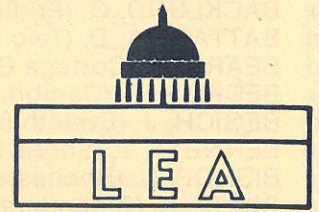


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HIGHEST AVERAGE RATINGS EVER

LEA is pleased to present its evaluation of the 67 Senators and 134 Representatives for the 1985 Session. The overall individual average of 57% is the highest in the 14 years of LEA ratings. Senator Randy Kamrath (Canby) is the first Senator ever to achieve a perfect score from LEA. Other Senators with a 90% or better rating are John Bernhagen (Hutchinson), Doran Isackson (Storden), Jim Ramstad (Wayzata), and Glen Taylor (Mankato). Seven Representatives achieved 100% ratings - Jim Boerboom (Cottonwood), Gaylin Den Ouden (Prinsburg), Chuck Dimler (Chanhassen), Adolph Kvam (Litchfield), Howard Miller (Redwood Falls), Don Valento (Little Canada), and Bob Waltman (Elgin). Other Representatives scoring above 90% are:

Kathleen Blatz (Bloomington)
 Terry Dempsey (New Ulm)
 Carol Dyke (Worthington)
 David Gruenes (St. Cloud)

Gil Gutknecht (Rochester)
 Bob Haukoos (Albert Lea)
 Ralph Kiffmeyer (Big Lake)
 Harriet McPherson (Stillwater)

Tony Onnen (Cokato)
 Mark Piepho (Mankato)
 Allen Quist (St. Peter)
 Don Richter (Wadena)

Gary Schafer (Gibbon)
 Paul Thiede (Pequot Lakes)
 Chris Tjornhom (Richfield)
 Eileen Tompkins (Apple Valley)

