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CONVENTION ROUNDUP

Red carpet treatment by the hostess St. Paul League provided an extra dash of color to the 39th biennial Convention held May 14 and 15 in the St. Paul Hotel. Convention business progressed without a snag through bylaw revision, budget adoption, elections and exciting program debate. Delegates and observers totaling 466 women from 55 Leagues and one provisional League entered enthusiastically into choice of program for the next two years.

Welcomes by Governor Karl Rolvaag and St. Paul Mayor George Vavoulis (Beverley's husband to St. Paul Leaguers) opened the Tuesday morning session. The red carpet was

rolled out by Mrs. Byron Cochrane, President of the St. Paul League, who extended a hearty invitation to visit their newly decorated office in Alley 29.

Amendments to the bylaws were adopted without opposition—the most important being the change of vote required for not-recommended items from two-thirds to three-fifths. This went into effect immediately.

The heartening response by local Leagues to the budget presentation brought pledges within a few dollars of our goal. Special gifts from Hibbing, Golden Valley, Maplewood, Minneapolis and West St. Paul plus

generous pledges from Rochester and Willmar mirrored the healthy financial situation of the majority of Leagues. A net revision of only \$215 was necessary to balance our \$30,170 budget. Following the pledges, the nominating committee's report on the slate of officers for 1963-65 was given. (See p. 3 for new board list.)

Just returned from the national Council in Washington, D.C., Mrs. O. J. Janski gave candid glimpses of the meeting which she attended with retiring President Mrs. O. H. Anderson and new President Mrs. William Whiting.

Preceding the actual Council meeting, delegates spent a day at the UN and heard speakers on finance and technical assistance and met Adlai Stevenson in person. In Washington our delegates invited Minnesota Congressmen to coffee on the Hill where they had a chance to talk with Senators McCarthy and Humphrey and Representatives MacGregor, Karth, Fraser and Olson.

In spite of 91° weather our delegates remained composed during a tour of the White House which ended in a meeting with President Kennedy in the rose garden. The President wowed the League members with this anecdote: A group of suffragettes were marching outside the White House. When the guard asked them to move on, their leader said, "Don't worry, girls. Pray to the Lord. She'll help us."

Mrs. Janski's words of advice gleaned from Council sessions included tips on making national continuing responsibilities interesting and enjoyable by bringing them into focus when newsworthy and tying them into governmental action.

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STATE PROGRAM 1963-65

Current Agenda

- I. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.
- II. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the state constitution.

Continuing Responsibilities

- I. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to insure employment on merit and non-discrimination in transactions involving real property; it will work for adequately financed commission administration of such legislation and of legislation to insure equal access to public accommodations.
- II. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support party designation for legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures and voting.
- III. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interests.
- IV. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support constitutional revision by convention.
- V. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support the principles of home rule relating to realistic restrictions on special legislation and broader provisions for adoption and amendment of home rule charters.

ON RETIRING

With an insight born of six years as League president, in her final report Mrs. O. H. Anderson presented members serious questions to ponder. Characterizing the Anderson concept of leadership, she said, "I may be wrong, but I'll never be uncertain."

Her comments on our place as an organization included these points. "We are no longer a young organization. We are 43 years old. We do not seem to be growing—in numbers, that is. We have grown impressively in finance—more local Leagues either made or surpassed their finance goal in their last drives. . . . We could improve our reporting procedures in consensus, and our adherence to deadlines which are always clearly announced; we sometimes fuss unduly over what to do 'til the pamphlet comes, and are somewhat inflexible in our own scheduling.

"Our public relations have never been better; apparently our prestige does not depend on legislative success," she quipped.

In speaking of the future Mrs. Anderson set up high goals. "I hope that we will not mistake activity for action—they are not the same. I want us always to expect more of the member than she thinks she can give. Is there any virtue in scaling down our materials, our plans and eventually, our organization itself—to the level of mediocrity which we can all attain?"

"I should like to have us show more zeal and conviction about League principles and purposes; people seem to believe that it is undignified to be enthusiastic and a bit crude to be full of zeal for a cause. There seems to be a Fun-Gap between Boards and members, but not a Sad-Gap—the weight of our jobs is too often transmitted by us."

(Mrs. Anderson's entire speech is must reading. Ask your delegates to share their copies.)

