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2000 HONOREES

Honorees-House

Honorees-Senate



*Limmer



Runbeck



Anderson, B.



*Buesgens



*Gerlach



*Holberg



*Krinkie



*Lindner



Molnau



Olson, M.



Paulsen



Reuter



*Smith



Van Dellen



Wolf



*Wilkin



Workman

* 100%

2000 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

The Legislative Evaluation Assembly (LEA) presents this report covering the Minnesota legislative session of 2000.

The tripod government in the state continued with the Governor of the Independence (formerly Reform) party, the Senate controlled by the Democrat-Farmer Laborites, and the House of Representatives by the Republicans. This seems to be the collective public's way of putting the brakes on government.

This was supposed to be the "short" session of the biennium. We found slightly less legislation considered but what there was pertained to the basic concerns of the people of Minnesota.

Taxing, bonding, light rail, profile of learning, right to know - seems like replays of the 1999 session, a broken record. Staunch advocates in each group complained of not getting what they wanted. By the unique agreement reached at session's end each group was granted a "third" of that for which it primarily asked.

Legislative issues not voted on this year Minnesotans might want to be alert to in the future include: abolition of the Metropolitan Council, the demise of the unicameral issue, reinstatement of the 90 day biennial legislative sessions and an honest accounting of the light rail transit.

LEA is not rating as many bills as in the last session, but those it has chosen pretty well reflect the attitude and philosophies of the legislature and all of us. We are especially pleased with the two senators and fifteen representatives who scored high enough to receive our awards.

