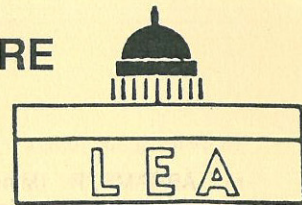


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FEWER HONOREES FROM DISAPPOINTING SESSION

The type of legislation enacted or not enacted in 1991 was a disappointment to LEA (and others) resulting in significantly lower average scores than recent years. However, give credit to those legislators pictured above whose voting decisions were made more on principles which LEA respects, than "political correctness."

MINNESOTA: LAND OF ECONOMIC MYTHOLOGY and CULTURAL DIVISIVENESS?

Two proclivities of the 1991 Session of the Minnesota Legislature stand out in the usual, but somewhat tempered, spending and regulating frenzy. These are revealed in a pair of bill-barrages aimed at the economy and the individual. At least six rounds were fired at the State's economy:

- reincarnation of the Greater Minnesota Corporation (GMC) under the name "Minnesota Technology, Inc." (HF930).
- creation of Minnesota Marketplace, another non-profit corporation (HF1114).
- creation of non-profit corporations to "incubate" fledgling businesses (HF1322).
- creation of Advantage Minnesota to encourage businesses to remain in the State (HF1109).
- creation of a Board of Invention (SF307).
- establishment of a Small Business Development Center Program (SF668).

These bills tacitly recognized the damages wrought by previous legislation, and sought to remedy them. Fortunately, not all were enacted, and none is used in LEA's 1991 ratings. Afflicted by lingering-but-still-creeping socialism and economic mythology, the bills' sponsors imagined that bureaucratic intervention, using taxpayers' money, is capable of helping the State's economy! The real answers to the problem are obvious: cut taxes and regulations. These were not even considered.

And at least six rounds were fired at cultural harmony. Casting aside the founding fathers' concept of a society in which we are all equally American, and ignoring the truth that rights inhere in all individuals, not in ethno-racial groups, legislators sponsored bills that (perhaps unintentionally) emphasize racial, ethnic, sexual, etc., differences of people. These bills promote division and alienation rather than unity. They would require:

- cultural dynamics training for child care (HF654)
- color ombudspersons for foster care (HF774)
- gender balance in all state agencies (HF1114)
- cultural diversity reports for all post-secondary public schools (HF1475)
- ethno-racial ombudspersons with extraordinary, and probably unconstitutional, powers over all state agencies (HF719)
- outcome based schools (HF773/SF630)

HF719, HF1114, and HF1475 are used in the ratings of this report.