LEGISLATIVE REPORTERS

Our team at the legislature, led by Mrs. N. E. Duff, legislative chairman, opened the afternoon session. Mrs. Larry Murray, lobbyist on amendments to the constitution, was dividing her time between the convention and the Senate Judiciary Committee in those hectic days just before adjournment. She predicted the following amendments might join the taconite amendment on the 1964 ballot. 1) Removal of obsolete portions of the constitution 2) Joint election of governor-lieutenant governor 3) Reapportionment—the 1960 version which the League opposed. (Number 1 above and the taconite amendment will be on the 1964 ballot.)

As a first-time lobbyist Mrs. Murray passed on these impressions. Legislators are friendly and courteous as are the doormen, clerks and others at the capitol. Her respect for legislators has gone way up, because they work hard, make weighty decisions every day and the

order in which decisions are made often is based on urgency.

Because the legislators are sitting ducks for citizens' wrath, Mrs. Murry has learned to be more temperate in criticism of them. She used as an example a representative's correspondence on Sunday closing—pro letters in one pile and con in another, and both piles about the same height. No matter how he voted, many constituents would be angry.

She mentioned that the many people you see milling about the halls of the capitol are not the legislators—they are busy working—but these are all the lobbyists. Her sympathy goes out to the legislators because . . . they are at the mercy of hordes of lobbyists!

Discrimination

Mrs. Harold Watson, chairman of discrimination problems, described herself as the most inactive of League lobbyists. She noted that "there has been nothing in the legislature about color except oleo. The 'age' amendment is aging in committee while the SCAD appropriation was like dropping a letter in the mailbox and wondering if it ever got to Washington."

Election Laws

As election laws lobbyist, Mrs. Thomas Young has learned two things. 1) Never give up hope on a bill because help may come from the most unlikely sources. 2) The most simple bill can become very complicated, as evidenced by the one to allow an otherwise qualified voter to vote for president and vice-president before meeting residence requirements. Inclusion of a provision making it necessary to get a certificate from the election official in one's former state of residence proved to be a stumbling block in this proposed legislation.

Party designation

Mrs. Homer Mantis, our veteran party designation lobbyist reported, "Once again your League lobbyist stands before you to tell you that party designation is dead for another session. Once again we will analyze the results and complain to our legislators. And once again we will re-elect them at the next election."

Mrs. Mantis continued the description of her soft sell approach on party designation in a one-part conversation with her favorite representative—Walter Klaus, leaving to pauses and our imagination the chief House author's part in the dialogue.

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Newly elected officers include from left, Mrs. Nicholas E. Duff, second vice president and legislative chairman; Mrs. O. J. Janski, first vice president and assistant to the president; Mrs. John Lundquist, secretary; Mrs. Robert L. Faucett, treasurer and finance chairman; and Mrs. William W. Whiting, president.

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

In addition to the Board officers pictured above are the following directors and their portfolios.

Elected directors

Mrs. E. J. Diefenbach Publications
Mrs. Roy Letourneau National
Mrs. Arthur McWatt Local Agenda
Mrs. L. G. Murray Constitutional Revision
Mrs. Roy Nordling Voters Service
Mrs. Harold J. Watson Indians

Appointed directors

Mrs. Morris S. Rothnem Field Service
Mrs. John F. Henricksson Voter Editor

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

Presentation of the Board recommended Indian item was made by Mrs. Harold Watson who reminded delegates that Indians have unique status and problems although they do share some of the discriminations suffered by other minority groups. Our *Indians in Minnesota* publication has been greeted with enthusiasm by many groups and has brought together material not previously collected. We have demonstrated that the tools which the League has used in approaching problems of state government can operate effectively in the area of Indian affairs.

Mrs. Herbert Wright gave reasons for the Board recommendation of a tax item. 1) There is widespread member interest in a tax item at this time. 2) The problems of revenues and expenditures become more pressing and important with each successive legislative session. 3) The League has an important educational and voters

service job to do within the area of state fiscal policy—that of bringing the findings of experts and specialists in taxation to the citizenry.

Mrs. John Berdie, president of the Duluth League, moved consideration of the not-recommended item on amendments to improve the state constitution. She urged consideration on these points. Members have to be able to study all the amendments and take a position, so we can't handpick the amendments we will work on and still carry out the mandate of our members. Mrs. Berdie continued that we cannot afford to rest on the constitutional positions we have already. We would rather explain to a contributor why our stand differs from one he might have than to say we have no stand.

Presenting the four board recommended Continuing Responsibilities was Hazel Shimmin. CRs included 1) Discrimination 2) Party designation and election laws 3) Lobbying and conflict of interests and 4) Constitutional revision by convention.

