

SOME BILLS OFFERED BY HOUSE DEMOCRATS JANUARY 8 TO MARCH 31, 2007

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THE NANNY STATE WHERE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IS ALLOWED AND ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING IS DEMANDED

1. **GLASS BOTTLES ON BOATS:** Rep. Andy Welti (D-Plainview) wants to impose severe criminal penalties if you "carry, use, or possess" a glass container on a watercraft or along Minnesota's public waters. You could get 270 days in jail if you have a picnic on the lake and bring glass bottles of ketchup, mustard, and relish. If you have a six-pack of Buddy's Cola from New Ulm on your pontoon boat, you would face 540 days behind bars, because each bottle would be a separate offense under the precise language of the bill. If you bring a jar of cold cream when you go sunbathing, you could do 90 days for that misdemeanor. Rep. Welti later said he introduced the bill as an anti-littering proposal, but his bill outlaws mere "possession" of the deadly glass containers. (House File 522) Criminal possession of ketchup?
2. **MY POOR LITTLE PSYCHE WAS BRUISED. GIVE ME SOME CASH:** Rep. Joe Mullery (D-Minneapolis) wants to give workers' comp cash to anybody who claims that work stress somehow hurt their feelings or gave them a "mental injury," even if there is no physical evidence of such an injury. (House File 2047)
3. **I HAVE A RIGHT TO USE YOUR NON-PUBLIC RESTROOM:** This is called the "Freedom To Poop Act" by many critics. You could face a \$100 fine if your "retail establishment" has a non-public restroom for employees, and you do not allow anyone to use that restroom if they have floating back teeth, nausea, or the trots. Rep. Erin Murphy (D-St. Paul) wants to fine firms and employees \$100 if they do not let a customer use the firms' non-public restroom if the customer has any "medical condition that requires immediate access to a toilet facility." This could apply to your residential bathroom if you are having a yard sale or running a daycare center, because the bill is so vague. (House File 1015)
4. **ALLOWING NON-CITIZENS TO VOTE:** Rep. Phyllis Kahn (D-Minneapolis) wants to amend the Minnesota Constitution to allow local governments to allow non-citizens to vote in local elections if they have lived in the community for 30 days. (House File 1899)
5. **ALLOW 16-YEAR-OLDS TO VOTE IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS:** Rep. Phyllis Kahn (D-Minneapolis) first wanted 16-year-olds to vote in school board elections. (House File 428)
6. **ALLOW 16-YEAR-OLDS TO VOTE IN ALL STATE AND LOCAL RACES:** Rep. Phyllis Kahn (D-Minneapolis) then decided to expand her earlier efforts and amend the constitution to allow 16-year-olds to vote in all state and local elections. (House File 630).
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7. **TWO DAYS OF PAID LEAVE FOR BOYFRIENDS:** Rep. Joe Mullery (D-Minneapolis) wants to give up to two days of paid leave each year for "significant others" who live in a household with a child to attend school meetings or deal with student-related meetings. (House File 744)
8. **YOU SHOULD HAVE A WRITTEN RIGHT FOR BATHROOM BREAKS:** Rep. Rick Hansen (D-South St. Paul) wants the state to require written policies for employees of meatpackers to provide "adequate time for necessary bathroom breaks." The bill would also create a "Meat-Packers' Bill of Rights," calling for written job descriptions and written salary

descriptions. The bill would also create a state bureaucracy to guarantee these rights. (House File 643).

