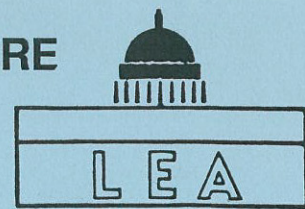




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1990 HONOREES



Sen. Knutson
Top Senator



Rep. McDonald
Top Rep.



Rep. Miller
Top Rep.



Rep. Richter
Top Rep.



Sen. McGowan



Sen. McQuaid



Sen. Ramstad



Sen. Storm



Sen. Larson



Sen. Olson



Sen. Frederick



Rep. Frederick



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Sen. Anderson



Sen. Belanger



Sen. Benson



Sen. Bernhagen

FORECAST: RAINY DAYS - Juggling the Budget Reserve Fund

By the time the 76th session of the Minnesota Legislature adjourned on April 27, 1990, 1029 bills had been introduced in the House and 861 in the Senate. Of these a total of 256 were actually passed and sent to the Governor for his signature. The final days of the session were spent in haggling over how to cover an expected \$145 million state revenue shortfall. (Our readers will recall that LEA deplored the 18 - 20 percent increase in state spending the legislators imposed in 1989.)

By law, the legislature must have a balanced budget and, 1990 being an election year for all 201 legislators, expenditures were grudgingly cut by \$97 million. This was combined with new "fees" (a code word for taxes) estimated to be \$25.8 million. The balance of the shortfall is to come from the "rainy day fund" (state budget reserve fund).

It appears that there are more rainy days ahead for the balance of the 1990 - 91 biennium and beyond. The present spending rate is \$14 billion, which at current growth rates is projected to reach \$34 billion by the year 2000. The omnibus spending cuts of 1990 include \$45 million in state spending, \$36 million in state aid to cities and counties and \$10 million by repealing a scheduled property tax refund to certain businesses.

An especially onerous aspect of the omnibus tax bill will be its effect on real estate property taxes. They are expected to rise in 1991 an average of 10 percent statewide, with some farmers in southern Minnesota facing increases of as much as 25 percent. According to one legislator, this "is the largest property tax increase in Minnesota's history."

Minnesota taxpayers pay the second highest combined tax burden in the nation. At the same time, the average after-tax personal income in Minnesota ranks 47th of the 50 states.