HOUSE

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	1991	C	
																	%	%	
r	ABRAMS, R. (Minnetonka 45A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		Y	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	64	50
d	ANDERSON, I. (International Falls 3A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	y*	Y*	Y	14	14
r	ANDERSON, R. (Ottertail 10B)	Y	N	-		Y	Y	Y	Y		-	N*	Y	Y	N	Y*	N*	21	4
r	ANDERSON, R.H. (Waseca 30B)	N*	Y*	Y		N*	Y	N*	N*		N*	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	64	64
d	BATTAGLIA, D (Two Harbors 6A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	Y	7	23
d	BAUERLY, J. (Sauk Rapids 18B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	14	30
d	BEARD, P. (Cottage Grove 56B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		-	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	21	22
d	BEGICH, J. (Eveleth 6B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	7	27
d	BERTRAM, J. (Paynesville 16B)	N*	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	43	42
r	BETTERMANN, H. (Braondon 11B)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	57	57
r	BISHOP, D. (Rochester 33B)	Y	Y*	-		N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	34	45
r	BLATZ, K. (Bloomington 41B)	N*	Y*	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	53	64
d	BODAHL, L. (Waconia 35B)	Y	N	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	29	29
r	BOO, B. (Duluth 8B)	Y	Y*	Y		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	50	59
d	BROWN, C. (Appleton 11A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	-	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	Y	12	29
d	CARLSON, L. (Crystal 46B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	14	17
d	CARRUTHERS, P. (Brooklyn Ctr 47B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	19	13
d	CLARK, K (Mpls. 60A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	21	12
d	COOPER, R. (Bird Island 21B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	21	27
d	DAUNER, M. (Hawley 9B)	Y	N	Y		N*	N*	Y	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	43	43
r	DAVIDS, G. (Preston 32B)	N*	Y*	Y		N*	N*	Y	N*		N*	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	71	71
d	DAWKINS, A. (St. Paul 65A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	21	8
r	DEMPSEY, T. (New Ulm 23A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	57	57
r	DILLE, S. (Dassel 21A)	Y	Y*	Y		N*	Y	N*	Y		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	43	61
d	DORN, J. (Mankato 24A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y*	N*	13	27
r	ERHARDT, R. (Edina 42B)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	N*	N*		Y	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	57	57
d	FARRELL, J. (St. Paul 67A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	21	21
r	FREDERICK, M. (Mankato 24B)	N*	Y*	Y		N*	Y	Y	-		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	52	72
r	FRERICHS, D. (Rochester 32A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	64	85
d	GARCIA, E. (Richfield 40A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	14	14
r	GIRARD, J. (Lynd 27A)	N*	Y*	Y		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y*	Y	57	66
r	GOODNO, K. (Moorhead 9A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	Y		Y	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	50	50
d	GREENFIELD, L. (Mpls. 61A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y*	-	Y	4	7
r	GRUENES, D. (St. Cloud 17B)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		Y	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	57	65
r	GUTKNECHT, G. (Rochester 33A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	N*	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	71	81
d	HANSON, J. (Woodbury 56A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	N*		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y*	Y	14	14
r	HARTLE, D. (Owatonna 30A)	-	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	52	60
d	HASSKAMP, K. (Crosby 13A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	20	33
r	HAUKOOS, B. (Albert Lea 31A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	N*	Y	N*		N*	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	79	80
d	HAUSMAN, A. (St. Paul 63B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	29	14
r	HEIR, P. (Blaine 50B)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	64	64
r	HENRY, J. (Bloomington 40B)	N*	-	N*		N*	Y	N*	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	60	68
r	HUFNAGLE, P. (Bloomington 41A)	N*	Y*	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	43	43
r	HUGOSON, G. (Granada 29A)	N*	Y*	Y		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	57	80
d	JACOBS, J. (Coon Rapids 49B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	Y	7	20
d	JANEZICH, J. (Chisholm 5B)	Y	-	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	13	8
d	JAROS, M. (Duluth 7B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	Y	7	5
d	JEFFERSON, R. (Mpls. 57B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	14	7
d	JENNINGS, L. (Harris 19B)	N*	Y*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	36	45
d	JOHNSON, A. (Spring Lake Park 51A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	14	8
d	JOHNSON, R. (Bemidji 4A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y*	N*	14	22
r	JOHNSON, V. (Caledonia 34A)	N*	Y*	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	43	71
d	KAHN, P. (Mpls. 58B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	Y	14	9
d	KALIS, H. (Walters 29B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	N*	14	42
d	KELSO, B. (Shakopee 36A)	Y	N	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	21	29
d	KINKEL, A. (Park Rapids 4B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	14	22
r	KNICKERBOCKER, J. (Minnetonka 43B)	N*	Y*	-		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	-	Y	46	52
d	KOPPENDRAYER, J. (Princeton 18A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	57	57
r	KRINKIE, P. (Shoreview 53A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	N*	N*	N*		N*	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	86	86
d	KRUEGER, R. (Staples 12B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	21	33
d	LASLEY, H. (Cambridge 19A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	21	15
r	LEPPIK, P. (Golden Valley 45B)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	N*	N*		Y	-	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	67	67
d	LIEDER, B. (Crookston 2A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	14	28
r	LIMMER, W. (Maple Grove 48A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	73	78
d	LONG, D. (Mpls. 59A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	Y	14	10
d	LOUREY, B. (Kerrick 14B)	Y	Y*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	21	21
r	LYNCH, T. (Andover 50A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	57	63
r	MACKLIN, B. (Lakeville 36B)	N*	Y*	Y		N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	53	55