9. **KNOCK, KNOCK! THE BABY INSPECTORS ARE HERE:** Rep. Carolyn Laine (D-Columbia Heights) would require government investigators to visit every new mother in the hospital or at home to inquire whether they new about all the requirements of a new mother and all the programs that government offers on such topics as WIC, child abuse, and immunizations. (House File 595)
10. **THE A.G. IS HERE TO SEE IF YOU ARE “SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE”:** Rep. Bill Hilty (D-Finlayson) wants to change business laws to create “socially responsible corporations,” into which the Attorney General may intervene for failure to meet social goals. (House File 404)
11. **“HELLO! I AM BAMBI! I AM YOUR STATE-FUNDED AEROBICS TEACHER!”:** Rep. Bev Scalze (D-Little Canada) wants to authorize cities to provide their city employees with “staff, equipment, and facilities” for “preventive health and employee recognition services.” Some municipal employees may find new value in the old advice from aerobics instructors: “And don’t forget to breathe.” (House File 905)
12. **BAMBI IS PLACING YOU UNDER “CREATURE ARREST”:** Rep. Joe Mullery (D-Minneapolis) wants to create a board to provide "environmental justice," which means the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income in the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws and policies. (House File 205)
13. **IF BAMBI IS GOING TO ARREST YOU, BAMBI NEEDS A MAP:** First, Rep. Joe Mullery (D-Minneapolis) wanted to create a board to provide "environmental justice," which means the “fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income in the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws and policies.” (House File 205). Now, Rep. Karen Clark (D-Minneapolis) wants Minnesota to seek federal funds to create a map for where you are most likely to be arrested for crimes against “environmental justice.” (House File 1407).
14. **SHOULDN’T BAMBI STAY AWAY FROM THE ROAD?:** Rep. Rick Hansen (D-South St. Paul) wants \$150,000 for “roadsides for wildlife” program. (House File 1373)

WELCOME TO MINNESOTA!

15. **ALLOWING NON-CITIZENS TO VOTE:** Rep. Phyllis Kahn (D-Minneapolis) wants to amend the Minnesota Constitution to allow local governments to allow non-citizens to vote in local elections if they have lived in the community for 30 days. (House File 1899)
16. **DRAW ME A PICTURE OF HOW TO TAKE OVER YOUR COUNTRY:** Rep. Steve Simon (D-St. Louis Park) wants election precincts to provide pictures of how to vote, along with Election Day registration materials, absentee ballot information, and big posters in foreign languages to get more “citizens” to vote. (House File 1827)
17. **WE CAN DEPORT YOGI, BUT WE CANNOT DEPORT MURDERS AND RAPISTS:** Rep. Scott Kranz (D-Blaine) wants to allow Metro governments to fund removal of “undesirable” wild animals from the Metro area. However, over 500 foreign-born felons in the Minnesota correctional system are not deported. (House File 247)

18. **COME TO AMERICA AND HANG AROUND A HIGH SCHOOL:** Rep. Karen Clark (D-Minneapolis) would allow anyone over the age of 23 to enroll in a high school, even if they are not a resident of the school district or a U.S. citizen. (House File 1176)
19. **ILLEGAL ALIENS TO GET IN-STATE TUITION:** Rep. Carlos Mariani (D-St. Paul) wants illegal aliens to get in-state tuition. Illegal aliens would get discount tuition if they spent three years in a Minnesota high school, earned a GED, and promised to file to become resident aliens at their earliest possible opportunity. (House File 722)
20. **ILLEGAL ALIENS TO GET IN-STATE TUITION; BADGERS TO PAY MORE!:** Rep. Debra Hilstrom (D-Brooklyn Center) wants to give in-state college tuition to illegal aliens who file a paper saying there are applying to legalize their immigration status. The same bill would raise tuition for students from Wisconsin and some other states, instead of relying on their home states to pay the difference under reciprocity agreements. (House File 682)
21. **ILLEGAL ALIENS TO PAY SAME TUITION; MINNESOTA RESIDENTS HIT:** Rep. Diane Loeffler (D-Minneapolis) wants to set tuition for MnSCU colleges and universities at the same rate for all students. Minnesota residents would lose their in-state advantage over both students from other states and illegal aliens. (House File 1032)
22. **WELCOME TO AMERICA! PUT UP YOUR FEET:** The Democrats want to waive the work requirements of welfare programs for immigrants who are getting funds from certain federal programs. Rep. Cy Thao (D-St. Paul) offered House File 316.
23. **CASH BONUSES FOR LOW-INCOME ALIENS:** Rep. Steve Simon (D-St. Louis Park) wants to give cash bonuses to illegal aliens. The bill would create a tax credit for English classes, citizenship classes, and application fees. If an alien's tax bill is lower than the cost of these expenses, the bill would give the balance of the credit to the alien in cash. (House File 747).
24. **REVERSE DISCRIMINATION IN COURT:** Rep. Cy Thao (D-St. Paul) wants courts to give job preferences to immigrants over citizens when awarding contracts for translators and interpreters. Should immigrants automatically be presumed to have better English skills than American-born citizens have skills in foreign languages? (House File 46)
25. **YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE IS GOING UP AGAIN:** Minnesota is always in a race with Maryland to see how many services can be required to be covered by every health insurance policy in the state. Rep. Maria Ruud (D-Minnetonka) wants every premium payer to cover health insurance coverage to provide foreign language interpreters for each patient in the state. (House File 1077)
26. **THIS COULD GIVE TAXPAYERS A TOOTH-ACHE:** Rep. Cy Thao (D-St. Paul) wants to pay for a group of at least 18 members to study whether interpreters should be provided for dentists. In any language, most dentists know when they have touched a nerve. (House File 1831)
27. **RAISE MINIMUM WAGE BY 50% AND PUT IT ON AUTO-PILOT:** Rep. Tom Rukavina (D-Virginia) wants to raise the minimum wage by 50% and put annual increases on auto-pilot with indexing based on urban pay scales, even if the unemployment rate suddenly skyrockets. (House File 456)
28. **HOW DOES ONE SHAVE A YAK?:** Rep. David Bly (D-Northfield) wants you to pay \$125,000 to provide research on what "alternative livestock" could eat grass in Minnesota. (House File 845)