SENATE

			1	2	3a	3b	4a	4b	5a	5b	6	7	8	9	10	11	2 V 0 O 0 T 0 E	C a f e r
D	66	Anderson, E. (St. Paul)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		*N	25	10
R	41	Belanger, W. (Bloomington)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	38	67
I	13	Berg, C. (Chokio)	Y	Y					Y	*N	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	32	59
D	61	Berglin, L. (Minneapolis)	-	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N	N	*N	25	12
D	48	Betzold, D. (Fridley)	Y	Y	O	O	O	O	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	O	*N	13	7
D	64	Cohen, R. (St. Paul)	Y	-					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		*N	25	8
R	28	Day, D. (Owatonna)	*N	Y	S	S	S	S	Y	Y	Y	*N	*Y	*Y	S	*N	63	71
R	20	Dille, S. (Dassel)	*N	Y	E	E	E	E	Y	*N	Y	*N	*Y	*Y	E	*N	70	59
R	14	Fischbach, M. (Paynesville)	*N	*N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	*N	*Y	*Y	N	Y	63	81
D	62	Flynn, C. (Minneapolis)	Y	Y	A	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	A	Y	0	7
D	49	Foley, L. (Coon Rapids)	Y	Y	T	T	T	T	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N	T	*N	25	18
R	23	Fredrickson, D. (New Ulm)	*N	Y	E	E	E	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y	E	*N	50	58
D	50	Hanson, P. (Ham Lake)	Y	-					Y	Y	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		*N	41	36
D	58	Higgins, L. (Minneapolis)	Y	Y	V	V	V	V	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	V	*N	13	6
D	24	Hottinger, J. (Mankato)	Y	Y	O	O	O	O	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N	O	*N	25	17
D	5	Janezich, J. (Chisholm)	Y	Y	T	T	T	T	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N	T	*N	25	10
D	40	Johnson, Dave (Bloomington)	Y	-	E	E	E	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N	E	*N	27	21
D	15	Johnson, Dean (Willmar)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	38	53
D	6	Johnson, Doug (Tower)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	25	17
D	46	Junge, E. (New Hope)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		Y	13	16
D	44	Kelley, S. (Hopkins)	Y	-					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		*N	27	17
D	67	Kelly, R. (St. Paul)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	38	16
R	32	Kierlin, B. (Winona)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	38	42
D	4	Kinkel, A. (Park Rapids)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	38	38
R	30	Kiscaden, S. (Rochester)	*N	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		Y	25	53
R	16	Kleis, D. (St. Cloud)	*N	*N					Y	Y	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	63	82
R	36	Knutson, D. (Burnsville)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	25	72
D	51	Krentz, J. (Stillwater, rural)	Y	-					-	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		*N	28	24
R	56	Laidig, G. (Stillwater)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	25	61
D	9	Langseth, K. (Glyndon)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	38	34
R	10	Larson, C. (Fergus Falls)	*N	Y					Y	Y	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	50	63
R	21	Lesewski, A. (Marshall)	*N	Y					Y	Y	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		*N	63	69
D	3	Lessard, B. (Int'l Falls)	Y	Y					Y	Y	-	Y	*Y	*Y		-	63	39
R	33	Limmer, W. (Maple Grove)	*N	*N					*N	*N	*N	*N	*Y	*Y		*N	100	90
D	8	Lourey, B. (Kerrick)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		*N	25	21
D	54	Marty, J. (Roseville)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	-	N		*N	13	13
D	39	Metzen, J. (South St. Paul)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		-	27	25
D	2	Moe, R. (Erskine)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		*N	25	15
D	29	Murphy, S. (Red Wing)	-	-					Y	Y	Y	Y	-	N		*N	14	14
R	25	Neuville, T. (Northfield)	*N	Y					*N	-	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	62	69
D	52	Novak, S. (New Brighton)	-	Y					-	-	Y	-	*Y	N		*N	34	13
R	43	Oliver, E. (Deephaven)	*N	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		-	41	69
R	34	Olson, G. (Minnetrissa)	-	Y					-	-	Y	-	*Y	*Y		Y	34	77
R	19	Ourada, M. (Buffalo)	Y	*N					*N	*N	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		*N	75	68
D	65	Pappas, S. (St. Paul)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N		*N	13	5
R	37	Pariseau, P. (Farmington)	*N	Y					Y	*N	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		*N	69	73
D	27	Piper, P. (Austin)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N		*N	13	11
D	59	Pogemiller, L. (Minneapolis)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		*N	25	5
D	57	Price, L. (Woodbury)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		*N	25	15
D	63	Ranum, J. (Minneapolis)	Y	Y					-	-	Y	-	*Y	N		*N	29	10
D	18	Ring, T. (North Branch)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		Y	13	13
R	45	Robertson, M. (Minnetonka)	*N	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		Y	25	52
R	35	Robling, C. (Prior Lake)	*N	Y					*N	Y	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	57	78
D	53	Runbeck, L. (Circle Pines)	*N	*N					-	-	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		*N	84	79
D	11	Sams, D. (Staples)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	38	35
R	12	Samuelson, D. (Brainerd)	Y	*N					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	50	39
D	31	Scheevel, K. (Preston)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		*N	50	83
D	47	Scheid, L. (Brooklyn Park)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		Y	13	14
D	7	Solon, S. (Duluth)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		*N	25	17
R	60	Spear, A. (Minneapolis)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N		Y	0	13
D	17	Stevens, D. (Mora)	*N	Y					Y	Y	-	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	55	70
D	1	Stumpf, L. (Thief Rvr. Falls)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	38	30
R	42	Terwilliger, R. (Edina)	*N	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	38	60
D	22	Vickerman, J. (Tracy)	Y	Y					-	-	Y	-	*Y	*Y		*N	46	43
D	38	Wiener, D. (Eagan)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	N		*N	25	17
D	55	Wiger, C. (North St. Paul)	Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	38	33
R	26	Ziegler, D. (Blue Earth)	*N	Y					Y	Y	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		*N	63	69

