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2001 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW - Regular & June Special Sessions

There were a few new faces in the 2001 legislature as a result of the 2000 election. Minnesota still has the largest Senate of any of the states and one of the largest Houses of Representatives. The Session Weekly reports that "exactly 4,972 bills were introduced." 217 of these became law. The rest pretty much died on the vine or were incorporated into other bills, usually the omnibus appropriation or tax bills. Handling the large number of bills keeps legislators busy. They average out to nearly 25 bills chief-authored by each.

The Legislative Evaluation Assembly (LEA) is finding that in each session there are fewer and fewer bills with distinctive votes directly involving LEA's positions on "traditional American principles of constitutionalism, limited government, free enterprise, legal and moral order with justice and individual dignity." More and more crucial decisions on these matters are being made, without public input, in committees by caucus leaders, sometimes under the strong influence of tenured state employees interested in expanding their departments. Records of votes within these committees are difficult or impossible to obtain.

Many omnibus bills become such a mixture of desirable and undesirable legislation that it is difficult to use them in LEA evaluations.

With fewer key votes it becomes harder and harder for LEA, and the public, to make evaluations. One factor we might comment on - several bills were hotly debated in the House, but were rubber-stamped or not considered at all by the Senate.

The 2000 elections brought no difference in the party majorities in the legislature. We continue with a DFL controlled Senate, a Republican controlled House, and an Independent Governor - a tripod government.

LEA is recognizing the eight top scoring House members with Representative Krinkie leading the list. Several were in the category immediately below them. Only one Senator, first term Mady Reiter, scored above 50%.

1. HF 1. (Special Session) The Omnibus Tax Bill.

Rep. Abrams; Sen. Pogemiller. Having run the clock out in the Regular Session, legislators returned in Special Session to pass a two-part tax bill, providing for both a sales tax rebate and a reduction in property taxes.

With respect to the former, the bill called for the state's surplus, then estimated at \$852 million, to be returned to the taxpayers in the form of a sales tax rebate. LEA is fundamentally opposed to a system of taxation that grossly overcharges the citizenry up-front, and then doles out a portion of any surplus AFTER the many new spending requests are fulfilled. And sure enough, the final size of the surplus (and thus the size of the rebate) amounted to only \$791 million, 7% less than promised.

With respect to the latter, the bill provided for permanent property tax cuts of \$757 million. LEA questions the economic growth value of any alteration of the tax code that does not lower marginal income tax rates. However, we do applaud the return of the property tax to a "locally controlled" tax, and we welcome the greater accountability this new property tax will bring to the decisions made by local units of government. We hope these units will hold the line on new spending.

Finally, LEA recognizes that the overall size of the tax cut could have been substantially reduced if it were not for the willingness of some to hold out through the course of the regular session and thereby properly reject the Governor's plan to expand the reach of sales tax collections. On balance, LEA favored a YES vote on the Special Session bill. The bill passed the House 117-16, and passed the Senate 52-11.

2. HF 8. (Special Session); SF 25 Capital Bonding.

Rep. Knobloch; Sen. Langseth. This bill authorized spending on capital improvements of \$100,087,000 for acquiring land, buildings, and public improvements. Given that the State of Minnesota had a cash surplus of more than 10 times that amount at the time the bill was passed, LEA believes it would have been more prudent to pay for such improvements from the surplus. (In this analysis LEA is not addressing the merits of particular capital improvements.) Borrowing money places a burden on future generations, and also widens the gap between rich and poor because those with money to lend earn the interest. LEA favored a NO vote. It passed in the House 115-7, and in the Senate 57-0.

3. SF 4 (Special Session) The Omnibus Health and Human Services Bill.

Rep. Goodno; Sen. Berglin. A bill that spends \$8.5 billion over the next two years got hung up in the Legislature primarily over policy language, not spending amounts. Of particular objection to LEA was the "U-turn" made in public policy over welfare time limits. When welfare reform was first implemented, there was to be a 60-month (five year) period in which a family could obtain welfare payments before being cut off; this limit was meant to create serious incentives for families to move off of welfare. This bill removes that limit, under certain conditions, and fosters a sense that there will always be more dollars flowing out of the public treasury. The incentives to leave welfare have been severely lessened. LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed in the House 122-9, and in the Senate 61-0.

