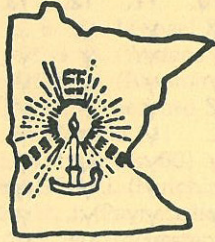
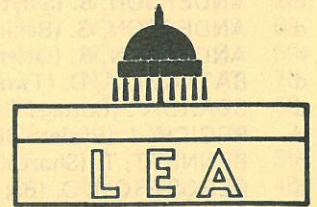


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## TEN OF THE BEST

LEA is pleased to present its evaluation of the 201 Legislators for the 1984 session. Nine Representatives achieved perfect voting scores — Gaylin Den Ouden (Prinsburg), Gary Findlay (Herman), Dave Jennings (Truman), Cal Ludeman (Tracy), K.J. McDonald (Watertown), Gary Schafer (Gibbon), Steve Sviggum (Kenyon), Paul Thiede (Pequot Lakes), and Ray Welker (Montevideo). Mel Frederick (Owatonna) gained the top rating in the Senate. Earning honorable mention are Representatives:

*John Burger (Long Lake)*  
*Terry Dempsey (New Ulm)*  
*Chuck Dimler (Chanhassen)*  
*Wendell Erickson (Hills)*  
*Dave Fjoslien (Brandon)*

*Don Frerichs (Rochester)*  
*Bob Haukoos (Albert Lea)*  
*Dorothy Hokr (New Hope)*  
*Adolph Kvam (Litchfield)*

*Tony Onnen (Cokato)*  
*Mark Piepho (Mankato)*  
*Allen Quist (St. Peter)*  
*Elton Redalen (Fountain)*

*Don Valento (Little Canada)*  
*Bob Waltman (Elgin)*  
*Richard Wigley (Lake Crystal)*  
*Maurice Zaffke (Backus)*

***Whether or not you agree with LEA's stand on all the legislation rated herein, this report will be useful in questioning your Senator and Representative. If they have represented your wishes on these issues, thank them. But if you object to their vote on any of these bills, we suggest that you confront them with your views. Your expressed opinion will have an effect!***