HOUSE

		1	2	3a	3b	4a	4b	5a	5b	6	7	8	9	10	11	2 V 0 O 0 T 0 E	C a r e r
R	49A	Abelar, J. (Anoka)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		43	66
R	45A	Abrams, R. (Minnetonka)	*Y	*Y	Y	Y	Y			*N	*N		N	N		57	56
R	19B	Anderson, B. (Buffalo)	*Y	*Y	-	-	-			*N	-		*Y	*Y		96	96
D	3A	Anderson, I. (Intl' Falls)	N	-	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	*Y	*Y	N	27	32
D	59A	Bakk, T. (Cook)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	O	O	Y	Y	O	N	-	O	-2	15
D	59A	Biernat, L. (Minneapolis)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	17
R	30B	Bishop, D. (Rochester)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y	H	H	Y	Y	H	O	N	*Y	29	42
R	25B	Boudreau, L. (Faribault)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N	O	O	Y	*N	O	*Y	*Y	H	71	77
R	30A	Bradley, F. (Rochester)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N	U	U	Y	Y	U	*Y	*Y	U	57	72
R	53B	Broecker, S. (Vandais Heights)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N	S	S	Y	*N	S	*Y	*Y	S	68	79
R	35B	Buesgens, M. (Jordan)	*Y	*Y	*N	*N	*N	E	E	*N	*N	E	*Y	*Y	E	100	94
D	46B	Carlson, L. (Crystal)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		14	17
D	47B	Carruthers, P. (Brooklyn Center)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	V	V	Y	Y	V	N	N	V	0	13
R	10B	Cassell, G. (Alexandria)	*Y	N	*N	*N	Y	O	O	Y	*N		*Y	*Y	O	68	75
D	52A	Chaudhary, S. (Fridley)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y	T	T	Y	Y		N	N		14	18
R	23A	Clark, J. (Springfield)	*Y	N	Y	Y	*N	*N	E	Y	*N	E	*Y	*Y	E	64	80
D	61A	Clark, K. (Minneapolis)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	11
R	11A	Daggett, R. (Frazee)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		71	76
R	31B	Dauids, G. (Preston)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		43	75
D	65A	Dawkins, A. (St. Paul)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	-		N	N		-2	9
R	14A	Dehler, S. (St. Joseph)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		57	82
R	29A	Dempsey, J. (Hastings)	*Y	N	Y	*N	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		47	72
R	27A	Dorman, D. (Albert Lea)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		43	66
D	24A	Dorn, J. (Mankato)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		28	25
D	64A	Entenza, M. (St. Paul)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	13
R	42A	Erhardt, R. (Edina)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		14	58
R	17A	Erickson, S. (Princeton)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		71	81
R	1B	Finseth, T. (Angus)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		43	78
D	44A	Folliard, B. (Hopkins)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	*Y		14	17
R	4A	Fuller, D. (Bemidji)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		57	69
R	36A	Gerlach, C. (Apple Valley)	*Y	*Y	*N	*N	*N			*N	*N		*Y	*Y		100	94
D	63B	Gleason, M. (Richfield)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			*N	Y		N	N		14	17
R	9A	Goodno, K. (Moorhead)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		43	55
D	58B	Gray, G. (Minneapolis)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	9
D	62A	Greenfield, L. (Minneapolis)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	8
D	54B	Greiling, M. (Roseville)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	15
R	26A	Gunther, B. (Fairmont)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		57	71
R	52B	Haake, B. (Mounds View)	*Y	N	-	-	-			Y	-		-	*Y		44	66
R	48A	Haas, B. (Champlin)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		71	81
R	50A	Hackbarth, T. (Cedar)	*Y	N	Y	Y	*N	N		Y	*N		*Y	*Y		64	82
R	22B	Harder, E. (Jackson)	*Y	N	Y	Y	*N	N		Y	*N		*Y	*Y		64	38
D	12A	Hasskamp, K. (Crosby)	*Y	*Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		57	38
D	66B	Hausman, A. (St. Paul)	N	-	-	-	-			-	-		N	N		-8	5
D	8B	Hilty, B. (Finlayson)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	17
R	37B	Holberg, M. (Lakeville)	*Y	*Y	*N	*N	*N			*N	*N		*Y	*Y		100	97
R	56A	Holsten, M. (Stillwater)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			*N	*N		*Y	*Y		71	80
R	4B	Howes, L. (Hackensack)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		57	69
D	6B	Huntley, T. (Duluth)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	14
D	7B	Jaros, M. (Duluth)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	6
D	18B	Jennings, L. (Rush City)	N	N	Y	Y	*N	Y		Y	Y		*Y	N		18	41
D	48B	Johnson, A. (Spring Lake Park)	N	N	-	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	14
D	15A	Juhnke, A. (Willmar)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		14	33
D	59B	Kahn, P. (Minneapolis)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	8
D	26B	Kalis, H. (Walter)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		43	35
D	60A	Kelliher, M. (Minneapolis)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		14	20
R	20B	Kielkucki, T. (Lester Prairie)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		71	88
R	16B	Knoblach, J. (St. Cloud)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		71	75
D	49B	Koskinen, L. (Coon Rapids)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	23
R	53A	Krinkie, P. (Shoreview)	*Y	*Y	*N	*N	*N			*N	*N		*Y	*Y		100	83
D	15B	Kubly, G. (Granite Falls)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		29	49
R	31A	Kuisle, W. (Rochester)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		57	85
R	56B	Larsen, P. (Lakeland)	*Y	*Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		57	67
D	40A	Larson, D. (Bloomington)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			*N	Y		N	N		29	43
D	27B	Leighton, R. (Austin)	-	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		-2	16
D	40B	Lenczewski, A. (Bloomington)	*Y	*Y	Y	*N	*N			*N	Y		*Y	Y		82	76
R	45B	Leppik, P. (Golden Valley)	*Y	N	Y	*N	Y			Y	Y		*Y	N		33	44
D	2A	Lieder, B. (Crookston)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	N		14	27