HOUSE

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	1990 C	
															%	%
r ABRAMS, R. (Minnetonka 45A)	N*	N*	N		Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	45	4
d ANDERSON, G. (Bellingham 20A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		N*		Y*	Y	Y	18	24
r ANDERSON, R. (Ottertail 10B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	-	N		Y		Y*	Y	Y	8	46
d BATTAGLIA, D. (Two Harbors 6A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		Y*	Y	Y	9	24
d BAUERLY, J. (Sauk Rapids 18B)	Y	Y	N		Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	27	34
d BEARD, P. (Cottage Grove 56B)	Y	Y	-	N	Y	Y	-	-	N	Y	N	Y*	Y	Y	7	22
d BEGICH, J. (Eveleth 6B)	Y	Y	N	O	Y	Y	Y	N	O	Y	O	Y*	Y	Y	9	29
r BENNETT, T. (Shoreview 53A)	Y	N*	-		Y	N*	Y	Y*		-		Y*	N*	Y	52	66
d BERTRAM, J. (Paynesville 16B)	Y	Y	N	H	-	N*	Y	Y*	H	Y	H	Y*	Y	Y	28	42
r BISHOP, D. (Rochester 33B)	Y	Y	N	O	Y	N*	Y	N	O	Y	O	Y*	-	-	18	47
r BLATZ, K. (Bloomington 41B)	N*	Y	Y*	U	Y	N*	Y	Y*	U	N*	U	Y*	Y	Y	55	65
r BOO, B. (Duluth 8B)	Y	Y	Y*	S	Y	N*	Y	Y*	S	N*	S	Y*	Y	-	48	60
d BROWN, C. (Appleton 11A)	Y	Y	N	E	Y	Y	Y	N	E	Y	E	Y*	Y	Y	9	32
r BURGER, J. (Long Lake 43A)	N*	N*	-		N*	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	68	79
r CARLSON, D. (Sandstone 14B)	Y	Y	N	V	Y	Y	Y	Y*	V	N*	V	Y*	Y	Y	27	54
d CARLSON, L. (Crystal 46B)	Y	Y	N	O	Y	Y	Y	Y*	O	Y	O	Y*	Y	Y	18	17
d CARRUTHERS, P. (Brooklyn Ctr 47B)	Y	Y	N	T	Y	Y	Y	Y*	T	Y	T	N	Y	Y	9	12
d CLARK, K. (Mpls. 60A)	Y	Y	N	E	Y	Y	Y	N	E	Y	E	N	Y	Y	0	12
d CONWAY, J. (Waseca 30B)	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	27
d COOPER, R. (Bird Island 21B)	N*	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	27	29
d DAUNER, M. (Hawley 9B)	Y	N*	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	N*	45	43
d DAWKINS, A. (St. Paul 65A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		Y*	Y	Y	9	4
r DEMPSEY, T. (New Ulm 23A)	-	-	Y*		N*	-	-	Y*		N*		-	-	-	-	76
r DILLE, S. (Dassel 21A)	N*	Y	Y*		N*	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	N*	73	68
d DORN, J. (Mankato 24A)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	36	30
r FORSYTHE, M. (Edina 42B)	N*	Y	Y*		N*	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	64	59
r FREDERICK, M. (Mankato 24B)	N*	Y	Y*		N*	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	82	75
r FRERICHS, D. (Rochester 32A)	N*	Y	Y*		N*	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	82	87
r GIRARD, J. (Lynd 27A)	N*	Y	Y*		N*	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	N*	73	70
d GREENFIELD, L. (Mpls. 61A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	7
r GRUENES, D. (St. Cloud 17B)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	Y	Y	Y*		N*		-	Y	Y	28	66
r GUTKNECHT, G. (Rochester 33A)	Y	Y	Y*		N*	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	73	8
r HARTLE, D. (Owatonna 30A)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	36	61
d HASSKAMP, K. (Crosby 13A)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	27	40
r HAUKOOS, B. (Albert Lea 31A)	N*	N*	Y*		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	N*	N*	64	80
d HAUSMAN, A. (St. Paul 63B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		-	Y	Y	-2	-2
r HEAP, J. (Plymouth 45B)	N*	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	73	69
r HENRY, J. (Bloomington 40B)	N*	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	55	71
r HIMLE, J. (Bloomington 41A)	Y	Y	-		Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	28	62
r HUGOSON, G. (Granada 29A)	N*	Y	Y*		N*	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	82	86
d JACOBS, J. (Coon Rapids 49B)	Y	Y	-		Y	Y	Y	-		Y		Y*	Y	Y	7	21
d JANEZICH, J. (Chisholm 5B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	7
d JAROS, M. (Duluth 7B)	Y	Y	-		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	-2	5
d JEFFERSON, R. (Mpls. 57B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	5
d JENNINGS, L. (Harris 19B)	N*	Y	N		Y	N*	Y	N		Y		Y*	Y	Y	27	45
d JOHNSON, A. (Spring Lake Park 51A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	6
d JOHNSON, R. (Bemidji 4A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		N	-	Y	8	24
r JOHNSON, V. (Caledonia 34A)	N*	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	55	75
d KAHN, P. (Mpls. 58B)	N*	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	9	9
d KALIS, H. (Walters 29B)	N*	Y	N		Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	N*	Y	45	43
d KELLY, R. (St. Paul 67A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		Y*	Y	Y	9	21
d KELSO, B. (Shakopee 36A)	Y	Y	N		Y	N*	Y	-		N*		-	Y	Y	18	31
d KINKEL, A. (Park Rapids 4B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	18	24
r KNICKERBOCKER, J. (Minnetonka 43B)	N*	Y	N		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	N*	55	53
d KOSTOHRYZ, D. (North St. Paul 54B)	Y	Y	-		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	18	21
d KRUEGER, R. (Staples 12B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	18	35
d LASLEY, H. (Cambridge 19A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	-		Y		-	Y	Y	-4	13
d LIEDER, B. (Crookston 2A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	-		Y		N	Y	Y	-2	31
r LIMMER, W. (Maple Grove 48A)	N*	N*	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	N*	73	80
d LONG, D. (Mpls. 59A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	9
r LYNCH, T. (Andover 50A)	N*	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	55	66
r MACKLIN, B. (Lakeville 36B)	Y	Y	-		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	38	50
r MARSH, M. (Sauk Rapids 17A)	N*	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	55	66
r McDONALD, K. (Watertown 35B)	N*	N*	Y*		N*	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	91	82
d McEACHERN, B. (Maple Lake 22A)	Y	Y	N		Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y		N	Y	Y	18	33
d McGUIRE, M. (Falcon Heights 63A)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		-	Y	Y	18	19
d McLAUGHLIN, P. (Mpls. 60B)	Y	Y	-		Y	Y	Y	-		Y		N	Y	Y	-4	7
r McPHERSON, H. (Stillwater 55B)	N*	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	73	84

