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Session Synopsis - 1994

This is a gubernatorial election year. That had some effect on the legislative session. The Governor signed some good, and some bad, bills. LEA liked his veto of several bad ones, but is disturbed that legislator's maneuvering prevented some good measures from even reaching his desk.

LEA salutes the lone senator and 20 representatives it is awarding for scores of 90 and above in its tabulation of 21 key votes, and is pleased with the number in both parties who scored 80 or more and qualified for honorable mention.

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Senators: Berg, Chmielewski, Day, Larson, Lesewski, Lessard, Olson, G., Stevens

Representatives: Davids, Dehler, Girard, Gutnecht, Johnson, V., Krinkie, Macklin, Mosel, Stanius, Swenson, VanDellen, VanEngen, Waltman, Worke

KEY VOTES

1. DON'T GET SICK! (SF2192) Authors: Sen. Berglin, Rep. Greenfield. This 246-page bill, which passed the Senate 35-26 and the House 70-61, received only minimal public attention, although it provided unprecedented changes in the delivery of health care and the marketing of insurance policies in Minnesota. As the votes indicated, there was substantial opposition to parts of the bill. Governor Carlson exercised his line item veto prerogative of some provisions.

Key provisions to which LEA objects include:

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- (1) "Complete restructuring of health care delivery and financing system by July 1, 1997", when "all coverage must be regulated under integrated service networks (ISN)...or the all-payer law;"
- (2) price controls and rationing of services;
- (3) mandatory participation by all health plan companies in the "risk adjustment system" (changing present insurance policy language);
- (4) application of this law to all Minnesota residents;

- (5) development of relative value fee schedule (like Medicare);
- (6) monitoring revenues of all providers for overcharges and requiring paybacks in the following year;
- (7) requirement that all health plan companies must handle only "the universal standard benefits set..." plus cost-sharing and supplemental coverage options permitted (maximum of five standard plans) by July 1, 1997.

Several commissions will be set up with broad powers regarding administration of the law as well as recommendations for further change including single-payer rather than multiple payer to reimburse providers.

By July 1, 1997 "every Minnesotan shall have coverage and shall contribute to the costs of coverage based on ability to pay." The language of this law is visionary, cumbersome, verbose, redundant, and filled with promises based upon wishful thinking. For example, the act says: "to the extent possible, universal coverage should be achieved without a net increase in total health spending, taxes, or government spending by recapturing savings and reallocating resources within the system." No one should be deluded into thinking that higher state taxes are not inevitable.

Instead of focusing on providing access to health care for the uninsured (which was the premise of the original health span legislatic the law aims to provide a "fully funded subsidy program to guarantee universal coverage for all Minnesota residents..." even those with present coverage, paid in whole or in part by employers or other non-governmental entities.

2. WHERE SHALL YOU LIVE, COMRADE? THE SEQUEL. (HF2171) Authors: Rep. Orfield, Sen. Novak. Orfield still wants to tell us how and where we must be housed. His diktat would apply to "every community in the metropolitan area." To be sure, this bill oozes with good-sounding terms such as "housing choices," "create incentives," "providing people opportunities," "allow people to," and the like. But its true thrust is made plain in these words: "...the council shall adopt and execute a plan to facilitate, coordinate, andcause the development of affordable housing in all cities and towns where the supply of affordable housing is inadequate to meet the objectives of this section." It does not say who will pay for the construction of this housing. It ignores unintended consequences

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HF2171 says in effect, "Thou must build, and it must be what we decree!"

It is clearly evident that government ownership or control of housing has been disastrous wherever it has been tried: in the Soviet Union, Britain, or New York City. Government control denies basic individual freedom, squelches incentive, and downgrades housing.

In 1994 HF2171 passed the house 79-54 and the Senate 34-32. The Governor vetoed the original version of this bill in 1993.

Justifiably, he also vetoed this 1994 version.

- 3. METRO COUNCIL POWER GRAB. (SF2015) Authors: Sen. Flynn, Rep. Orfield. This bill would have established a procedure to "elect" the chairperson of the Metro Council, heretofore appointed by the governor, by and from among the members of the Council. The bill also specifies that the Council should submit to the Legislature recommendation for its members' salaries. The Metro Council would also have been given expanded authority to appoint a Regional Administrator who would organize the work of the Council. The Metro Council has four divisions: transportation, environmental, community development, and administration. Each division would have a director, manager, and general council. We must forget that the appointed Metro Council essentially supersedes government in many matters in the 7-county Metro Region. The Council already has over 30 commissioners, executive directors, and ombudsmen. This is a far cry from its original intent of killing mosquitoes! The House vote was 105-27 and the Senate vote 64-2. LEA believes the Governor was wise in vetoing this bill.
- 4. TARGET CENTER BUYOUT: GREASING THE SKIDS. (HF3041) Authors: Rep. Jefferson, Sen. Pogemiller. The main purpose of this bill is to prepare for taxpayer purchase of the Target Center. It also authorizes a range of taxes to be collected under certain circumstances. The planning prescribed will, if implemented, place yet one more financial obligation upon the taxpaying public. Why should the general public pay for something that benefits only selected sports fans and entrepreneurs? HF3041 passed on final votes of 35-26 in the Senate and 69-61 in the House. LEA favors a "no" vote.
- 5. KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON. (SF1706) Authors: Sen. Novak, Rep. Jennings. After months of emotional wrangling, a bill allowing NSP to continue using dry-storage casks for radioactive waste passed and became law. The legislature did not succumb to the "sky is falling" clamor of the media and the environmentalists. Without additional temporary storage, NSP's 1000-megawatt power plant