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r	33A	Lindner, A. (Concoran)	*Y	*Y	*N	*N	*N			*N	*N		*Y	*Y		100	95
d	47A	Luther, D. (Brooklyn Park)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	*N		*Y	N		43	34
d	67A	Mahoney, T. (St. Paul)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	13
r	55A	Mares, H. (White Bear Lake)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	*Y	*Y	N	43	63
d	65B	Mariani, C. (St. Paul)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	O	O	Y	-	O	N	N	N	-2	9
d	57B	Marko, S. (Cottage Grove)	N	-	Y	Y	Y			*N	Y		N	N	N	12	17
d	55B	McCollum, B. (North St. Paul)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	H	H	Y	Y	H	N	N	N	0	17
r	36B	McElroy, D. (Burnsville)	*Y	N	-	-	-	O	O	Y	Y	O	*Y	-	H	25	58
d	54A	McGuire, M. (Falcon Heights)	N	N	-	-	-	U	U	Y	-	U	N	N	N	-4	15
d	39B	Milbert, B. (So. St. Paul)	N	*Y	Y	Y	Y	S	S	*N	Y	S	*Y	N	S	43	26
r	35A	Molnau, C. (Chaska)	*Y	*Y	*N	*N	*N	E	E	Y	*N	E	*Y	*Y	E	86	93
r	21B	Mulder, R. (Ivanhoe)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		71	87
d	58A	Mullery, J. (Minneapolis)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	V	V	Y	Y	V	N	N	N	0	17
d	8A	Murphy, M. (Hermantown)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	O	O	Y	Y	O	*Y	N	O	14	23
r	20A	Ness, R. (Dassel)	*Y	N	Y	Y	*N	T	T	Y	Y	T	*Y	*Y	T	47	75
r	10A	Nornes, B. (Fergus Falls)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y	E	E	Y	Y	E	*Y	*Y	E	43	69
r	19A	Olson, M. (Big Lake)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			*N	*N		*Y	*Y		86	96
d	16A	Opatz, J. (St. Cloud)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	N		29	37
d	60B	Orfield, M. (Minneapolis)	N	-	Y	Y	Y			-	Y		N	N		-4	12
r	29B	Osskopp, M. (Lake City)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		43	74
d	66A	Osthoff, T. (St. Paul)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	Y		N	N		29	23
d	11B	Otremba, K. (Long Prairie)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		29	51
r	37A	Ozment, D. (Rosemount)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		71	64
r	42B	Paulsen, E. (Eden Prairie)	*Y	*Y	*N	*N	Y			*N	*N		*Y	*Y		93	92
r	38B	Pawlenty, T. (Eagan)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		71	84
d	64B	Paymar, M. (St. Paul)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	10
d	32A	Pelowski Jr., G. (Winona)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		43	35
d	13B	Peterson, D. (Madison)	N	*Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	N		29	35
d	39A	Pugh, T. (So. St. Paul)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	N		14	25
d	46A	Rest, A. (New Hope)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		14	24
i	28A	Reuter, D. (Owatonna)	N	*Y	*N	*N	*N			*N	*N		*Y	*Y		86	93
r	44B	Rhodes, J. (St. Louis Park)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		14	37
r	32B	Rifenberg, M. (La Crescent)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		57	80