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MILBERT, R. (South St. Paul 39B)	Y	Y	-		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		N	Y	Y	8	27
MILLER, H. (Redwood Falls 20B)	N*	N*	Y*		N*	N*	N*	Y*		Y		Y*	N*	N*	91	94
MORRISON, C. (Burnsville 38A)	Y	Y	N		Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	27	65
MUNGER, W. (Duluth 7A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		N	Y	Y	9	9
MURPHY, M. (Hermantown 8A)	Y	N*	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		Y*	Y	Y	18	19
NELSON, C. (Barrett 11B)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N*	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y*	Y	Y	18	21
NELSON, K. (Mpls. 62A)	Y	Y	N	O	Y	Y	Y	N	O	Y	O	N	Y	Y	0	13
NEUENSCHWANDER, B. (Int'l Falls 3A)	N*	N*	N		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	36	26
O'CONNOR, R. (St. Paul 66B)	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y*	H	Y	H	N	Y	Y	9	17
OGREN, P. (Aitkin 14A)	Y	Y	N	O	Y	Y	Y	N	O	Y	O	N	Y	Y	0	16
OLSEN, S. (St. Louis Park 44A)	N*	Y	Y*	U	Y	Y	Y	Y*	U	N*	U	Y*	Y	Y	45	65
OLSON, E. (Fosston 2B)	Y	Y	N	S	Y	Y	Y	-	S	Y	S	Y*	Y	Y	8	32
OLSON, K. (Sherburn 28B)	N*	Y	N	E	Y	Y	Y	Y*	E	Y	E	Y*	N*	N*	45	38
OMANN, B. (St. Joseph 16A)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	45	68
ONNEN, T. (Cokato 22B)	N*	Y	Y*	V	Y	N*	Y	Y*	V	N*	V	Y*	Y	Y	55	73
ORENSTEIN, H. (St. Paul 64B)	Y	Y	N	O	Y	Y	Y	N	O	Y	O	Y*	Y	Y	9	13
OSTHOFF, T. (St. Paul 66A)	Y	Y	N	T	Y	-	Y	Y*	T	Y	T	Y*	Y	Y	16	26
OSTROM, D. (St. Peter 23B)	Y	Y	Y*	E	Y	N*	Y	N	E	Y	E	Y*	Y	Y	27	30
OTIS, T. (Mpls. 59B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		-	Y	Y	-2	14
OZMENT, D. (Rosemount 37B)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	45	67
PAPPAS, S. (St. Paul 65B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		-	Y	Y	-2	12
PAULY, S. (Eden Prairie 42A)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	-	Y	Y*		N*		N	Y	Y	28	63
PELLOW, D. (New Brighton 52B)	N*	N*	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	82	76
PELOWSKI, G. (Winona 34B)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	-	27	32
PETERSON, J. (Princeton 18A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	-	18	24
POPPEHAGEN, D. (Detroit Lakes 10A)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	Y	55	83
PRICE, L. (Woodbury 56A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	17
PUGH, T. (South St. Paul 39A)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	27	38
QUINN, J. (Coon Rapids 50B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	19
REDALEN, E. (Fountain 32B)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	N*	5	75
REDING, L. (Austin 31B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		Y*	Y	Y	9	19
REST, A. (New Hope 46A)	Y	N*	-		Y	Y	Y	-		Y		Y*	Y	Y	18	26
RICE, J. (Mpls. 57A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	-		Y		N	Y	Y	-2	15
RICHTER, D. (Wadena 12A)	N*	N*	Y*		N*	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	91	94
RODOSOVICH, P. (Faribault 25B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	-		Y		N	Y	Y	-2	26
RUKAVINA, T. (Virginia 5A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	8
RUNBECK, L. (Circle Pines 52 A)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	N*	Y	45	56
SARNA, J. (Mpls. 58A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	23
SCHAFFER, G. (Gibbon 35A)	N*	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	73	89
SCHIED, L. (Brooklyn Park 47A)	Y	Y	-		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	18	22
SCHREIBER, B. (Brooklyn Park 48B)	N*	N*	Y*		N*	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	73	66
SEABERG, A. (Eagan 38B)	N*	N*	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	64	70
SEGAL, G. (St. Louis Park 44B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		-	Y	Y	-2	10
SIMONEAU, W. (Fridley 51B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		-	Y	Y	-2	10
SKOGLUND, W. (Mpls. 61B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	15
SOLBERG, L. (Bovey 3B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		N	Y	Y	9	18
SPARBY, W. (Theif River Falls 1B)	-	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	N*	N*	38	36
STANIUS, B. (White Bear Lake 53B)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	Y	55	76
STEENSMA, A. (Luverne 27B)	Y	Y	-		Y	Y	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	28	36
SVIGGUM, S. (Kenyon 26A)	Y	N*	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	73	79
SWENSON, D. (Forest Lake 55A)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	N*	64	63
TJORNHOM, C. (Richfield 40A)	N*	N*	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		-		Y*	Y	Y	60	82
TOMPKINS, E. (Apple Valley 37A)	N*	-	Y*		Y	Y	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	68	77
TRIMBLE, S. (St. Paul 67B)	Y	Y	-		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	-2	5
TUNHEIM, J. (Kennedy 1A)	Y	Y	N		N*	N*	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	18	30
UPHUS, S. (Sauk Centre 15A)	Y	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	45	73
VALENTO, D. (Little Canada 54A)	N*	N*	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	64	80
VANASEK, R. (New Prague 25A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	22
VELLENGA, K. (St. Paul 64A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	15
WAGENIUS, J. (Mpls. 62B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	-	N		Y		N	Y	Y	-2	11
WALTMAN, B. (Elgin 26B)	N*	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	N*	N*	73	83
WEAVER, C. (Champlin 49A)	N*	Y	Y*		Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	45	56
WELLE, A. (Willmar 15B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		N	Y	Y	0	25
WENZEL, S. (Little Falls 13B)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y*		N*		Y*	Y	Y	27	31
WILLIAMS, D. (Moorhead 9A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N		Y		Y*	Y	Y	9	7
WINTER, T. (Fulda 28A)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y		Y*	Y	Y	18	34