SENATE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	C	2
	HFI	HF8	SF4	SF970	SF986	SF510	SF1404		SF39		SF11	HF2			are	V
D 66 Anderson, E. (St. Paul)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	*N	*N	Y	N	15	11
R 56 Bachmann, M. (Stillwater)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	*N	O	38	38
R 41 Belanger Jr., W. (Bloomington)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		15	64
R 13 Berg, C. (Choklo)	*Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	-	-	Y	Y	*N	V	24	58
D 61 Berglin, L. (Minneapolis)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	-	N	*N	*N	Y	O	15	13
D 48 Betzold, D. (Fridley)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	*N	*N	Y	T	23	9
D 52 Chaudhary, S. (Fridley)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	E	8	8
D 64 Cohen, R. (St. Paul)	*Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	*N	Y	Y		15	8
R 28 Day, D. (Owatonna)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N	S	38	68
R 20 Dille, S. (Dassel)	*Y	-	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N	E	32	56
R 14 Fischbach, M. (Paynesville)	*Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	-	*Y	Y	-	*N	N	32	73
D 49 Foley, L. (Coon Rapids)	N	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	N	*N	*N	Y	A	31	21
D 26 Fowler, C. (Fairmont)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	*N	T	15	15
R 23 Frederickson, D. (New Ulm)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	*Y	Y	*Y	*N	Y	*N	E	42	58
D 58 Higgins, L. (Minneapolis)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	*N	*N	Y		15	8
D 24 Hottinger, J. (Mankato)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	-	Y		6	16
D 40 Johnson, David (Bloomington)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	N	Y	N	*N	*N	Y		23	21
D 15 Johnson, Dean (Willmar)	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	N	-	-	Y		4	51
R 50 Johnson, Debbie (Ham Lake)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		38	38
D 6 Johnson, Doug (Tower)	N	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	*Y	Y	N	*N	*N	*N		31	18
D 44 Kelley, S. (Hopkins)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		8	15
D 67 Kelly, R. (St. Paul)	*Y	-	Y	Y	-	-	Y	*Y	Y	-	*N	Y	Y		25	17
R 32 Kierlin, B. (Winona)	*Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		31	37
D 4 Kinkel, A. (Park Rapids)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	*Y	Y	N	Y	Y	*N		23	31
R 30 Kiscaden, S. (Rochester)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	*Y	Y	Y	Y		15	49
R 16 Kleis, D. (St. Cloud)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*N	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		46	76
R 36 Knutson, D. (Burnsville)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		38	68
D 51 Krentz, J. (Stillwater, rural)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	-	*N	Y		23	24
D 9 Langseth, K. (Glyndon)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	*N		15	33
R 10 Larson, C. (Fergus Falls)	-	-	-	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	-	-	*N		40	61
R 21 Lesewski, A. (Marshall)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		31	65
I 3 Lessard, B. (Int'l Falls)	*Y	-	Y	Y	-	Y	-	*Y	Y	N	Y	-	*N		25	38
R 33 Limmer, W. (Maple Grove)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	-	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		40	83
