Rochester Technical College,
Room 3-109
Chr. Rep. Leo Reding
Agenda: Trade promotion for small- and
medium-sized businesses.

**JOINT MEETING:
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES and
JUDICIARY**

Rochester Community College,
Hill Theatre
Chrs. Reps. Paul Anders Ogren and
Randy Kelly
Agenda: Background information on the
Webster decision.

INSURANCE

Mayo Clinic, Guggenheim Building,
Charlton Auditorium
Chr. Rep. Wes Skoglund
Agenda: Infertility: insurance coverage
policies.

3:45 p.m.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
Health & Human Services Division**

Mayo Clinic, Baldwin Building,
Community Education Room
Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield
Agenda: Medical practice style at the
Mayo Clinic.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Rochester Community College,
Room U234
Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau
Agenda: New state flag.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
& METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS**

Rochester Community College,
Room U239
Chr. Rep. David Battaglia
Agenda: Zoning and planning bill.

**TRANSPORTATION/
Air Transportation Subcommittee**

Rochester Community College,
Room U241
Chr. Rep. Bernie Lieder
Agenda: Economic impact of airport
on local economy.

Saturday, Sept. 16

9:00 a.m.

**TAXES/Property Tax Subcommittee
Tour**

Chr. Rep. Ann Rest
Agenda: Tour tax increment financing
projects (optional).

10:00 a.m.

**APPROPRIATIONS/
Education Division**

Rochester Community College,
Coffman Room
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Background information from
all postsecondary systems operating in
Rochester; tour of community college
and technical college bonding requests.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Rochester Community College,
Room U241
Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs
Agenda: Service area boundaries.

TAXES/Property Tax Subcommittee

Rochester Community College,
Room U262
Chr. Rep. Ann Rest
Agenda: Tax increment financing.

Thanks, readers!

We appreciate
your calls,
letters, questions

The term 'session'

In the Legislature, the word "session" has several meanings:

- **Session:** the biennial (two-year) period during which the Legislature meets, e.g., the 76th Session.
- **Daily session:** a meeting of the House or Senate in their respective chambers. Many people use the term "daily session" interchangeably with "legislative day."
- **Joint session:** meeting of the House and Senate together, same as joint convention.
- **Mini-session:** a concentrated series of committee meetings held in the interim during which lawmakers may consider proposed legislation and recommend action on bills.
- **Regular session:** the annual meeting of the Legislature between the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January (1989 session: Jan. 3), and the first Monday after the third Saturday in May (1989 session: May 22).
- **Special or extra session:** a session held after the expiration of 120 legislative days in a biennium or after the date the law prescribes for annual adjournment. Only the governor may call the Legislature into special (or extra) session. But the governor may not dictate the matters the Legislature will consider, nor the length of the special session.



Sparks flew in the House Chamber Aug. 22, but not because of a proposed tax plan. Jerry Rock, an employee of Peoples Electric Co., cut electrical conduit during demolition of the Chamber. Workers are remodeling the House Chamber during the interim. Target date for completion is Feb. 12, 1990, when the House reconvenes for the second half of the regular legislative session.



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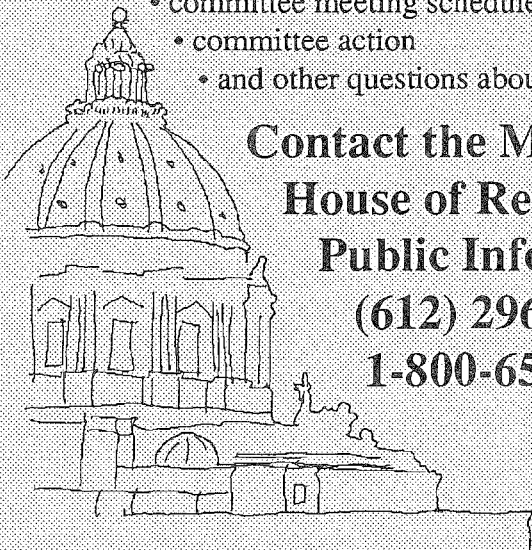
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