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.	14.	'85 %
r ANDERSON, B. (Ottertail 10B)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	N	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	—	Y*	69
d ANDERSON, G. (Bellingham 20A)	—	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	—	N	42
r BACKLUND, G. (Fridley 51A)	Y*	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	—	Y*	Y*	
d BATTAGLIA, D. (Two Harbors 6A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	36
d BEARD, P. (Cottage Grove 56B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	Y*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	29
r BECKLIN, L. (Cambridge 19A)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	79
d BEGICH, J. (Eveleth 6B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	Y*	N	N*	Y	Y	Y*	N	36
r BENNETT, T. (Shoreview 53A)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	N*	Y*	—	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	77
r BISHOP, D. (Rochester 33B)	Y*	—	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	N	N	Y*	Y	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	62
r BLATZ, K. (Bloomington 41B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	93
r BOERBOOM, J. (Cottonwood 27A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	100
r BOO, B. (Duluth 8B)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	N	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	57
d BRANDL, J. (Mpls. 62B)	N	N	Y	Y*	N*	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N*	—	N	23
d BRINKMAN, B. (Richmond 16B)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y*	Y*	N	N*	Y	Y	Y*	N	50
d BROWN, C. (Appleton 11A)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	Y	N*	Y*	N	57
r BURGER, J. (Long Lake 43A)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	N*	N	Y*	71
r CARLSON, D. (Sandstone 14B)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	79
r CARLSON, J. (Moorhead 9A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	86
d CARLSON, L. (Crystal 46B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	N	N	N*	Y	N*	N	N	29
d CLARK, K. (Mpls. 60A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	N	N	Y	Y	N*	N	N	21
r CLAUDSITZER, D. (Maple Grove 48A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	N	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	79
d COHEN, R. (St. Paul 64B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	N	N	Y	Y	Y	—	N	23
r DEMPSEY, T. (New Ulm 23A)	Y*	Y*	—	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	92
r DEN OUDEN, G. (Prinsburg 21B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	100
r DIMLER, C. (Chanhassen 36A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	100
r DYKE, C. (Worthington 28A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	93
d ELIOFF, D. (Virginia 5A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	Y*	N	N*	Y	Y	Y*	—	38
d ELLINGSON, B. (Brooklyn Ctr. 47B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	Y*	N	Y	Y	N*	Y*	N	36
r ERICKSON, W. (Hills 27B)	Y*	—	Y	—	—	Y*	Y*	Y*	—	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	80
r FJOSLIEN, D. (Brandon 11B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	86
r FORSYTHE, M. (Edina 42B)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	—	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	69
r FREDERICK, M. (Mankato 24B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	8
r FREDERICKSON, D. (Windom 28B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	8
r FRERICHS, D. (Rochester 32A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	N	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	86
d GREENFIELD, L. (Mpls. 61A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N*	N	N	14
r GRUENES, D. (St. Cloud 17B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	93
r GUTKNECHT, G. (Rochester 33A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	93
r HALBERG, C. (Burnsville 38A)	Y*	N	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	N	Y*	Y	—	Y	Y*	Y*	62
r HARTINGER, J. (Coon Rapids 50A)	Y*	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	71
r HARTLE, D. (Owatonna 30A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	N	N	Y*	Y	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	64
r HAUKOOS, B. (Albert Lea 31A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	93
r HEAP, J. (Plymouth 45B)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	—	Y	N*	Y	—	Y*	67
r HIMLE, J. (Bloomington 41A)	Y*	Y*	—	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	N	Y*	Y	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	77
d JACOBS, J. (Coon Rapids 49B)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	—	Y*	Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*	—	58
d JAROS, M. (Duluth 7B)	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y*	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	—	8
r JENNINGS, D. (Truman 29A)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	79
d JENNINGS, L. (Rush City 19B)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	N	Y*	N*	Y	—	Y*	Y*	54
r JOHNSON, V. (Caledonia 34A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	86
d KAHN, P. (Mpls. 58B)	N	N	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y*	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	21
d KALIS, H. (Walters 29B)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	N	—	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y*	N	54
d KELLY, R. (St. Paul 67A)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	N*	N	N	Y*	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	29
r KIFFMEYER, R. (Big Lake 18B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	93
r KNICKERBOCKER, G. (Hopkins 43B)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	71
d KNUTH, D. (New Brighton 52B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	N	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N	N	21
d KOSTOHRYZ, R. (North St. Paul 54B)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y*	—	N	N*	—	Y	N	N	42
d KRUEGER, R. (Staples 12B)	Y*	Y*	—	Y*	Y	N	N	Y*	Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*	N	54
r KVAM, A. (Litchfield 21A)	Y*	Y*	—	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	100
r LEVI, C. (Dellwood 55A)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	79
d LIEDER, B. (Crookston 2A)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*	N	57
d LONG, D. (Mpls. 59A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	7
r MARSH, M. (Sauk Rapids 17A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	
r McDONALD, K. (Watertown 35B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	7
d McEACHERN, B. (St. Michael 22A)	N	N	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y*	Y*	N	N*	Y	Y	Y*	—	46
r McKASY, B. (Mendota Heights 39A)	Y*	Y*	—	Y*	Y	Y*	—	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	N*	N	Y*	75
d McLAUGHLIN, P. (Mpls. 60B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	N	N	Y	Y	N*	N	N	21
r McPHERSON, H. (Stillwater 55B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	93
d METZEN, J. (South St. Paul 39B)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	Y*	N	N*	Y	Y	Y*	N	43