*Bob Knudson*  
**LEA Chairman**

# HOUSE

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	'84	C		
														%	%		
d	ANDERSON, B. (Slayton 28A)	—	—	Y	N*	Y	Y	—	Y	Y*	Y	Y	—	22	28		
d	ANDERSON, G. (Bellingham 20A)	—	Y	—	Y	Y	—	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	23		
r	ANDERSON, R. (Ottertail 10B)	—	Y	Y	N*	—	N*	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	36	47	
d	BATTAGLIA, D. (Two Harbors 6A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	8	24		
d	BEARD, P. (Cottage Grove 56B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	—	Y	Y	8	7		
d	BEGICH, J. (Eveleth 6B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	15	26	
r	BENNETT, T. (Shoreview 53A)	N*	—	—	N*	N*	N*	N	Y	Y*	—	Y	Y	N*	Y	60	40
d	BERGSTROM, D. (Big Lake 18B)	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	8	7		
r	BISHOP, D. (Rochester 33B)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	—	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	67	57	
r	BLATZ, K. (Bloomington 41B)	N*	Y	Y	N*	Y	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	54	50	
r	BOO, B. (Duluth 8B)	Y	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N*	46	46	
d	BRANDL, J. (Mpls. 62B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	8	9		
d	BRINKMAN, B. (Richmond 16B)	Y	Y	N*	N*	Y	N*	—	Y	Y*	—	Y	—	N*	50	39	
r	BURGER, J. (Long Lake 43A)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	N	—	—	N*	N*	82	83	
r	CARLSON, D. (Sandstone 14B)	N*	—	N*	N*	—	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	73	52	
d	CARLSON, L. (Crystal 46B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N*	Y	8	11	
d	CLARK, J. (Mpls. 60B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0	7		
d	CLARK, K. (Mpls. 60A)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y	Y	Y	17	11		
d	CLAWSON, J. (Lindstrom 19B)	—	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y	Y	N*	Y	27	19	
d	COHEN, R. (St. Paul 64B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N*	N	Y	Y	N*	N*	23	12	
d	COLEMAN, S. (Spring Lake Park 51A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	15	14	
r	DEMPSEY, T. (New Ulm 23A)	N*	Y	—	N*	Y	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	83	72	
r	DEN OUDEN, G. (Prinsburn 21B)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	100	85	
r	DIMLER, C. (Chanhassen 36A)	Y	N*	N*	N*	—	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	92	87	
d	EKEN, W. (Twin Valley 2B)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	17	20	
d	ELIOFF, D. (Virginia 5A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	15	26	
d	ELLINGSON, R. (Brooklyn Center 47B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0	9		
r	ERICKSON, W. (Hills 27B)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*	N*	—	92	69	
r	EVANS, J. (Detroit Lakes 10A)	N*	—	Y	N*	N*	N*	N	Y	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y	67	47	
r	FINDLAY, G. (Herman 11A)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	100	89	
r	FJOSLIEN, D. (Brandon 11B)	N*	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y	N*	N*	85	66	
r	FORSYTHE, M. (Edina 42B)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N*	69	50	
r	FRERICHS, D. (Rochester 32A)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	92	93	
d	GRABA, J. (Sebekka 12A)	—	Y	Y	N*	Y	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	—	—	Y	N*	60	30	
d	GREENFIELD, L. (Mpls. 61A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	8	8		
r	GRUENES, D. (St. Cloud 17B)	Y	Y	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	62	65	
d	GUSTAFSON, B. (Duluth 7B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	N	—	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	18	12	
r	GUTKNECHT, G. (Rochester 33A)	N*	Y	N*	N*	—	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	N*	N*	N*	75	79	
r	HALBERG, C. (Burnsville 38A)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	—	Y*	Y	Y	—	—	70	58	
r	HAUKOOS, M. (Albert Lea 31A)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N	N*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	92	74	
r	HEAP, J. (Golden Valley 45B)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	77	56	
r	HEINITZ, O. (Plymouth 48A)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	—	N	—	Y*	—	N*	—	N*	78	57	
r	HIMLE, J. (Bloomington 41A)	N*	—	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N*	58	54	
r	HOBERG, D. (Moorhead 9A)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Y	—	—	52	
d	HOFFMAN, C. (Stillwater 55B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0	9		
r	HOKR, D. (New Hope 46A)	N*	—	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	—	Y	Y	N*	N*	82	80	
d	JACOBS, J. (Coon Rapids 49B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	15	13	
r	JENNINGS, D. (Truman 29A)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	100	90	
d	JENSEN, R. (Farmington 36B)	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N*	Y	15	27	
r	JOHNSON, V. (Caledonia 34A)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	—	Y	N*	N*	75	74	
d	KAHN, P. (Mpls. 58B)	—	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	9	5		
d	KALIS, H. (Walters 29B)	Y	Y	Y	N*	—	N*	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	25	42	
d	KELLY, R. (St. Paul 67A)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N*	Y	8	20	
r	KNICKERBOCKER, G. (Minnetonka 43B)	—	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	—	—	45	40	
d	KNUTH, D. (New Brighton 52B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	—	Y	Y	—	—	0	6	
d	KOSTOHRZY, R. (North St. Paul 54B)	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N*	Y	15	16	
d	KRUEGER, R. (Staples 12B)	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	N*	N	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	46	32	
r	KVAM, A. (Litchfield 21A)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	N	—	—	N*	N*	91	74	
d	LARSEN, E. (Anoka 50A)	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0	6		
r	LEVI, C. (Dellwood 55A)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	62	55	
d	LONG, D. (Mpls. 59A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N*	N	Y	Y	Y	8	9		
r	LUDEMAN, C. (Tracy 27A)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	100	93	
d	MANN, G. (Windom 28B)	Y	Y	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	31	28	
r	MARSH, M. (Sauk Rapids 17A)	Y	Y	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	—	Y	N*	N*	58	61	
r	McDONALD, K. (Watertown 35B)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	—	Y*	N*	N*	—	N*	100	79	
d	McEACHERN, B. (St. Michael 22A)	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	N	N*	Y*	—	—	N*	Y	36	30	
r	McKASY, B. (Mendota Heights 39A)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	—	Y	Y	N*	Y	58	62	