D 8 Lourey, B. (Kerrick)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	*N	Y	Y		8	18
D 54 Marty, J. (Roseville)	-	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	N	Y	*Y	-	-	Y		3	12
D 39 Metzen, J. (S. St. Paul)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	*N	Y		15	24
D 2 Moe, R. (Erskine)	N	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	*N	Y		6	15
D 29 Murphy, S. (Red Wing)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		6	13
R 25 Neuville, T. (Northfield)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		31	66
R 43 Oliver, E. (Deephaven)	*Y	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y	N	Y	*Y	Y	*N	Y		23	65
R 34 Olson, G. (Minnetrista)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		31	74
D 60 Orfield, M. (Minneapolis)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	-	*N	Y		15	15
R 19 Ourada, M. (Buffalo)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		31	63
D 65 Pappas, S. (St. Paul)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	*N	Y	Y		8	5
R 37 Pariseau, P. (Farmington)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*N	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		46	71
D 59 Pogemiller, L. (Minneapolis)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	*N	*N	Y		15	5
D 57 Price, L. (Woodbury)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	*N	Y		15	15
D 63 Ranum, J. (Minneapolis)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	*N	*N	Y		21	11
R 53 Reiter, M. (Shoreview)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*N	*N	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		54	54
D 46 Rest, A. (New Hope)	*Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	-	*N	-	Y		14	14
D 18 Ring, T. (North Branch)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		8	10
R 45 Robertson, M. (Minnetonka)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	*Y	Y	Y	Y		15	49
R 35 Robling, C. (Prior Lake)	*Y	-	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		40	70
D 62 Sabo, J. (Minneapolis)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	*N	*N	Y		15	15
D 11 Sams, D. (Staples)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	N	*N	Y	*N		31	35
D 12 Samuelson, D. (Brainerd)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	N	Y	Y	*N		23	38
R 31 Scheevel, K. (Preston)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		38	78
D 47 Scheid, L. (Brooklyn Park)	*Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		8	13
R 27 Schwab, G. (Albert Lea)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		31	31
D 7 Solon, S. (Duluth)	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	Y	N	-	-	-		20	16
R 17 Stevens, D. (Mora)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	*Y	Y	Y	*N		31	66
D 1 Stumpf, L. (Thief Rvr. Falls)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	N	-	Y	*N		33	30
R 42 Terwilliger, R. (Edina)	*Y	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y	N	Y	*Y	Y	Y	Y		14	55
D 5 Tomassoni, D. (Chisholm)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	*N	Y	*N		15	15
D 22 Vickerman, J. (Tracy)	*Y	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	Y	N	Y	-	*N		24	42
D 38 Wiener, D. (Eagan)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	*N	Y		15	17
D 55 Wiger, C. (North St. Paul)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	*N	Y	Y		15	29