29. **MOVING CONVICTED PERVERTS TO THE SUBURBS OR SMALL TOWNS:** Rep. John Lesch (D-St. Paul) wants to draw stay-away zones in such a way that large concentrations of convicted Level II and Level III sex offenders in Minneapolis and St. Paul will have to move to the suburbs. (House File 476)
30. **MORE SOCIAL SPENDING, INSTEAD OF DEBT PAYMENTS:** The City of St. Paul took out huge state loans to build the Xcel Energy Center and the adjoining RiverCentre convention complex. Now, the city wants to spend money on other things, instead of making its promised payments on the bonds. Rep. Alice Hausman (D-St. Paul) wants the Legislature to forgive the rest of the \$65 million owed to the state on the Xcel arena and the \$43 million owed to the state on the convention center. (House Files 859 and 860)
31. **I'LL BUY THAT CAR FOR \$40 MILLION:** Rep. Frank Hornstein (D-Minneapolis) would give you a tax credit for buying an “alternative fuel” car. If you don’t owe any Minnesota income taxes, the state will pay you the 10% as a cash refund. The bill has no limit on the 10% credit, the refund, the price of the car, or how long you own it. You could buy a \$40,000 car for \$40 million, sell the car back to the dealer for \$38 million, and keep \$2 million. What a country! (House File 1002)
32. **MOVING SLUMS TO THE SUBURBS AND SMALL TOWNS:** “For the purpose of promoting economic diversity throughout Minnesota and to alleviate the concentration of low-income households in high poverty areas,” Rep. John Lesch (D-St. Paul) would create a tax incentive to move more low-income housing to the suburbs and rural communities. (House File 777)
33. **SEAT BELTS IN ALL SHOPPING CARTS:** Rep. Mike Jaros (D-Duluth) has proposed a requirement that every shopping cart in Minnesota must be equipped with “a strap, device, or piece of equipment designed, using reasonable engineering standards, to prevent a child from falling out of a shopping cart. This meaningful bill does not include penalties for failure to provide helmets and fire-proof suits for riders. (House File 620).
34. **A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO HEALTH INSURANCE:** Rep. Tom Huntley (D-Duluth) has proposed a constitutional amendment. It would state: “Every Minnesota resident has the right to health care. It is the responsibility of the governor and the legislature to implement all necessary legislation to ensure affordable health care.” Millions of people may move to Minnesota if this bill passes. (House File 683)
35. **EXPAND THE LOTTERY TO INCLUDE LOCAL PARKS:** Rep. Paul Thissen (D-Minneapolis) would expand the state Lottery system to include gambling games for local parks. (House File 67).
36. **REPLACE LITTLE LEAGUE WITH LANGUAGE CLASSES:** Rep. Loren Solberg (D-Grand Rapids) would require six weeks of summer school for students in grades 1-4 to learn a foreign language. (House File 623).
37. **FREE GED FEES FOR THE “PRECARIOUSLY HOUSED”:** Rep. Frank Hornstein (D-Minneapolis) would waive the test fee for GED tests for persons who are “precariously housed,” without defining the term. (House File 751)
38. **WILL THERE BE BACKGROUND CHECKS ON THIS?:** Rep. Erin Murphy (D-St. Paul) wants to create grants for “family, friends, and neighbors” to gather pre-school children together to read them books. (House File 796)
39. **PAY MORE FOR CAR THIEVES AND DWIs IN TWIN CITIES:** Rep. John Lesch (D-St. Paul) would make people in the suburbs and Greater Minnesota pay more for car