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d	METZEN, J. (South St. Paul 39B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	—	—	N*	Y	18	21
d	MINNE, L. (Hibbing 5B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N*	Y	8	18
d	MUNGER, W. (Duluth 7A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	—	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	17	10
d	MURPHY, M. (Hermantown 8A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	18
d	NELSON, D. (Champlin 49A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	—	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	3
d	NELSON, K. (Mpls. 62A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y	Y	N*	Y	15	9
d	NEUENSCHWANDER, B. (Int'l Falls 3A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	17	12
d	NORTON, F. (St. Paul 65A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	10
d	O'CONNOR, R. (St. Paul 66B)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	—	Y	Y	N*	Y	9	12
d	OGREN, P. (Aitkin 14A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	15	14
r	OLSEN, S. (St. Louis Park 44A)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	N*	50	61
r	OMANN, B. (St. Joseph 16A)	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	62	63
r	ONNEN, T. (Cokato 22B)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	85	66
d	OSTHOFF, C. (St. Paul 66A)	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N*	N*	23	27
d	OTIS, T. (Mpls. 59B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	11
r	PAULY, S. (Eden Prairie 42A)	N*	Y	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	46	59
d	PETERSON, J. (Princeton 18A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	3
r	PIEPHO, M. (Mankato 24A)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y	N*	N*	85	67
d	PIPER, P. (Austin 31B)	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	3
d	PRICE, L. (Woodbury 56A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	3
d	QUINN, J. (Blaine 50B)	Y	Y	—	—	Y	Y	N	Y	—	—	Y	N*	Y	11	13
r	QUIST, A. (St. Peter 23B)	N*	—	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*	Y	N*	83	89
r	REDALEN, E. (Fountain 32B)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y	N*	N*	85	69
r	REIF, R. (White Bear Lake 53B)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N	Y	Y*	—	Y	Y	N*	58	55
d	RICE, J. (Mpls. 57A)	—	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y	Y	—	Y	20	13
d	RIVENESS, P. (Bloomington 40B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	—	Y	Y	N*	N*	17	18
d	RODOSOVICH, P. (Faribault 25B)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y*	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	18	15
d	RODRIGUEZ, C. (Apple Valley 37A)	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	23	21
d	RODRIGUEZ, F. (St. Paul 65B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	13
r	ROSE, J. (Roseville 63A)	N*	Y	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y*	Y	—	Y	Y	N*	N*	58	52
d	ST ONGE, D. (Bemidji 4A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	—	—	—	Y	10	18
d	SARNA, J. (Mpls. 58A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N*	Y	8	20
r	SCHAFFER, G. (Gibbon 35A)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	100	93
d	SCHEID, L. (Brooklyn Park 47A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N*	N*	15	15
d	SCHOENFELD, J. (Waseca 30B)	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	N*	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N*	31	29
r	SCHREIBER, W. (Brooklyn Park 48B)	N*	Y	—	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	67	52
r	SEABERG, A. (Mendota Heights 38B)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	N*	58	62
d	SEGAL, G. (St. Louis Park 44B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	7
r	SHAVEN, C. (Wayzata 45A)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N*	62	71
d	SHEA, T. (Owatonna 30A)	—	Y	—	N*	Y	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y	Y	Y	N*	36	32
r	SHERMAN, T. (Winona 34B)	N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	—	—	N*	N*	73	69
d	SIEBEN, H. (Hastings 37B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	13
d	SIMONEAU, W. (Fridley 51B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	11
d	SKOGLUND, W. (Mpls. 61B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	15	12
d	SOLBERG, L. (Bovey 3B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	15	8
d	SPARBY, W. (Thief River Falls 1B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	17	12
r	STADUM, T. (Ada 2A)	—	—	—	N*	—	—	—	—	Y*	—	—	N*	—	—	65
d	STATEN, R. (Mpls. 57B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	N	Y	Y	—	Y	0	5
r	SVIGGUM, S. (Kenyon 26A)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	100	74
d	SWANSON, J. (Richfield 40A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y*	—	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	27	23
r	THIEDE, P. (Pequot Lakes 13A)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	100	89
d	TOMLINSON, J. (St. Paul 67B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	10
d	TUNHEIM, J. (Kennedy 1A)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	17	15
r	UPHUS, S. (Sauk Centre 15A)	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	62	78
r	VALAN, M. (Moorhead 9B)	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N	Y	Y*	N*	—	N*	N*	67	52
r	VALENTO, D. (Little Canada 54A)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	—	Y	N*	N*	83	76
d	VANASEK, R. (New Prague 25A)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	17	18
d	VELLENGA, K. (St. Paul 64A)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	15	11
d	VOSS, G. (Blaine 52A)	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	—	Y	Y	N*	N*	27	21
r	WALTMAN, B. (Elgin 26B)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y	N*	N*	85	77
d	WELCH, R. (Cambridge 19A)	Y	—	Y	Y	—	Y	Y*	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	22
r	WELKER, R. (Montevideo 20B)	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	100	94
d	WELLE, A. (Willmar 15B)	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N*	Y	15	17
d	WENZEL, S. (Little Falls 13B)	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	23	24
r	WIGLEY, R. (Lake Crystal 24B)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	—	Y	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	83	70
d	WYNIA, A. (St. Paul 63B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	15	14
r	ZAFFKE, M. (Backus 4B)	N*	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	N*	92	91