HOUSE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Car e e r	2 V O T E
	HF1	HF8	SF4	SF970	SF986	SF510	SF1404		HF47		SF11	HF2	HF1360	AM.R.		
R 49A Abelar, J. (Anoka)	*Y	Y	Y	-	*N	*N	Y	*Y	*Y	N	Y	*N	*Y	*Y	65	66
R 45A Abrams, R. (Minnetonka)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*N	Y	*Y	*Y	O	Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	55
R 19B Anderson, B. (Buffalo)	*Y	*N	*N	*N	Y	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	69	92
D 3A Anderson, I. (Int'l Falls)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y	H	*N	*N	*Y	*Y	54	33
D 6A Bakk, T. (Cook)	*Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	N	*Y	H	*N	*N	*Y	*Y	52	20
D 48B Bernardy, C. (Fridley)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y	H	*N	*N	N	*Y	41	46
D 59A Biernat, L. (Minneapolis)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y	H	*N	*N	N	*Y	36	21
R 30B Bishop, D. (Rochester)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y	E	Y	Y	N	*Y	23	41
R 25B Boudreau, L. (Faribault)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	72
R 30A Bradley, F. (Rochester)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y	V	Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	68
R 35B Buesgens, M. (Jordan)	*Y	*N	Y	*N	Y	Y	*N	*Y	N	O	Y	Y	*Y	*Y	54	81
D 46B Carlson, L. (Crystal)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y	T	*N	*N	N	*Y	46	18
R 10B Cassell, G. (Alexandria)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	63
R 23A Clark, J. (Springfield)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	54	74
D 61A Clark, K. (Minneapolis)	N	Y	*N	Y	*N	-	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	40	13
R 11A Daggett, R. (Frazee)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	72
R 31B Davids, G. (Preston)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	72
D 62A Davnie, J. (Minneapolis)	N	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	31	31
D 65A Dawkins, A. (St. Paul)	N	Y	*N	Y	-	Y	-	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	32	10
R 14A Dehler, S. (St. Joseph)	*Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	78
R 29A Dempsey, J. (Hastings)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	68
D 60B Dibble, S. (Minneapolis)	N	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	31	31
R 27A Dorman, D. (Albert Lea)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	54	60
D 24A Dorn, J. (Mankato)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	N	*Y	46	26
R 18A Eastlund, R. (Isanti)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	54	54
D 64A Entenza, M. (St. Paul)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	-	40	17
R 42A Erhardt, R. (Edina)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	N	-		Y	Y	-	*Y	23	55
R 17A Erikson, S. (Princeton)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	74
D 52B Evans, G. (New Brighton)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	*Y	46	40
R 1B Finseth, T. (Angus)	*Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	54	74
D 44A Folliard, B. (Hopkins)	*Y	Y	Y	-	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		-	*N	N	*Y	41	22
R 4A Fuller, D. (Bemidji)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	59
R 36A Gerlach, C. (Apple Valley)	*Y	*N	*N	*N	Y	*N	*N	*Y	N		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	23	70
D 63B Gleason, M. (Richfield)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	23	19
R 9A Goodno, K. (Moorhead)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	54
D 52A Goodwin, B. (Columbia Heights)	*Y	*N	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	46	46
D 58B Gray, G. (Minneapolis)	N	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	31	16
D 54B Greiling, M. (Roseville)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	*Y	46	18
R 26A Gunther, B. (Fairmont)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	66
R 48A Haas, B. (Champlin)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	75
R 50A Hackbarth, T. (Cedar)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	73
R 22B Harder, E. (Jackson)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	70
D 66B Hausman, A. (St. Paul)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	38	8
D 47B Hilstrom, D. (Brooklyn Center)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	*Y	38	38
D 8B Hilty, B. (Finlayson)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	23	18
R 37B Holberg, M. (Lakeville)	*Y	*N	*N	Y	*N	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	69	88
R 56A Holsten, M. (Stillwater)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	75
R 4B Howes, L. (Hackensack)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	59
D 6B Huntley, T. (Duluth)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	-	31	16
R 53B Jacobson, C. (Vadnais Heights)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	62	62
D 7B Jaros, M. (Duluth)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	23	6
D 18B Jennings, L. (Harris)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	Y	*Y	31	40
R 34B Johnson, J. (Plymouth)	*Y	*N	Y	*N	*N	*N	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	77	77
D 24B Johnson, R. (St. Peter)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	*Y	38	21
D 67B Johnson, S. (St. Paul)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	31	31
D 15A Juhnke, A. (Willmar)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	N	46	36
D 59B Kahn, P. (Minneapolis)	N	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	31	1
D 26B Kalis, H. (Walter)	N	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	*Y	54	31
D 60A Kelliher, M. (Minneapolis)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	38	26
R 20B Kielkucki, T. (Lester Prairie)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*N	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	42	79
R 16B Knoblach, J. (St. Cloud)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	71
D 49B Koskinen, L. (Coon Rapids)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	31	25
R 53A Krinkie, P. (Shoreview)	*Y	*N	*N	*N	*N	*N	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	25	83
D 15B Kubly, G. (Granite Falls)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	*Y	54	50
R 31A Kuisle, W. (Rochester)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	62	80
D 40A Larson, D. (Bloomington)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	N	*Y		*N	-	N	*Y	40	42
D 27B Leighton, R. (Austin)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	38	19