HOUSE — Continued

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	'85 %
r MILLER, H. (Redwood Falls 20B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	—	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	100
d MINNE, L. (Hibbing 5B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	14
u MUNGER, W. (Duluth 7A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	14
d MURPHY, M. (Hermantown 8A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	Y*	N	Y	—	Y	Y*	N	23
d NELSON, D. (Champlin 49A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	—	N	Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y*	N	31
d NELSON, K. (Mpls. 62A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	—	N	Y	Y	N*	N	N	23
d NEUENSCHWANDER, B. (Int' Falls 3A)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	Y*	Y*	N*	—	Y	Y*	N	46
d NORTON, F. (St. Paul 65A)	N	N	Y	Y*	N*	N	—	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	15
d O'CONNOR, R. (St. Paul 66B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	Y*	N	N*	Y	Y	—	N	23
d OGREN, P. (Aitkin 14A)	N	N	Y	Y*	N*	—	—	Y*	N	N*	Y	Y	Y*	N	42
r OLSEN, S. (St. Louis Park 44A)	Y*	N	Y	Y*	N*	Y*	N	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	N*	N	Y*	64
d OLSON, E. (Fosston 2B)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	—	—	Y*	Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*	N	50
r OMANN, B. (St. Joseph 16A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	—	Y*	N	85
r ONNEN, T. (Cokato 22B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	93
d OSTHOFF, T. (St. Paul 66A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	Y*	—	Y	Y	Y	N	N	15
d OTIS, T. (Mpls. 59B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	N	N	Y	Y	N*	N	N	21
r OZMENT, D. (Rosemount 37B)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	86
d PAPPAS, S. (St. Paul 65B)	N	—	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	N	N	Y	Y	N*	N	N	23
r PAULY, S. (Eden Prairie 42A)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	—	Y*	Y*	77
d PETERSON, J. (Princeton 18A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	Y*	N	N*	Y	Y	Y*	—	38
r PEIPHO, M. (Mankato 24A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	93
d PIPER, P. (Austin 31B)	N	N	Y	Y*	N*	N	N	N	Y*	Y	Y	N*	N	N	29
r POPPENHAGEN, D. (Detroit Lakes 10A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	86
d PRICE, L. (Woodbury 56A)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	Y*	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	29
d QUINN, J. (Coon Rapids 50B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	—	Y*	N	N*	Y	—	Y*	N	33
r QUIST, A. (St. Peter 23B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	93
r REDALEN, E. (Fountain 32B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	86
r REES, T. (Lakeville 36B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	—	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	85
d REST, A. (New Hope 46A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	N	N	N*	Y	N*	N	N	29
d RICE, J. (Mpls. 57A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	—	N	Y	Y	N*	N	N	23
r RICHTER, D. (Wadena 12A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	93
r RIVENESS, P. (Bloomington 40B)	N	N	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y*	N	N	N*	Y	N*	—	N	38
d RODOSOVICH, P. (Faribault 25B)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	N*	N	N	Y*	Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*	—	62
r ROSE, J. (Roseville 63A)	Y*	N	Y	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	79
d SARNA, J. (Mpls. 58A)	N	N	Y	Y*	N*	N	Y*	Y*	N	N*	Y	Y	—	N	38
r SCHAFER G. (Gibbon 35A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	93
d SCHEID, L. (Brooklyn Park 47A)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	Y*	N	Y	Y	—	N	N	15
d SCHOENFELD, J. (Waseca 30B)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	Y*	N	Y	Y	—	Y*	N	38
r SCHREIBER, W. (Brooklyn Park 48B)	Y*	Y*	—	Y*	N*	Y*	N	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	—	Y*	Y*	83
r SEABERG, A. (Mendota Heights 38B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	N*	N	Y*	79
d SEGAL, G. (St. Louis Park 44B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	N	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N	N	14
r SHAVER, C. (Wayzata 45A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	N	Y*	Y	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	79
r SHERMAN, T. (Winona 34B)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	N	71
d SIMONEAU, W. (Fridley 51B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	—	N	N	Y	Y	N*	N	N	15
d SKOGLUND W. (Mpls. 61B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N*	N	N	14
d SOLBERG, L. (Bovey 3B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	Y*	N	N*	Y	Y	Y*	N	29
d SPARBY, W. (Thief River Falls 1B)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	—	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*	N	54
r STANIUS, B. (White Bear Lake 53B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	—	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	85
d STATEN, R. (Mpls. 57B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N*	N	N	14
r SVIGGUM, S. (Kenyon 26A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	N	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	—	Y*	Y*	85
r THEIDE, P. (Pequot Lakes 13A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	93
r THORSON, T. (Bemidji 4A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	86
r TJORNHOM, C. (Richfield 40A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	93
d TOMLINSON, J. (St. Paul 67B)	N	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N*	N	—	38
r TOMPKINS, E. (Apple Valley 37A)	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	93
d TUNHEIM, J. (Kennedy 1A)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	—	Y	Y	Y*	—	58
r UPHUS, S. (Sauk Centre 15A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	86
r VALAN, M. (Moorhead 9B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	86
r VALENTO, D. (Little Canada 54A)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	—	Y*	Y*	100
d VANASEK, R. (New Prague 25A)	N	N	N*	Y*	N*	—	N	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	—	Y*	N	50
d VELLENGA, K. (St. Paul, 64A)	N	N	Y	Y*	N*	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N*	N	—	23
r VOSS, G. (Blaine 52A)	N	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N	Y*	Y*	N	N*	Y	Y	N	N	50
r WALTMAN, B. (Elgin 26B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*	Y*	100
d WELLE, A. (Willmar 15B)	N	Y*	Y	Y*	N*	N	—	Y*	Y*	N*	Y	N*	N	N	54
d WENZEL, S. (Little Falls 13B)	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	N	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*	N	43
d WYNIA, A. (St. Paul 63B)	N	N	Y	Y*	N*	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N*	N	N	21
r ZAFFKE, M. (Backus 4B)	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	86