HOUSE - Continued

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	1991 %	C %
d MARIANI, C. (St. Paul 65B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	-	N*	13	13
r MARSH, M. (Sauk Rapids 17A)	N*	Y*	Y		N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	73	69
McEACHERN, B. (Maple Lake 22A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		-	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	13	32
d McGUIRE, M. (Falcon Heights 63A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	13	17
r McPHERSON, H. (Stillwater 55B)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	71	82
d MILBERT, R. (South St. Paul 39B)	Y	Y*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	27	27
r MORRISON, C. (Burnsville 38A)	N*	Y*	N*		Y	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	50	62
d MUNGER, W. (Duluth 7A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	Y	7	9
d MURPHY, M. (Hermantown 8A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	21	19
d NELSON, K. (Mpls. 62A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y*	N*	21	13
d NELSON, S. (Sebek 12A)	Y	N	Y		N*	N*	Y	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	43	43
r NEWINSKI, D. (Maplewood 54B)	Y	Y*	N*		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	29	29
d O'CONNOR, R. (St. Paul 66B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y*	Y	7	16
d OGREN, P. (Aitkin 14A)	Y	N	-		-	-	Y	Y		Y	-	-	Y	Y*	-	N*	13	16
r OLSEN, S. (St. Louis Park 44A)	N*	Y*	Y		Y	Y	Y	N*		Y	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	36	63
d OLSON, E. (Fosston 2B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	-	Y*	Y*	N*	21	30
d OLSON, K. (Sherburn 28B)	Y	Y*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	29	36
r OMANN, B. (St. Joseph 16A)	N*	Y*	Y		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	50	66
r ONNEN, T. (Cokato 22B)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	60	72
d ORENSTEIN, H. (St. Paul 64B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	27	16
d ORFIELD, M. (Mpls. 59B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y*	N*	21	21
d OSTHOFF, T. (St. Paul 66A)	Y	Y*	Y		Y	Y	Y	-		N*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	36	27
d OSTROM, D. (St. Peter 23B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	29	30
r OZMENT, D. (Rosemount 37B)	N*	Y*	N*		Y	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	50	64
r PAULY, S. (Eden Prairie 42A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	64	63
d PELLOW, D. (New Brighton 52B)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	57	71
d PELOWSKI, G. (Winona 34B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	14	28
d PETERSON, D. (Madison 20A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	29	29
d PUGH, T. (South St. Paul 39A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	20	32
d REDING, L. (Austin 31B)	-	N	Y		-	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	-	Y	1	17
d REST, A. (New Hope 46A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	13	24
d RICE, J. (Mpls. 57A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	-	Y	13	15
d RODOSOVICH, P. (Faribault 25B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	14	25
r RUKAVINA, T. (Virginia 5A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y*	Y	7	8
r RUNBECK, L. (Circle Pines 52 A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		Y	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	57	56
d SARNA, J. (Mpls. 58A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	0	21
r SCHAFER, G. (Gibbon 35A)	N*	Y*	-		N*	Y	Y	N*		-	Y	-	Y	-	Y*	N*	52	86
d SCHEID, L. (Brooklyn Park 47A)	N*	Y*	Y		Y	Y	Y	-		N*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	36	23
r SCHREIBER, B. (Brooklyn Park 48B)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	-	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	60	66
r SEABERG, A. (Eagan 38B)	N*	Y*	-		N*	Y	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	62	69
d SEGAL, G. (St. Louis Park 44B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	14	10
d SIMONEAU, W. (Fridley 51B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	Y	7	10
d SKOGLUND, W. (Mpls. 61B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	27	16
r SMITH, S. (Mound 43A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	67	67
d SOLBERG, L. (Bovey 3B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	13	17
d SPARBY, W. (Theif River Falls 1B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		-	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	13	33
r STANIUS, B. (White Bear Lake 53B)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	64	74
d STEENSMA, A. (Luverne 27B)	Y	-	Y		Y	N*	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	29	33
r SVIGGUM, S. (Kenyon 26A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	N*	Y	Y		N*	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	71	79
r SWENSON, D. (Forest Lake 55A)	N*	Y*	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y	N*	N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	47	60
d THOMPSON, L. (Waubun 10A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y	-	Y*	N*	34	34
r TOMPKINS, E. (Apple Valley 37A)	N*	Y*	N*		Y	N*	N*	N*		N*	Y	N*	-	N	Y*	Y	67	76
d TRIMBLE, S. (St. Paul 67B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	14	6
d TUNHEIM, J. (Kennedy 1A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	14	29
r UPHUS, S. (Sauk Centre 15A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	Y	64	72
r VALENTO, D. (Little Canada 54A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	64	79
d VANASEK, R. (New Prague 25A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	Y	7	21
d VELLENGA, K. (St. Paul 64A)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	27	16
d WAGENIUS, J. (Mpls. 62B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N*	27	14
r WALTMAN, B. (Elgin 26B)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	57	79
r WEAVER, C. (Champlin 49A)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	57	54
d WEJCMAN, L. (Mpls. 60B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	20	20
r WELKER, R. (Montevideo 20B)	N*	Y*	N*		N*	N*	Y	N*	-	N*	N*	N*	Y	N	Y*	N*	77	62
d WELLE, A. (Willmar 15B)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	Y	7	23
d WENZEL, S. (Little Falls 13B)	Y	Y*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	21	30
d WINTER, T. (Fulda 28A)	Y	-	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	13	30