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d	ADKINS, B. (St. Michael 22)	N*	Y		N	Y	Y		Y		N		Y*		25	40
r	ANDERSON, D. (Wadena 12)	N*	Y		Y*	N*	N*	Y		Y*		Y*			75	73
d	BECKMAN, T. (Bricelyn 29)	N*	Y		Y*	Y	N*	Y		Y*		Y*			63	38
r	BELANGER, W. (Bloomington 41)	Y	Y		Y*	N*	N*	N*		Y*		Y*			75	66
r	BENSON, D. (Lanesboro 32)	N*	Y		Y*	N*	N*	Y		Y*		Y*			75	74
d	BERG, C. (Chokio 11)	Y	Y	N	N	N*	N*	N*	N	N	N	-	N	N	41	60
d	BERGLIN, L. (Mpls. 60)	N*	Y	O	N	Y	Y	Y	O	N	O	N	O	O	13	12
r	BERNHAGEN, J. (Hutchinson 21)	N*	Y		Y*	N*	N*	Y		Y*		Y*			75	61
d	BERTRAM, J. (Paynesville 16)	Y	Y	S	Y*	Y	N*	N*	S	N	S	Y*	S	S	50	53
d	BRANDL, J. (Mpls. 62)	Y	Y	E	N	Y	Y	Y	E	N	E	Y*	E	E	13	20
r	BRATAAS, N. (Rochester 33)	Y	Y	N	Y*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N	N	N	N	38	44
d	CHMIELEWSKI, F. (Sturgeon Lake 14)	-	-	A	N	Y	-	Y	A	N	A	Y*	A	A	14	40
d	COHEN, R. (St. Paul 64)	Y	Y	T	N	Y	Y	Y	T	N	T	N	T	T	0	5
d	DAHL, G. (Ham Lake 50)	N*	-	E	-	Y	Y	N*	E	N	E	Y*	E	E	46	27
d	DAVIS, C. (Princeton 18)	N*	N*		N	Y	Y	N*	N	N		Y*			50	32
r	DECKER, B. (Bemidji 4)	N*	Y	V	Y*	N*	N*	Y	V	Y*	V	N	V	V	63	62
d	DeCRAMER, G. (Ghent 27)	Y	Y	O	-	-	Y	Y	O	N	O	Y*	O	O	13	32
d	DICKLICH, R. (Hibbing 5)	Y	Y	T	N	Y	Y	Y	T	N	T	N	T	T	0	11
d	DIESSNER, B. (Afton 56)	-	-	E	N	-	-	Y	E	-	E	N	E	E	-	19
d	FLYNN, C. (Mpls 61)	N*	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		N			13	13
d	FRANK, D. (Spring Lake Park 51)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		Y*			13	27
r	FREDERICK, M. (Owatonna 30)	Y	Y		Y*	N*	N*	N*		Y*		Y*			75	59
d	FREDERICKSON, D.J. (Murdock 20)	N*	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		Y*		Y*			38	26
r	FREDERICKSON, D.R. (New Ulm 23)	Y	Y		Y*	Y	N*	Y		Y*		Y*			50	59
d	FREEMAN, M. (Richfield 40)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		-		N			-2	18
r	GUSTAFSON, J. (Duluth 8)	Y	Y		Y*	Y	N*	-		Y*		Y*			55	59
d	HUGHES, J. (Maplewood 54)	Y	Y		-	Y	Y	Y		N		Y*			12	16
r	JOHNSON, D.E. (Willmar 15)	N*	Y		Y*	Y	N*	Y		Y*		Y*			63	64
d	JOHNSON, D.J. (Cook 6)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		Y*			13	19
r	KNAAK, F. (White Bear Lake 53)	Y	Y		Y*	N*	N*	Y		Y*		N			50	61
r	KNUTSON, H. (Burnsville 38)	N*	N*		Y*	N*	N*	N*		Y*		Y*			100	64
d	KROENING, C. (Mpls. 57)	N*	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		Y*		Y*			38	24
r	LADIG, G. (Stillwater 55)	Y	Y		Y*	Y	N*	Y		Y*		Y*			50	66
d	LANGSETH, K. (Glyndon 9)	Y	Y		N	Y	N*	Y		N		Y*			25	31