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	HF1	HF8	SF4	SF970	SF986	SF510	SF1404		HF47		SF11	HF2	HF1360	AM.R.	Carer	OTE
D 40B Lenczewski, A. (Bloomington)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*Y	*Y	N	*N	*N	N	*Y	54	73
R 45B Leppik, P. (Golden Valley)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y	O	Y	Y	N	*Y	31	43
D 2A Lieder, B. (Crookston)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	*Y	54	16
R 33A Lindner, A. (Corcoran)	*Y	*N	*N	*N	*N	*N	*N	*Y	N	H	Y	Y	*Y	*Y	77	94
R 56B Lipman, E. (Lake Elmo)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*N	*Y	*Y	H	Y	Y	*Y	*Y	54	54
D 47A Luther, D. (Brooklyn Park)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	Y	N	-	H	*N	*N	-	*Y	51	35
D 67A Mahoney, T. (St. Paul)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	N	*Y	H	*N	*N	-	-	48	25
R 55A Mares, H. (White Bear Lake)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y	E	Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	42
D 65B Mariani, C. (St. Paul)	N	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		-	-	N	N	3	8
D 57B Marko, S. (Cottage Grove)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y	V	*N	*N	N	*Y	38	20
D 9B Marquart, P. (Dilworth)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*Y	*Y	O	*N	Y	*Y	*Y	54	54
R 36B McElroy, D. (Burnsville)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y	T	Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	56
D 54A McGuire, M. (Falcon Heights)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y	E	*N	*N	N	*Y	46	17
D 39B Milbert, B. (S. St. Paul)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	*Y	69	29
R 35A Molnau, C. (Chaska)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	62	89
R 21B Mulder, R. (Ivanhoe)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*N	*N	*Y	N		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	54	79
D 58A Mullery, J. (Minneapolis)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	46	28
D 8A Murphy, M. (Hermantown)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	-	40	24
R 20A Ness, R. (Dassel)	*Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	72
R 10A Normes, B. (Fergus Falls)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	64
R 19A Olson, M. (Big Lake)	N	*N	*N	Y	-	*N	*N	*Y	N		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	56	92
D 16A Opatz, J. (St. Cloud)	*Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	N	*Y	54	39
R 29B Osskopp, M. (Lake City)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	70
D 66A Osthoff, T. (St. Paul)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		-	Y	*Y	N	40	24
D 11B Otremba, M. (Long Prairie)	*Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	*Y	51	50
R 37A Ozment, D. (Rosemount)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	62
R 42B Paulsen, E. (Eden Prairie)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	*N	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	69	89
R 38B Pawlenty, T. (Eagan)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	62	82
D 64B Paymar, M. (St. Paul)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	46	17
D 32A Pelowski, G. (Winona)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	*Y	56	36
R 1A Penas, M. (Badger)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	38
D 13B Peterson, D. (Madison)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	N	46	36
D 39A Pugh, T. (S. St. Paul)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	N	*Y	46	27
R 44B Rhodes, J. (St. Louis Park)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		Y	*N	N	*Y	38	38
R 32B Rifenberg, M. (La Crescent)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	54	75
D 5A Rukavina, T. (Virginia)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	N	38	16
R 28A Ruth, C. (Owatonna)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	46
D 17B Schumacher, L. (Princeton, rural)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	*Y	54	52
R 41A Seagren, A. (Bloomington)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	*N	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	69	73
R 21A Seifert, M. (Woodbury)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	62	75
D 5B Sertich, A. (Chisholm)	*Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	N	40	40
D 2B Skoe, R. (Clearbrook)	N	*N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	*Y	54	39
D 62B Skogland, W. (Minneapolis)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	46	16
D 57A Slawik, N. (Maplewood)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	38	20
R 34A Smith, S. (Mound)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*N	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	62	83
D 3B Solberg, L. (Bovey)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	-		*N	*N	-	-	34	19
R 33B Stanek, R. (Maple Grove)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	54	82
R 14B Stang, D. (Cold Spring)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	77
R 28B Sviggum, S. (Kenyon)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	73
D 7A Swapinski, D. (Duluth)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	23	13
R 23B Swenson, H. (Nicollet)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	67
R 43B Sykora, B. (Excelsior)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	62	76
D 46A Thompson, M. (New Hope)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	*N	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	*Y	62	62
R 50B Tingelstad, K. (Andover)	-	-	-	Y	*N	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		-	-	*Y	*Y	53	73
R 25A Tuma, J. (Northfield)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	71
R 51B Vanderveer, R. (Forest Lake)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	*N	*Y	*Y	62	74
D 63A Wagenius, J. (Minneapolis)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	46	13
D 61B Walker, N. (Minneapolis)	N	Y	*N	Y	-	-	-	-	*Y		*N	*N	N	N	36	36
R 12A Walz, D. (Brainerd)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	46
D 55B Wasiluk, S. (Maplewood)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*Y		*N	*N	N	*Y	38	38
D 12B Wenzel, S. (Little Falls)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	Y	*Y	*Y	62	34
R 51A Westerberg, A. (Blaine)	*Y	*N	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	54	77
R 13A Westrom, T. (Elbow Lake)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	38	66
R 38A Wilkin, T. (Eagan)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	*N	*N	*N	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	69	86
D 22A Winter, T. (Fulda)	*Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		*N	*N	*Y	*Y	54	19
R 41B Wolf, K. (Burnsville)	*Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	46	77
R 43A Workman, T. (Chanhausen)	*Y	*N	Y	Y	Y	*N	Y	*Y	*Y		Y	Y	*Y	*Y	54	80

