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2009 HONOREES

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2009 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Triumph of the *Nomenklatura*

Despite an economic downturn that demanded sacrifices by the majority of American citizens in 2009, the Minnesota legislature blatantly ignored economic realities and attempted to dramatically expand the bureaucracy and government programs. They gave a blank check to judges to pay lawyers, inviting future corruption. They redirected suburban and rural state tax dollars to dense urban areas to operate light rail and provide all kinds of free services to inner-city communities. They formed a new bureaucracy to spend money collected from state sales taxes for the environment and the arts. They gave near-absolute police power to the state medical bureaucracy. They instructed Minnesota universities to sell only American-made clothing, and report back on the efforts to comply with that instruction. And they spent a lot to plan for “green” public facilities without any respect for markets’ ability to analyze and respond to environmental issues.

Perhaps most pernicious was a common thread throughout the bills of using taxpayer funds to better guarantee the bureaucracy continued support from special interests. For example, “Communities for a Lifetime” authorizes services to which only select groups of inner city seniors will qualify and others will have no access, creating another vested interest group. A bill on automatic voter registration would add non-citizens to the list of voters, further stacking the deck against the citizens with whom the Constitution is the legitimate social contract.

The year 2009 was a serious loss for limited government and financial freedom, and a victory for the consolidation of political power. Rather than be content with its role as a guarantor of basic human rights, our state government continued to expand its nanny/parent role, as evidenced by the new seatbelt, booster-seat, and sippy-cup laws. The state agreed to adopt more liberal federal-government welfare and healthcare policies so that it could qualify for federal stimulus funds. Rather than creating jobs that will produce goods and services leading to economic growth, this legislature has created jobs for a new class of bureaucrats who research, allocate, and regulate, after which they report what they did with their increasing share of

power and money obtained by sinking the ship on which they are passengers. Michael Voslensky coined a name for a similar class that brought down the Soviet Union—the *Nomenklatura*.

LEA applauds those legislators receiving awards that voted against the destructive and centralizing bills that take the government away from the people.

2009 VOTES

1. Omnibus Capital Investment/Bonding Bill

HF 855. Rep. Hausman. [SF 781. Sen. Langseth.]

The state’s bonding bill was packed with funds for transit and for higher-education projects. Whatever value transit projects may have to communities, there is little evidence of them providing any overall economic stimulus, especially rail transit. Nevertheless, transit projects comprised over half of the transportation projects in this bonding bill, and nearly all of the Met Council’s bonding projects. \$8.5 million for Central Corridor Light Rail and \$26 million for “intercity passenger rail projects” were included.

Gov. Pawlenty did line-item veto over \$85 million from the final bill, primarily the higher-education building projects that went beyond existing-building maintenance, and a few pork projects such as the Mankato Women’s Hockey Exposition Center and the Minneapolis Shubert Theater renovation. Transit and subsidy-dependent “renewable energy” projects survived largely untouched, however.

Unfortunately, the time-honored tradition of bonding only in even-numbered years except for “emergency” needs has been abandoned this decade. LEA favored a “NO” vote on the final version of this bill. It contained many projects not in urgent need of state funding, and because it abused the constitutional process by attaching a stand-alone bill for general-fund disaster assistance to a bonding bill. It passed in the Senate 59-8 and in the House 109-25.

2. Omnibus Energy Conservation Provisions

SF 550. Sen. Prettner Solon. [HF 863. Rep. Hilty.]

This bill provides \$11 million for alternative energy development with a purported goal of cleaner and cheaper energy. *Deja Vu!* After a full decade of spending taxpayers' hard earned money on food-based ethanol, and now being faced with an ethanol industry in near demise, shouldn't it be obvious that funding the creation of technologies by government fiat will lead to more unproven technologies being developed? The free market has been proven to be a more creative and effective mechanism for the production of anything at the lowest price.

The LEA favored a NO vote. It passed in the Senate 50-16 and in the House, 95-36.

3. Electrical Vehicles Infrastructure Regulated

HF 1250. Rep. Hornstein. [SF 916. Sen. Dibble.]