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d	ADKINS, B. (St. Michael 22)	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	15	37
d	BECKMAN, T. (Bricelyn 29)	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	15	33
r	BELANGER, W. (Bloomington 41)	N*	-	N*	N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N		Y	48	65
r	BENSON, D. (Lanesboro 32)	N*	-	N*	N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	N*	N*	Y	N		N*	65	74
r	BENSON, J. (St. Cloud 17)	N*	Y	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	N*	Y	N		Y	38	38
d	BERG, C. (Chokio 11)	N*	-	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	N*	Y	N		N*	48	60
d	BERGLIN, L. (Mpls. 60)	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y	23	13
r	BERNHAGEN, J. (Hutchinson 21)	N*	Y	N*	N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	-	N*	Y	N		Y	48	61
d	BERTRAM, J. (Paynesville 16)	Y	N	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y		Y	N*	N*	Y	Y*		Y	31	51
r	BRATAAS, N. (Rochester 33)	N*	N	Y	N*	Y	-	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	-		Y	51	46
d	CHMIELEWSKI, F. (Sturgeon Lake 14)	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	N*	Y		N*	N*	Y	Y	Y*		Y	38	40
d	COHEN, R. (St. Paul 64)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		-	Y	Y	Y	Y*		N*	15	7
d	DAHL, G. (Ham Lake 50)	-	Y	N*	Y	-	Y	Y		Y	-	Y	Y	Y*		Y	14	27
d	DAVIS, C. (Princeton 18)	Y	Y	N*	-	Y	Y	Y		Y	-	Y	Y	N*		Y	5	31
r	DAY, R. (Owatonna 30)	N*	Y	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	N*	N*	Y	N		N*	54	54
d	DeCRAMER, G. (Ghent 27)	Y	Y	N*	-	Y	Y	Y		Y	-	Y	Y	Y*		N*	23	31
d	DICKLICH, R. (Hibbing 5)	Y	-	Y	Y	-	Y	Y		Y	-	-	Y	Y*		Y	3	11
d	FINN, H. (Cass Lake 4)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	15	15
d	FLYNN, C. (Mpls 61)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		N*	15	14
d	FRANK, D. (Spring Lake Park 51)	N*	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N*		N*	31	27
d	FREDERICKSON, D.J. (Murdock 20)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	8	23
r	FREDERICKSON, D.R. (New Ulm 23)	N*	Y	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y		Y	-	N*	Y	N		N*	40	55
r	GUSTAFSON, J. (Duluth 8)	N*	-	Y	N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	N*	N*	Y	N		Y	48	58
r	HALBERG, C. (Burnsville 38)	N*	-	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	N*	N*	Y		Y	48	48
d	HOTTINGER, J. (Mankato 24)	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	15	15
d	HUGHES, J. (Maplewood 54)	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	-		N*	5	16
r	JOHNSON, D.E. (Willmar 15)	Y	Y	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N		Y	15	59
d	JOHNSON, D.J. (Cook 6)	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	-	Y		Y	-	Y	Y	Y*		Y	14	19
d	JOHNSON, J. (North Branch 19)	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	6	6
r	JOHNSTON, T. (Prior Lake 36)	N*	Y	N*	N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	N*	N*	N*	N		Y	62	62
d	KELLY, R. (St. Paul 67)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		N*	23	23
r	KNAAK, F. (White Bear Lake 53)	Y	N*	Y	-	N*	N*	Y		N*	-	N*	Y	N		N*	51	61
d	KROENING, C. (Mpls. 57)	Y	-	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y		-	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	14	25
r	LAIDIG, G. (Stillwater 55)	Y	Y	N*	-	Y	Y	Y		N*	-	N*	Y	N		-	24	62
d	LANGSETH, K. (Glyndon 9)	-	Y	N*	-	Y	Y	Y		-	Y	N*	Y	N		-	14	32
r	LARSON, C. (Fergus Falls 10)	Y	N*	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	N*	N*	Y	N		Y	46	62
d	LESSARD, B. (Int'l Falls 3)	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	23	33
d	LUTHER, W. (Brooklyn Park 47)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	15	16
d	MARTY, J. (Roseville 63)	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		N*	23	13
r	McGOWAN, P. (Maple Grove 48)	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N		Y	54	69
r	MEHRKENS, L. (Red Wing 26)	N*	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	N*		-	Y	N*	Y	N		Y	31	65
d	MERRIAM, G. (Coon Rapids 49)	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	-	Y	Y	Y*		N*	29	22
d	METZEN, J. (South St. Paul 39)	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	15	26
d	MOE, R. (Erskine 2)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	8	20
d	MONDALE, T. (St. Louis Park 44)	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	6	6
d	MORSE, S. (Dakota 34)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	-	Y	Y	Y*		N*	15	34
r	NEUVILLE, T. (Northfield 25)	N*	-	N*	N*	N*	Y	Y		-	Y	N*	Y	N		N*	51	51
d	NOVAK, S. (New Brighton 52)	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	6	12
r	OLSON, G. (Minnetrista 43)	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	-	-	Y	N		Y	51	76
d	PAPPAS, S. (St. Paul 65)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	-	Y	Y	Y*		Y	15	13
r	PARISEAU, P. (Farmington 37)	N*	N*	N*	N*	Y	Y	N*		N*	Y	N*	Y	N		Y	54	44
d	PIPER, P. (Austin 31)	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	6	5
d	POGEMILLER, L. (Mpls. 58)	Y	-	Y	Y	-	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	5	7
d	PRICE, L. (Woodbury 56)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	8	8
d	RANUM, J. (Mpls. 62)	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	-	Y	Y	Y*		N*	31	30
d	REICHGOTT, E. (New Hope 46)	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	15	18
r	RENNEKE, E. (LeSueur 35)	Y	Y	N*	N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	Y	N*	Y	N		N*	38	62
d	RIVENESS, P. (Bloomington 40)	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	-	Y	Y	N		Y	6	6
d	SAMS, D. (Staples 12)	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N*	Y	Y*		Y	23	23
d	SAMUELSON, D. (Brainerd 13)	N*	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y		N*	-	Y	Y	Y*		Y	31	30
d	SOLOM, S. (Duluth 7)	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N		Y	-2	15
d	SPEAR, A. (Mpls. 59)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	8	10
r	STORM, D. (Edina 42)	N*	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y		N*	-	N*	Y	N		Y	31	67
d	STUMPF, L. (Thief River Falls 1)	Y	-	N*	-	Y	-	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*		Y	14	32
d	TRAUB, J. (Minnetonka 45)	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	-	-	Y	Y*		Y	4	4
d	VICKERMAN, J. (Tracy 28)	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	N*	Y	Y	Y*		Y	23	36
d	WALDORF, G. (St. Paul 66)	Y	-	N*	Y	Y	N*	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N		N*	23	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.

