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Flashback to 2002

Vikings propose sharing stadium with the Gophers

The 2002 legislative session began with the challenge of fixing a \$1.95 billion deficit and dealing with task force recommendations on a new Twins baseball park and a new football stadium to be shared by the Minnesota Vikings and the University of Minnesota.

State participation in a new Twins stadium would be contingent on the reform of baseball's economic structure, including some form of payroll equalization between teams, the task force proposed.

The Vikings proposed a \$500 million retractable-roof facility to be shared with the Gophers on the University of Minnesota campus. Renovation of the Metrodome was not considered viable by the task force.

"A renovated Metrodome would still lack many of the fan amenities characteristic of newer stadiums," the recommendation stated. Additionally, Vikings' officials said the team would not renew its lease in a renovated facility.

The recommendation urged the National Football League to aid in new stadium construction.

— Feb. 2, 2002 Session Weekly

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On the cover: Reagan and Will Zellers help their father, House Speaker Kurt Zellers, gavel-in the first day of the 2012 session on Jan. 24. The photo was taken with a special lens that gives a "toy camera" effect.

— Photo by Paul Battaglia



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Big plans, short session

Vikings, bonding, government reform top the agenda in 2012

BY NICK BUSSE

Lawmakers kicked off a legislative session Jan. 24 that features some lofty goals: a new stadium for the Minnesota Vikings, a capital investment bill, sweeping government reforms and thousands of new jobs for Minnesotans.

But with legislative leaders pledging an early adjournment, time is short. The partisan differences that turned last year's session into a bitter struggle are still firmly in place, and even where there is consensus on issues, lawmakers disagree on solutions.

In short, all bets are off in 2012.

House Speaker Kurt Zellers (R-Maple Grove) says the House has only budgeted for

a very short session, and he sees no reason for legislators to stay in St. Paul past April 30.

"It's not just a matter of fiscal prudence," Zellers said. "If there isn't work to be done down here, we don't need to waste the taxpayers' time."

Unlike last year's budget crisis, the top items on this year's agenda, strictly speaking,

aren't required to be addressed by the Legislature. And with the redrawing of legislative districts throwing the fall elections for a loop, many would prefer to get out of St. Paul as quickly as possible.

Still, leaders are hoping for a productive next few months. House Minority Leader Paul Thissen (DFL-Mpls) says the state's projected \$876 million budget surplus — its first surplus in nearly five years — might help lawmakers to focus on building consensus this year instead of tearing down each other's ideas.

"I think the fact that, at least for right now, this year ... we're not going to have to cut any more to balance the budget will make things easier," Thissen said.

Zellers, too, thinks that a repeat of last year's drawn-out partisan gridlock is unlikely.

"I would say to the taxpayers, the voters of Minnesota that are concerned about that, we're going to do our darndest not to have that happen again this year," Zellers said.

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Competing jobs agendas

If there is an overarching theme emerging for this session, it's jobs.

Both Zellers and Thissen say their respective caucuses' No. 1 priority is to help the state's approximately 175,000 unemployed workers find employment. And both have expressed a willingness to work

investment package as part of last summer's budget agreement, and many Republicans don't think a second bill is necessary.

"We think that the need has to define the size of the bonding bill," he said, indicating that his caucus might support a smaller proposal.

It's not just the size of the DFL bonding plan that bothers Republicans; Zellers said they view public works projects as merely a stopgap measure for employment. Long-term growth, Republicans believe, comes from private investment.

"Those workers undeniably go to work," Zellers said. "But what we maintain in our caucus, and I personally believe, that if you want long-term, sustainable growth, you do it in the private sector, not the public sector."

The Republicans' version of a jobs plan is focused on improving the state's business climate. On Jan. 19, Republican leaders formally announced their "Reform 2.0" agenda — an expansion of their government reform initiatives from last year. Its goal is to reduce the impact of government on Minnesotans, streamline burdensome regulations and generally make the state a more attractive place for businesses.

"If you free up the entrepreneurs, the hard-working women and men of our great state, they'll build an economy that is sustainable, and we'll lead the recovery instead of waiting for it to come here," Zellers said.

"Reform 2.0" includes dozens of individual proposals, many of them hatched during face-to-face meetings with business owners. Zellers said he's hoping that at least some of those ideas are well received by the governor and the DFLers.

"We are going to work with the governor; we've proven we can work with him on a

number of reform initiatives," Zellers said.

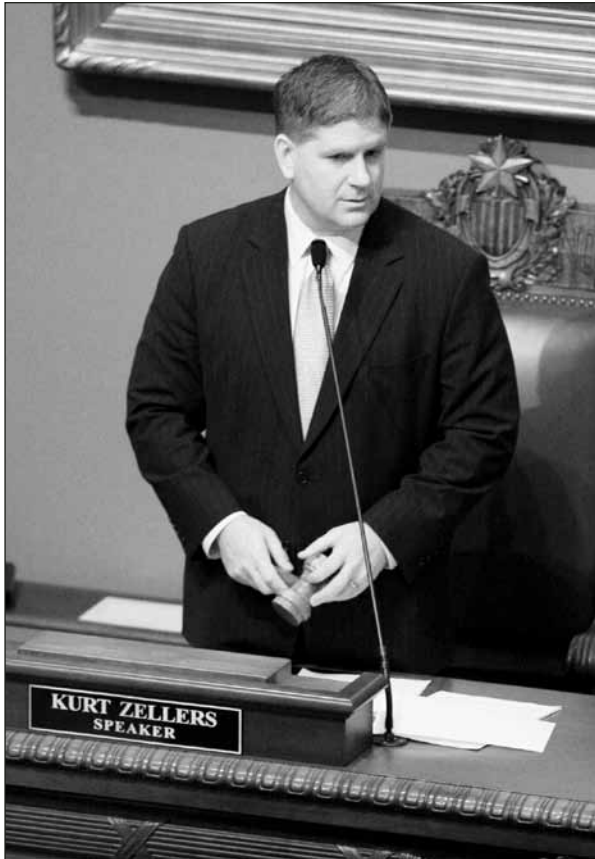
Thissen says DFLers can support reform bills as long as they're not thinly veiled attempts to cut valuable programs and services.

"I think you'll see Democrats embracing good ideas about how to make government work better — as long as it's about that," he said.

A year for compromise?

The other big issue hanging over lawmakers this year, according to proponents, is also a potential job creator: funding for a new Vikings stadium.

Dayton is an adamant supporter of a new stadium, arguing it will employ thousands of construction workers, and both Zellers and Thissen say they think a plan to build a new stadium should come up for a vote on the



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— Speaker Kurt Zellers

across party lines.

On Jan. 11, Gov. Mark Dayton and DFL legislative leaders unveiled their jobs plan, which includes a \$775 million capital investment bill, a "new jobs tax credit" to help companies hire unemployed workers and veterans, a sales tax on Internet purchases and incentives for workers to retrain.

"What we came up with, I think, is a very modest but very targeted package aimed at getting people back to work," Thissen said.

So far, Republicans have expressed skepticism regarding the plan — especially its large bonding component. Zellers points out that lawmakers passed a \$498 million capital



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— Minority Leader Paul Thissen

House floor this year. Everyone agrees the clock is ticking.

The problem, right now, seems to be the absence of a clear proposal for lawmakers to even consider.

"This has to be a good deal on location, it has to be a really good deal on financing ... it also has to be good infrastructure," Zellers said. "Nothing precludes it from happening, but I think a lot of those things need to gel together really quickly."

Thissen said he's not sure how a vote would pan out on a stadium bill. He said there will likely be some DFLers who would support it and others who reject it.

"Whether it goes up or down, I don't have the answer to that right now. But it's something that people are clearly interested in. There are good arguments on both sides of the issue," Thissen said.

Issues like the Vikings stadium, bonding and certain government reform initiatives might find some bipartisan support this year, but the goodwill between the two parties could be fragile.

One issue likely to divide the House along party lines this year is legislation regarding a proposed constitutional amendment requiring voters to show a photo identification. Last year, a bill to require photo ID passed the House and Senate largely along party lines, only to be vetoed by Dayton. A bill for a constitutional amendment would allow Republicans to circumvent the governor and put the issue directly to the voters.

The issue is deeply unpopular with DFLers, but Zellers said it's been thoroughly vetted and is overwhelmingly supported by Minnesotans.

"That's something that the voters should really decide," Zellers said.

Other potential constitutional amendments include a proposal that tax increases be approved by a supermajority of lawmakers and that membership in unions become voluntary. Zellers did not comment on those proposals, but Thissen said he thinks any push for constitutional amendments is a bad idea.

"None of these constitutional amendments that have been proposed are going to put anybody back to work. None of them are going to improve our economy in any way, so it doesn't make any sense from my perspective to spend any time on them at all," Thissen said.