# KEY VOTES

Y = Yes                      d = Democratic-Farmer-Labor  
 N = No                        r = Independent-Republican  
 — means excused, absent, or not voting  
 \* denotes vote favored by LEA  
 C % means percentage of legislator's career votes that were  
 correct according to LEA  
 Legislators absent for more than 4 votes are not rated

**1. DEED Authority (HF 1775):** The Department of Energy and Economic Development (DEED) is a new bureaucracy created in 1983 to command the greatly expanded state energy, tourism, and finance programs. (See key vote #10 on 1983 LEA Report.) The DEED Commissioner, a former U.S. Senate candidate appointed by the Governor, already controlled vast regulatory and bonding powers. This bill increases the powers of the Minnesota Energy and Economic Development Authority (a division of DEED) and removes the \$30 million limit on the total value of the Authority's bonds and notes outstanding at any one time. Supporters of this bill convey a "big government can do it better" posture and ignore overburdened taxpayers' demands for restraint of escalating state spending. LEA opposes this bill, now law, which passed on final votes of 75-48 in the House and 37-24 in the Senate. Authors: OTIS, REICHGOTT

**2. Taxpayer-funded Lobbyists (SF 1927):** On the surface this would appear to be a "local" bill; allowing St. Louis County to appoint a legislative lobbyist/grant co-ordinator. However, it is symbolic of a serious problem. It establishes a dangerous precedent which can easily lead to the proliferation of taxpayer-funded professional lobbyists for counties and cities. These lobbyists are seldom a force for restraint in government spending, taxation, and regulation; they are usually agents for empire-building, boondoggling, legislative logrolling, and other measures of expanding government. LEA opposes this bill, now law, which passed on third reading votes of 98-19 in the House and 62-0 in the Senate. Authors: ELIOFF, SOLON

**3. Human Rights Department Changes (SF 1762):** By making it easier to file, pursue, and win charges of unfair discriminatory practices, this bill helps further the attitude of "all rights, no responsibilities". This manner of thinking has led to special privileges for certain groups through affirmative action programs and quota systems. The people best qualified for jobs now often suffer from reverse discrimination. LEA opposes this bill, now law, which passed on final votes of 73-49 in the House and 50-14 in the Senate. Authors: K. CLARK, REICHGOTT