1991% means percentage of legislator's votes favored by LEA in the 1991 session.

C% means legislator's career average LEA score.

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. THE BILLION DOLLAR VETO (HF2). AUTHORS: Ogren, Berglin. On June 3, 1991 Governor Carlson vetoed the Health Care Access bill, which originally had a price tag of at least \$1 billion per biennium when fully implemented in 1997. HF2 was passed by both houses; 80 - 52 in the House and 46 - 19 in the Senate. Its provisions would:

- (1) merge Worker's Compensation, Auto Medical Insurance, and other plans
- (2) require all Minnesota residents to have health coverage
- (3) require employer groups (5 or more workers) to provide a "universal" coverage set (a true "Cadillac" plan)
- (4) set up an extensive data base and research collection unit
- (5) establish a Rural Health Advisory Committee
- (6) provide state payment of premiums based on income of the uninsured and "underinsured" (subsidies paid for those with incomes below 275% of poverty level or \$40,000 per year)
- (7) require extensive reform of private health insurance market by
 - (a) mandating benefits, (b) requiring guaranteed issue, non-cancelable policies without any preexisting condition limitations, (c) removing or limiting deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays, and (d) requiring "community" rating instead of rating based on claim experience by type of group, etc.

LEA will carefully watch the Legislature in January 1992 to see if it tries to override the veto. There is a need to assure basic health care for the estimated 350,000 uninsured low-income Minnesotans...but HF2 must be scrapped in favor of more realistic legislation.

SPENDING LIMITS FOR THE 1992-93 BIENNIUM (HR3).