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Zellers and Thissen preview the 2012 session



House Speaker Kurt Zellers

On creating jobs:

Zellers: "If you free up the entrepreneurs, the hard-working women and men of our great state, they'll build an economy that is sustainable, and we'll lead the recovery instead of waiting for it to come here. Passing a bonding bill is kind of like a stop-gap to wait until the rest of the economy picks up."

Thissen: "One of the things we hear everybody talking about is this focus on jobs. You know, last year there was that same kind of mantra and we got a little off track. We passed constitutional amendments and other stuff that didn't really focus in on our economy. This year... I hope we do stick to that laser focus on jobs."

On a new Vikings stadium:

Zellers: "It has to be a good deal for taxpayers all-around. And if that comes to fruition this session — you know, nothing precludes it from happening, but I think a lot of those things need to gel together and really quickly, early in session so that we can get through the details of it."

Thissen: "There's going to be Democrats who support a stadium, there's going to be Democrats who oppose a stadium. It's going to be something that we need to give a full and robust debate to, and I think we probably should ultimately move it to a vote."

On a bonding bill:

Zellers: "Zero is probably not enough and \$1 billion is way too much... We think that need has to define the size of the bonding bill."

Thissen: "What we want to do is give incentives, to work with those particularly troubling areas of our economic and employment situation... The bonding bill is part of that."



House Minority Leader Paul Thissen

On constitutional amendments:

Zellers: "I think photo ID — we've vetted that fairly thoroughly through I can't even remember how many committees That's something that the voters should really decide, and it has vast, vast support among Minnesotans."

Thissen: "None of these constitutional amendments that have been proposed are going to put anybody back to work, none of them are going to improve our economy in any way, so it doesn't make any sense from my perspective to spend any time on them at all."

On a government reform:

Zellers: "A lot of it is going to be reform for the sake of reform this year — maybe not reform for the sake of having a \$5 billion budget hole to fill How can we actually get more dollars to people who need it, to the programs that need it, to the roads that need it, vs. just putting it into the bureaucracy?"

Thissen: "I think you'll see Democrats embracing good ideas about how to make government work better — as long as it's about that, as long as it's about making sure we're delivering services as effectively and efficiently to the people of Minnesota as possible."

On compromise vs. principles:

Zellers: "If the governor doesn't agree with us and vetoes the bills, I'll do my darndest and try to be a good salesman and help him see the benefit in it. But at the end of the day, if he doesn't choose to sign those bills, that's OK too. We'll keep asking. If you don't ask, you don't get."

Thissen: "You can do both things; you can stand up for your principles but also reach solutions that work for Minnesotans — as long as your principles are about what's good for your constituents and for Minnesota."

HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 24 - 26, 2012

Editor's note: The following Highlights are coverage of select bills heard committees and other House activities held Jan. 24-26. Designations used in Highlight summaries: HF-House File; SF-Senate File; Ch-Chapter; and *- the bill version considered by the House or the bill language signed by the governor.

Consumers

Child care bill moves forward

Union dues or fair share fees could not be deducted from the child care assistance fund payments providers receive.

That is the premise of a bill approved by the House Commerce and Regulatory Reform Committee Jan. 24. Sponsored by Rep. Kathy Lohmer (R-Lake Elmo), HF1766 awaits action by the House Health and Human Services Reform Committee. It has no Senate companion.

Committee members viewed letters and heard testimony from child care providers from around the state who expressed concern that a possible increase in costs for them would drive up prices for child care to cover those new expenses. They contend that low-income families would not be able to afford such a price increase and may be turned away by providers.

Cisa Keller, director of government and community relations at New Horizon Academy, is one such provider who spoke in support of the bill. She asserted that affordable child care is especially necessary for low-income parents, who may be working, searching for a job or pursuing higher education. Keller added that children also need the providers to ensure their readiness for school years.

Heather Falk, another provider, agreed that low-income families cannot afford to pay more, but as a parent herself, she cannot afford to charge less. Falk urged the committee to vote in favor of the bill.

Rep. Pat Mazorol (R-Bloomington) questioned the bill's need. He likened the Child Care Assistance Program, which benefits low-income parents, to Medical Assistance. He said Medical Assistance is a functioning, government-financed program

that helps pay for the service of a professional who belongs to a union.

Mazorol asked representatives to consider whether imposing union dues or fair share fees on child care providers would be different. Testifying providers disputed this, saying that they are often self-employed, whereas medical professionals are not.

— E. SCHMIDTKE

Education

Charter school funding contested

Charter schools now receive the same public funds as a public school district, with the exclusion of referendum revenue. That could change.

HF1860, sponsored by Rep. Kelby Woodard (R-Belle Plaine), proposes that referendum revenue be transferred in an equal amount for each student that attends a charter school in his or her resident school district. This increase for charter schools' general education aid would be offset by a corresponding decrease in the resident school districts' general education aid. This would affect Minnesota schools beginning in fiscal year 2014.

Heard Jan. 24 by the House Education Finance Committee, the bill was laid over for possible inclusion in a later bill. It has no Senate companion.

Charter school officials spoke in favor of the bill, arguing that their students are being punished for exercising their right to choose which school they attend.

Woodard defended the bill, saying, "The way I look at it is, we as Minnesotans want to educate those kids and we ought to give them the opportunity to do that. There shouldn't be a consequence for attending a charter school. ... We can all agree that's a good experience for Minnesota kids."

Testifiers from public school districts disagreed, saying they offer services that charter schools do not that require additional funding, such as transportation. They allege that the funding reform would cost districts hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Rep. Mindy Greiling (DFL-Roseville) echoed that response.

"The deal was that charter schools get less money because they would need less money, because they didn't have the rules and regulations of [public] schools. ... It's a zero sum game and we don't want to be party to it. I think it does point out, though, that there isn't enough money for schools."

— E. SCHMIDTKE

Employment

Vets could sue for state job they left

If a veteran returns to find that the job they left behind is no longer available, they can sue their employer — unless it was a job with the state.

Rep. David Dill (DFL-Crane Lake) hopes the bill he introduced last year to change the situation makes it to the governor's desk this year.

HF56, approved Jan. 26 by the House Civil Law Committee, would waive the state's 11th Amendment immunity for claims arising out of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. This federal law prohibits employer discrimination based on military service or obligation. The bill now returns to the full House for consideration. It was waiting there when session adjourned last year, and was returned to the committee to start the process anew.

With few exceptions, the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits a state from being sued in federal court, unless the state has consented to the suit, according to the nonpartisan House Research Department. Employment law rights are granted by federal law, so therefore a returning veteran who alleges violation has little legal recourse.

The companion, SF343, sponsored by Senate Minority Leader Tom Bakk (DFL-Cook), awaits action by the Senate State Government Innovation and Veterans Committee.

— L. SCHUTZ

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SHARING A LAUGH



PHOTO BY ANDREW VONBANK

Rep. Joe Atkins, left, and Rep. Joe Hoppe share a laugh on the House floor while members and staff wait for the 2012 Session to begin Jan. 24.

He was in the audience Jan. 26 when the House Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance Committee approved HF1829 that would allow a county attorney or assistant county attorney to carry a firearm on duty provided they have a state-issued permit to carry. State statute prohibits local government employees, other than licensed peace officers, from carrying firearms. The bill awaits action by the full House. It has no Senate companion.

Rep. Tony Cornish (R-Vernon Center), the bill's sponsor, emphasized the bill was not a direct result of the Grand Marais incident and that it had been brought to him a week before the shooting. However, the incident brought attention to the measure.

"The bill before you would give county attorneys and assistant county attorneys the same carry rights as currently enjoyed by the public defenders, the court administrator, the court administrator's staff, judicial law clerks and the private bar," said Blue Earth County Attorney Ross Arneson. "The bill is about personal safety, not courtroom security."

Assistant Blue Earth County Attorney Chris Rovney spoke about a drug dealer who put out a hit on him and the concern of going about his daily life knowing the criminal knew where Rovney lived and his schedule. Fortunately, the dealer — who unknowingly had been conspiring with a police informant — was caught before he could do any harm. "We're not asking for any greater rights than any other citizen in the State of Minnesota has. We're just asking for parity," Rovney said.

The bill would not supersede a judge's right to ban firearms from their courtroom.

Representatives of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association and Minnesota Association of County Attorneys spoke in favor of the bill.

The committee also approved the Cornish-sponsored HF1879. Sent to the House floor, it would provide enhanced penalties for assaulting or killing a prosecuting attorney while that person performs his or her official duties. It, too, has no Senate companion.

"We've seen an increase in violence against prosecutors," said Paul Beaumaster, Rice County attorney and president of the Minnesota Association of County Attorneys.

— M. COOK

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Env. & Natural Resources

Sanctioned wolf hunt presented

Up to 400 Minnesota wolves could be hunted or trapped late this year, if a wolf hunting season proposed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources becomes law.