This bill requires that State agencies reduce the use of efficient on-road, gas-powered vehicles by 25% by 2010 and 50% by 2015. New vehicles must have a rating of 35 miles per gallon, a minimum range of 20 miles, and must include but not be limited to hydrogen, hybrid, or electric cars. This bill also mandates the use of less efficient renewable fuels. In creating and voting in favor of this bill, legislators must assume that the vast empirical data on feasible and economical means of transportation and energy be ignored and that inefficient expensive electric cars can, by law, be magically made into some proper form of utility. This is an example of the inane banality that overcomes those who love to waste other peoples' money.

LEA favored a NO vote. It passed in the Senate 59-6 and in the House 116-18.

4. Empowering Anti-Bullying Bureaucrats

SF 971. Sen. Dibble. [HF 1198. Rep. Davnie.]

This bill "prohibits harassment, bullying, intimidation, and violence based on characteristics such as actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, physical characteristics, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics." This bill violates First Amendment freedoms. It requires schools to train students on their policy regarding bullying, intimidating, and violence. This is a bill that does nothing to keep children safe, but is an attempt to push a social engineering agenda in the schools. LEA favored a NO vote. It passed in the Senate 46-8 and in the House 95-39. It was vetoed by the governor.

5. Banning BPA Plastic in Children's Products

SF 247. Sen. Rummel. [HF 326. Rep. Clark.]

Minnesota just became the first state in the nation to ban the use of Bisphenol-A polycarbonate plastic, also known as BPA (which has had widespread use for over 50 years) in sippy cups, pacifiers, and bottles intended for children. California's Environmental Protection Agency has refused to put BPA on a list of toxic chemicals, citing insufficient data of human harm. Since 1996, scientists and authorities in Japan, Australia, the European Union, plus the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Consumer Product Safety Commission, have also concluded that human exposures to BPA chemicals were at levels less than believed to be unsafe.

Canada's scientists reached a similar conclusion about BPA, but the Canadian Health Minister made an independent judgment that the margin of safety was not high enough and pushed for a ban on BPA baby bottles. Succumbing to political pressure generated by a Congressional investigation, the FDA has announced it will

reconsider its earlier BPA safety ruling. Minnesota's ban will be another big political weapon for the alarmists who will not wait for scientific support.

In a worst-case scenario, humans might be exposed to dangerous levels of BPA due to leaching from damaged or overheated containers. If a warning label is enough for the major human carcinogens contained in tobacco products, a label advising consumers there may be some health risks from overheated or damaged BPA plastic products would be a measured response. Instead, the Minnesota ban will favor the companies that have already phased it out, and force consumers to use costlier alternatives. Also, if the state were more concerned about health than appeasing alarmists, there would be penalties attached to the ban; none exist in the bill just passed. Yes, the original version of the bill extending the ban to any BPA alternative "reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen" was worse. Yet that should not excuse such hasty overregulation.

LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed 53-8 in the Senate and 126-5 vote in the House.

6. Primary Offense for Not Wearing Seatbelts

HF 108. Rep. Norton. [SF 42. Sen. Murphy.]

This bill makes the failure to wear a seatbelt a primary offense, authorizing law enforcement to stop motorists without probable cause for any other possible crime, and to issue citations solely based on a seatbelt violation by any person in the vehicle. It erodes individual freedom, particularly a person's freedom to choose his/her means of safety. Seatbelts do not provide more safety in every vehicle collision.

One wonders how much this bill was driven by revenue prospecting by our cash-hungry state and local governments rather than concerns about safety. The bill is a cunning way to raise revenues without voting for a tax increase, since the funds from the citations, accompanying court fines, and the \$3.4 million in aid promised by our deficit-spending federal government will far exceed the costs required for stepped-up enforcement. LEA favored a NO vote. It passed in the Senate 47-19 and in the House 73-60.

7. Automatic Voter Registration

HF 1053. Rep. Simon. [SF 660. Sen. Marty.]