AUTHOR: Vanasek. House Resolution No. 3 sets a maximum limit on state appropriations and transfers from the general fund at \$15.34 billion. HR3 also specifies that a budget reserve of \$250.7 million is necessary. Setting a spending limit is a good thing in itself. While the amount specified did not represent as large a percentage increase in State spending as that of the preceding biennium, it was nevertheless greater than the rate of inflation. Many amendments were offered to this resolution, none of which was approved. Two amendments proposed significant spending reductions coupled with increases in the budget reserve. The first of these two, offered by Welker and 13 others, reduced the spending maximum to \$14.78 billion (saving taxpayers \$558,000,000) and increased the reserve to \$400,000,000. This amendment failed 50 - 76. The second amendment, offered by Schreiber and 9 others, reduced the maximum to \$14.97 billion (saving taxpayers \$372,000,000) and increased the reserve to \$400,000,000. This amendment also failed, 60 - 70. Both of these amendments would have allowed an increase in spending over the 1990 - 91 biennium, but were more in line with the rate of inflation. Although LEA prefers the Welker amendment, we chose the Schreiber amendment for rating in this report because of its moderation.

3. STATE AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS (HF53). AUTHORS: Brown, Merriam. This act appropriates money for transportation and a number of State agencies. Some of the more interesting appropriations are:

- \$3,858,000 for lawful gambling control.

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- \$2,104,000 to the racing commission. (Legalized, State-sponsored gambling is a costly corruption which should receive no tax dollars.)
- \$691,000 to the Ethical Practices Board
- \$25,000,000 to the Greater Minnesota Corporation's successor. (Wasn't the lottery going to pay for this and more?)
- \$15,490,000 to the Minnesota Historical Society. (LEA supports funding of the Historical Society, but this amount seems extreme.)
- \$8,061,000 to the Minnesota Humanities Commission, \$4,050,000 of this being for unspecified grants.

LEA believes the authorized amounts in this bill should have been considerably less, and opposes this bill. It was approved on re-passage in the House 93 - 55 and the Senate 38 - 11. The Governor exercised eight line-item vetoes, cutting \$2.6 million, including \$1 million for the World Trade Center.

4. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION - MINOR'S ABORTION (SF296).

AUTHOR: Marty. This bill was an attempt to weaken the Parental Notification Law which requires, in most cases, that both parents be notified of a minor's attempt to obtain an abortion. In contrast, this bill would have required the involvement of only one parent in the abortion decision - undoubtedly the one perceived as most likely to be in favor of abortion.

Several questions come to mind: Does the party who receives no notification have no parental rights in this instance? Might this cause dissension within the family?

According to Minnesota Department of Health figures, while the Parental Notification Law was originally in force, teen pregnancies decreased 27%, and abortions performed on minors decreased by 34%, proving that the law has been effective in lowering the incidence of teenage pregnancies as well as abortions. LEA opposes this bill. It was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 30 - 36.

5. STRIKER REPLACEMENTS (HF304).

AUTHORS: Anderson, I.; Chmielewski. Despite objections that it will further hurt Minnesota's business climate, this bill, which would bar employers from hiring permanent workers to replace those on strike, passed on final votes of 79 - 53 in the House and 41 - 20 in the Senate. LEA agrees with Rep Sviggum, who in opposing the bill, said, "It's an ill-founded law. It destroys balance in negotiations, and at the heart of the problem it is going to be affecting, if anybody, small businesses in this state to the detriment of all our towns in rural Minnesota." Furthermore, there is a question as to whether this new law is constitutional. A case is currently under litigation. LEA opposes this bill.

6. MINORS AS ELECTION JUDGES (HF398).

AUTHOR: Hughes, Osthoff. This bill, enacted into law, authorizes students who have reached the age of 16 to serve as "trainee election judges" in a primary or general election. The law is unclear as to whether such a "trainee" is to serve only as an observer or in the capacity of an actual election judge.

LEA opposes this bill because:

1. Legislators should not pass bills with such nonspecific language.
2. LEA believes that persons who are themselves ineligible to vote should not sit in judgment of the eligibility of others.
3. It allows whole classes of elementary and secondary students to descend on busy polling places on election day.

LEA endorses the concept of trying to interest our children and teenagers in the election process. LEA believes effective ways, other than interference in the orderly conduct of an election, can be found to do this. This measure passed the House 122 - 11 and the Senate 60 - 3.

7. GAMBLING REGULATIONS (SF506).

AUTHORS: Berg, Osthoff. This law provides more money for the administration of State-sponsored and supported gambling, and for trying to remedy some of the resulting human tragedy.