r	18A	Rostberg, M. (Isanti)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		57	73
d	5A	Rukavina, T. (Virginia)	N	*Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	10
d	17B	Schumacher, L. (Princeton, rural)	*Y	*Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		65	52
r	41A	Seagren, A. (Bloomington)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		57	73
r	57A	Seifert, J. (Woodbury)	*Y	N	*N	*N	Y			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		64	73
r	21A	Seifert, M. (Marshall)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		57	78
d	2B	Skoe, R. (Clearbrook)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	N		14	32
d	62B	Skoglund, W. (Minneapolis)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	15
r	34A	Smith, S. (Mound)	*Y	*Y	*N	*N	*N			*N	*N		*Y	*Y		100	85
d	3B	Solberg, L. (Bovey)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	N		14	18
r	33B	Stanek, R. (Maple Grove)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		57	87
r	14B	Stang, D. (Cold Spring)	*Y	N	-	-	-			Y	-		*Y	*Y		39	75
r	24B	Storm, J. (St. Peter)	*Y	N	*N	Y	*N			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		68	75
r	28B	Sviggum, S. (Kenyon)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		57	82
d	7A	Swapinski, D. ()	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	0
r	23B	Swenson, H. (Nicollet)	*Y	N	Y	Y	*N			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		64	71
r	43B	Sykora, B. (Excelsior)	*Y	N	*N	*N	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		50	78
r	50B	Tingelstad, K. (Andover)	*Y	N	Y	Y	*N			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		61	78
d	5B	Tomassoni, D. (Chisholm)	N	*Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		14	14
d	67B	Trimble, S. (St. Paul)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	9
r	25A	Tuma, J. (Northfield)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		43	77
d	1A	Tunheim, J. (Kennedy)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		43	30
r	34B	Van Dellen, T. (Plymouth)	*Y	*Y	Y	Y	Y			*N	*N		*Y	*Y		86	81
r	51B	Vandevier, R. (Forest Lake)	*Y	*Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		71	83
d	63A	Wagenius, J. (Minneapolis)	N	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		N	N		0	11
d	61B	Wejcman, L. (Minneapolis)	-	N	Y	Y	Y			*N	-		N	-		8	13
d	12B	Wenzel, S. (Little Falls)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		57	33
r	51A	Westerberg, A. (Blaine)	*Y	N	*N	*N	*N			Y	*N		*Y	*Y		71	88
r	9B	Westfall, R. (Rothsay)	*Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		43	66
r	13A	Westrom, T. (Elbow Lake)	*Y	N	Y	Y	*N			Y	Y		*Y	*Y		50	73
r	38A	Wilkin, T. (Eagen)	*Y	*Y	*N	*N	*N			*N	*N		*Y	*Y		100	94
d	22A	Winter, T. (Fulda)	N	*Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y		*Y	N		29	24
r	41B	Wolf, K. (Burnsville)	*Y	-	*N	*N	*N			-	*N		*Y	*Y		96	81
r	43A	Workman, T. (Chanhassen)	*Y	*Y	Y	Y	Y			*N	*N		*Y	*Y		86	83