KEY VOTES

Y = Yes d = Democratic-Farmer-Labor
 N = No r = Independent-Republican
 — means excused, absent, or not voting
 * denotes vote favored by LEA
 1985% means percentage of legislator's votes that were correct according to LEA
 Legislators absent for more than 4 votes are not rated

1. Unemployment Insurance Compensation (HF 847): One of the major reasons for Minnesota's continuing poor business climate is the failure to reform its unemployment insurance compensation (UI) structure. Even though Minnesota's businesses pay higher UI premiums than most states, its UI fund continues to be in debt. Why? — because benefits are not in line with other states. Consider the following:

- Minnesota now pays the highest maximum UI benefits in the nation.
- Workers qualify for benefits after working just 15 weeks per year.
- Seasonal workers continue to collect benefits (tax free) year after year to supplement their seasonal work.
- Automatic escalators built into the system allow taxes and benefits to skyrocket without any legislative review. A 40% increase in business UI taxes and a 90% increase in UI benefits are scheduled over the next five years.

LEA supports the House version of this bill, which makes some good steps toward solving these problems. It passed 74-59. LEA opposes the vastly different Senate version of the bill, which called for raising employer UI taxes. It passed 37-28. No agreement was worked out by the House-Senate conference committee, who got little help from the Governor. Authors: GUTKNECHT, CHMIELEWSKI

2. Environmental Superfund Law changes (HF 6, SS): This bill, now law, repairs much of the damage to the business climate done by the 1983 Superfund law, which made it difficult (if not impossible) for Minnesota business owners to obtain insurance to cover potential liabilities. (see key vote 12 on 1983 LEA report) Provisions of the new law are: Makes the business liability retroactive to 1983 instead of 1960; repeals a provision that allowed victims to sue the wealthiest polluter in a group of polluters, regardless of the amount the polluter had contributed to the problem; eliminates the causation section of the bill that made it easier than usual for victims to get their case before the jury; creates a \$2 million compensation fund for victims of hazardous waste; (this last provision we did not favor) LEA supports the badly needed changes in this legislation which passed 82-49 in the House and 46-13 in the Senate. Authors: SVIGGUM, MERRIAM

3. Saturn proposal (HF 1645): The Governor and Legislature hung every economic gimmick possible on an unsuccessful bid to lure General Motor's new Saturn auto plant to Minnesota. The \$1.3 billion incentive package proposal included 30 years of property and corporate tax abatements, 30 years of sales-tax exemption on equipment and building materials, a free site, a \$31 million job-training center, and a \$20 million manufacturing technologies center at the U of M. The fact the state had to promise the world even to be considered for the plant illustrates the gloominess of Minnesota's business climate. Moreover, it is ironic that many of the same people who oppose most legislation that would help Minnesota's own businesses would pledge all this to the third largest corporation in the nation. LEA opposes this constitutionally questionable offer which passed on final votes of 82-46 in the House and 41-26 in the Senate. Authors: BEARD, LUTHER