4. HF 1007; SF 970 Sale of Gasoline.

Rep. Davids; Sen. Murphy. This bill prohibits gasoline retailers from selling gas to consumers below the cost at the terminal from which the most recent supply was delivered. The bill seems to be aimed at retailers who sold advance supplies of gasoline to consumers so they could lock in at a fixed rate until their supply ran out, providing them protection against sudden gas price surges.

LEA believes this bill supports a special interest of the gasoline industry which allows the industry to raise prices at all retail locations during the holidays. In short, it assists the fuel industry in price gouging at the expense of the consumer. LEA favored a NO vote. It passed in the House 85-46 and in the Senate 48-11.

5. HF 1069; SF 986 Gambling.

Rep. Osskopp; Sen. Vickerman. This bill involves regulation of (1) "unbanked" gambling, where the house takes a commission but does not materially participate in wagers, (2) number of tables, length of games, and amount of wagers allowed at card clubs, (3) accounting procedures, (4) lawful expenditures from gambling proceeds, (5) registration of gambling establishment employees, (6) noon hour bingo, and (7) state regulation of local authority's regulation of gambling.

In summary, the bill micromanages the gambling industry with near total control by the state and seeks maximum revenue for the state. LEA believes that, if gambling is legal, it should be regulated against fraud, injury to citizens, and taxed by the state. However, the state should not exercise monopoly control of the industry or be in the business of gambling itself. All business should be in the private sector and allow the competition of the market to work. Further, it is morally wrong for the state to promote activities that encourage false hopes for its more vulnerable or impoverished citizens. LEA favored a NO vote. It passed in the House 86-43 and in the Senate 62-0.

6. HF 1290; SF 510 County Government.

Rep. Howes; Sen. Pappas. This little local bill continues a trickle of bills and changes in the law whose trend through more recent years has been the taking from the people the right to elect county officers. This particular bill authorizes the county boards of Hubbard and Cass Counties to appoint, rather than have the people elect, the county auditor, treasurer, and recorder in their counties. It became law. It is one little step away from local control of our government and LEA chooses to call attention to it. Similar bills were passed relative to Goodhue and Wright Counties. LEA favored a NO vote. This passed in the House 93-38 and in the Senate 52-5.

7. HF 1657; SF 1404 Public Sector Purchases of Long Term Health Insurance.

Rep. Haas; Sen. Hottinger. The state's Medical Assistance program is currently the fastest growing area of government expenditures. These outlays are largely related to the cost of providing long term health care to those Minnesotans who failed to self-protect their nest eggs against these costs and are now indigent. The state has rightly concluded, as part of Project 2030, that more Minnesotans must take responsibility for themselves through the purchase of Long Term Care (LTC) Insurance. Sadly though, the state has taken a dangerous path towards that worthy goal by offering LTC Insurance itself, through the Department of Employee Relations, as a public sector program. This foolish error was compounded by the Legislature this year by expanding the eligibility for enrollment in the public sector program. LEA believes strongly in the working of the private sector, and rejects any government takeover of the insurance marketplace. LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed in the House 113-19, and in the Senate 64-1.

8. HF 1947; SF 2361 Right to Know.

Amendment - Rep. Boudreau; Sen. Fischbach. Abortion continues to be a highly divisive issue. "Right to Know" identifies a requirement to give women contemplating abortion specified information associated therewith. After the Governor vetoed a Health and Human Services omnibus bill containing Right to Know Boudreau in the House and Fischbach in the senate offered an amendment in each body to add Right to Know to new omnibus bills prepared. LEA favored a YES vote. The amendment was approved in the House by 84-49, but lost in the Senate on a tie vote, 33-33.