1. HF 4127. Taxes.

Rep. Abrams; Sen. Doug Johnson. After much squabbling over the size of the permanent, on-going budget surplus in the State of Minnesota, House Republicans reluctantly revised their estimate downward, and the Legislature then set about dividing up \$525 million. In an unprecedented arrangement, all three political parties now in power accorded themselves one-third of that amount. The House Republicans used their share to reduce income tax rates. What finally emerged was a reduction in all three income tax brackets, from (a) 5.5 percent, 7.25 percent, and 8.0 percent to (b) 5.35 percent, 7.05 percent, and 7.85 percent. Since, at the close of the Session, there was nearly unanimous agreement on the three way split of surplus dollars, LEA is using the earlier votes on passage of the tax bill (before the final compromise plan was adopted). On those votes, the House passed a strong tax cut bill 85-47 that returned even more of the surplus to taxpayers. LEA favored a YES vote. The Senate passed a more modest bill, rejecting the House's reduction in marginal rates and adopting only an increase in the personal exemption 45-18. LEA favored a NO vote on this in the Senate.

2. HF 4078. The Capital Bonding Bill.

Rep. Knobloch; Sen. Berglin. The Legislature's main fiscal responsibility in even-numbered years seems to be to ascertain the proper level of public sector borrowing for state building projects. The Legislature's last attempt at this, in 1998, resulted in a whopping \$1 billion package. This time the Governor set a refreshing tone by requesting only \$500 million in new borrowing authority. Yet, notwithstanding the political cover afforded by the Governor, the House and the Senate each approved higher amounts, of \$532 million and \$764 million, respectively, and then finally settled upon \$583 million. The Senate bill was larded with sports, arts, and natural resource projects of questionable state-wide value. LEA is scoring a House vote to reject the conference committee report with its high price tag. The motion was defeated 24-105. LEA supported a YES vote here. The Senate vote is on its pre-conference bonding bill which passed 55-6. LEA supported a NO on this vote.

3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5a and 5b. HF 4078. The Theater Override Votes.

The Governor line-item vetoed some expenditures in the massive bonding bill. One million dollars to help build a new theater enterprise in Lanesborough and three million for a new Guthrie in Minneapolis were among those vetoed items. Within the same day, the House (1) voted to uphold these vetoes; (2) voted to reconsider the upholding vote; and (3) finally voted to override the Governor's vetoes and spend the \$4,000,000.

In the House there was a vote favoring reconsideration of the earlier defeated motion for reconsideration as to the Lanesborough project. It passed this time 93-34 (3a). Then there was a vote on final override of the Lanesborough veto, passing 92-36 (3b). The same procedure followed as to the Guthrie, passing by votes of 89-39 and 92-36 (4a and 4b). In its rating LEA is assigning each of these votes one quarter credit.

The House passed its overridden vetoes on to the Senate where there were two votes- one to uphold the House override as to Lanesborough, 58-4 (5a) and one as to the Guthrie, 55-5 (5b). LEA is giving each of these Senate votes a half credit.

LEA supports active community theatre but believes support of the arts as in these bills is not the obligation of the state or

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national government and favors a NO on all six of these votes. Furthermore, and this may be the more objectionable part, the aura of horsetrading surrounding these contradictory legislative actions in the House demeaned the public image of our law-making body.

6. HF 2699. The Prescription Drug Program.

Rep. Goodno; Sen. Samuelson. Attached to the omnibus spending bill was a provision to expand the state's prescription drug program; whereby, the maximum asset limits would double from \$6000 (for a family excluding the value of their home and car) to \$12,000 (for a family excluding their home and car). While the original limits of the program properly helped nearly 2,000 Minnesota families who were in the greatest need, the expanded eligibility limits are estimated to reach six times as many people - many of whom could afford private sector alternatives to this welfare program. The omnibus spending bill passed the House 110-21 and the Senate 64-1. LEA favored a NO vote.