LEA reminds the public that the great general tax relief that was promised to come with legalized gambling has not materialized. There has been a toll in human grief as evidenced by the bill's provision for a compulsive gambling treatment program. It passed the House 107 - 26 and the Senate 53 - 11. LEA opposes this law because it expands legalized gambling by authorizing teleracing simulcast facilities and thus year-round betting.

8. OMNIBUS HUMAN SERVICES BILL (HF719).

AUTHORS: Greenfield, Berglin. HF719 is a gargantuan human services appropriation bill (529 pages). It contains some good innovations such as the establishment of a Mental Health Client Bill of Rights and the directive for court clerks to notify the victims of a felon when a pardon hearing is to be held.

However, these good points are more than offset by the potential harm done to all human service agencies and courts by the establishment of a new and very powerful office, that of Minority Ombudsperson. Each racial ombudsperson shall be "a person of high ability" whose main role is to look out for the welfare of "children of color" who are involved with the agencies or courts. Each of the four "ombudspersons" would be selected by and be under the auspices of one of these non-elected, special interest organizations: the Indian Affairs Council, the Spanish-Speaking Affairs Council, the Council on Black Minnesotans, and the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

No one could be opposed to ensuring the welfare of such children, or of any children for that matter. However, consider a partial listing of the powers given to this newly created office:

- "Each ombudsperson has the power to... (1) determine the scope and manner of investigations, (2) to investigate... an action of any agency, (3) to request and be

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given any information in the possession of any agency, (4) enter and inspect... premises within the control of an agency, and (5) subpoena any agency personnel to appear, testify, and produce documentary or other evidence which the ombudsperson deems relevant..."

In addition, the ombudsperson "shall work to ensure that court officials, public policy makers, and service providers are trained in cultural diversity." (emphasis added)

One can't help but wonder about the effect on the human services agencies when there are four new bosses above them investigating, inspecting, and subpoenaing them at will. This could prove to be the most divisive legislation ever enacted in the state of Minnesota! If such an ombudsperson is needed to protect the welfare of Minnesota's children, can our legislature not conceive of the possibility that there might be at least one qualified Minnesotan who could protect our children regardless of race? LEA opposes this bill. It passed the House 90-41 (third reading) and the Senate (re-passage) 57 - 10.

9. HOMOSEXUAL PREFERENCE (HF1091). AUTHOR: Clark. This bill was designed to give privileges that are over-and-above constitutional rights to homosexuals, just as special privileges are given to certain other minorities. A major fear was that many religious groups would be required to hire avowed homosexuals against their doctrinal beliefs. The bill was defeated in the House Committee on a roll call vote 13 - 11. For the first time LEA is including a committee vote in its ratings. LEA thinks the bill was contrary to basic American principles.

10. GENDER BALANCE IN STATE AGENCIES (HF1114). AUTHORS: Johnson, A.; Kahn. This bill gives urgent cause for Minnesotans to be more concerned with the mental balance of a majority of the legislature than with anything such as gender balance. It requires that the membership of all state agencies, beginning January 1, 1992, be equally divided between the genders (except that incumbents won't be shed until their terms are up). If the membership is an odd number, persons of one gender may have exactly one more member than persons of the other gender. This bill does not give even lip service to the responsibilities of the various state agencies or the welfare of the persons being served by the agencies.

HF1114 also requires that the appointing authorities shall "endeavor to ensure that the membership...reflect racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity to the extent possible."

Strangely, the creators of this absurdity forgot to specify quotas for sexual preferences. That would raise some difficult questions, of course. For example: in which gender quota would homosexuals fit? If neither, then perhaps new categories should be established. But what percentage of the membership should go to lesbians and what to homosexuals? And how about bisexuals? Are they to be discriminated against? How will the positions be divided up? Must percentages be based on the distribution in the geographic location of the agency or in the entire State? And how is this to be determined? Thorny questions, these, but fitting topics for our legislators. Let us hope they spend all of 1992 pondering them, and quietly let this bill expire. It passed the House (72 - 55) and Senate (41 - 21) with differing details that were never resolved, and it was not enacted in the 1991 session.

11. FEES FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION (HF1246). AUTHORS: Novak, Jacobs. This bill concerns the enhancement of energy conservation programs. The objectionable aspect of this bill is that it charges a fee to electric and gas utilities on their gross operating revenues. This money is to be used to assist low-income people in purchasing energy conservation improvements, which is a worthy objective. However, LEA disagrees with this particular program because it is a hidden tax on all consumers of gas and electricity. The vote was 113 - 17 in the House and 41 - 8 in the Senate.