insurances by forbidding insurance companies to set higher rates for the Twin Cities and any other area where there are more crashes, DWIs, and car thefts. (House File 53)

40. **SUCH A DEAL! HE CAN GET IT FOR US AT RETAIL:** Rep. Frank Hornstein (D-Minneapolis) wants road contractors to lose bids unless they are least 10% below the cost of having the work done by DOT employees. Under the bill, DOT would keep its estimate secret until after private firms had submitted their estimates. Then, if a private contractor submitted a bid of \$900,001 for a contract where the secret DOT bid is \$1 million, the Hornstein bill would deny taxpayers a savings of \$99,999. (House File 546)
41. **RE-ARRANGING THE DECK CHAIRS ON THE TITANIC:** Rep. Paul Thissen (D-Minneapolis) wants to define how “licensed interior designers” apply “design theories of human behavior and aesthetics.” Sadly, the bill defines “human behavior” solely as “the characteristics and behaviors of individuals and groups that relate to the physical environments in which they function, and to the processes of environmental modification and change.” Some Republicans believe that “human behavior” has more to do with interactions with people, not furniture. (House File 991)
42. **THIS WILL BE SOME VERY EFFECTIVE WRITING:** Rep. Kim Norton (D-Rochester) wants school boards to write a policy that “ensures” that “parents and caregivers play an integral role in assisting student learning.” (House File 990)
43. **LANDLORDS ARE PRESUMED GUILTY FOR GANG CRIMES:** Rep. John Lesch (D-St. Paul) would have courts presume that a landlord knew that one member of a criminal gang was using his apartment to take bets over the phone, or take calls for prostitutes, or engage in any other gang activity. The fact that crimes happened in an apartment would be “prima facie” evidence that the landlord was aware of the crimes. If a judge issues an injunction to the landlord to stop these crimes, and the landlord fails, the punishment would be up to 30 days in jail, a \$10,000 fine, or both. (House File 49)
44. **WE WILL MAKE THEM MAIL IN YOUR REBATE FORM:** Rep. Carolyn Laine (D-Columbia Heights) would make it unlawful for a business to advertise a price that deducts a manufacturer’s rebate “by displaying the net price of the advertised item (the price of the item after the rebate has been deducted from the item's price) in the advertisement, unless the amount of the manufacturer's rebate is provided to the consumer by the retailer at the time of the purchase of the advertised item. It shall be the retailer's burden to redeem the rebate offered to the consumer by the manufacturer.” Further, it would be “unlawful for any person to refuse to accept a photocopy or other reasonable facsimile of an original sales receipt when a consumer is redeeming a rebate.” (House File 1104)
45. **WE NEED A NEW FLAG?:** Rep. Tina Liebling (D-Rochester) wants to finance six legislators and whatever persons “who have either technical or artistic skill in flag construction and design” to “study the form, style, and design of the state flag and suggest any desired changes.” (House File 1385)
46. **PROTECTING THE WRONG PEOPLE:** Rep. John Lesch (D-St. Paul) wants to make it easier for convicts to get jobs, housing, and access to your children. He has offered House File 1548 to make it easier to expunge the vast majority of criminal convictions or deferred dispositions of criminal cases. Minnesota has one of the broadest systems of criminal background checks, which would be crippled by wide-scale access to expungement. Should school bus companies know about DWI convictions? Should landlords know about deferred sentences on operating meth labs? Should day care centers know about the real background of potential employees?