4. Tax Cut (HF 10 SS): After months of fanfare, our solons finally passed a monstrous, 535 page omnibus tax bill. Probably no one person understands everything in this new law. However, we do know that it provides \$866.1 million in individual income, sales, corporate and property tax relief. Other good provisions include a one-page tax form and not requiring IRA's to be included with federal adjusted gross income. This tax cut reverses recent increases such as the \$1.2 billion tax hike in 1983. Even with the cut, according to the Minnesota Taxpayers Association, we will still likely be among the ten highest in state and local taxes. LEA supports these good measures in this legislation which won final passage on votes of 132-1 in the House and 66-0 in the Senate. We sincerely hope this is the start of a lasting trend toward making Minnesota tax-competitive with other states and that history won't be repeated in 1987 by another tax increase. Authors: SCHRIEBER, DOUG JOHNSON

5. Capital Improvements Bonding Bill (HF 1 SS): This \$198 million bonding bill, now law, funds a new University of Minnesota computer center (\$42.8 million), projects in the Capital complex (\$12.3 million), and a new convention center in Duluth (\$16 million). It included some needed expenditures, but many unnecessary ones. Passage of the bill was aided by legislative log-rolling as it funded building projects in more than 80 of the 134 House districts. (There was a plum for nearly everyone.) LEA opposes this pork barrel type of legislation, which passed 90-43 in the House and 64-2 in the Senate. Authors: FORSYTHE, WILLET

6. State Departments Appropriations (HF 1641): The major differences in the House and Senate versions of this bill were not resolved in the regular session. LEA opposes the Senate form which called for \$100 million more in spending and a pay raise for the Senators. It passed 39-24. LEA supports the House version which contained no legislative pay raise and asked \$35 million less for the Department of Energy and Economic Development (DEED) (See key vote -1 on 1984 report), \$14 million less for the Department of Administration and \$10 million less for the DNR. It passed 73-57. Authors: FORSYTHE, WILLET. A compromise bill which did become law after the special session held state department funding increases to 10 percent, but contained objectionable items including a legislative pay raise. It was a "mixed bag", and in our opinion the votes on HF 1641 better reflect the legislators' genuine views.