9. HF 47; SF 39 Iron Mines.

Rep. Rukavina; Sen. Doug Johnson. This bill relates to the operation of iron mining in Minnesota. It (1) requires owners of any mining operation to maintain the facilities in saleable condition for at least two years after discontinuing operation, and (2) provides extra unemployment benefits to those permanently laid off from LTV mining who are enrolled in a re-employment training

Y = Yes

D = Democratic-Farmer--Labor

N = No

R = Republican

I = Independent

- indicates legislator excused, absent, or not voting.

(*) denotes vote favored by LEA.

2001% means percentage of legislator's votes favored by LEA in the 2001 session.

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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.

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program.

LEA believes that this bill is half bad and half good and should have been two bills. The requirements placed on mining operators are financially unrealistic and negatively affect the desire of a company to set operations in Minnesota, leading to fewer mining jobs in the future. However, the unemployment safety net, with an incentive for retaining, is a constructive measure that will benefit the long term productivity of the Minnesota workforce in other sectors. Since there already was a lesser unemployment compensation plan in place, LEA felt the negative aspect of the bill outweighed the positive, and favored a NO vote. It passed in the House 126-5, and in the Senate 64-0.

10. Bachmann Amendment to Senate Rules - a resolution adopting permanent rules of the Senate.

Sen. Bachmann. This amendment would have required Senate committees, subcommittees, or divisions to allow both proponents and opponent an opportunity to testify on any issue the body intends to vote on. Without hearing both sides of an issue one cannot be well informed or be able to determine the truth in order to vote rationally, intelligently, and ethically.

LEA favored a YES vote. The amendment failed 25-36.

11. HF 6 (Special Session); SF 11 Higher Education.

Rep. Leppik; Sen. Wiener. This bill authorized the spending of \$2,849,227,000 on higher education for fiscal years ending 2002 and 2003. This spending represents a 15% increase. LEA believes that this increase, much larger than the cost of living, coupled with a large tuition increase at the University of Minnesota, is indicative of an institution out of control. The state university system has become so large that other colleges and universities find it difficult to compete. The lack of competitive market in higher education leads to corruption, waste and other problems associated with a state monopoly. LEA would recommend that, instead of continuing the expansion of a dependent university system out of fiscal control, additional tax deductions or credits should be given to students or parents who pay tuition at any institution of higher education in the State of Minnesota. This would encourage competition that would improve higher education, both public and private, in content and efficiency of delivery.

LEA favored a NO vote. It passed in the House 68-62, and in the Senate 55-5.

12. HF 2 (Special Session) The Omnibus K-12 Funding Bill.

Rep. Seagren; Sen. Stumpf. This year's K-12 Funding Bill was an attempt to bring about major changes in education. This is evident by the state shifting over more responsibility for funding to the state from the local school districts and the state providing incentives to districts to move away from the steps and lanes systems of paying teachers to a merit pay system.

LEA supports the following provisions in this bill:

1. *Prohibiting the schools from forcing students into a selected career or job training.
2. *Allowing schools to use reasonable force then necessary to discipline students.
3. *Requiring labor settlements to be structurally balanced.
4. *Declaring that a parent's refusal to act on the advice of educators to seek medication for their child does not constitute educational neglect.

LEA does not support the following provisions in this bill:

1. *Directing the commissioner to retain an independent contractor to evaluate and report on the academic and financial performance of school districts. The state already has a department to oversee education. In addition, an Office of

Accountability was established for evaluation school districts. The state shouldn't need an outside agency to do its job. It is important to note that independent evaluations on the state's Profile of Learning, the state's Graduation Rule, have all been very low. It wouldn't be fair to evaluate districts on the Profile of Learning without acknowledging the state's micromanagement of school districts by mandating the use of Profile of Learning.

2. *Directing the commissioner to consult with human services to recommend a billing process to process third-party bills to health insurance companies to pay for services provided by the schools. The state has other agencies to help with health care. Schools should be for educating students not for providing health care services.

3. *Granting permission for specified school districts to be able to levy taxpayers without usual requirement of voter approval for levying for facilities. This takes away voters' rights to say "yes" or "no" to building facilities for which they have to pay.