**4. Unemployment Compensation (HF 1420):** As was the case with unemployment compensation legislation in 1983 (see key vote #15 on 1983 Report), this bill would only worsen the problems in this area. Part-time workers would have become eligible for benefits. This state would have been number one in the country in maximum-rate costs for unemployment compensation. If the balance in the unemployment compensation fund ever fell below \$50 million, business owners would have automatically had to pay another 10% surcharge. LEA opposes this bill which on final votes passed the Senate 35-31, but was justifiably defeated by the House 62-70. Authors: SIMONEAU, KROENING

**5. "Hostile" Takeovers (HF 1422):** This bill sets up certain provisions to make corporate takeovers of Minnesota companies from interests outside the state ("hostile" takeovers) more difficult. This unnecessary state intervention in the already over-regulated free enterprise system is probably unconstitutional. Situations do arise in which the survival of a business is dependent upon investment from outside the state. In our opinion, the Legislature repeated the mistake it made in passing the infamous "Buy Minnesota" law. LEA opposes this bill, now law, which passed on final votes of 75-45 in the House and 39-27 in the Senate. Authors: SIMONEAU, R. MOE

**6. Tip Credit Elimination (SF 433):** The Minnesota AFL-CIO pushed through this bill which gives waiters and waitresses the minimum wage and repeals the "tip credit" given employers. It will increase the cost of operating restaurants, resulting in higher menu prices and fewer customers. LEA opposes this anti-business legislation, now law, which passed on third reading votes of 68-61 in the House and 40-25 in the Senate. Authors: MURPHY, VEGA

**7. State Lottery (HF 158, SF 2079):** These bills called for amending the Minnesota Constitution to allow a state-run lottery. Any lottery revenue would probably go to feed the appetite of the tax-spend machine, not to reduce government spending and taxation. Moreover, the social, moral, and economic dislocations which accompany gambling should be great enough deterrents to further state involvement. Many legislators appeared to sense this as they passed a separate bill (SF 1614) establishing a pilot gambling treatment program which seems to be "applying the salve before the boil develops". LEA opposes this lottery legislation, which was sent back to committee in the House (68-47, LEA favors "YES" vote) and defeated on a third reading tie vote in the Senate (33-33, LEA favors "NO" vote).

**8. Liquor Licenses (SF 1349):** This bill allows the city of St. Paul to abolish its liquor patrol limits and to issue many additional liquor licenses. It helps demonstrate the inherent instability of development financed by government subsidies, tax increments, and industrial revenue bonds, all of which have the taxpayer as the ultimate guarantor. St. Paul projects so funded are sinking into quicksand — delays, overruns, high vacancy rates, defaults, etc. The powers-that-be hope to "float" them on a sea of alcohol, disregarding the likely social and economic consequences. Fortunately, St. Paul voters might be able to express their opinions of this matter in a referendum election. LEA opposes this bill, now law, which passed on final votes of 83-41 in the House and 41-25 in the Senate. Authors: JACOBS, SPEAR

**9. Firearms Pre-emption (SF 1842):** This bill would help secure the constitutional right to keep and bear arms for all law-abiding citizens by making state firearm laws pre-empt most local ordinances and preventing any local handgun bans. LEA supports this bill, which passed on third reading votes of 79-40 in the House and 47-15 in the Senate. The Governor vetoed the bill, despite having signed a candidate questionnaire indicating support for such legislation. Authors: VANASEK, LESSARD