The House Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Policy and Finance Committee heard a proposal laying out a wolf hunting season. No action was taken. "There's nothing cooler than the spine-tingling sound of a pack of wolves way, way out around you walking out in a full moon, and they begin to converge," said the committee's chair, Rep. Denny McNamara (R-Hastings), who supports the proposed hunting season.

The proposal is reflected by HF1856, sponsored by Rep. David Dill (DFL-Crane Lake). Dill lives in the northeastern part of the state roamed by the gray wolf, which was removed from the federal endangered species list in late 2011. The bill is expected to get a formal hearing in committee this session.

"I have a fair amount of experience in hunting wolves — in Canada, of course," Dill said.

The state begins managing its wolf

population Jan. 27, after the federal delisting. Dill's bill is a reaction to the federal delisting and growth of Minnesota's gray wolf population to nearly 3,000.

The 400-wolf harvest represents just over 13 percent of Minnesota's wolf population.

The bill was opposed during the hearing by the Humane Society of the United States and the Sierra Club's North Star Chapter.

DNR proposal provides for up to 6,000 hunting or trapping licenses. Each license holder could take one wolf. The DNR has proposed a \$50 license fee for state residents, compared to the \$38 resident license fee in Dill's bill.

There is no Senate companion.

— B. GEIGER

Public Safety

County attorneys could pack heat

Cook County Attorney Tim Scannell is accustomed to prosecuting criminals. Six weeks ago he became a victim of one while doing his job at the county courthouse.

On Dec. 15, Scannell was shot by Daniel Schlienzy after the latter was convicted of third-degree criminal sexual conduct. Scannell was rushed to a Duluth hospital with three gunshot wounds, but survived.

Always looking to help others

Allen brings her fight for social and economic justice to the House

By MIKE COOK

Before she was a teenager, Rep. Susan Allen (DFL-Mpls) knew she wanted to fight for social and economic justice.

Throughout her personal life and professional career, Allen has done that. Now, she'll do it under the Capitol dome.

Allen won a Jan. 10 special election to replace former Rep. Jeff Hayden (DFL-Mpls), who replaced the retiring Sen. Linda Berglin (DFL-Mpls).

A self-described political newcomer, Allen follows a family tradition of activism. She has spent a decade or more on the boards of the ICWA Law Center,

Indigenous Peoples Task Force and the Indian Neighborhood Club on Alcohol and Drugs. The daughter of an Episcopal priest, she said her parents worked hard to change how the church administered its ministries to American Indians throughout the country.

"I grew up moving a lot because my parents didn't want anything to be about them; they wanted to go into a place and organize and move on to the next place," said Allen,

who grew up during a time of political and social change for American Indians. "By the time I was 14 years old, I'd gone to about 20 different schools in five or more states."

Professionally, Allen is a law firm partner who specializes in tax and tribal law. "I've been very lucky to be able to do what I love to do, and what I've wanted to do from a young age," she said. "I've been representing tribes for 14 years. I was general counsel on a variety of matters."

Allen is the first American Indian woman to serve in the Minnesota House. It is a role that she embraces.

"It's about integration, it's not about assimilation," Allen said. "I think it's important that I reflect the diversity of our community in south Minneapolis. ... I realize how important or historic this is in the sense that when young children come to the Capitol and they look at the pictures, they will see somebody who looks like them."

Among her priorities for the 2012 session are addressing the education achievement gap, job training, tax reform and affordable health care for all.

Allen is the second openly gay member to serve in the House, joining Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls). She plans on fighting hard to defeat the proposed constitutional amendment to constitutionally define marriage between one man and one woman.

"It's really about writing discrimination into our constitution," she said.



PHOTO BY ANDREW VONBANK

Rep. Susan Allen, the newest member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, is welcomed on the House floor by her colleagues Jan. 24.

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25A	Gruenhagen, Glenn (R)	575	4229	5A	Rukavina, Tom (DFL)	303	0170
24A	Gunther, Bob (R)	591	3240	53A	Runbeck, Linda (R)	583	2907
48A	Hackbarth, Tom (R)	409	2439	51A	Sanders, Tim (R)	449	4226
22B	Hamilton, Rod (R)	559	5373	54B	Scalze, Bev (DFL)	259	7153
2B	Hancock, David (R)	529	4265	22A	Schomacker, Joe (R)	433	5505
39A	Hansen, Rick (DFL)	247	6828	49A	Scott, Peggy (R)	477	4231
66B	Hausman, Alice (DFL)	255	3824	18A	Shimanski, Ron (R)	367	1534
46B	Hilstrom, Debra (DFL)	261	3709	44A	Simon, Steve (DFL)	279	9889
8A	Hilty, Bill (DFL)	207	4308	55B	Slawik, Nora (DFL)	245	7807
36A	Holberg, Mary Liz (R)	453	6926	63B	Slocum, Linda (DFL)	359	7158
34B	Hoppe, Joe (R)	563	5066	33A	Smith, Steve (R)	543	9188
60B	Hornstein, Frank (DFL)	213	9281	42A	Stensrud, Kirk (R)	553	3964
47B	Hortman, Melissa (DFL)	377	4280	21A	Swedzinski, Chris (R)	527	5374
14B	Hosch, Larry (DFL)	349	4373	63A	Thissen, Paul (DFL)	267	5375
4B	Howes, Larry (R)	491	2451	51B	Tillberry, Tom (DFL)	231	5510
7A	Huntley, Thomas (DFL)	351	2228	21B	Torkelson, Paul (R)	371	9303
67B	Johnson, Sheldon (DFL)	217	4201	18B	Urdahl, Dean (R)	571	4344
59B	Kahn, Phyllis (DFL)	353	4257	13B	Vogel, Bruce (R)	507	6206
26A	Kath, Kory (DFL)	201	5368	62B	Wagenius, Jean (DFL)	251	4200
28A	Kelly, Tim (R)	565	8635	12A	Ward, John (DFL)	221	4333
56B	Kieffer, Andrea (R)	531	1147	38B	Wardlow, Doug (R)	551	4128
1B	Kiel, Debra (R)	423	5091	11A	Westrom, Torrey (R)	443	4929
16B	Kiffmeyer, Mary (R)	501	4237	44B	Winkler, Ryan (DFL)	321	7026
50B	Knuth, Kate (DFL)	323	0141	25B	Woodard, Kelby (R)	539	7065
20B	Koenen, Lyle (DFL)	241	4346	32B	Zellers, Kurt (R)	463	5502