This bill would automatically register the applicants for drivers' licenses, permits, or IDs to be eligible to vote. Few bills can claim the lofty status of inviting voter fraud and deceit as this one does. This bill relies on the assumption that a potential illegal voter will be dissuaded from voting because a written form is mailed to the applicant which lists voting rules. This is done with no other attempt to discern true voter eligibility or status. It is the height of naiveté or an unparalleled attempt to assist in the ongoing fraud of illegal voting with no attempt to visually match the individual with the name. It essentially eliminates illegal aliens only if data exists which confirms their ineligibility. Since nothing in this bill requires proof of citizenship, the ultimate goal of this bill is a thinly disguised effort to allow voting by those who would otherwise be ineligible. LEA favored a NO vote. It passed in the Senate 46-21 and in the House 86-48. It was vetoed.

8. Redistricting Commission Creation

SF 182. Sen. Pogemiller.

This bill would create a commission of five retired judges who would be responsible for the drawing of new legislative districts. The legislature would then either reject or approve their proposals without modification, stepping in only if a plan is not approved by the third attempt. While the bill takes vague steps to eliminate the division of municipalities unnecessarily, it also attempts to codify

the idea that districts can be gerrymandered on the basis of race or language; and represents the legislature's continued attempts to shirk its constitutionally mandated responsibility to redraw their own districts following the census. It also creates a system that leaves out public input, requires judges to legislate rather than interpret, and consolidates the process solely in the hands of the state's two major political parties. If the legislature cannot be trusted to draw their own district lines fairly, how can they be trusted to fairly draft the laws of the state?

LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed the Senate 39-28. There was no vote in the House.

9. Mulch Warning Signs

SF 122. Sen. Dibble. [HF 1306. Rep. Hornstein.]

This bill requires retailers selling cocoa bean shell mulch to post a sign in 36-point type that the mulch is poisonous to pets that eat it. While well meaning, the government cannot protect pets from digesting every non-pet food items sold for non-pet related purposes. That is the responsibility of pet owners.

LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed the Senate 54-11 and the House 68-63. The governor vetoed the bill.

10. Jackson County Board Appointment Authorization

SF 41. Sen. Vickerman.

While seemingly harmless, this bill authorizes the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to appoint the county's Auditor-Treasurer, rather than allowing the electorate to continue to fill that office. Local elections are the traditional hallmark of representative government, and any attempt to curtail them comes at the expense of public oversight. LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed the Senate 46-9. There was no vote in the House.

11. Foreclosure Mediation Requirement

HF 354. Rep. Hilstrom. [SF 340. Sen. Scheid.]

This bill undermines existing contract law by requiring creditors to enter into an additional mediation process prior to foreclosing on homesteaded properties. When one party fails to meet its contractual responsibilities, it is not appropriate for the government to require the second party to take further financial losses simply to delay a process already underway owing to the debtor's failure to meet existing legal obligations. LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed in the Senate 35-31 and in the House 85-47.

12. Extension of the Moratorium on Radiation Facilities

SF 162. Berglin. [HF 177. Rep. Thissen.]

This new law extends the government-imposed construction moratorium on new radiation therapy facilities from 2011 to 2014, preventing hospitals from buying needed equipment on the whims of government decrees. Again it is the consumer who must pay for the government's ignorant and arbitrary intervention in the marketplace. Those who are willing to provide needed MRI services, that are more efficient and convenient for consumers, benefit when the markets dictate policies and not government officialdom. This heavy-handed moratorium smacks of open hostility to consumers, and a supercilious or willful ignorance of the benefits of free trade by creating a monopoly for existing deep-pocketed medical institutions at the ultimate expense of consumers.

LEA favored a NO vote and supported lift of the sanction. It passed in the Senate 55-7 and House 90-39.

13. Medical Marijuana Legalization

SF 97. Sen. Murphy. [HF 292. Rep. Rukavina.]

This bill authorizes doctors to prescribe marijuana to patients

with debilitating medical conditions. As opposed to previous bills, this year's attempt places strict limits on just who can be authorized to receive the illegal drug. Unfortunately, the bill also allows non-pharmacists to dispense, transfer and deliver the drug in a difficult to enforce fashion. While LEA believes that decisions regarding how best to treat debilitating conditions should be left to doctors and their patients—not the government, we cannot support this bill in its current form. Controlled substances must be adequately controlled in order to prevent misuse. This bill, while well meaning, fails in that regard and does nothing to authorize doctors to prescribe other prohibited alternative treatments that are just as accepted or beneficial as marijuana.

LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed in the Senate 38-28 and in the House 70-64. The Governor vetoed the bill.

14. Prohibition on the Creation of a List of Firearm Owners in Minnesota

Sen. Pariseau Amendment to HF 886. Rep. Cornish Amendment to HF 886.

This amendment, offered in both the House and Senate, would have prohibited the state from spending any money to create or maintain a listing of all firearms owners in Minnesota. When the government is allowed to track gun ownership, it negates the very purpose of the Second Amendment, which is to provide a means for the people to defend personal liberty against government tyranny.

LEA favored a YES vote on the amendment that was defeated. The vote was 31-35 in the Senate and 63-68 in the House.

15. Repealing the Nuclear Power Plant Construction Moratorium

Dille Amendment to SF 550. Faust Amendment to SF 550.

After years of blocking any discussion on repealing the state's ban on the construction of nuclear power facilities, Senator Dille offered an amendment to the omnibus energy bill that would have eliminated the prohibition. Although the provision was not included in the final bill due to the efforts of anti-nuclear legislators melting down in the House, the Senate's passage was a significant step towards clean, cheap and efficient nuclear power.

LEA favored a YES vote on the amendment. It passed 42-24 in the Senate, and was defeated in the House 60-72.

16. Communities for a Lifetime

HF 936. Rep. Thissen. [SF 839. Sen. Sheran.]

This bill adds a layer of bureaucracy, called Communities for a Lifetime, over the Minnesota Board on Aging and requires the previous board to report to it. Communities for a Lifetime will be a network of communities that opt into this program to get state support for numerous senior programs. Because only large inner-city areas will qualify as such communities, the bill will cause discrimination against seniors who live elsewhere. This bill also requires Communities for a Lifetime to establish ongoing local commissions to provide support and training services to the local communities involved.

This bill will create jobs for a lot of bureaucrats who will serve as "coordinators," but not provide any tangible care to seniors. Rather, they will be inserted into the existing system at taxpayer expense to help redirect other taxpayer dollars to the "communities" that are supported.

This is an inappropriate and discriminatory program that adds more tax burden to individuals and communities that receive no benefit. This program clearly establishes a concentrated flow of funds for the vested beneficiaries, creating another special interest group at the legislature. LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed in the Senate 61-1, and in the House 105-26.

SENATE

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D	6	Bakk, T.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	A	+	-	-	+	+	A	-	-	-	-	24	19
D	61	Berglin, L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	3	12
D	51	Betzold, D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	8
D	43	Bonoff, T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	3	4
D	38	Carlson, J.	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	10	6
D	50	Chaudhary, S.	-	-	-	A	-	A	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6	11
D	15	Clark, T.	-	A	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-6	2
D	64	Cohen, R.	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	+	-	A	-	A	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-2	7
D	25	Dahle, K.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	10	5
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D	60	Dibble, S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	4
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D	40	Doll, J.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	9	6
D	31	Erickson Ropes, S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6
R	14	Fischbach, M.	-	+	-	-	A	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	A	-	+	46	64
D	16	Fobbe, L.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	A	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	A	18	18
D	47	Foley, L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	15
R	21	Frederickson, D.	-	-	-	A	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	53
R	37	Gerlach, C.	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	A	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	A	52	80
R	13	Gimse, J.	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	A	-	-	-	-	+	35	40
R	42	Hann, D.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	-	+	87	74
D	58	Higgins, L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	7
R	11	Ingebrigtsen, B.	-	+	+	A	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	66	63
R	49	Johnson, D.	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	50	62
R	48	Jungbauer, M.	-	+	+	A	A	-	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	A	-	-	55	64
D	63	Kelash, K.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
R	19	Koch, A.	+	+	-	A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	A	65	67
R	12	Koering, P.	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	50	51
D	20	Kubly, G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	15
D	9	Langseth, K.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	10	29
D	44	Latz, R.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	A	-	-	-	3	7
R	32	Limmer, W.	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	70	82
D	8	Lourey, T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	3	4
D	30	Lynch, A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	15	10
D	54	Marty, J.	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2	10
D	39	Metzen, J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	15	22
R	41	Michel, G.	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	A	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	A	35	53
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KEY