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d	ADKINS, B. (St. Michael 22)	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	23	23
r	ANDERSON, D. (Wadena 12)	N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	69	68
r	BELANGER, W. (Bloomington 41)	N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	62	59
r	BENSON, D. (Lanesboro 32)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	77	70
d	BERG, C. (Chokio 11)	N*	—	N*	N*	N*	Y	Y	N*	—	Y	Y	N*	N*	64	59
r	BERGLIN, L. (Mpls. 60)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	7
r	BERNHAGEN, J. (Hutchinson 21)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	77	55
d	BERTRAM, J. (Paynesville 16)	Y	Y	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	46	45
r	BRATAAS, N. (Rochester 33)	N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N*	62	37
d	CHMIELEWSKI, F. (Sturgeon Lake 14)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	—	25	34
d	DAHL, G. (Lino Lakes 50)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	15	17
d	DAVIS, C. (Princeton 18)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	24
d	DeCRAMER, G. (Ghent 27)	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	15	22
d	DICKLICH, R. (Hibbing 5)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	12
d	DIESSNER, A. (Afton 56)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	4
d	DIETERICH, N. (St. Paul 63)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	N*	N*	N	Y	Y	—	Y	25	18
r	FRANK, D. (Spring Lake Park 51)	N*	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N*	23	25
d	FREDERICK, M. (Owatonna 30)	N*	—	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	—	Y	Y	N*	82	50
r	FREDERICKSON, D. (Morgan 23)	Y	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	54	54
d	FREEMAN, M. (Richfield 40)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	23	15
d	HUGHES, J. (St. Paul 54)	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	15	12
r	ISACKSON, D. (Storden 28)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	77	80
d	JOHNSON, D.E. (Willmar 15)	N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	69	47
r	JOHNSON, D.J. (Cook 6)	—	—	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	12
d	JUDE, T. (Maple Grove 48)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	31	25
r	KAMRATH, R. (Canby 20)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	77	79
r	KNAAK, F. (White Bear Lake 53)	N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N*	46	53
d	KNUTSON, H. (Burnsville 38)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	—	—	Y	Y	N*	N*	73	54
r	KROENING, C. (Mpls. 57)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	19
r	KRONEBUSCH, P. (Rollingstone 34)	N*	Y	N*	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	69	60
d	LAIDIG, G. (Stillwater 55)	—	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N*	67	38
d	LANGSETH, K. (Glyndon 9)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	26
d	LANTRY, M. (St. Paul 67)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	12
d	LESSARD, R. (Int'l Falls 3)	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	25	30
r	LUTHER, W. (Brooklyn Park 47)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	13
d	McQUAID, P. (St. Louis Park 44)	N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	54	62
r	MEHRKENS, L. (Red Wing 26)	N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	69	60
d	MERRIAM, G. (Coon Rapids 49)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N*	15	17
d	MOE, D. (St. Paul 65)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N*	17	9
d	MOE, R. (Ada 2)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	15	15
d	NELSON, T. (Austin 31)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	11
d	NOVAK, S. (New Brighton 52)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	13
r	OLSON, G. (Mound 43)	N*	Y	—	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	75	76
d	PEHLER, J. (St. Cloud 17)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	13
d	PETERSON, C. (Detroit Lakes 10)	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	27	27
r	PETERSON, D.C. (Mpls. 61)	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	9
d	PETERSON, D.L. (Fairmont 29)	Y	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	—	Y	N*	N*	67	67
d	PETERSON, R. (Wyoming 19)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	31	16
d	PETTY, E. (Mpls. 62)	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	11
d	POGEMILLER, L. (Mpls. 58)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	9
d	PURFEERST, C. (Faribault 25)	—	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	—	—	N*	Y	Y	22	20
r	RAMSTAD, J. (Plymouth 45)	N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	69	58
d	REICHGOTT, E. (Robbinsdale 46)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	—	Y	Y	N*	Y	17	9
r	RENNEKE, E. (Le Sueur 35)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	69	59
d	SAMUELSON, D. (Brainerd 13)	—	Y	—	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N*	27	28
d	SCHMITZ, R. (Jordan 36)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	15	26
r	SIELOFF, R. (St. Paul 64)	N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N*	69	48
d	SOLON, S. (Duluth 7)	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	—	—	Y	Y	10	16
d	SPEAR, A. (Mpls. 59)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	6
r	STORM, D. (Edina 42)	N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	—	—	N*	N*	73	68
d	STUMPF, L. (Plummer 1)	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y	23	19
r	TAYLOR, G. (Mankato 24)	N*	Y	—	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N*	75	58
r	ULLAND, J. (Duluth 8)	N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N*	62	28
d	VEGA, C. (South St. Paul 39)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	23
d	WALDORF, G. (St. Paul 66)	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N*	23	28
d	WEGSCHEID, D. (Apple Valley 37)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	11
d	WILLET, G. (Park Rapids 4)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	—	Y	8	26