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6 Bakk, Thomas M. (DFL).....	147 SOB.....	6-8881	32 Limmer, Warren (R).....	122 Cap.....	6-2159
49 Benson, Michelle R. (R).....	G-24 Cap.....	6-3219	8 Lourey, Tony (DFL).....	125 SOB.....	6-0293
43 Bonoff, Terri E. (DFL).....	133 SOB.....	6-4314	22 Magnus, Doug (R).....	205 Cap.....	6-5650
16 Brown, David M. (R).....	205 Cap.....	6-8075	54 Marty, John (DFL).....	119 SOB.....	6-5645
4 Carlson, John J. (R).....	320 Cap.....	6-4913	66 McGuire, Mary Jo (DFL).....	23 SOB.....	6-5537
53 Chamberlain, Roger C. (R).....	306 Cap.....	6-1253	39 Metzen, James P. (DFL).....	15 SOB.....	6-4370
64 Cohen, Richard J. (DFL).....	109 SOB.....	6-5931	41 Michel, Geoff (R).....	208 Cap.....	6-6238
21 Dahms, Gary H. (R).....	111 Cap.....	6-8138	31 Miller, Jeremy R. (R).....	320 Cap.....	6-5649
38 Daley, Theodore J. "Ted" (R).....	G-24 Cap.....	7-8073	30 Nelson, Carla J. (R).....	111 Cap.....	6-4848
25 DeKruif, Al (R).....	G-24 Cap.....	6-1279	18 Newman, Scott J. (R).....	301 Cap.....	6-4131
60 Dibble, D. Scott (DFL).....	115 SOB.....	6-4191	17 Nienow, Sean R. (R).....	120 Cap.....	6-5419
59 Dziedzic, Kari (DFL).....	27 SOB.....	6-7809	33 Olson, Gen (R).....	235 Cap.....	6-1282
46 Eaton, Chris (DFL).....	21 SOB.....	6-8869	34 Ortman, Julianne E. (R).....	120 Cap.....	6-4837
14 Fischbach, Michelle L. (R).....	226 Cap.....	6-2084	65 Pappas, Sandra L. (DFL).....	143 SOB.....	6-1802
12 Gazelka, Paul E. (R).....	325 Cap.....	6-4875	26 Parry, Mike (R).....	309 Cap.....	6-9457
37 Gerlach, Chris (R).....	120 Cap.....	6-4120	15 Pederson, John C. (R).....	G-24 Cap.....	6-6455
13 Gimse, Joe (R).....	303 Cap.....	6-3826	7 Reinert, Roger J. (DFL).....	149 SOB.....	6-4188
50 Goodwin, Barb J. (DFL).....	123 SOB.....	6-4334	45 Rest, Ann H. (DFL).....	105 SOB.....	6-2889
40 Hall, Dan D. (R).....	325 Cap.....	6-5975	35 Robling, Claire A. (R).....	226 Cap.....	6-4123
42 Hann, David W. (R).....	328 Cap.....	6-1749	24 Rosen, Julie A. (R).....	317 Cap.....	6-5713
67 Harrington, John M. (DFL).....	17 SOB.....	6-5285	3 Saxhaug, Tom (DFL).....	135 SOB.....	6-4136
61 Hayden, Jeff (DFL).....	151 SOB.....	6-4261	29 Senjem, David H. (R).....	121 Cap.....	6-3903
58 Higgins, Linda (DFL).....	113 SOB.....	6-9246	23 Sheran, Kathy (DFL).....	127 SOB.....	6-6153
10 Hoffman, Gretchen M. (R).....	124 Cap.....	6-5655	57 Sieben, Katie (DFL).....	117 SOB.....	7-8060
28 Howe, John Sterling (R).....	323 Cap.....	6-4264	2 Skoe, Rod (DFL).....	107 SOB.....	6-4196
11 Ingebrigtsen, Bill G. (R).....	303 Cap.....	7-8063	27 Sparks, Dan (DFL).....	19 SOB.....	6-9248
48 Jungbauer, Michael J. (R).....	235 Cap.....	6-3733	1 Stumpf, LeRoy A. (DFL).....	145 SOB.....	6-8660
63 Kelash, Kenneth S. (DFL).....	129 SOB.....	7-8061	36 Thompson, Dave A. (R).....	323 Cap.....	6-5252
19 Koch, Amy T. (R).....	322 Cap.....	6-5981	5 Tomassoni, David J. (DFL).....	25 SOB.....	6-8017
47 Kruse, Benjamin A. (R).....	124 Cap.....	6-4154	62 Torres Ray, Patricia (DFL).....	131 SOB.....	6-4274
20 Kubly, Gary W. (DFL).....	103 SOB.....	6-5094	52 Vandever, Ray (R).....	328 Cap.....	6-4351
9 Langseth, Keith (DFL).....	139 SOB.....	6-3205	55 Wiger, Charles W. (DFL).....	141 SOB.....	6-6820
44 Latz, Ron (DFL).....	121 SOB.....	7-8065	51 Wolf, Pam (R).....	306 Cap.....	6-2556
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Agriculture and Rural Development Policy and Finance

559 State Office Building 296-5373
Meets: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
at 10:15 a.m. in the Basement Hearing Room*

Members: 22

Chair: Hamilton-R

Vice Chair: Anderson, P.-R

DFL Lead: Eken-DFL

Anderson, B.-R	Morrow-DFL
Falk-DFL	Persell-DFL
Franson-R	Poppe-DFL
Fritz-DFL	Schomacker-R
Hansen-DFL	Shimanski-R
Hosch-DFL	Swedzinski-R
Kath-DFL	Torkelson-R
Kiel-R	Vogel-R
LeMieur-R	Ward-DFL
McElpatrick-R	

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Committee Administrator
Abigail Johnson..... 296-5068
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Linda Westrom 296-7167

Capital Investment

491 State Office Building 296-2451
Meets: Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.
in Room 10*

Members: 21

Chair: Howes-R

Vice Chair: Scott-R

DFL Lead: Hausman-DFL

Banaian-R	Kriesel-R
Bills-R	Lanning-R
Carlson-DFL	Melin-DFL
Clark-DFL	Myhra-R
Drazkowski-R	Nornes-R
Fabian-R	Rukavina-DFL
Hackbarth-R	Scalze-DFL
Hansen-DFL	Swedzinski-R
Kahn-DFL	Ward-DFL

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Committee Administrator
Tom Freeman 296-8826
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Civil Law

443 State Office Building 296-4929
Meets: Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:30
p.m. in Room 10*

Members: 17

Chair: Westrom-R

Vice Chair: Drazkowski-R

DFL Lead: Lesch-DFL

Gruenhagen-R	Mazorol-R
Hilstrom-DFL	Peppin-R
Hilty-DFL	Peterson-DFL
Holberg-R	Runbeck-R
Hoppe-R	Scott-R
Hortman-DFL	Simon-DFL
Mahoney-DFL	Wardlow-R

Staff

Committee Administrator
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Commerce and Regulatory Reform

563 State Office Building 296-5066
Meets: Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.
in the Basement Hearing Room*

Members: 22

Chair: Hoppe-R

Vice Chair: Sanders-R

DFL Lead: Atkins-DFL

Anderson, D.-R	Loon-R
Anderson, S.-R	Mazorol-R
Anzelc-DFL	Mullery-DFL
Crawford-R	Murdock-R
Daudt-R	Nelson-DFL
Davids-R	O'Driscoll-R
Dittrich-DFL	Slocum-DFL
Johnson-DFL	Stensrud-R
Kieffer-R	Tillberry-DFL
Lillie-DFL	

Staff

Committee Administrator
Dan Dwight..... 296-5385
Committee Legislative Assistant
Bethany Aronhalt 296-5322

Education Finance

537 State Office Building 296-1069
Meets: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5*

Members: 20

Chair: Garofalo-R

Vice Chair: Kelly-R

DFL Lead: Greiling-DFL

Anderson, P.-R	Loon-R
Anzelc-DFL	Mariani-DFL
Bills-R	Myhra-R
Brynaert-DFL	Petersen-R
Davnie-DFL	Quam-R
Dittrich-DFL	Slocum-DFL
Downey-R	Ward-DFL
Erickson-R	Woodard-R
Fabian-R	

Staff

Committee Administrator
Jody Withers..... 296-4141
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Education Reform

509 State Office Building296-6746
Meets: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:15 a.m.
in the Basement Hearing Room*

Members: 21

Chair: Erickson-R

Vice Chair: Doepke-R

DFL Lead: Mariani-DFL

Barrett-R	Moran-DFL
Benson, J.-DFL	Murdock-R
Crawford-R	Myhra-R
Davnie-DFL	Norton-DFL
Greiling-DFL	O'Driscoll-R
Kath-DFL	Petersen-R
Kieffer-R	Peterson-DFL
Kiel-R	Tillberry-DFL
McFarlane-R	Woodard-R

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Committee Legislative Assistant
Melissa Hackenmueller296-9471

Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

375 State Office Building296-3135
Meets: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
at 8:15 a.m. in Room 5*

Members: 17

Chair: McNamara-R

Vice Chair: Torkelson-R

DFL Lead Environment: Wagenius-DFL

DFL Lead Energy: Hilty-DFL

Anderson, P.-R	Hancock-R
Beard-R	Hansen-DFL
Dill-DFL	Knuth-DFL
Drazkowski-R	Persell-DFL
Fabian-R	Quam-R
Falk-DFL	Scott-R
Hackbarth-R	

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Committee Administrator
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Committee Legislative Assistant
Mike Harris296-5813

Legacy Funding Division

571 State Office Building296-4344
Meets: Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2:30
p.m. in Room 5*

Members: 12

Chair: Urdahl-R

Vice Chair: Kiel-R

DFL Lead: Dill-DFL

Cornish-R	Peppin-R
Greene-DFL	Torkelson-R
McFarlane-R	Wagenius-DFL
McNamara-R	Winkler-DFL
Murphy, M.-DFL	

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Ryan Blodgett296-4110
Committee Legislative Assistant
Mike Knutsen296-4483

Ethics

509 State Office Building296-6746
Meets: At the call of the chair in (No Room
Assigned)*

Members: 4

Chair: Erickson-R

DFL Lead: Paymar-DFL

Loeffler-DFL	Atkins-DFL (A)
Kelly-R	Sanders-R (A)

Staff

Committee Administrator
Craig Stone296-5367
Committee Legislative Assistant
Mitzi Ellis296-9895

Government Operations and Elections

503 State Office Building296-7806
Meets: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
at 10:15 a.m. in Room 5*

Members: 15

Chair: Peppin-R

Vice Chair: Murray-R

DFL Lead: Nelson-DFL

Beard-R	Quam-R
Greene-DFL	Sanders-R
Hancock-R	Scalze-DFL
Hornstein-DFL	Simon-DFL
McFarlane-R	Urdahl-R
O'Driscoll-R	Winkler-DFL

Staff

Committee Administrator
Rory Koch296-5394
Committee Legislative Assistant
Kelly Hansen296-4388