R – Republican
D - Democratic-Farmer-Labor
IP – Independence

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R	33	Olson, G.	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	A	+	+	-	A	-	-	+	52	72
D	4	Olson, M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10
R	34	Ortman, J.	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	A	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	74	67
D	65	Pappas, S.	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-6	5
R	36	Pariseau, P.	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	A	-	-	A	65	67
D	59	Pogemiller, L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-2	6
D	7	Prettner Solon, Y.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-2	3
D	45	Rest, A.	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	-	-	2	16
R	35	Robling, C.	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	45	60
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D	3	Saxhaug, T.	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	14	15
D	46	Scheid, L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	10	13
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D	57	Sieben, K.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	3	12
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D	62	Torres Ray, P.	-	-	A	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-6	3
R	52	Vandever, R.	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	A	77	80
D	22	Vickerman, J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	A	-	-	-	19	36
D	55	Wiger, C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	17

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Pty	Dist	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	09%	C%
R	48B	Abeler, J.	-	-	-	+	-	-	+		-		+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	33	48
R	19A	Anderson, B.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	98	92
R	13A	Anderson, P.	-	-	-	-	-	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	56	56
R	43A	Anderson, S.	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	N	+	N	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	67	68
D	03A	Anzelc, T.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	O	+	O	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	28	14
D	39B	Atkins, J.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		-		-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	12
R	35A	Beard, M.	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	H	+	H	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	67	66
D	43B	Benson, J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	O	-	O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
D	57A	Bigham, K.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	U	+	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2
D	25B	Bly, D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2
R	25A	Brod, L.	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	E	+	E	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	A	69	64
D	27A	Brown, R.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		+		-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	7
D	23B	Brynaert, K.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V	-	V	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2
R	35B	Buesgens, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	O	+	O	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94	92
D	56A	Bunn, J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	+	T	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	22	14
D	45B	Carlson, L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	18
D	58B	Champion, B.	-	A	-	-	-	+	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	2	2
D	61A	Clark, K.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	13
R	24B	Cornish, T.	-	-	-	+	-	-	+		+		+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	39	59
R	31B	Dauids, G.	-	+	+	+	-	+	+		+		-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	61	61
D	62A	Davnie, J.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	11
R	52B	Dean, M.	-	+	+	+	-	A	+		+		+	A	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	77	82