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minimum wage in Minnesota, raising it to \$5.00 per hour. A government-mandated minimum wage is futile and sometimes harmful. Government cannot simply mandate more purchasing power for the populace. If it could, why not just double, triple, or quadruple every-

The amendment passed 78-47.

one's purchasing power by decree? SF1944 passed the Senate 37-29 and the House 74-58. LEA agrees with the Governor's veto.

11. TRUTH IN ADVERTISING. (SF103) Reps. Swenson and Seagren moved to amend this bill, which deals with legal gambling, to include "all advertising or marketing materials....must: (1) be sufficiently clear to prevent deception; and (2) not overstate expressly, or by implication, the attributes or benefits of participating in legal gambling." The candor expressed by using the word gambling (rather than gaming) is to be applauded along with the basic purpose.

would have had to begin shutting down in 1995. This plant produces: (1) low-cost electricity for its customers, (2) 500 jobs, and (3) \$22 million in taxes for the Red Wing area. Additionally, the bill requires experimental generation of electric power by biomass and wind. There is rapid expansion of nuclear power generation in Europe and other places in the world. LEA thinks this legislation is a constructive step in meeting future energy needs, including permanent waste storage. The final bill passed the Senate 43-22 and the House 86-46.

- 6. SAVE THE FLAG. (HF1880) Authors: Rep. Bergson, Sen. Vickerman. HF1880 is a resolution requesting the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution for ratification by the states. This amendment would give Congress and the states power to prohibit physical desecration of the flag of our country. It passed the House 100-25 and the Senate 51-14. LEA favors a "yes" vote.
- 7. SECOND AMENDMENT IN PERIL. (SF2378) Sen. Flynn offered an amendment to SF2378 that would amend the Minnesota Constitution to prohibit the sale and possession of "assault weapons." Specific semi-automatic firearms had been listed in this bill. The amendment failed 22-42. LEA regards a "no" vote favorably. Punish the criminals who use weapons, not the weapons.
- 8. JUVENILE CRIME. (HF2074) An amendment offered by Rep. Wenzel to the omnibus crime bill specifies that a child "alleged to have committed a murder in the first degree, intentional murder in the second degree, or criminal sexual conduct in the first degree after becoming 16 years of age" will be tried as an adult. The amendment also requires that a 14 or 15 year old be tried in adult court if the charge is murder in the first degree or intentional murder in the second degree. Regrettably, this legislation is needed in this era of increasing homicide by juveniles. This amendment passed in the House 75-52, and was included in the final law.
- 9. STILL SOFT ON THREE-TIME FELONS. (HF2351) Our polls continue to indicate that crime is a major public concern. It is well known that repeat offenders commit the vast majority of crimes. LEA thinks that all of our senators would have this message by now. NOT!! A mandatory 10-year minimum sentence for three-time felons was proposed by Senator McGowan as an amendment to this omnibus crime bill. Astoundingly, an amendment offered by Senator Spear nullifying the McGowan proposal passed 36-27. LEA strongly opposes the Spear amendment, which retains existing inadequate sentencing guidelines.

10. MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE. (SF1944) Authors: Sen. Kelly, Rep. Rukavina. This bill mandated a 75-cent increase in the