Health and Human Services Finance

479 State Office Building296-1729
Meets: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
at 12:30 p.m. in Room 200*

Members: 20

Chair: Abeler-R

Vice Chair: Kiffmeyer-R

DFL Lead: Huntley-DFL

DFL Lead Early Childhood: Slawik-DFL

Anderson, D.-R	Liebling-DFL
Franson-R	Loeffler-DFL
Fritz-DFL	Lohmer-R
Gottwalt-R	Mack-R
Hamilton-R	McDonald-R
Hosch-DFL	McElpatrick-R
Laine-DFL	Murphy, E.-DFL
Lanning-R	Schomacker-R

Staff

Committee Administrator
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Health and Human Services Reform

485 State Office Building296-6316
Meets: Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.
in Room 200*

Members: 21

Chair: Gottwalt-R

Vice Chair: Mack-R

DFL Lead: Liebling-DFL

Abeler-R	Kiffmeyer-R
Allen-DFL	Lohmer-R
Barrett-R	McDonald-R
Benson, M.-R	McElpatrick-R
Franson-R	Moran-DFL
Fritz-DFL	Murphy, E.-DFL
Gruenhagen-R	Norton-DFL
Hosch-DFL	Peterson-DFL
Huntley-DFL	Quam-R

Staff

Committee Administrator
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Committee Legislative Assistant
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Higher Education Policy and Finance

471 State Office Building296-4946
Meets: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.
in the Basement Hearing Room*

Members: 15

Chair: Nornes-R

Vice Chair: Dettmer-R

DFL Lead: Rukavina-DFL

Atkins-DFL	Mazorol-R
Banaian-R	Morrow-DFL
Benson, M.-R	Norton-DFL
Daudt-R	Pelowski-DFL
Doepke-R	Poppe-DFL
Hancock-R	Vogel-R

Staff

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Jobs and Economic Development Finance

591 State Office Building296-3240
Meets: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.
in Room 10*

Members: 17

Chair: Gunther-R

Vice Chair: McFarlane-R

DFL Lead Jobs: Mahoney-DFL

DFL Lead Housing: Clark-DFL

Dill-DFL	Murray-R
Howes-R	Paymar-DFL
Kieffer-R	Sanders-R
Leidiger-R	Scalze-DFL
LeMieur-R	Stensrud-R
Melin-DFL	Swedzinski-R
Mullery-DFL	

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Judiciary Policy and Finance

367 State Office Building296-1534
Meets: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:15 a.m.
in Room 10*

Members: 18

Chair: Shimanski-R

Vice Chair: Mazorol-R

DFL Lead: Johnson-DFL

Allen-DFL	Lesch-DFL
Anderson, D.-R	Liebling-DFL
Champion-DFL	Schomacker-R
Cornish-R	Smith-R
Gruenhagen-R	Swedzinski-R
Hilstrom-DFL	Vogel-R
Kriesel-R	Wardlow-R
Laine-DFL	

Staff

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Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

437 State Office Building296-4240
Meets: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
at 10:15 a.m. in Room 10*

Members: 18

Chair: Cornish-R

Vice Chair: Woodard-R

DFL Lead: Mullery-DFL

Daudt-R	Leidiger-R
Gauthier-DFL	Mariani-DFL
Gruenhagen-R	McDonald-R
Hilty-DFL	Moran-DFL
Johnson-DFL	Nornes-R
Kelly-R	Slocum-DFL
Kieffer-R	Smith-R
Kriesel-R	

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Redistricting

549 State Office Building296-5511
Meets: At the call of the chair in (No Room
Assigned)*

Members: 12

Chair: Anderson, S.-R

Vice Chair: Fabian-R

DFL Lead: Murphy, M.-DFL

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Hamilton-R	Nornes-R
Hilstrom-DFL	Norton-DFL
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Downey-R	Murphy, M.-DFL
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Greene-DFL	Simon-DFL
Gunther-R	Slawik-DFL
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DFL Lead: Lenczewski-DFL

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Buesgens-R	Koenen-DFL
Carlson-DFL	Lesch-DFL
Crawford-R	Loeffler-DFL
Davnie-DFL	Mack-R
Doepke-R	Marquart-DFL
Downey-R	Myhra-R
Drazkowski-R	Paymar-DFL
Erickson-R	Rukavina-DFL
Garofalo-R	Runbeck-R
Gottwalt-R	Tillberry-DFL
Hortman-DFL	Wardlow-R

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Buesgens-R	Morrow-DFL
Champion-DFL	Murray-R
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Gauthier-DFL	Sanders-R
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Brynaert-DFL	Kiffmeyer-R
Buesgens-R	Lanning-R
Champion-DFL	Lenczewski-DFL
Dauids-R	McNamara-R
Eken-DFL	Nornes-R
Garofalo-R	Pelowski-DFL
Gottwalt-R	Rukavina-DFL
Greiling-DFL	Slawik-DFL
Gunther-R	Smith-R
Hackbarth-R	Wagenius-DFL
Hamilton-R	Westrom-R

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The Dance of Legislation has started

Numerous bonding proposals highlight first bill introductions of 2012 session

By BOB GEIGER

Reagan and Will Zellers, the daughter and son of House Speaker Kurt Zellers (R-Maple Grove), gaveled the House to order for their father Jan. 24. Waiting to be brought into the process for consideration by the House were 162 bills. And thus began the road to law for some, and for most, to die at the end of session.

Introduction of bills is a key moment in the legislative process. It all begins with House members signing on as sponsors of a bill.

After a bill is formally recorded in the House Journal, the sponsors ferry bills through committees hoping for consideration by the House. Additionally, the bill sponsor needs to find someone to sponsor a companion bill in the Senate. This is a key role to a bill's passage because Senate committees can hold

to the full House and Senate for floor votes before referral to Gov. Mark Dayton.

Simply rounding up sponsors for a bill does not guarantee passage. For example, during the 2011 regular session and special sessions, just 106 of 1,788 introduced bills were enacted.

The 106 laws enacted in 2011 was the least number of laws enacted in the last 12 years. Since 2000, 2,044 new laws have been

enacted, an average of 170 laws per year.

Years with the highest number of laws enacted were 2000, 2001 and 2010 when 244, 220 and 204 bills were signed into law, respectively.

Among this session's first-day bill introductions are HF1809, which would appropriate funds for electronic barriers designed to halt the advancing Asian Carp;

HF1807, which would provide \$4 million to build a wind turbine training facility in Canby; and several bills related to a new stadium for the Minnesota Vikings.

Sponsored by Rep. Steve Drazkowski (R-Mazeppa), HF1891 would make the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission consider local land use restrictions before sites for wind turbines are approved. If

passed, it could force the PUC to reconsider a wind project it has approved twice: Goodhue Wind, a \$179 million wind energy development originally proposed by Minneapolis-based National Wind.

Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls), whose district is home to a large Somali population, sponsors a resolution supporting the Somali-American community's ability to continue remittances to the Horn of Africa.

Several bonding bills were in the first wave of bills, including requests for Interstate 694 interchanges with White Bear Avenue and Rice Street and more than \$4.3 million for preservation at the Minnesota State Academies in Faribault.

Rep. Leon Lillie (DFL-North St. Paul) is sponsoring HF1790, which seeks up to \$2 million for preliminary and final design of the I-694 interchange at White Bear Avenue. That bill's Senate companion, SF1489, is sponsored by Sen. Chuck Wiger (DFL-Maplewood).

The I-694 interchange at Rice Street is the proposed beneficiary of HF1802/SF1484. Sponsored by Rep. Linda Runbeck (R-Circle Pines) and Sen. Roger Chamberlain (R-Lino Lakes), both bills seek \$5.2 million to complete final design of the interchange.

Sponsored by Rep. Patti Fritz (DFL-Faribault), HF1794 would provide \$4.3 million in state bond proceeds to refurbish the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf campus in collaboration with the State College of Carpentry in Faribault. The bill did not have a Senate companion as of Jan. 25.

Other bills of interest include a measure sponsored by Rep. Greg Davids, (R-Preston), to sell \$15 million in state bonding to design and build a Minnesota Veterans and Emergency Services Museum in Rochester.

Rep. Mark Murdock, (R-Ottertail), introduced legislation seeking more than \$4.7 million in bonding to design and build a community center and swimming pool to replace facilities destroyed by a 2010 tornado. 🐼



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A basket for newly introduced bills is located on the front desk in the House Chamber.

hearings on its version of the House bill. That increases chances of swift approval by the full bodies and a hopeful landing on the governor's desk for action.

If the language of the bills differ after approval by the respective bodies, a conference committee made up of both House and Senate members must agree on a single version. After that, the bill is returned

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

JANUARY 24 - 26, 2012

HOUSE FILES 1762 - 1986

Tuesday, Jan. 24

HF1762-Davids (R)

Legacy Funding Division

Rochester: veteran and emergency services funding provided and money appropriated.

HF1763-Davids (R)

State Government Finance

Rochester: Minnesota veteran and emergency services museum funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1764-Lohmer (R)

Government Operations & Elections

Appropriations continued for the operation of state government.