**10. State Holiday (HF 1587):** This bill will make Martin Luther King's birthday an official paid holiday, the tenth one of the year for state employees. The daily payroll for time not worked because of this holiday will cost the state \$2.39 million, the counties \$1.9 million, and the cities \$1.79 million. This does not include overtime payments for those required to work on holidays. LEA opposes this bill, now law, which passed on final votes of 95-21 in the House and 62-0 in the Senate. Authors: STATEN, NELSON

**11. "Comparable Worth" (HF 1766):** City and county governments are required by this bill to evaluate jobs and establish equitable compensation relationships between "female-dominated", "male-dominated", and "balanced" classes of employees. The example of Washington State shows that "comparable worth" (the new "cutting edge" of the feminist movement) results in more litigation, increased government spending and taxation, and the substitution of opinions of bureaucrats and judges for free economic principles. LEA opposes this bill, now law, which passed on final votes of 104-20 in the House and 64-0 in the Senate. Authors: RIVENESS, BERGLIN

**12. Mandatory Seat Belts (SF 214):** Although the versions of this bill were slightly different in each house, the basic thrust was the same — bringing the power of the state into an area where individual freedom and responsibility should rule, the wearing of seat belts in all motor vehicles. Big Brother would be getting his foot inside another door. LEA opposes this bill, which on final votes was passed by the Senate 35-30 in the 1983 session but defeated by the House 55-72 in 1984. Authors: C. RODRIGUEZ, FRANK

**13. "Garbage" Bill (HF 2317):** Among the "garbage" in this monstrous 320 page, \$197 million supplemental budget bill are over \$1 million in salary increases — including a 20% raise for legislators over two years, another increase for judges and constitutional officers, and a \$10,000 a year raise for the Governor. Many of the 93 separate items in this bill contributed to the "odor". These included a \$30 million appropriation to extend an inefficient jobs program; \$10 million for a light-rail transit system (the old People Mover?); and the creation and funding of more layers of bureaucracy — Regional Transit Board, World Trade Center Board, Manufacturing Growth Council, Conven-

tion Facilities Commission, and the Minnesota Telecommunications Council. Also, millions were pumped into the old standbys — public TV and radio, Board of the Arts, Zoological Board, Human Rights Department, special group Councils, low-income weatherization, transit assistance, alternative energy projects, Emergency Employment Development, Economic Recovery Grant Program, and conservation and planning provisions that infringe on private property rights. LEA opposes this bill, now law, which passed on final votes of 69-58 in the House and 36-30 in the Senate. Author: RICE

### WHAT TAX CUT?

In 1983 the Legislature increased spending to \$10.2 billion, taxes and license fees to over \$1.5 billion, and the state's outstanding debt to \$1.25 billion. In 1984 it returned less than \$350 million (a paltry sum by comparison) to the taxpayer by repealing the 10 percent income surtax. Was this a real tax cut? NO! The surtax was an extra tax on top of the Minnesota taxpayer's already incredibly high tax load. Even with a \$900 million budget surplus, due to the strong national economy and the aforementioned large tax increases, it still took persistent pressure by a minority of the Legislators and many other concerned groups and individuals to get the majority to allow the removal of just this extra tax. This is an indication of the present majority's resistance toward any meaningful tax reform. In order to rectify the state's current dismal business and tax climates, Minnesota voters must elect a majority committed to cutting spending and taxes! Only then will the average taxpayer and the LEA witness positive legislation leading to real improvements.

### PROPERTY TAX HYPOCRISY

The Legislature, attempting to disavow any responsibility for property tax increases, voted to require property tax bills to contain this statement: "The State of Minnesota does not receive any property tax revenues. The State of Minnesota reduces your property tax by paying credits and reimbursements to local units of government."

Who are they trying to kid? While the statement is technically true, large portions of many counties' taxes go to fund state-mandated programs (welfare, etc.) over which the counties have virtually no control. So the state doesn't levy the tax — they just require it to be raised and spent.

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