47. **ARE DEMOCRATS A CARBON-BASED LIFE FORM?:** Rep. Sheldon Johnson (D-St. Paul) offered a plan to make The State of Minnesota a “carbon neutral” form of government. (House File 1377). Now, if he could just do something about hydrogen sulfide.
48. **INCREASE THE SUBSIDY FOR POLITICIANS BY SIXTY PERCENT:** Rep. Steve Simon (D-Minneapolis) wants to increase the “state elections campaign fund” from \$1.25 million to \$2 million. (House File 1547)
49. **THE ANTS AND THE GRASSHOPPERS:** Rep. Scott Kranz (D-Blaine) wants to raise taxes on homeowners’ deeds by 66%. He would then take that money to subsidize the rents of non-homeowners and to build houses or rental units for other people. (House File 939)
50. **LENIN IS DEAD, BUT HE IS MAKING A COMEBACK:** Rep. Joe Mullery (D-Minneapolis) wants judges to decide what is an “unconscionable” price for any good or service during an “abnormal market disruption” and impose fines of up to \$35,000 for each sale at whatever might later be found to be an “unconscionable” price. (House File 740)
51. **HOW I SPENT YOUR MONEY ON MY SUMMER SESSION:** The Democrats want to eliminate the cap for legislators’ expenses during special sessions. HF 227 (Phyllis Kahn).
52. **SEX ED FOR KINDERGARTEN:** Rep. Neva Walker (D-Minneapolis) would authorize school districts to provide Students in K-12 with “age-appropriate materials that address varied societal views on sexuality, sexual behaviors, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, in an age-appropriate manner.” The bill would require such instruction for grades 7-12. (House File 615).
53. **PUT THAT IN YOUR PIPE AND SMOKE IT:** At the same time that Rep. Tom Huntley is the Chief Author of the bill to legalize the smoking of marijuana (House File 655), he is also the Chief Author of the smoking ban bill for tobacco. (House File 305)
54. **PROVIDING “EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING”:** Rep. Tom Tillberry (D-Fridley) offered a bill with a blank check for school districts to hire people to provide for the “emotional and social well-being” of students. The blank appropriation would pay for more school counselors, social workers, psychologists, nurses, and other “licensed student services personnel.” (House File 808)
55. **\$5,000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BABY-SITTERS:** Rep. David Bly (D-Northfield) wants to provide \$5,000 scholarships and \$100 bonuses to people who take care of children up to kindergarten age. The scholarships and one-year completion bonuses would go to “early care and education providers.” (House File 814)
56. **KEEPING THE NEST FULL FOR SIX MORE YEARS:** Rep. Diane Loeffler (D-Minneapolis) wants to raise everyone’s insurance costs by requiring all insurance policies to cover all “dependent children” until age 25 on their parents’ policies. The current law requires coverage only until age 19, unless the “child” up to age 25 is a full-time student. (House File 475)
57. **HERE IS A BONUS FOR HAVING YOUR CAR STOLEN:** Rep. Michael Paymar (D-St. Paul) wants to give you a \$500 bonus if your insured car is stolen. (House File 425)
58. **UNCLE RALPH IS TOO FAT, BRING IN THE HOIST:** Rep. Patti Fritz (D-Faribault) would require every hospital, clinic, nursing home and medical facility to ban employees from lifting or assisting patients to their feet. Instead they would have to purchase hoists, “engineering controls, lifting and transfer aids, or mechanical assistive devices.” Employees could lift patients in an emergency.” (House File 712)