HF1765-Crawford (R)

Jobs & Economic

Development Finance

Pine Technical College; entrepreneurship and technology business incubator funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1766-Lohmer (R)

Health & Human Services Reform

Child care assistance fund payments modified.

HF1767-Mullery (DFL)

Taxes

Property tax temporary refunds provided for renters in the areas affected by the 2011 tornadoes.

HF1768-Mullery (DFL)

Taxes

Property tax rent percentage increased.

HF1769-Fritz (DFL)

Education Finance

Minnesota state academies funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1770-Kieffer (R)

Education Reform

Teacher candidates required to pass basic skills exam.

HF1771-Nornes (R)

Commerce & Regulatory Reform

Nonprofit wine tasting requirements modified.

HF1772-Torkelson (R)

Taxes

Wind generation production tax removed.

HF1773-McNamara (R)

Agriculture & Rural

Development Policy & Finance

Compost defined as an agricultural product.

HF1774-Kriesel (R)

Public Safety &

Crime Prevention Policy & Finance

Fireworks manufacture, sale and use regulated.

HF1775-Marquart (DFL)

Taxes

Market value homestead credit restored.

HF1776-Lenczewski (DFL)

Taxes

Market value homestead credit restored.

HF1777-Davids (R)

Taxes

Local sales taxes allowed.

HF1778-Cornish (R)

Education Finance

Independent School District No. 2134, United South Central, funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1779-Hackbarth (R)

Commerce & Regulatory Reform

Vikings stadium; state lottery authorized to establish gaming machines at a licensed racetrack, gaming machine revenue fee imposed, powers and duties provided to the director, and Minnesota First fund established and money dedicated for the Minnesota Vikings and a ballpark for the St. Paul Saints.

HF1780-Hansen (DFL)

Government Operations & Elections

Public official definition expanded in the campaign finance and public disclosure law.

HF1781-Anzelc (DFL)

Education Finance

School swimming pool levy renovation costs allowed.

HF1782-Anzelc (DFL)

Education Finance

Taconite production tax modified and taconite production tax proceeds dedicated to school districts.

HF1783-Anzelc (DFL)

Jobs & Economic

Development Finance

Taconite economic development fund eliminated.

HF1784-Anzelc (DFL)

Jobs & Economic

Development Finance

Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board regulated, and classification of loan or equity investment application data modified.

HF1785-Drazkowski (R)

Health & Human Services Reform

Swimming pond exemption application expanded.

HF1786-Johnson (DFL)

Higher Education Policy & Finance

Metropolitan State University science education center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1787-Gunther (R)

Jobs & Economic

Development Finance

Architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, geoscience and interior design professional licensing provisions and fees modified.

HF1788-Anzelc (DFL)

Taxes

City of Bovey decertified.

HF1789-Rukavina (DFL)

Health & Human Services Reform

St. Louis County; Medical Assistance property lien released.

HF1790-Lillie (DFL)

Transportation Policy & Finance

I-694 and White Bear Avenue interchange funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1791-Slawik (DFL)

Taxes

Oakdale; tax increment financing district applicable time limits extended.

HF1792-Slawik (DFL)

Transportation Policy & Finance

Anatomical gift license plate established.

HF1793-Melin (DFL)

Government Operations & Elections

American steel product use or supply required.

HF1794-Fritz (DFL)

Education Finance

Minnesota State Academies funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1795-Anderson, S. (R)

Taxes

Income definition modified to exclude scholarship income.

HF1796-Hackbarth (R)

Environment, Energy &

Natural Resources Policy & Finance

Snowmobile agent registration provided, snowmobile registration and trail sticker requirements modified, fees modified and disposition of fees provided.

HF1797-Hackbarth (R)

Environment, Energy &

Natural Resources Policy & Finance

Snowmobile metal traction devices prohibition modified.

HF1798-Hackbarth (R)

Public Safety &

Crime Prevention Policy & Finance

Peace officers authorized to perform a protective pat-down search of a child stopped for violations in order to protect the officer's safety.

HF1799-Mullery (DFL)

Environment, Energy &

Natural Resources Policy & Finance

Minneapolis; bicycle and pedestrian facilities design and construction funding provided, boulevard trees to be planted along 26th Avenue North, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1800-Falk (DFL)

Education Reform

State reciprocity agreement exemption created.

HF1801-Carlson (DFL)

Government Operations & Elections

Legislative Advisory Commission membership modified.

HF1802-Runbeck (R)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

I-694 and Rice Street interchange funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1803-Greiling (DFL)**Higher Education Policy & Finance**

State grant eligibility clarified.

HF1804-Murdock (R)**Jobs & Economic Development Finance**

Wadena; community center and swimming pool funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1805-Schomacker (R)**State Government Finance**

Dundee; sewer project funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1806-Howes (R)**State Government Finance**

Backus; wastewater system improvement funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1807-Falk (DFL)**Higher Education Policy & Finance**

Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Canbywind turbine training facility funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1808-Morrow (DFL)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Lake Titlow Dam funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1809-Hackbarth (R)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Electric fish barrier funding provided, and money appropriated.

HF1810-Dill (DFL)**Government Operations & Elections**

Lake Superior-Poplar River Water District established, funding provided for the construction of water facilities, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1811-Gruenhagen (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

Continuing appropriations provided at specified level and money appropriated.

HF1812-Stensrud (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

Department of Administration permitted to contract for waste-hauling without determining whether state employees are able to do the work, and state prohibited from purchasing waste-hauling vehicles for use in the Capitol complex.

HF1813-Benson, M. (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

State government reorganization study proposal request required.

HF1814-Benson, M. (R)**Taxes**

Individual income and corporate franchise taxes conformed to federal section 179 expensing allowance.

HF1815-Benson, M. (R)**Taxes**

Individual and corporate franchise taxes conformed to federal section 179 expensing allowance.

HF1816-Benson, M. (R)**Public Safety & Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

Federally licensed firearms importers, manufacturers and dealers authorized to possess and sell firearm silencers to authorized law enforcement and wildlife management agencies for authorized purposes.

HF1817-Kelly (R)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Community-based energy development project tariffs modified.

HF1818-Dettmer (R)**Veterans Services Division**

Marriage license fee portion recovery allowed for members of the armed forces who complete premarital education after the license is issued.

HF1819-Dettmer (R)**Veterans Services Division**

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program modified.

HF1820-Dettmer (R)**Veterans Services Division**

Income-based reduction eliminated.

HF1821-Dettmer (R)**Veterans Services Division**

Small business set-aside program changed for veteran-owned small businesses, county set-aside programs authorized for veteran-owned small businesses and reporting requirements changed.

HF1822-Loon (R)**Taxes**

Tax reform action commission established, commission appointments authorized, report preparation directed to the Legislature and money appropriated.

HF1823-Downey (R)**Taxes**

Small business investment credit modified and credit for start-up and emerging Minnesota businesses provided.

HF1824-Persell (DFL)**State Government Finance**

Deer River; wastewater stabilization pond expansion funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1825-Persell (DFL)**State Government Finance**

Bemidji; public television facility funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1826-Anderson, B. (R)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Subsurface sewage treatment rules modification required.

HF1827-Ward (DFL)**Taxes**

Late payment penalties modified.

HF1828-Anderson, P. (R)**Education Finance**

Early education scholarship funds required to be awarded to Greater Minnesota.

HF1829-Cornish (R)**Public Safety & Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

County attorneys and assistant county attorneys authorized to carry firearms on duty under the terms of a permit to carry.

HF1830-Murray (R)**State Government Finance**

Albert Lea; wastewater infrastructure fund grant terms modified.

HF1831-Wardlow (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

Legislative review of rules provided for sunset and legislative approval of existing rules.

HF1832-Marquart (DFL)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Heartland State Trail funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1833-Dittrich (DFL)**Civil Law**

Relocation assistance amount or denial hearing required.

HF1834-Scott (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

Revenue-producing programs provided in the event of a government shutdown.

HF1835-Scott (R)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Sheriff vehicle list of paint colors expanded.

HF1836-Kahn (DFL)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Minneapolis; 10th Avenue SE bridge repair funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1837-Hornstein (DFL)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Minneapolis; I-35W storm tunnel funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1838-Kriesel (R)**Public Safety & Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

DWI; driving while impaired specified as a breach of peace through proposed constitutional amendment.

HF1839-Melin (DFL)**Jobs & Economic Development Finance**

Hibbing Memorial Building improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1840-Rukavina (DFL)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

St. Louis County school trust land condemnation provided.

HF1841-Lohmer (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Abortion facilities state licensure established.

HF1842-Fabian (R)**Taxes**

Small business upfront capital equipment tax exemption provided.

HF1843-Erickson (R)**Taxes**

Individual income tax restructured, single tax rate applied, working family credit modified and alternative minimum tax repealed.

HF1844-Erickson (R)**Public Safety &****Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

Harassment or retaliation against a person subject to an order for protection or no contact order criminal penalty provided.