d	LANTRY, M. (St. Paul 67)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		Y*			13	16
r	LARSON, C. (Fergus Falls 10)	N*	Y		Y*	N*	N*	N*		Y*		Y*			88	66
d	LESSARD, B. (Int'l Falls 3)	N*	Y		N	Y	N*	Y		N		Y*			38	33
d	LUTHER, W. (Brooklyn Park 47)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		N			0	16
d	MARTY, J. (Roseville 63)	Y	-		N	Y	Y	Y		N		N			-2	10
r	McGOWAN, P. (Maple Grove 48)	N*	Y		Y*	N*	N*	Y		Y*		Y*			75	77
r	McQUAID, P. (St. Louis Park 44)	N*	N*		Y*	Y	N*	Y		Y*		Y*			75	68
r	MEHRKENS, L. (Red Wing 26)	-	-		Y*	Y	-	Y		-		Y*			42	68
d	MERRIAM, G. (Coon Rapids 49)	Y	Y		-	Y	Y	N*		N		Y*			27	21
d	METZEN, J. (South St. Paul 39)	N*	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		Y*			25	29
d	MOE, D. (St. Paul 65)	Y	Y		-	Y	Y	Y		N		-			-4	16
d	MOE, R. (Erskine 2)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		-			-2	20
d	MORSE, S. (Dakota 34)	N*	Y		Y*	Y	Y	Y		N		N			25	39
d	NOVAK, S. (New Brighton 52)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		N			0	13
r	OLSON, G. (Minnetrista 43)	N*	N*		Y*	N*	N*	Y		Y*		Y*			88	78
r	PARISEAU, P. (Farmington 37)	Y	Y		Y*	N*	N*	Y		Y*		Y*			63	65
d	PEHLER, J. (St. Cloud 17)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		Y*			13	27
d	PETERSON, R. (Wyoming 19)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	N*		N		N			13	25
r	PIEPHO, M. (Mankato 24)	N*	Y		Y*	Y	N*	Y		Y*		Y*			63	63
d	PIPER, P. (Austin 31)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		N			0	5
d	POGEMILLER, L. (Mpls. 58)	Y	-		N	Y	Y	Y		-		N			-4	7
d	PURFEERST, C. (Faribault 25)	Y	Y		N	-	-	Y		N		N			-4	23
r	RAMSTAD, J. (Minnetonka 45)	N*	N*		Y*	N*	N*	Y		Y*		N			75	69
d	REICHGOTT, E. (New Hope 46)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		N			0	18
r	RENNEKE, E. (LeSueur 35)	N*	Y		Y*	N*	N*	N*		-		Y*			84	63
d	SAMUELSON, D. (Brainerd 13)	N*	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		Y*			25	31
d	SCHMITZ, R. (Jordan 36)	Y	Y		N	N*	Y	N*		N		Y*			38	32
d	SOLOM, S. (Duluth 7)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		-			-2	17
d	SPEAR, A. (Mpls. 59)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		N		N			0	10
r	STORM, D. (Edina 42)	N*	N*		Y*	N*	N*	Y		Y*		N			75	71
d	STUMPF, L. (Thief River Falls 1)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	N*		N		Y*			25	32
d	VICKERMAN, J. (Tracy 28)	N*	Y		Y*	Y	Y	Y		Y*		Y*			50	39
d	WALDORF, G. (St. Paul 66)	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y		Y*		Y*			25	31