59. **WHAT PART OF “VOLUNTEER” IS UNCLEAR?:** Rep. Tom Tillberry (D-Fridley) wants a \$2,400 tax break for parents who volunteer at their children’s schools. (House File 477)
60. **NO VOTING FOR “AMERICAN IDOL” ON A CELL PHONE:** Rep. Sandy Masin (D-Eagan) wants to ban cell phone companies from charging users for payments to third parties called by the user. The bill would also require the cell company to explain its contracts in writing. (House File 635).
61. **SMARTER THAN THE AVERAGE BEAR:** The Democrats want to allow metal containers to be used to capture bears, but not if the containers can trap other animals. Rep. Larry Hosch (D-St. Joseph) offered House File 72.
62. **YOU’LL FLIP YOUR WIG:** Rep. Frank Hornstein (D-Minneapolis) wants to create a new state bureaucracy to regulate “hair transplant facilities.” One of the purposes of investigating hair-weave artists is to make sure there is no “conduct which is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public.” (House File 1069)
63. **I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE LEGISLATURE’S JOB:** Rep. David Bly (D-Northfield) wants to create a study by bureaucrats to identify all the legislation necessary to “develop a strategy to obtain the maximum economic benefit for the state and its citizens from the renewable energy activities.” (House File 660).
64. **STUDY THE SPONGES:** The Democrats want you to pay for a state study of the regulation of contractors who use sponges and other anti-microbial devices to get rid of mildew. House File 402 has been offered by Rep. Rick Hansen (D-South St. Paul).
65. **CELEBRATE “US,” FROM WHEREVER “WE” COME:** Rep. Mike Jaros (D-Duluth) would write a blank check to create a Commission on Ethnic Heritage to celebrate the descendants of immigrants to Minnesota over the centuries. Doesn’t that describe all of us? (House File 318)
66. **SHIELD LIGHTS AT EVERY SPORTS FIELD:** Rep. Phyllis Kahn (D-Minneapolis) would require every sports field in every park and at every school to put up shields to block any direct sight of any lights visible from outside the field, and to end “light pollution.” (House File 446)
67. **SPEED TRAPS FOR EVERY COMMUNITY:** Rep. Larry Hosch (D-St. Joseph) wants to authorize every community to replace state-wide tickets for speeding, stop signs, traffic lights, and lights on a vehicle with local administrative citations, with all fines going to the speed trap’s community. (House File 847)
68. **IS THIS A “MAXIMUM EFFORT” FOR A SCHOOL?:** Rep. Melissa Hortman (D-Brooklyn Park) wants to divert \$240,000 from the “maximum effort school loan fund” to “develop and restore wetland and native prairie habitat on the land” at an elementary school. (House File 978) This was later placed in the House Bonding Bill, in order to make Hortman’s swamp a “state asset.”
69. **NO FURTHER FOUR-WHEELING:** Rep. Frank Moe (D-Bemidji) would ban the DNR from allowing further use of state lands for four-by-four truck trails. (House File 1127).
70. **SO THEY LOADED UP THEIR TRUCK AND THEY MOVED TO BEVERLY:** Rep. Scott Kranz (D-Blaine) wants landowners to buy their tenants mobile homes when trailer parks close. If a resident “chooses not to relocate the home to another manufactured home park,” then the resident “is entitled to compensation to be paid by the park owner in an amount equal to the estimated market value of the manufactured home.” (House File 1205)