- 12. WOMEN'S RIGHT TO KNOW. (SF1758) This year right-to-life advocates succeeded in getting legislation passed by both the House and Senate which would have ensured that women seeking abortions receive information on the medical risks involved and on available alternatives to abortion, as well as accurate information on development of the pre-born child. It prescribed a 24-hour waiting period, and gave the right to sue for damages if not given the specified information. Known as the "Right to Know" provision, it was introduced by Rep. Klinzing as an amendment to SF1758, the Welfare Reform Bill. The amendment passed the House 82-50. LEA favored the amendment. (See #14)
- 13. WELFARE REFORM (SF1758--CONTINUED) Authors: Sen. Samuelson, Rep. Anderson, R. Inasmuch as welfare reform topped the many areas of interest checked by members in its annual poll, LEA has taken great interest in SF1758. Even without the Klinzing amendment (see 12 above) LEA could commend this proposed legislation as a bold and constructive step forward in bringing more common sense into our human service programs by encouraging such innovations as employment of aid recipients and more responsibility of parents for unwed minor mothers. On its final vote the bill passed the House 108-24. In the Senate, with the Klinzing amendment still a part of it, it passed 34-33. (See #14)
- 14. POLITICS. (SF1758 --CONCLUDED) In action more pregnant with political significance than any other of the 1994 session, already reeking with political innuendo, SF1758 (welfare reform, "Right to Know" and all) went down the drain when, after the Senate voted for the bill (See #13), Senator Runbeck moved for reconsideration. Seven of her party colleagues switched sides and joined her in voting for that. The media reported that the Governor didn't want to be faced with the need of having to either sign or veto the bill. The eight senators were apparently more interested in saving him from making that decision than they were in welfare reform or the unborn. No longer having the support necessary for passage Sen. Samuelson had no choice but to table his bill permanently. The vote to reconsider was 41-26, which LEA regrets.
- 15. GRADUATION RULE. (HF2189) Rep. Sviggum offered an amendment to this omnibus education bill to provide that in drawing up the much discussed and anticipated "graduation rule" it would "require students to attain clearly defined, objective, measurable outcomes in the subjects of reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, and geography." Rep. Osthoff offered an amendment to the Sviggum proposal: after mathematics insert cultural diversity. The Osthoff amendment passed by a vote of 81-52. LEA believes that the Osthoff amendment greatly weakened the intended emphasis on academic achievement that should be the standard for graduation, and is using the vote on the Osthoff amendment in these ratings. (Sviggum later withdrew his subverted proposal.)
- 16. NON-ACADEMIC CRITERIA. (HF2189) Sen. Olson moved to amend the big education bill by providing that the forthcoming "graduation rule" "shall not pertain to personal characteristics, values, attitudes, or consciously held beliefs by students." LEA thinks 6 ballots living and interested will be tempted to put to unethical use.

- this wording essentially defines the fundamental controversy in the entire field of education today. LEA deems favorable a vote for the Olson amendment. It lost 26-32.
- 17. GAY GAMES. (HF2189) Parents are alarmed over the ption of the homosexual lifestyle in our society and schools. In response, Rep. Waltman and Sen. Chimelewski proposed to end "academic" homosexual indoctrination by prohibiting "programs or activities supporting homosexuality" in our K-12 public schools. These proposals were cleverly blunted and scuttled by diversionary language changes proposed by Rep. Skogland and Sen. Spear, approved in their respective bodies by votes of 79-51 and 55-9, by removing homosexuality and replacing it with sexual activity by minors. LEA considers a "no"vote against the altered wording as supportive of stronger family values. However, even the amendment as amended was not allowed to become law as the legislative education leadership slyly removed it all from the bill in conference committee.
- 18. SCHOOL PRAYER. (HF2189) Rep. Tompkins moved to amend the big education bill by giving teachers in public schools the authority to allow voluntary participation by students or others in prayer or in other religious observations. Upon motion by Rep. Vellenga the House placed <u>silent</u> in front of <u>prayer</u>. The amendment, as amended, was adopted 70-59. LEA regards a "yes" vote favorably. Again some unidentified deft hand (see 17 above) succeeded in removing all of this from HF2189 in the conference committee.
- 19. ABOLISHING BOARD OF EDUCATION. (HF2189) Rep. Ozment moved an amendment to abolish the State Board of Education, transferring its functions directly to the Department of Education. LEA is amazed at the interest its members have shown in this proposal. We interpret this interest as an indication of the lic's disgust with the anticultural direction taken by the education establishment. LEA favors a "yes" vote. The proposal lost 53-79.
- **20. ELIMINATING ELECTION OF COUNTY SHERIFF.** (SF2232) Authors: Sen. Pappas, Rep. McGuire. This bill passed both chambers by relatively close votes: 35-31 in the Senate and 69-65 in the House. It concerns appointment of county officers, and provides for the appointment of the sheriff by the county board if the voters of a county first approve such a procedure. The bill is designed to make appointment of county officers easier. LEA laments this trend away from election of major officials by the people.
- 21. GHOSTS FROM A CHICAGO GRAVEYARD. (SF1512) Authors: Sen. Marty, Rep. Luther. SF1512 may seem to be minor legislation, but IT IS A BAD BILL. It was carried over in the House from the 1993 session when the Senate passed it 60-3. The bill establishes precedent by authorizing the secretary of state to require voting by mail in any special election in the state. In 1994 this passed the House 112-22 and, with the Governor's signature, is now law. LEA believes voting by mail under this law will encourage unethical fraudulent practices. THERE IS NO PROVISION TO CONTROL OR PREVENT THIS. Dead and disinterested people will be sent ballots living and interested will be tempted to put to unethical use.

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