HF1845-Erickson (R)**Education Finance**

School district aid delayed payments prohibited from exceeding 10 percent through proposed constitutional amendment.

HF1846-Erickson (R)**Education Reform**

Speech-language pathology assistant training requirements national conformity provided.

HF1847-Erickson (R)**Education Reform**

High school graduation requirements and academic standards revision legislative authorization required.

HF1848-Erickson (R)**Education Reform**

School boards authorized to determine number and identity of annuity contract vendors.

HF1849-Davids (R)**Taxes**

Solicitor definition provided for nexus purposes relating to taxation.

HF1850-Downey (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

State employee gainsharing program maximum award increased.

HF1851-McFarlane (R)**Education Finance**

Library accessibility and improvement grants funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1852-McNamara (R)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Highway 61 improvements provided north of the new Hastings bridge, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1853-Dill (DFL)**Environment, Energy &****Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Mesabi Trail previous appropriation modified.

HF1854-Dill (DFL)**State Government Finance**

Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1855-Dill (DFL)**Jobs & Economic****Development Finance**

Tower harbor reconstruction funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1856-Dill (DFL)**Environment, Energy &****Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Wolf; license and season established for taking of wolves by hunting or trapping.

HF1857-Gruenhagen (R)**Taxes**

Medical care and health insurance income tax deduction provided.

HF1858-Quam (R)**Education Finance**

School district operating referenda required to be held at the general election in even-numbered years.

HF1859-Garofalo (R)**Education Finance**

Metro equity region date establishment modified relating to education finance.

HF1860-Woodard (R)**Education Finance**

Operating referendum levy aids provided to charter schools.

HF1861-Morrow (DFL)**Environment, Energy &****Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Gaylord; Lake Titlow Dam replacement funding provided and money appropriated.

HF1862-Morrow (DFL)**Environment, Energy &****Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Gaylord; Lake Titlow Dam replacement funding provided and money appropriated.

HF1863-Gauthier (DFL)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Duluth transit center funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1864-Koenen (DFL)**State Government Finance**

Morton sewer system renovation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1865-Mack (R)**Civil Law**

Minnesota Ski Safety Act adopted.

HF1866-Mullery (DFL)**Commerce & Regulatory Reform**

Employment conditions prohibited related to unemployment status.

HF1867-Kriesel (R)**Environment, Energy &****Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Washington County tax-forfeited land sale authorized.

HF1868-Mullery (DFL)**Public Safety &****Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

Predatory offenders; location of residences modified for Level III predatory offenders.

HF1869-Mullery (DFL)**Taxes**

Long-term unemployed persons hiring credit authorized.

HF1870-Petersen, B. (R)**Education Reform**

School districts authorized to base leave of absence and discharge decisions on teacher evaluation outcomes.

HF1871-Runbeck (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

Metrodome transferred to the Minnesota Vikings, Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission abolished and local government competition for sports franchises prohibited.

HF1872-Runbeck (R)**Public Safety &****Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

Maximum fees repealed.

HF1873-Kahn (DFL)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Bicycle light safety pilot program funding provided and money appropriated.

HF1874-Kahn (DFL)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Bicycle equipment requirements amended.

HF1875-Kahn (DFL)**Commerce & Regulatory Reform**

Minnesota professional football team protection process provided.

HF1876-Mahoney (DFL)**Taxes**

Saint Paul; annual maximum debt extended and increased.

HF1877-Norton (DFL)**Government Operations & Elections**

Constitutional amendment method changed, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1878-Peterson, S. (DFL)**Environment, Energy &****Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Water skiing and other watercraft towing hours modified.

HF1879-Cornish (R)**Public Safety &****Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

Enhanced penalties provided for causing the death of or assaulting a prosecuting attorney.

HF1880-Bills (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Cremated remains requirements modified for disinterment and reinterment.

HF1881-Hansen (DFL)**Commerce & Regulatory Reform**

Emergency responders permitted absences from work.

HF1882-Rukavina (DFL)**Environment, Energy &****Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Bait restrictions modified for firearm deer hunting.

HF1883-Brynaert (DFL)**Jobs & Economic****Development Finance**

Mankato; arena improvement and event center expansion funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1884-Brynaert (DFL)**Higher Education Policy & Finance**

Minnesota State University, Mankato clinical science building design funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1885-Clark (DFL)**Civil Law**

Proposed amendment to the Minnesota Constitution recognizing marriage as only a union between one man and one woman repealed.

HF1886-Clark (DFL)**Commerce & Regulatory Reform**

Stay of mortgage foreclosure allowed and rights to tenants of foreclosed property provided.

HF1887-Clark (DFL)**Jobs & Economic****Development Finance**

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency authorized to issue additional nonprofit housing bonds for three or more culturally specific transitional housing and counseling facilities for exploited American Indian, East African, Latina, African-American, and Asian girls and women.

HF1888-Clark (DFL)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Citizenship requirement eligibility provisions modified.

HF1889-Barrett (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Controlled substances in the MFIP and general assistance programs screening required.

HF1890-Fabian (R)**Taxes**

Bovine tuberculosis property tax credit revived.

HF1891-Kelly (R)**Environment, Energy &****Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Siting wind energy conversion systems provision added and county authority to enact siting standards modified.

HF1892-Franson (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Federal health care system mandatory participation prohibited and mandatory insurance coverage prohibited.

HF1893-Franson (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Quality measurements and incentive payment programs exemption provided for providers who opt out.

HF1894-Franson (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Patient consent required for encounter data reporting.

HF1895-Franson (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Performance indicators exemption provided for quality incentive payments.

HF1896-Franson (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Lottery scratch-off game provided with proceeds dedicated to the developmentally disabled, and money appropriated.

HF1897-Franson (R)**Education Reform**

Immunization requirements modified for school children.

HF1898-Franson (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Health care and coverage freedom of choice provided through proposed constitutional amendment.

HF1899-Vogel (R)**Public Safety &****Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

Jacob's Law established requiring notice of crime victim rights to parents and guardians of child victims, requiring notification to social services if a child is abused outside the home and amending parental rights to include police reports on minor children.

HF1900-Vogel (R)**Higher Education Policy & Finance**

Willmar; Ridgewater College funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1901-McFarlane (R)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Scrap metal processing regulation modified.

HF1902-Clark (DFL)**Commerce & Regulatory Reform**

A House resolution supporting the Somali-American community's ability to continue remittances to the Horn of Africa.

HF1903-Urdahl (R)**State Government Finance**

Honor guard stipends preference modified.

HF1904-Quam (R)**Commerce & Regulatory Reform**

Manufactured housing water and sewer charges regulated, and manager background check definition modified to include managers of manufactured home parks.

HF1905-Mullery (DFL)**Civil Law**

Contracts for deed involving residential property protections specified.

HF1906-Cornish (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

Legislators prohibited from receiving compensation during a government shutdown.

HF1907-Liebling (DFL)**Health & Human Services Finance**

Personal care assistance provisions modified.

HF1908-Franson (R)**Taxes**

Individual income, corporate franchise, petroleum and motor fuels, gambling, cigarette and tobacco, solid waste management, minerals occupation and insurance taxes repealed; lost revenue replaced with a comprehensive general tax, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1909-Winkler (DFL)**Civil Law**

Parenting consultant roster and training requirements established.

HF1910-Clark (DFL)**State Government Finance**

Pioneer and Soldiers Cemetery restoration funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1911-Davids (R)**Taxes**

Local government levy limits imposed and property tax increase limits provided or voter approval required.

HF1912-Morrow (DFL)**Taxes**

Food inventory charitable contribution deduction expanded.

HF1913-McDonald (R)**Education Finance**

Delano, Monticello and Rockford; one-time school district fund transfer authorized.

HF1914-Davids (R)**Taxes**

Commercial-industrial properties first \$100,000 in value exempted from the state general levy, commercial-industrial property state general levy phased out over 20 years, seasonal recreational property state general levy frozen, maximum homeowner property tax refunds increased, special property tax refund temporary increase provided and money appropriated.

HF1915-Runbeck (R)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Municipal state-aid street system eligibility and allocation amended.

HF1916-Howes (R)**Higher Education Policy & Finance**

Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities prior appropriations modified.

HF1917-Erickson (R)**Education Reform**

School boards' ability to conduct school on holidays clarified.

HF1918-Dean (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

State health care programs restructuring and reform plan in the event of federal changes to the Medicaid program required to be submitted by the commissioner of human services to the Legislature.

HF1919-Drazkowski (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Minnesota Family Investment Program controlled substances testing required.

HF1920-LeMieur (R)**Environment, Energy &****Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Morrison County; tax-forfeited land private sale authorized.