71. **PICK BERRIES, NOT ATVs:** Rep. Paul Thissen (D-Minneapolis) wants to ban motorized vehicles from at least half of every state forest, in favor of such activities as “berry picking.” (House File 1389). Why do the restrictions on the great north woods usually seem to come from people in Minneapolis?
72. **SHOULD WE BURN THOSE ILLEGAL CIGARETTES?:** Under current law, the government may sell seized contraband cigarettes at auction after they are used as evidence at trial. Rep. Joe Atkins (D-Inver Grove Heights) would destroy them instead. (House File 1439)
73. **MAYBE WE CAN BURN ILLEGAL CIGARETTES TO STAY WARM:** Rep. Alice Hausman (D-St. Paul) announced a plan in the middle of winter to close one of the state’s largest electrical power sources, the nuclear power plant at Monticello. (House File 1513)
74. **SAFETY RULE: DO NOT “BEHAVE IN AN UNSAFE MANNER:”** Rep. Tim Faust (D-Mora) wants to write five “safety laws” for carnival rides: don’t get off during the ride; don’t take off your seat-belts during the ride; don’t ride while intoxicated; don’t interfere with the safe operation of the ride; and don’t “behave in an unsafe manner.” (House File 1824)
75. **SEND IN THE CLONES:** Rep. Frank Moe (D-Bemidji) wants to protect us from genetically-engineered forms of wild rice. (House File 1663) But Rep. Phyllis Kahn (D-Minneapolis) would allow human cloning for research and harvesting of cells and organs through the stages of egg, embryo, and fetus. But she would not allow human clones to reach the newborn stage, yet. (House File 34)
76. **IMPORTING POLITICIANS FOR NO GOOD REASON. IS THERE A GOOD REASON?:** Rep. Steve Simon wants to create and finance a non-binding presidential primary in February of presidential election years. Candidates might fly in to Minnesota in January, but the primary would not count, as delegates would be chosen at party conventions. (House File 1776, no joke)
77. **BUT WHAT IF IT WAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA?** Rep. Phyllis Kahn (D-Minneapolis) wants to raise the cost of being accused of smoking in a no-smoking hotel room. A person accused of smoking in such a room would face a \$100 fine, \$500 in attorney fees, a \$30 service fee, and the full cost of “restoring the damaged room to its previolation condition.” Further interest on the cost begins to run, even if the accused does not receive notice of the violation. (House File 1825)
78. **THE PIG-TAILS ARE TOO TIGHT ON SOME DEMOCRATS:** Rep. Neva Walker (D-Minneapolis) wants to require people who braid hair for payment to go through 30 hours of instruction, and then to register with the state. Oh, and the instruction should be available in foreign languages. (House File 1844)
79. **GEN. NUTRITION, MAJ. INDIGESTION, AND CPL. PUNISHMENT:** Rep. Al Juhnke (D-Willmar) wants to create a “Food Defense Council” with ill-defined missions to educate the public and state agencies about “food safety and defense.” (House File 1869)
80. **FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO GROW MOSS ON THE ROOF:** Rep. Jim Davnie (D-Minneapolis) wants \$5 million to give grants to local governments to build windmills and put gardens on the roofs of government buildings. (House File 1874)
81. **WORKING PEOPLE GET THE GAS, AGAIN:** Rep. David Bly (D-Northfield) wants working folks to pay for discounted natural gas for low-income folks. (House File 1645)

82. **HELLO, OSSIFER!** Assume that a person has been convicted of DWI, and your case is so serious that the judge has ordered that your driver's license to be marked with the phrase "no alcohol consumption allowed." Rep. Aaron Peterson (D-Madison) wants to create a special driver's license for such people if they later test positive for alcohol at .02 BAC. (House File 2082)
83. **SMOKING BEYOND THE THREE-POINT LINE:** Rep. Kim Norton (D-Rochester) wants to ban smoking in the open air if it is within 50 feet of a doorway. (House File 2118)
84. **HONEY, DID WE NOTICE AIRPLANES WHEN WE BOUGHT THE HOUSE?:** As part of his on-going war against the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, Rep. Frank Hornstein now wants to test for jet-related pollution in neighborhoods near the runways. (House File 2120)
85. **PAYING YOU TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR GRANDCHILDREN:** Rep. Steve Simon (D-St. Louis Park) wants to set up a program of seven different grants to godparents, stepfamilies, cousins, aunts, uncles, siblings, grandparents, and de facto guardians who take care of related children who are not with their parents. (House File 2143)
86. **EVERY OUT-HOUSE SHOULD HAVE BROADBAND:** Rep. Sandra Masin (D-Eagan) wants to replace the legal goal of "encouraging economically efficient deployment of infrastructure for higher speed telecommunications services" with a legal mandate "making available to all residents of Minnesota by 2015 ultra high-speed data transmission services at speeds equal to at least 1,000,000,000 bits per second." (House File 2107)
87. **THE DFL WANTS TO DISTRACT YOU FROM THE ROLLER COASTER:** Rep. Patti Fritz (D-Faribault) wants to designate the Tilt-A-Whirl as the official state Amusement Ride. She said that she introduced the bill because 52 five-year-olds in her district convened an assembly and decided to exercise their collective First Amendment right to petition government on this crucial issue. Right. (House File 2354)
88. **WELFARE FOR SOLAR PANELS:** Rep. Frank Hornstein (D-Minneapolis) wants to increase the surcharge on everyone's retail electricity bills to pay for solar panels for selected people. If you qualified for low-income heating assistance, you don't have to pay the surcharge. (House File 2384)
89. **BAD MATH AND PLUG-IN CARS:** Remember the "yellow bike" project in St. Paul, where yellow bicycles were provided by the city for anyone's use? Within weeks, all of the bikes were dumped in lakes or stolen and repainted. Rep. Frank Hornstein (D-Minneapolis) wants to provide \$1.355 million to test plug-in cars for community use. He would spend \$985,000 to create fleets of these community vehicles, and \$355,000 to study "environmentally sensitive ways to manufacture" the vehicles. The bill does not say how he would spend the other \$20,000. (House File 2376)
90. **I AM FIRING YOU. NOW, LET ME PAY FOR YOUR RE-TRAINING:** Rep. Patti Fritz (D-Faribault) is backing a ban on smoking in American Legion Halls, VFW Posts, bars, and bowling alleys. Now she has offered a bill to pay for job training for people laid off from jobs in those places because of the smoking ban. (House File 2373)
91. **GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT, PART 1:** Rep. Paul Thissen (D-Minneapolis) wants to authorize "robo-cameras" to send tickets to owners of vehicles, who will be presumed to be the guilty drivers unless they can prove otherwise. (House File 1058)
92. **GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT, PART 2:** Rep. Paul Thissen (D-Minneapolis) wants to make the owner of a vehicle guilty of a petty misdemeanor whenever a vehicle is