Both Board recommended CAs won consideration and the third not-recommended suggestion, "Constitutional revision by amendment," succeeded in obtaining consideration. All four recommended Continuing Responsibilities were voted consideration plus items on Indians and home rule.

The Convention adopted a ruling to debate all Current Agenda items before voting—the same rule for CRs. A motion calling for a one item agenda was withdrawn after delegates spoke against limiting the Convention's choice in this manner.

Delegates indicated they needed evening caucuses to organize their arguments, for with an hour remaining of the afternoon session, a motion to adjourn killed all chances of starting program debate.

PROGRAM DEBATE WELL PLANNED

Encountering little opposition, debate on the Indian study brought speeches favoring the item from all over the state. Some speakers felt that we hadn't covered the subject thoroughly enough to relegate it to the CRs. The Indians were counting on the League to continue our work because there has never been another organized lobby on their behalf.

Delegates pointed out that both League and community response has been excellent, including increased attendance at unit meetings. Others felt the League consensus is too general (see p. 5) to enable us to support specific legislation without further study. Throughout the study Leaguers found that the Indian problem does involve governmental action and that the legal tangle is indeed the core to the problem.

Weak opposition to the item reminded us that other organizations are interested in Indian problems, that the legislature may establish an Indian Commission and with our general position it could be put on CRs.

Taxes make sense

Mustered by the Owatonna League, proponents of the tax item wearing "Taxes Make Sense" tags, lined up at the mike following the opening statement by the Owatonna League president Mrs. Don Kaplan. She hoped that everyone would have as much fun working on taxes as Owatonna had promoting it. Taking the cue, delegates reminded us that taxes touch every resident. If 25 state Leagues are working on a tax item, it must be an urgent issue. Others argued that we cannot in good faith recommend costly programs if we do not know the facts about taxes on which the programs are based. Minnesota needs to develop new industry, and tax revision might help.

Opponents made their points. The subject is too political and almost as emotional as religion. Others stated that the League could not lead in this field, and solutions would be found in another realm. Difficulty of arriving at a consensus was brought up as well as the idea that a tax study could drag on for years. As some delegates felt that the scope of the item was too broad, a substitute wording of the item was offered. "The LWV of Minnesota will study policies, statutes, constitutional provisions relating to the tax structure of the state of Minnesota." This was defeated, and debate ended on the tax question.

Constitutional revision by amendment

Eloquent support from the floor showed strong interest in the not-recommended item on amendments to improve the state constitution. Supporters pointed out that the League had been most effective in work on amendments with nine straight successes in the last several elections.

Delegates urged that we must not miss the chance to do valuable voters service. Some believe we need the flexibility that is assured by keeping this item on the Current Agenda so we can review our old stands, especially on reapportionment. Delegates argued that because legislators depend on information from lobbyists, the League should provide it and should not leave this job to special interests. Proponents defined this item as most clearly reflecting the basic purpose of League.

Time to vote. A voice vote was all that was necessary for passage of the Indian item. A standing vote was called for the tax item, and it fell to defeat by a 141 to 159 margin. Because constitutional revision by amendment was a not-recommended item, it needed a ⅔ majority. With 278 voting, it passed 174 in favor, 104 against.

Discussion passed on to Continuing Responsibilities. The question of adding a "sex" amendment to CR 1 on Fair Employment Practices was brought up. After a few minutes of discussion and parliamentary maneuver-

ing, lack of support for addition of the "sex" factor to the general position seemed apparent, and the delegate withdrew her motion.

There was no further debate on CRs 2 and 3. Discussion on CR 4 ended with an amendment to shorten the item to read, "The LWV of Minnesota will support constitutional revision by convention." This was passed. Consideration of CR 5 on Indians was dropped because the item had already become part of the Current Agenda. The final not-recommended CR was amended to read, "The LWV will support the principles of home rule relating to realistic restrictions on special legislation and broader provisions for adoption and amendment of home rule charters."

All five Continuing Responsibilities were adopted by overwhelming majorities on voice votes. (Your entire state program for 1963-65 appears on p. 1.)

Final session brings direction

Guests at our luncheon session were three women legislators, Helen McMillan, Virginia Torgerson and Connie Burchett, and State Commissioner of Administration William Stevenson, the luncheon speaker. Mr. Stevenson congratulated the League for its willingness to be informed, to accept research answers, to take a stand, and for the courage to defend its positions. He spoke of the need for elected officials of high caliber and career government servants with competence and skill. He proposed a new project for the League—influencing able young people to go into government service and politics.