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d ADKINS, B. (St. Michael 22)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*		55
r ANDERSON, D. (Wadena 12)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*		82
r BELANGER, W. (Bloomington 41)	N*	—	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	—	N*	Y	Y*		78
r BENSON, D. (Lanesboro 32)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	N*	Y	—	Y*		80
r BERG, C. (Chokio 11)	—	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	—			Y*	N*	Y	—	Y*		75
d BERGLIN, L. (Mpls. 60)	Y	—	Y	Y*	Y	Y			N	Y	Y	Y	N		10
r BERNHAGEN, J. (Hutchinson 21)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*		91
d BERTRAM, J. (Paynesville 16)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*		82
r BRATAAS, N. (Rochester 33)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	Y	N*	N*	N		73
d CHMIELEWSKI, F. (Sturgeon Lake 14)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	—			Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*		60
d DAHL, G. (Coon Rapids 50)	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	—	Y	Y	Y*		30
d DAVIS, C. (Princeton 18)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*		36
d DeCRAMER, G. (Ghent 27)	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	—			Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*		50
d DICKLICH, R. (Hibbing 5)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*		36
d DIESSNER, A. (Afton 56)	Y	—	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*		30
d DIETERICH, N. (St. Paul 63)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	N*	Y	N		45
d FRANK, D. (Spring Lake Park 51)	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	Y	N		18
r FREDERICK, M. (Owatonna 30)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	Y	N*	N*	Y*		82
r FREDERICKSON, D. (Morgan 23)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*		82
d FREEMAN, M. (Richfield 40)	Y	—	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*		20
r GUSTAFSON, J. (Duluth 8)	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	N*	Y	Y*		55
d HUGHES, J. (Maplewood 54)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	Y	N		27
r ISACKSON, D. (Storden 28)	N*	—	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*		90
r JOHNSON, D. E. (Willmar 15)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	N*	N*	Y	Y*		82
d JOHNSON, D. J. (Cook 6)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*		36
d JUDE, T. (Maple Grove 48)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*		64
r KAMRATH, R. (Canby 20)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	N*	N*			Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*		100
r KNAAK, F. (White Bear Lake 53)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	Y	N*	N*	Y*		82
r KNUTSON, H. (Burnsville 38)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	Y	—	—	Y*		78
d KROENING, C. (Mpls. 57)	Y	—	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	Y	N		20
r KRONEBUSCH, P. (Rollingstone 34)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	N*	Y	N*	Y*		82
r LAIDIG, G. (Stillwater 55)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*		64
d LANGSETH, K. (Glyndon 9)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			—	Y	N*	Y	Y*		40
d LANTRY, M. (St. Paul 67)	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	N*	Y	N		27
d LESSARD, B. (Int'l Falls 3)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*		45
d LUTHER, W. (Brooklyn Park 47)	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	N*	N		27
r McQUAID, P. (St. Louis Park 44)	N*	N	N*	Y*	N*	N*			Y*	Y	N*	N*	Y*		82
r MEHRKENS, L. (Red Wing 26)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	Y	N*	N*	Y*		82
d MERRIAM, G. (Coon Rapids 49)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	N*	N		36
d MOE, D. (St. Paul 65)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	N*			—	Y	Y	Y	N		30
d MOE, R. (Erskine 2)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	Y	N*	Y*		55
d NELSON, T. (Austin 31)	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y			—	—	Y	N*	N		22
d NOVAK, S. (New Brighton 52)	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	N*	N		27
r OLSON, G. (Minnetrista 43)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	Y	N*	N*	Y*		82
d PEHLER, J. (St. Cloud 17)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	Y	N*	Y	Y*		55
d PETERSON, C. (Detroit Lakes 10)	Y	—	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*		40
d PETERSON, D. C. (Mpls. 61)	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	N*	N		27
r PETERSON, D. L. (Fairmont 29)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	N*	Y	N*	Y*		82
d PETERSON, R. (Wyoming 19)	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	N*	N*	Y*		45
d PETTY, E. (Mpls. 62)	Y	—	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	N*	—	N		33
d POGEMILLER, L. (Mpls. 58)	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	—	Y	N		20
d PURFEERST, C. (Fairbault 25)	—	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*		50
r RAMSTAD, J. (Wayzata 45)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*		91
d REICHGOTT, E. (Robbinsdale 46)	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*		36
r RENNEKE, E. (Le Sueur 35)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	N*	Y	—	Y*		80
d SAMUELSON, D. (Brainerd 13)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*		45
d SCHMITZ, R. (Jordan 36)	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	Y	N*	Y*		64
r SIELOFF, R. (St. Paul 64)	N*	Y*	N*	—	Y	N*			Y*	Y	—	Y	Y*		66
d SOLON, S. (Duluth 7)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*		36
d SPEAR, A. (Mpls. 59)	Y	N	N*	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	Y	N		27
r STORM, D. (Edina 42)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	—	N*			Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*		70
d STUMPF, L. (Plummer 1)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*		45
r TAYLOR, G. (Mankato 24)	N*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	N*			Y*	N*	N*	N*	Y*		91
d VEGA, C. (South St. Paul 39)	Y	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	Y	Y	N		18
d WALDORF, G. (St. Paul 66)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	Y	N*	N*	—		50
d WEGSCHEID, D. (Apple Valley 37)	N*	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	—			Y*	Y	Y	N*	Y*		60
d WILLET, G. (Park Rapids 4)	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	Y			Y*	N*	Y	Y	Y*		45

KEY VOTES—Continued

7. **“Comparable Worth” Exclusions (HF 418):** The “comparable worth” bill passed last year (see key vote 11 on 1984 LEA report) required city and county governments to evaluate jobs and establish equitable compensation relationships between “female-dominated”, “male-dominated”, and “balanced” classes of employees. We opposed the bill since it does result in more litigation, increased government spending and taxation, and the substitution of opinions of bureaucrats and judges for free economic principles. This bill (HF 418) in the House version would exclude police and firefighters from the 1984 law. It passed the House 90-31. We support this movement back toward common sense. Unfortunately, the Senate version of the bill does little or nothing and we did not use the Senate vote on the report. We hope the Senate will adopt the House provisions next year. Better yet would be the repeal of the whole “cockamamie idea”. Authors: DEMPSEY, MERRIAM.