KEY VOTES

Y = Yes d=Democratic-Farmer-Labor
 N=No r=Independent-Republican

Indicates legislator excused, absent, or not voting.

* denotes vote favored by LEA.

1990% means percentage of legislator's votes favored by LEA in the 1990 session.

C% means legislator's career average LEA score.

Legislators absent for more than 5 votes are not rated.

LEA calculates percentages using the votes actually cast by each legislator and then deducting two percentage points for each time that legislator did not cast a vote.

1. OMNIBUS TAX LEGISLATION. (HF2478) AUTHORS: Ogren; D. Johnson. A positive aspect of this bill, now law, is the establishment of a taxpayers' bill of rights, including provision for taxpayer lawsuits against the commissioner for unauthorized collection actions or failure to release erroneous tax liens. Article II requires the Dept. of Revenue to study the impact of state and local taxes on small businesses (payroll or sales of less than \$5 million per year). Article III, among other things, provides for property taxation at 1% on homes market-valued up to \$68,000, 2% up to \$110,000, and 3% over \$110,000. (Note that 96% of homes valued over \$110,000, are in the 7-county Twin City Metro area as reported in the St. Paul Pioneer Press on July 9, 1990.) Minnesota is the only state with a 3-tier tax system for residential property. The Minnesota Senate Research Tax Committee projects that statewide, 1991 property taxes will increase an average of 9 1/2%. According to Minnesota Fair Share, Inc. our property taxes soared 200% between 1981 and 1988, while market value of homes increased only 33%. Article IV reduces aid to counties and cities. Article V increases residential property tax refunds for one year. LEA maintains that our property tax laws should be revamped and simplified in many ways, such as eliminating the 3-tier tax assessment system. Because this bill fails to include this and other much needed tax law reforms, LEA opposes the bill overall despite some positive aspects. Final passage occurred on a vote of 93 - 38 in the House and 37 - 27 in the Senate.

BORROWING TO "BALANCE" THE BUDGET. (HF2651) AUTHORS: Simoneau; Merriam. This \$387.4 million bonding bill, the second largest in Minnesota history, authorizes building projects throughout the state. Author Merriam admitted "the debt authorization coupled with other bonding bills of recent years is so large that it will preclude another major bonding bill until 1994." (Don't bet on it.) That didn't seem to phase the majority of the current legislature as it passed this "Christmas tree" by votes of 113 - 18 in the House and 55 - 6 in the Senate. Almost half the money borrowed this year goes to higher education - \$50.5 million for community colleges; \$44.4 million for the State University System; \$25.3 million for the technical college system; and \$71.5 million for the U of M system. (Is it not possible to curtail or delay any of these projects?) Some other "absolutely essential" expenditures are:

- \$4.3 million to purchase a site for the much-touted Minnesota Center for the Arts School!
- \$2.5 million for a ski jump in Bloomington!
- \$2.5 million for a shooting and archery center in Biwabik!
- \$1.2 million to construct a "world class" wolf center in Ely!
- \$1.5 million to pay a court judgement connected with defunct wood-burning projects at St. Cloud and Bemidji State Universities, once pet projects of the governor! (Unquestionably, payment of court judgements should come from current funding.)

This bill also ties Minnesota's borrowing to its betting, as it contains a proposed constitutional amendment which will, if approved by the voters this November, use 35 percent of the lottery proceeds to help pay this debt. The amendment to the state con-

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stitution that was ratified by the voters in the last general election to allow a lottery, stated that all the money would be dedicated to the environmental trust fund and the Greater Minnesota Corporation (GMC). Now 35% would go elsewhere. We salute the legislators who stood for fiscal responsibility and opposed this bill.

3. OMNIBUS STATE DEPARTMENTS APPROPRIATIONS. (HF 2419) Sviggum amendment. Generally speaking, most state departments and agencies experienced a cut in their budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991 under this new law. Because of the \$145 million shortfall (see story on front page entitled "Forecast: Rainy Days Ahead"), the legislature reduced appropriations to itself, the Court of Appeals, specified state boards and officers, including State Treasurer*, State Planning Agency*, Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources*, and specified programs of the DNR. It also increased fees for sale of tax forfeited lands, fuel dealers, and motor carrier licenses and permits. Certain judicial pay raises were also curtailed, and some revolving funds were consolidated. While these cuts are overdue, LEA feels the budget for the biennium remains far too high. An amendment, offered by Sviggum, which would have frozen salaries of legislators and constitutional officers until 1993 was defeated in the House 51 - 68. LEA favors this amendment.

* Indicates items cut by the legislature that the governor restored by exercising his power of line-item veto, resulting in higher appropriations.