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Pty	Dist	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	09%	C%
R	29A	Demmer, R.	+	+	-	+	-	+	+		+		+	A	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	63	62
R	52A	Dettmer, B.	-	+	+	+	-	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	72	80
D	06A	Dill, D.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		+		-	-	+	+	A	-	-	-	-	+	27	30
D	47A	Dittrich, D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	20
R	33B	Doepke, C.	+	-	-	+	-	+	+		+		+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	61	61
D	12B	Doty, A.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	N	-	N	-	-	+	A	+	-	-	-	-	-	16	19
R	41A	Downey, K.	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	O	+	O	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	50	50
R	28B	Drazkowski, S.	-	+	+	+	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94	93
R	17A	Eastlund, R.	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	H	+	H	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	A	80	74
D	02A	Eken, K.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	O	+	O	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	22	35
R	19B	Emmer, T.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	U	+	U	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	98	94
D	20A	Falk, A.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	S	+	S	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	17	17
D	08B	Faust, T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	11	10
D	26B	Fritz, P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	14
D	53A	Gardner, P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V	-	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	3
R	36B	Garofalo, P.	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	O	+	O	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	63	65
R	15A	Gottwalt, S.	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	T	+	T	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	56	60
D	54A	Greiling, M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	10	17
R	24A	Gunther, B.	+	+	-	-	-	-	+		+		-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	39	61
R	48A	Hackbarth, T.	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		+		+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	78	72
R	22B	Hamilton, R.	-	A	+	-	-	+	+		+		+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	57	57
D	39A	Hansen, R.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	6	11
D	66B	Hausman, A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7
D	15B	Haws, L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	6	16
D	61B	Hayden, J.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
D	46B	Hilstrom, D.	-	A	-	-	-	+	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	10	17
D	08B	Hilty, B.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	14
R	36A	Holberg, M.	+	+	-	+	-	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	83	88
R	34B	Hoppe, J.	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	A	80	75
D	60B	Hornstein, F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	7
D	47B	Hortman, M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	9
D	14B	Hosch, L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	-	N	-	-	A	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	22	29
R	04B	Howes, L.	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	O	+	O	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	50	55
D	07A	Huntley, T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	+	-	A	+	-	-	-	-	-	10	17
D	16A	Jackson, G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H	-	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
D	67B	Johnson, S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	O	-	O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	11
D	13B	Juhnke, A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	U	-	U	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	22	33
D	59B	Kahn, P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	9
D	17B	Kalin, J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	+	E	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	9
D	26A	Kath, K.	-	-	-	+	-	-	-		+		-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	22
D	60A	Kelliher, M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V	-	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	13
R	28A	Kelly, T.	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	O	+	O	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	44	44
R	16B	Kiffmeyer, M.	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	T	+	T	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	67	67
D	50B	Knuth, K.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
D	20B	Koenen, L.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		-		+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	28	37
R	34A	Kohls, P.	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	83	80
D	50A	Laine, C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
R	09A	Lanning, M.	-	+	-	+	A	+	+	A		A	-	+	+	+	+	A	-	A	+	-	56	51
D	40B	Lenczewski, A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	38
D	66A	Lesch, J.	-	-	-	+	-	+	-		-		-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	22	13
D	30A	Liebling, T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	9
D	01B	Lieder, B.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		+		-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	27
D	55A	Lillie, L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	9
D	59A	Loeffler, D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	4
R	42B	Loon, J.	+	-	-	-	-	-	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	44	44
R	37A	Mack, T.	-	+	-	-	A	+	+	A		A	+	-	+	+	+	A	-	A	-	-	42	42

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R	22A	Magnus, D.	-	+	-	-	A	+	+		A		+	-	+	+	+	A	-	A	+	+	56	63
D	67A	Mahoney, T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	A	4	18
D	65B	Mariani, C.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7
D	09B	Marquart, P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	39
D	38A	Masin, S.	-	-	-	-	-	+	+		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	8
R	53B	McFarlane, C.	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	N	+	N	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	44	41
R	57B	McNamara, D.	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	O	+	O	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	39	48
D	40A	Morgan, W.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2
D	23A	Morrow, T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H	-	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
D	58A	Mullery, J.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	O	-	O	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	10	18
R	10B	Murdock, M.	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	U	+	U	A	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	51	51
D	64A	Murphy, E.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
D	06B	Murphy, M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	22
D	46A	Nelson, M.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		-		-	A	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	10	11
D	49B	Newton, J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V	-	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
R	10A	Nornes, B.	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	O	+	O	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	61	61
D	29B	Norton, K.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	-	T	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	11	8
D	38B	Obermuller, M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	+	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
D	01A	Olin, D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		+		-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	22	20
D	11B	Otremba, M.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		+		-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	45
D	64B	Paymar, M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-4	13
D	31A	Pelowski, G.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		+		-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	22	34
R	32A	Peppin, J.	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		+		+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	78	82
D	04A	Persell, J.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
D	45A	Peterson, S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		+		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	8
D	27B	Poppe, J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		+		-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	17	11
D	07B	Reinert, R.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
D	41B	Rosenthal, P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
D	05A	Rukavina, T.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		+		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	22	16
D	42A	Ruud, M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	13
D	02B	Sailer, B.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		+		+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	18
R	51A	Sanders, T.	-	+	-	+	-	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	67	67
D	54B	Scalze, B.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	N	+	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	14
R	49A	Scott, P.	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	O	+	O	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	83	83
R	21A	Seifert, M.	+	+	-	+	-	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	78	78
D	5B	Sertich, A.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	H	-	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11	21
R	14A	Severson, D.	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	O	+	O	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	83	70
R	18A	Shimanski, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	U	+	U	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	94	91
D	44A	Simon, S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	5
D	55B	Slawik, N.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	18
D	63B	Slocum, L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
R	33A	Smith, S.	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	V	+	V	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	83	74
D	03B	Solberg, L.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	O	-	O	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	10	20
D	37B	Sterner, P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	+	T	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11
D	56B	Swails, M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	11	8
D	65A	Thao, C.	-	-	-	-	-	+	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11	5
D	63A	Thissen, P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	11
D	51B	Tillberry, T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
R	21B	Torkelson, P.	+	+	-	-	-	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	61	61
R	18B	Urdahl, D.	-	-	-	-	-	+	+		-		+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	39	55
D	62B	Wagenius, J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	11
D	12A	Ward, J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	14
D	30B	Welti, A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		+		-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	19
R	11A	Westrom, T.	-	-	-	+	-	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	61	66
D	44B	Winkler, R.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1
R	32B	Zellers, K.	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	83	82