HF1921-Kiffmeyer (R)**Jobs & Economic****Development Finance**

Greater Minnesota business development infrastructure and the Big Lake Regional Rail Park funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1922-Howes (R)**Health & Human Services Finance**

Hennepin County; center providing mental health services to children construction authorized, and construction of a new Washburn Center for Children funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1923-O'Driscoll (R)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Water conservation rate structure requirement eliminated.

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HF1924-Howes (R)**State Government Finance**

Bemidji; regional public television station funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1925-Dill (DFL)**Higher Education Policy & Finance**

Northeast Higher Education District, Vermilion Community College, Ely; classroom renovation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1926-Swedzinski (R)**Agriculture & Rural Development Policy & Finance**

Certification provided for good manufacturing practices for commercial feed and feed ingredients, voluntary certification fees authorized, rule provisions relating to animal feed modified and money appropriated.

HF1927-Dettmer (R)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Rice Creek Watershed District wetland replacement pilot project established.

HF1928-LeMieur (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Abortion; state funding prohibited and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1929-LeMieur (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Abortion; physician's physical presence required for abortion procedures.

HF1930-Howes (R)**State Government Finance**

Backus; wastewater force main system funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1931-Banaian (R)**Public Safety & Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

St. Cloud; Minnesota correctional facility funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1932-Banaian (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

Legislator coverage restricted and contributions after June 30, 2012, terminated.

HF1933-Melin (DFL)**Public Safety & Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

Arrowhead Regional Corrections Facilities funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1934-Rukavina (DFL)**State Government Finance**

Virginia; wastewater treatment facility funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1935-Rukavina (DFL)**State Government Finance**

East Range Joint Powers Board funding provided for a water treatment facility, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1936-Anzelc (DFL)**Taxes**

Big Fork; local government aid decertified.

HF1937-Anzelc (DFL)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Koochiching County; private sale provided for tax-forfeited lands.

HF1938-Cornish (R)**Judiciary Policy & Finance**

Fugitive apprehension unit authorized to apply search warrants.

HF1939-Melin (DFL)**Higher Education Policy & Finance**

Northeast Higher Education District, Hibbing Community College; renovation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1940-Rukavina (DFL)**Government Operations & Elections**

Elections; right provided to be absent from work in order to vote and eligible elections expanded.

HF1941-Falk (DFL)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Big Stone County; public sale authorized for tax-forfeited land that borders public water.

HF1942-Beard (R)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Metropolitan Council base appropriations amended.

HF1943-Beard (R)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Metropolitan Council transit funding provisions modified.

HF1944-Johnson (DFL)**Public Safety & Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

Commissioner of corrections directed to prepare a report to the Legislature on the department's policies and practices related to supervised release violators.

HF1945-Gottwalt (R)**Judiciary Policy & Finance**

Criminal neglect of vulnerable adult penalty modified.

HF1946-Loeffler (DFL)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Minneapolis; Father Hennepin Bluffs Park funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1947-Abeler (R)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Anoka; Rum River Dam funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1948-Urdahl (R)**Veterans Services Division**

Motor vehicles sales tax exemption provided on a portion of the value of a motor vehicle purchased abroad during military service outside the United States.

HF1949-Runbeck (R)**Taxes**

Truth in Taxation Task Force established.

HF1950-Johnson (DFL)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

St. Paul; Great River Passage design work funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1951-Kahn (DFL)**Government Operations & Elections**

Voting age changed from 18 to 16 in state and local elections, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF1952-Urdahl (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Nursing home administrative burden reduction methods working group established.

HF1953-Abeler (R)**Education Reform**

Bullying prohibited in public schools.

HF1954-Downey (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

Counties and cities required to report additional budgetary information.

HF1955-Beard (R)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Move-over traffic law clarified, and speed requirement when driving by parked emergency, patrol, construction or maintenance vehicles added.

HF1956-Anderson, S. (R)**Public Safety & Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

Offenders possessing multiple welfare electronic benefit cards required to be reported by law enforcement departments to the commissioner of human services.

HF1957-Murray (R)**Higher Education Policy & Finance**

Albert Lea; Riverland Community College demolition and renovation funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1958-Hilstrom (DFL)**Public Safety & Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

Challenge Incarceration Program selection criteria narrowed.

HF1959-Hilstrom (DFL)**Public Safety & Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

Department of Corrections report on performance measures and targets eliminated.

HF1960-Banaian (R)**Higher Education Policy & Finance**

St. Cloud State University hockey center project 2008 appropriation modified.

HF1961-Banaian (R)**Higher Education Policy & Finance**

St. Cloud Technical and Community College funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1962-Nornes (R)**Health & Human Services Finance**

Dental coverage modified for non-pregnant adult Medical Assistance enrollees with a diagnosis of developmental disability, severe and persistent mental illness or traumatic brain injury.

HF1963-Wagenius (DFL)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

University of Minnesota aquatic invasive species activities money appropriated.

HF1964-Atkins (DFL)**Government Operations & Elections**

Senate and House of Representatives adoption of rules prohibiting use of confidential information by legislators required.

HF1965-Atkins (DFL)**Higher Education Policy & Finance**

Private higher education institutions disclosure requirements expanded.

HF1966-Shimanski (R)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Nonresident trapping provisions modified.

HF1967-Abeler (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Children and family services provisions modified, adoptions under guardianship of the commissioner reformed and child support statutory provisions modified.

HF1968-Loon (R)**Jobs & Economic Development Finance**

Minnesota Children's Museum funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1969-Anzelc (DFL)**State Government Finance**

LaPrairie; water and sanitary sewer infrastructure extension funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1970-Anzelc (DFL)**State Government Finance**

Koochiching; new sanitary sewer collection system funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1971-Beard (R)**Transportation Policy & Finance**

Highways contingent appropriations provided.

HF1972-Davids (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Dentists and dental hygienists licensed in another state temporary permit to practice without compensation provided.

HF1973-Drazkowski (R)**Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Policy & Finance**

Community-based energy development programs provisions repealed.

HF1974-Drazkowski (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

Public employee contract terms discontinuance in effect provided after expiration of a collective bargaining agreement.

HF1975-Drazkowski (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

State government outside contract restrictions removed.

HF1976-Drazkowski (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

Federal E-Verify program use by state appointing authorities required.

HF1977-Drazkowski (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

Executive branch employee representative negotiations authorized to avoid layoffs.

HF1978-Anzelc (DFL)**State Government Finance**

Northome; sanitary sewer and water improvements funding provided, bonds issued and money appropriated.

HF1979-Schomacker (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Group residential housing and Minnesota supplemental aid shelter needy provisions, and adult foster care homes modified.

HF1980-Hansen (DFL)**Education Finance**

Special School District No. 6, South St. Paul alternative facilities revenue program participation permitted.

HF1981-Howes (R)**Government Operations & Elections**

Public works contracts cost threshold modified.

HF1982-McElpatrick (R)**Veterans Services Division**

Educational program established for veterans, their spouses and eligible dependents.

HF1983-Garofalo (R)**Education Finance**

No Child Left Behind Act non-implementation fiscal impact annual management and budget report repealed.

HF1984-Scott (R)**Public Safety &****Crime Prevention Policy & Finance**

Federally licensed firearms manufacturers' possession of federally registered firearm silencers authorized for the purpose of testing firearms manufactured for police and military agencies.

HF1985-Schomacker (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Background study requirements modified.

HF1986-Gottwalt (R)**Health & Human Services Reform**

Healthy Minnesota contribution program eligibility modified.

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House Chief Clerk Al Mathiowetz, left, talks with House Speaker Kurt Zellers, center, and Republican Caucus Executive Director Chas Anderson before the first day of the 2012 session. Looking on is First Assistant Chief Clerk Pat Murphy.

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Number available for this year	56
Legislative days used in 2010, the last bonding year	49
In 2008	44
In 2006	46
Days between the start of session and Election Day, Nov. 6, 2012	287
Date by which members must have their work complete	May 21
Last year the Legislature adjourned in April	1998
Number of new House members since the end of last regular session	1 (Susan Allen)
Current Republican House members	72
Current DFL House members	62
Seat advantage for DFL at start of 2010 session	87-47
Members having announced that this will be their final session	1 (Mindy Greiling)
Bonding request submitted Jan. 17 by Gov. Mark Dayton (in millions)	\$903
Millions that are proposed in general obligation bonding	\$775
Percent of bonding request that is for statewide programs	28
Percent in the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area	36
Percent in Greater Minnesota	36
Millions in the 2010 bonding law	\$686.3
Members in each body that must pass a bonding bill, as percent	60
Percent of each body needed to override any gubernatorial veto	66.67
Based on the November Economic Forecast, anticipated state	
General Fund surplus at the end of the 2012-13 biennium, in millions	\$876
House bills introduced during the 2011 regular session	2,407
Senate bills	1,477
House bills introduced in the 2010 regular session, the last bonding year	1,457
Senate bills	1,264
House bills introduced on the first day of session	162
In 2010	330
In 2008	302
In 2006	515

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