4. MISAPPROPRIATION OF HIGHWAY FUNDS. (SF 2617) Piepho Amendment. In Minnesota, the proceeds from tax levies on the purchase of a motor vehicle have, historically, been used to fund highway repair and construction. In recent years, however, more and more of these Highway Funds, so badly needed for highway repair and construction, are being siphoned off for the general fund's non-highway spending. In fact, the percentage of these tax proceeds used for highway and transit purposes has now fallen to only 30 percent (it was down to 35 percent in last year's legislature). Piepho offered an amendment to this bill that would have submitted a constitutional amendment to the voters to increase this step-by-step to 100 percent over a five year period. LEA supports this very logical and needed proposal. However, it failed on a Senate vote of 27 - 35.

5. MINIMUM WAGES AND "LARGE EMPLOYERS." (HF 1839) AUTHORS: Lantry; Kelly. This bill, now law, raises minimum wages about 90 cents per hour. Minimum wage laws tend to raise unemployment levels, particularly among entry-level workers, and the wisdom of such laws is questionable. The most unusual thing about this bill is its definition of "large employer" as "...an enterprise whose annual gross volume of sales made, or business done, is not less than \$362,500 (exclusive of excise taxes at the retail level that are separately stated) and covered by the Minnesota Fair Labor Standards Act,..." A business that grosses \$362,500 per year is typically a one or two person operation*. Whatever the merits or demerits of the minimum wages specified, this criterion for designation of a large employer is absurd. LEA opposes the bill. It passed the Senate 47 - 17 and the House 118 - 14.

* In the omnibus tax bill a small business is defined as one having receipts of less than \$5 million (See Vote #1).

6. THE PLANT CLOSING BILL. (SF 2621) AUTHOR: Merriam. Proposals of loading a new tax on businesses to get revenues for funding a new state program to train dislocated workers failed to get majority support. Unfortunately, in the conference committee, they did succeed in jamming this measure into the unrelated health and human services bill, which passed 73 - 57 in the House and 36 - 27 in the Senate. As a result, beginning January 1, 1991, a new tax of one-tenth of one percent of the first \$13,200 of wages per employee will be assessed against employers to yield \$16 million annually. (Undoubtedly, they will push for increasing this tax year after year.) This money will be given to the Commissioner of Jobs and Training to implement a dislocated worker program. "Plant Closing" is an excellent descriptive term for this measure because a new tax on top of the already exceedingly high taxes on Minnesota businesses will only hasten the closing of more plants. LEA strongly opposes this anti-jobs legislation, and also the way it was tied to an unrelated bill.

7. COMPARABLE WORTH. (SF 488) AUTHORS: Berglin; Simoneau. This bill passed, on third readings, in the Senate 53 - 13 and in the House 128 - 1. It requires all political subdivisions of the state to use a job evaluation system to determine comparable work value. It also requires that jobs be sorted into classes designated "male-dominated," "female-dominated," or "balanced," and that work value be assigned according to these classes. (Whatever happened to our class-free society?) SF488 requires that the compensation in female-dominated classes must not be below that in male-dominated classes. Command economies, such as those in communist countries, are collapsing all over the world. Why, then should the Minnesota Legislature want to institute this command economy practice in Minnesota?

While governments have for a long time had job classifications/pay grades, they have necessarily responded to a certain extent to the market place question: "What pay is necessary to attract the needed persons?" Very rarely indeed do any of these job grades differentiate on the basis of sex. One wonders how job classifications will be skewed to comply with this law. We can be sure that no pay grade will be reduced. Many others must therefore be increased, thus further burdening the total payroll and tax load. LEA opposes this bill.

8. & 9. DRUG BILL BUST. (HF 1843) Minnesota has the reputation of being lenient in penalizing drug law violators. A legislator stated that in 1988 only 10% of

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convicted felony drug offenders went to prison (and of these the average sentence was only 22 months). For those convicted of using or selling crack, cocaine, or marijuana the average is 45 days. It is well known that modern marijuana is not simply "Minnesota green," but is commonly doctored with extremely dangerous substances. Although touted by the governor, the drug laws that were enacted in 1990 will have only minimal impact on the very serious drug/crime problem. A needed anti-drug bill, HF 1843, was easily passed by the House. Regrettably, it was effectively tabled in the Senate when chief author Spear dropped his support.

Vote 8: The House vote used in this report was on an amendment to HF 1843, authored by Reps. Marsh and Limmer to make more stringent the criteria determining the various degrees of possession and/or selling of controlled substances including marijuana, cocaine, and mixtures thereof. It passed 82 - 41. LEA supports this amendment.

Vote 9: The Senate vote used in this report is on a motion by Sen. Benson, favored by LEA, for HF 1843 to be taken from the table. His motion failed 26 - 36. Consequently, no strong drug control provisions, were enacted into law in the 1990 session.

10. SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS. (HF 2200) Tompkins amendment. In 1989 the legislature repealed, through conference committee sleight-of-hand action, the long-established law that moral values be taught in our schools. Tompkins proposed this year (1990) an amendment to the omnibus education bill that when sex education is taught it be stressed that (1) abstinence is the only 100 percent effective practice to prevent pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and, (2) monogamous, heterosexual marriage is the norm in our society.

LEA strongly supports these concepts. An amendment offered by Vellenga passed 85 - 46, while retaining the essence, considerably weakened the Tompkins proposal. LEA opposes this weakening, and uses this vote in this report.

The Tompkins amendment, weakened by Vellenga, but still highly preferable over nothing, then passed the House with but one dissenting vote, and its contents were approved in the Senate on a near-unanimous voice vote.

The tape of the conference committee meetings reveals that a motion by Ozment to include in the final education bill the wording so overwhelmingly approved in both houses, failed on a tie vote. Reps. Bauerly, Kelso, K. Nelson, and Ozment voted in favor. Rep. McEachern and Sens. Dicklich, Pehler, and R. Peterson voted against. Two senators were absent. LEA reports this for two reasons: (1) it regrets that there are no provision whatever in state law relative to sex education, and (2) a conference committee should not presume to override the clearly expressed intent of both legislative bodies.

11. ANATOMICAL "GIFTS" FROM THE UNBORN AND DYING. (SF 1104) Laidig Amendment. This bill greatly expanded the language of the anatomical gifts statute. It specified that "If, at or near the time of death of a patient, there is no documentation in the medical record that the patient has made or refused to make an anatomical gift, the hospital administrator" may request from the next of kin a donation of the patient's organ(s). This means that if the decedent's written refusal is not found promptly (how thorough a search?), any person can be considered a donor by default. LEA deplors the ghoulish implications for the survivors forced to consider donation at a time of bereavement.

The vote LEA uses in this report is on an amendment by Sen. Laidig, which includes the following. "Anatomical gifts does not include donation of all or part of an unborn child or newborn child who has been the subject of an induced abortion. An induced abortion means the termination of the pregnancy of a woman known to be pregnant, if the termination is intended to accomplish something other than to increase the probability of a live birth, or to remove a dead unborn child. Use of all or part of unborn

child or newborn child who has been the subject of an induced abortion is prohibited." This amendment, which LEA supports, passed the Senate 42 - 21.

Now that it has to be accepted that a fetus is unquestionably alive and human, the twisted logic used by abortion advocates asserts that a fetus is nevertheless not a "person," and therefore can be disposed of for almost any reason. At the same time, and by the same people, the organs and fluids of fetuses are coveted for transplants and injections to extend or improve the life of existing "persons." This poses a paradox. How can a fetus be a non-person when it comes to abortion, but a person when it comes to use of "its" components?

LEA deplors the legislature's failure to enact laws protecting the life of the unborn. All such efforts were bottled up by the Senate majority leadership.

12. TOXIC POLLUTION RESPONSIBILITY. (SF 2173) Pellow amendment. This amendment to the Toxic Pollution Prevention Act offered by Pellow inserted important clarifications and distinctions to ensure that an owner of real property would not be held responsible for pollution on that property caused by others without the owner's knowledge or permission. LEA strongly supports this sensible and just provision. It passed the House 90 - 33, but was not, unfortunately, included in the bill as finally enacted. The bill, however, concerned prevention, not penalties. LEA believes that the provisions of the Pellow amendment should be incorporated into law.

13. & 14. PARENTAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE. (SF 409) AUTHORS: Piper, McLaughlin. This bill, now law, requires employers to allow parents, natural or adoptive, up to six weeks unpaid leave for the birth or illness of a dependent child. Many companies do this without being legally required. One of the problems created by this law concerns replacement of the absent worker. Is the employer to fire the replacement worker when the original worker comes back? SF 409 also requires the employer to provide continued health care insurance while the worker is absent. No two work situations are the same, and the employer can judge the impact on the company better than can a "one fits all" law. Shouldn't labor-management negotiations handle sickleave?

VOTE #13: Passage. Although this bill is not as bad as the 12-week federal version vetoed by the President (with veto sustained by Congress), LEA still thinks it is unwise and exhibits a dangerous extension of government power. It passed the House 108 - 22.

VOTE #14: An amendment. The lack of good sense and fairness that went into much of this bill is best exemplified by an amendment by McLaughlin and Begich which defined an employer to be... "a person or entity that employs one or more employees in Minnesota." This amendment, opposed by LEA, passed the House 105 - 24. (The law, as finally enacted, specifies "21 or more employees").

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 votes on any of these bills, we suggest that you confront them with your views. Your expressed opinion will have an effect!

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