8. **Abortion Ban Bill (HF 771, SF 1150):** This bill would restore Minnesota’s pre-1973 law, which banned abortions except to save the life of the mother, if the U.S. Supreme Court reverses or modifies its Roe vs. Wade decision. It passed the House 98-33, but was not let out of committee in the Senate. LEA strongly supports this bill and urges all others who do to work for Senate passage in 1986. Authors: DEMPSEY, WALDORF

9. **Health and Human Services Omnibus Appropriations (SF 19, SS):** This \$2.1 billion bill, now law, finances mainly the Departments of Human Services, Corrections, Employment and Health. Although the final form of the bill, in our opinion, is not as good as the original House version, it does limit the increase to 4 percent over the current biennium. It also, believe it or not, recognizes the fact that we should not be paying welfare to able-bodied people. Many of an estimated 17,000 of them will be given work readiness training, taken off welfare, and prohibited from re-applying for another 22 months. LEA supports this shift towards fairness which passed 86-45 in the House and 63-1 in the Senate. Author: SAMUELSON

10. **Mandatory Seat Belt Usage (SF 40):** LEA believes that the wearing of seat belts should be a matter of individual freedom of choice. We oppose this bill which would have mandated usage of seat belts in a passenger vehicle by the driver, front seat passengers, and passengers under 11 sitting anywhere in the vehicle. It was defeated in the House 61-70 after passing the Senate 37-27. Authors: FRANK, FORSYTHE

11. **Farm Mortgage Foreclosure Moratorium (SF 85):** LEA favors laws that help farmers such as the Family Farm Security Act (HF 35). However, in our opinion, enactment of a moratorium would have hurt more farmers than it would have helped. The result would be a decrease in the amount of money

available for loans as lenders would be even more reluctant to lend money if the terms of a contract can later be changed by the Legislature. LEA opposes this measure which failed to be advanced in the House on a vote of 63-67 after passing the Senate 37-27. Author: BERG

12. **Schools - start after Labor Day (HF 151):** Currently, two thirds of Minnesota school districts begin classes before Labor Day. This new law which will be effective in 1986, prohibits starting the school year until after that holiday. Proponents believe this will spur tourism in the northern part of the state. Even if it does, isn’t the preservation of some local school district decision-making authority more important? LEA opposes this measure which passed on third reading votes of 74-49 in the House and 36-26 in the Senate. Authors: THIEDE, STUMPF

13. **Gun Law Pre-emption (HF 576):** The Governor vetoed a nearly identical bill last year (key vote #9 on 1984 report), but this year signed it. The new law helps 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 Morton Grove preventative which passed on third reading votes of 91-35 in the House and 48-18 in the Senate. Authors: BEGICH, LESSARD

14. **Election Day Voucher Limits (HF 634, SF 1354):** Minnesota is one of the few states in the nation that lets people register on election day. In fact, often the only registration criterion for an applicant is that another voter vouches that he or she knows the potential voter is also a resident of the precinct. The present law is open to abuses, such as people vouching for individuals they have not met before; and there is no limit on the number of people one person can vouch for. This bill would limit the number of people one could vouch for to three. It would help restore some lost integrity to our voting system. We support this move in the right direction which passed on a third reading vote in the House 68-57, but as of yet has not been voted on by the Senate. Authors: SHAVER, LAIDIG

Important Legislation Currently Pending in the Minnesota Legislature

Unemployment Insurance Compensation: Major reforms are needed. (See key vote #1)

Comparable Worth Exclusions: We believe “comparable worth” is a notion that would destroy the basis of free enterprise. (See key vote #7)

Abortion Ban: (See key vote #8)

Election Day Voucher Limit: (See key vote #14)

Workers’ Compensation Insurance: Major changes are urgently needed to make Minnesota’s business climate competitive with other states. (No specific bill pending)

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