12. WORKERS' COMPENSATION (HF1422). AUTHORS: Chmielewski, Rukavina. For years it has been apparent that Minnesota's business/jobs climate is harmed by an exorbitant system of compensating injured workers, costing businesses over \$1 billion each year. Recent studies show that Minnesota's system is twice as expensive as those of Wisconsin or Iowa. The same insurance companies sell Workers' Compensation (WC) in these states. The main differences are in the benefits structure. In 1988, bills were passed containing needed reforms to the benefit structures, but were vetoed by our previous governor. Ironically, with a governor open to WC reform now in office, the legislature passed a bill containing no meaningful reforms of benefits. LEA opposes this "cosmetic" WC reform bill which

passed 78 - 56 in the House and 41 - 23 in the Senate, and was justifiably vetoed. We sincerely hope the legislature will not continue muffing opportunities to do the badly needed restructuring of WC.

13. CAMPUS CULTURAL DIVERSITY REPORT (HF1475). AUTHORS: Mariani, Ranum. This bill, enacted into law, requires all governing boards of state supported colleges and universities to submit reports of "the Status of cultural diversity initiatives" and "goals" on their campuses, and "the steps being taken to focus on the value of multiculturalism." LEA finds the actual purpose of this bill unstated, and the language both vague and disturbing.

Today, when some professors and students at our most prestigious schools shout, "Hey! Hey! Ho! Ho! Western Culture's got to go!" we cannot be sure just where our legislators are coming from, or down what path they would lead us.

LEA appreciates the contributions people of all races and ethnic groups have made to American society. However, LEA treasures our basic Judeo-Christian heritage and the traditional American principles enumerated in the opening paragraphs of this report.

The legislators should have clarified the bill's purpose. Does it seek to absorb into our culture good elements of others? Or does it seek to set up on pedestals other cultures as replacements or alternatives to the American way of life? This bill passed 132 - 0 in the House and 65 - 2 in the Senate! LEA is most disturbed by the supine lack of courage of the legislators to oppose or change a demagogic, knee-jerk, "politically correct" program.

14. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING (SF1571). AUTHORS: Pogemiller, Rodosovich. Our Federal and State constitutions mandate that after each federal census, through the legislative process, the State be re-divided into congressional and legislative districts. After the 1980 census there was no visible effort to accomplish this. The task was ultimately done by the federal courts. The 1991 Legislature, while doing nothing as to congressional districts, did pass a legislative redistricting bill. While the law has serious technical flaws, no practical alternative was offered. LEA feels that the Legislature is to be commended for its effort in a difficult area fraught with partisan political overtones. The bill passed the Senate 38 - 27 and the House 70 - 61.

15. OMNIBUS \$\$ for STATE DEPARTMENTS (HF1634). AUTHOR: Trimble. This omnibus appropriations bill for legislative, judicial, and administrative expenses, which was enacted on June 4, 1991, contained two welcome surprises. The first was the action of the Governor in exercising line item veto power (20 times!) to cut \$28 million for fiscal years 1992/93 and to save \$26 million for fiscal years 1994/95. The second surprise was passage of the **Welker amendment** (used by LEA for rating) by a whopping 115 - 13. Welker's motion provides that salaries of legislators and constitutional officers shall not be increased during the biennium. LEA supports this amendment.

16. TAXPAYER MONEY FOR ULTRALEVERAGED NWA (HF1655). AUTHORS: Solon, Simoneau. While facing a \$1.1 billion budget deficit, the majority of our legislators voted to offer \$740 million of taxpayers' money as a financing package of loans backed by the State (taxpayers) to Northwest Airlines (NWA). This bill authorizes the selling of \$350 million in bonds to finance NWA's maintenance bases, grants NWA tax credits and sales tax breaks for building the bases, and allows the Metropolitan Airports Commission to strike a separate \$390 million deal with the company for expansion capital. Yes, this measure could keep jobs in the State. However, fears that NWA could succumb to its huge debt load, given the instability of the airline industry, are very real. This also sets a precedent for granting similar requests from other large employers. LEA opposes this practice. It is unfair to all other businesses currently suffering under our state's hostile business climate. It passed 47 - 18 in the Senate and 81 - 53 in the House.

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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