tagged for parking or standing violations. This is the same “guilty by ownership” standard that Minneapolis wants for the robot-cop cameras at red lights. (House File 2084)

93. **GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT, PART 3:** Rep. Frank Hornstein (D-Minneapolis) wants owners of cars charged if someone reports to the police that a car with their plate is observed cutting off a bus on a highway shoulder, even if the police did not see it and even if there is no description of the driver. (House File 2326)
94. **A NEW FRONT IN THE WAR ON LANDLORDS, PART ONE:** Rep. Willie Dominguez (D-Minneapolis) wants all records of courts and tenant screening associations expunged one year after a bad tenant is evicted. (House File 2141)
95. **A NEW FRONT IN THE WAR ON LANDLORDS, PART TWO:** Rep. Karen Clark (D-Minneapolis) has offered a blank check for a non-profit hotline where lawyers and law students advise tenants on how to sue their landlords. (House File 2356)
96. **SOME SCHOOLS STINK, BUT THEY WILL BE FRAGRANCE FREE:** Rep. Karen Clark (D-Minneapolis) wants to make Minneapolis schools “fragrance free” by banning perfumes, air fresheners, scented lotions, and scented cleaning products. With half of the students failing to read or cipher at grade level, this bill smells. (House File 2148)
97. **WE NEED A STUDY TO PROVE THAT “POOP SMELLS BAD”:** Rep. Aaron Peterson (D-Appleton) wants taxpayers to fund an “air emissions statement” for biomass gasification facilities. (House File 2321)
98. **WE NEED ANOTHER STUDY TO ASK “HOW BAD DOES POOP SMELL?”:** Rep. Aaron Peterson (D-Appleton) offered a second bill to have taxpayers fund a study “to fully characterize emissions from biomass gasification facilities.” (House File 2320)
99. **JUST WHAT YOU WANT, JUST WHAT WE NEED:** The DFL would allow the Legislature to meet every day between January and May. Rep. Tony Sertich (D-Chisholm) has offered House File 181.
100. **THEY ARE EVEN COMING FOR YOU AT THE WATER COOLER:** Rep. Jeremy Kalin (D-Lindstrom) wants to set “energy efficiency standards” for water coolers. He also wants to set similar standards for such major energy parasites as DVD players, portable hot tubs, and AC/DC converter plugs. (House File 1890)
101. **YOU GET MORE OF WHAT YOU SUBSIDIZE, LESS OF WHAT YOU TAX:** Rep. Melissa Hortman (D-Brooklyn Park) wants working taxpayers to provide \$200,000 to pay off the loans of law students. (House File 1974)
102. **THEY ARE UNCLEAR ON THE CONCEPT:** Rep. Carlos Mariani (D-St. Paul) wants to take a half-million from the poor taxpayers to pay for legislators to think about how to get more money to the poor taxpayers. The money would fund a “Legislative Commission to End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020.” (House File 1616)