4. *The provision that LEA has a major disagreement with is the requirement that the Department of Children, Families, and Learning "develop and implement a system for measuring and reporting academic achievement and individual students progress, consistent with the statewide educational accountability and reporting system." The state is now going to start collecting information on individual students. This is Big Brother. This goes against the ideals of a limited government, the founding principles of this nation, and our freedoms.

The provision is so detrimental to our freedoms, LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed in the House 69-62, and in the Senate 41-17.

13. HF 1360, SF 1481 Personal Protection Act of 2001.

Rep. Boudreau; Sen. Pariseau. This bill was designed to permit a qualifying citizen to carry a concealed weapon. Statistics have proven that crimes such as rape, robbery, and burglary have decreased considerably where such law has been put into effect. The bill passed in the House 85-46. LEA favored a YES vote there.

In the Senate an amendment that considerably "gutted" the bill was offered by Senator Murphy and passed 34-32. The entire matter was then transferred to committee where it rests but may be brought up in the 2002 session. LEA favored a NO vote on both the Murphy amendments.

14. HF 1028 American Heritage Education in Minnesota Public Schools Act.

Rep. Mark Olson; This bill was "to assure that all students are encouraged and have the opportunity, to read and study America's founding documents that are pertinent to understanding the principles, character, and world view of America's founders, including documents that contributed to the foundation or

maintenance of America's representative republican form of limited government, our free-market economic system, and patriotism." Proponents of this bill said the bill was needed so educators could teach America's founding documents, even though the documents contain religious content, without fear of being disciplined. It is sad to think that in America we have come to this point of needing such a bill.

LEA favored a YES vote. The bill passed in the house 100-28. There was no vote in the Senate.

Redistricting

2000 was a decennial year. The Federal Courts and the state Constitution place the responsibility after each decennial census on the legislature, by the legislative process, to form new congressional and legislative districts of near equal population.

As this report is being prepared (late October, 2001) this has not been done for this decade. Each body passed a proposal at the end of the regular session in May. There has been no serious discussion together since toward resolving the differences. Each caucus, or party, accuses the other of partisanship. The Governor, being a part of the legislative process, is in position to pressure the legislators to come to agreement, just as he does on appropriation and tax bills. He has indicated a positive interest, but up to this point has not been aggressive.

There is the element of timing. New districts must be established for the 2002 elections. Going backwards in time from then there are filing dates; residency requirements; party conventions, congressional and legislative district; party caucuses with their caucus call deadline dates, and before then adjustment, where needed, of precinct boundaries by municipalities. County commission districts statewide are also related and must be changed. That this all may be done in an orderly manner the new districts should be determined no later than December 31, 2001. The legislature does not meet until January 29, 2002, unless the Governor calls them into special session. Unless there would be pre-session legislature leadership agreement, that would probably be a waste of time and money.

In answer to the request of plaintiffs, the Chief Justice of the state Supreme Court has appointed a panel of five judges to do the redistricting in a timely manner. When that might be is not clear. A plan from the panel could be later superseded by legislative action. It could also be challenged in Federal Courts. The point LEA is making here is that legislators have failed to discharge their constitutional duty. Legislative leadership and each legislator, and to some extent the Governor, must each assume a share of the responsibility for the failure. LEA has not included this matter in this 2001 overall evaluation, but brings it to public attention.

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Corrections



Chris Gerlach



Alice Seagren

The list of 2001 Honorees omitted the names and pictures of Rep. Chris Gerlach and Alice Seagren. Gerlach's score for the 2001 session should have been recorded as 77, not 23. The Krinkie score should read "85." LEA congratulates Reps. Gerlach and Seagren.

The labels identifying the last two columns of the scorecard were reversed. The 2001 score is printed as the first column, and the career score is found in the final column. Additionally, vote #9 in the House scorecard was one where LEA favored a "no" vote, and the asterisk (*) should have been placed accordingly, as was properly done in the Senate scorecard. Rep. Abeler's name was misspelled.

Vote #8 in the Senate should have shown Senator Foley voting a "no" (on a woman's "Right to Know") and Senator Fowler voting "yes" (in favor of the Right to Know). LEA regrets these errors and apologizes for any confusion.