7. SF 3286. The Profile of Learning.

Sen. Pogemiller; Rep. Ness. The Conference Committee Report on SF 3286 modified the Profile of Learning by removing "the heart and soul" (performance packages) from the Profile. While LEA favors this step, we cannot support the bill because it requires teachers and administrators (non-elected officials) to vote with the elected school board in setting school district policy. The teachers and administrators at each site vote with the school board to determine the number of content standards they will require. Not only is this a conflict of interest; but having unelected, unaccountable people doing the job of elected officials is a dangerous precedent. The teacher and administrators should be in an advisory role. The House vote was 82-44. The Senate vote was 46-17. LEA favored a NO vote.

8. HF 2720. Basic Skills Writing Test.

Rep. Kielkucki; Sen. Runbeck. The state had devised tests for student accountability purposes in education, but it is the State whose accountability is in question. The State has not been able to prove that these high stakes tests are reliable or valid. This year's controversy centered on the basic skills writing test, which was an invasion of privacy because it required students to share personal information. Even the Commissioner agreed it crossed the line. HF 2720 and the Senate the Runbeck

Amendment to SF 3286 provided for students' scored responses to be returned to the students, and for the test not to be used again. The Commissioner assured everyone that the responses would only be looked at for evaluating students' writing skills. However, 251 tests were flagged and school districts were notified to check into these students' personal lives. There are parents who have been unable to get their child's test returned to them. The House vote was 97-34. The Senate vote on the Runbeck Amendment was 59-6. Even though this provision passed overwhelmingly in both chambers, it was removed by the conference committee. LEA favored a YES vote in both bodies.

9. HF 3652; SF 3387 . Women's Right the Know.

Rep. Goodno; Sen. Fischbach. After much consultation with the Governor's staff, Representative Goodno sponsored HF 3652, designed to give women the information needed to give informed consent for an abortion. The Goodno bill would have provided for a 24 hour waiting period unless a woman's life or health would be put in danger by the delay. The woman would have to receive information by mail, phone, internet or in person about prenatal care, child support, adoption, and other material about pregnancy and community support services. HF 3652 passed in the house 89-44. The changes were amended to SF3387 and sent to the Senate. SF 3387, sponsored by Senator Fischbach passed in the Senate 37-30. Despite assurances by the Governor's staff that the bill was within the parameters the Governor would accept, he vetoed it. LEA favored a YES vote.

10. House Prayer Rule.

Rep. Pawlenty. In 1999, the House changed its rules so that the prayer that precedes each floor session be "non-denominational". This year they voted to drop that requirement. The 1999 rule wasn't about being more diverse or more tolerant. In fact, it

seemed to be an attempt to keep the words "Jesus Christ," from ever being used in a chaplain's prayer. In accordance with the first amendment tradition, people of any faith should be welcome to pray in any manner they desire without government restrictions. Some in the House, who favored placing restrictions on the opening prayer, also wanted to limit free speech. This was evident by the ethics complaint brought up against Rep. Arlon Lindner. During debate on the opening prayer issue, Rep. Lindner asked a colleague not to push his "irreligious, left view" onto him. What a double standard! It's okay for the left to say, "Don't impose your religious right views on me," but don't let a person from the right use the phrase, "irreligious left." Rep. Linder was cleared and all charges were dropped, but not before he was put on trial. Thank you Rep. Lindner for standing up for religious freedoms, free speech, for the truth, and pointing out the left's double standards. The vote was 79-52 on the rule change. LEA favored a YES vote.

11. The Minn Confirmation Vote.

Sen. Solon. Steve Minn was the Governor's appointee to serve as the Commissioner of the newly merged Commerce and Public Service Departments. He faced a difficult confirmation vote when some senators believed that Minn misled them about the merger; and whether or not it would occur during a legislative recess in 1999. While LEA is supportive of a strong Executive's role in restructuring his branch of government, LEA also believes that openness and honesty must be the hallmarks of a successful relationship between the branches. In addition to the character issues surrounding Minn, the vote was also seen by some Senators as the vehicle by which their displeasure could be registered against (1) the merger itself, and (2) the legislature's lack of input into the restructuring. Minn was defeated 20-44. LEA favored a NO vote.

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