17. Electronic Health Records

SF 1890. Sen. Lourey. [HF 1322. Rep. Thissen.]

This bill attempts to bring Minnesota's electronic health record regulations in line with federal requirements in order to allow the Minnesota Commissioner of Health to apply for federal Funds. The result would be to erode rights to personal health information and increase dependency of the State of Minnesota on the federal government. This undermines the basic sovereignty of individuals and states. LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed in the Senate 61-0 and in the House 127-7.

18. Emergency Health and Pandemic Powers

SF 1462. Sen. Prettner Solon. [HF 1554. Rep. Winkler.]

This bill authorizes unlimited police power to the Commissioner of Public Health or an assignee to apprehend, quarantine and transport individuals or groups identified as suspected of having a communicable disease, with no court order or hearing for 21 days. It further authorizes the Commissioner to prescribe potentially harmful and unknown drugs without direct examination by a physician knowledgeable of the drug's effects, possible dangerous interactions, and the patient's medical history. It allows the Commissioner to stockpile drugs and mass dispense them, using *even minors*.

This bill gives an unelected bureaucrat absolute control in any "health emergency," real or imagined, including local emergencies declared by a mayor or county board chair, bypassing the Governor's emergency powers. It also increases the likelihood of over-reaction to an epidemic that could deprive many people of their rights and cause them to be given potentially harmful drugs without a doctor's involvement, inviting the easy implementation of forcible vaccination or medication by federal or state authorities.

LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed in the Senate 57-6 and in the House 122-8.

19. Legacy Bureaucracy

HF 1231. Rep. Murphy. [SF 1651. Sen. Cohen.]

In 2008 a misleading and unconstitutional referendum was put before the voters to dedicate a .375% sales tax increase (amounting to \$300 million this year) to the Arts, Environment, and Cultural Heritage. These funds are considered a separate appropriation and not allowed to replace budget cuts in traditional funds used by the DNR and other agencies. Most appropriations were approved for studies, committees and research grants, and not actual clean-up. For example, the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council was created to supervise 1/8 of the funds. They, in turn, established the new Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners Grant Program to distribute \$3.4 million. Many other bureaucratic jobs were created govern other legacy funds.

LEA did not favor the referendum, and does not favor using this unconstitutional funding for a new bureaucracy. LEA favored a NO vote. The bill passed in the Senate 67-0 and in the House 103-31.

20. Child-Restraint Mandate for Motor Vehicles

SF 99. Sen. Carlson. [HF 267. Rep. Hortman.]

This bill establishes a petty misdemeanor violation with a \$50 dollar fine for not properly restraining children passengers who are under the age of eight, and shorter than four feet nine inches tall. The fine is waived if the offender purchases a proper child-restraint system within fourteen days. This is another failed attempt to play nanny by the Minnesota Legislature. This legislation does not address weight variables and other important differences among children. In an apparent attempt to create a perfect world, it does not respect individual responsibilities to make good safety judgments. As more responsibilities are mandated and controlled by state government, more attitudes of someone else being responsible are fostered and the citizen dependency upon government that goes with it. LEA favored a NO vote. It passed in the Senate 39-13 and in the House 85-42 and became law.

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