Program direction to the Board wound up the last session of the Convention. Delegates indicated they wished to follow the line of study brought out in Mrs. Watson's Indian presentation. Others asked that more of both sides of the issue be presented, particularly with respect to federal responsibility for Indians.

Varying directions for study of constitutional revision by amendment were received. Among these were interest in exploring the finance article of the constitution, re-examination of the home rule article, re-study of reapportionment, study of proposed amendments and articles to which they relate.

In answer to Mrs. Larry Murray's question of how to approach the taconite amendment, members had many responses. Delegates asked will this amendment "improve" the constitution whether or not we personally favor the amendment? Some thought we should strive to reach consensus on the amendment; others thought we might fulfill our obligation by doing a voters service job on it; some wanted direction from the Board, but there seemed to be general agreement that we should study the issue.

A standing ovation to our retiring president ended the Convention.

INDIAN CONSENSUS REACHED

Our new position on Indians derived from consensus of local Leagues was announced at Convention by the state Board.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for a declaration of state responsibility for Minnesota Indians and for an effective state agency to facilitate solutions to their problems.

The ultimate goal of all programs should be the self-sufficiency of the Indian population and acceptance into American life, but this acceptance or integration does not imply altering their reservation status or cultural patterns except as the Indians may desire it. It is to be accomplished on their own terms.

Responsibility of the federal government

In keeping with the goal stated above, we can expect an eventual reduction of federal services as self-sufficiency is achieved. Now, however, services must be extended. In view of the stated federal policy of eventual termination and of the mobility of the population, the land status requirement for federal services is unrealistic and should be abandoned. It could be replaced by a need criterion. Now an Indian leaving the reservation is penalized by losing federal services. A Bureau of Indian Affairs policy which states that services will be offered "when these services are not available from other sources" is narrow and ineffective. Programs should be designed not only to relieve individual suffering but to enable all Indians to raise their standard of living. As long as special services for Indians as Indians are needed, the federal government should share the expense.

Responsibility of the state

Indians are citizens of the state, and as such, the state is responsible for them as for all other citizens. This responsibility should be declared and assumed. Beyond this, Indians have unique problems not shared by other citizens. The state has a responsibility, administratively and financially, to contribute to their solution. Besides developing programs, the state has a responsibility to make full use of available federal services. If nationally, the financial burden should be shared by all states, on the state level, the burden should be shared by all counties. As a first step, the LWV supports an effective agency which would be acceptable to the Indians themselves, permanent, staffed by professionally qualified people, authorized to act in setting up, carrying out, and coordinating programs, empowered to utilize the services of other existing agencies, provided with adequate funds.

We favor eventual state administration of services for Indians with the federal government sharing the

financial burden, since it is our belief that the state is closer to the problem and has more to gain from its solution.

Mrs. H. J. Watson, Indian resource chairman, is gathering new members for her committee, especially those interested in action in the community. If you are interested, contact her at 2140 W. Hoyt Ave., St. Paul 8, or Mi. 5-3004.

HOPE WASHBURN AWARD

Final clue to the identity of the new Hope Washburn Award winner was given as Mrs. Frederick Winston, last year's winner, remarked that the recipient held the same League duties in which Hope Washburn herself had specialized—that of field service. The secret was out. Mrs. O. J. Janski had, so deservedly, won the award.

Each year since 1956 the award has been presented to the member who has done outstanding service to the League. It is the only League recognition of individual service.

Choice of the award winner springs from League grass roots tradition, with nominations coming from local Leagues and individuals. These suggestions are sent to the nominating committee which pares the list down to two finalists. Each nominating committee member makes her selection, in a secret ballot sent to the previous year's winner. Thus Mrs. Winston was the only one to know the identity of the winner until it was announced at the banquet.

A state Board veteran of six years, Irene Janski has held the post of organization or field service chairman—which she loves. All types of service to local Leagues—setting up workshops, board training, organizing new Leagues, planning—are her sphere of activities.

One of Irene's duties during the past year was following up the idea to use suburban Leagues in developing new provisional Leagues. Her kindness, understanding and feeling for problems of small and medium sized Leagues have added needed confidence to local League endeavors.

According to Irene an extra benefit of her League work is friendship with "the real fine people running the local Leagues." As she begins her fourth term on state Board, Irene undertakes a new job, that of administrative assistant to Mrs. Whiting.

Besides her League activities Irene is currently serving as president of the Minneapolis Council of Camp Fire Girls.

On receiving the award Irene commented, "It is unusual to get an award for doing something that is enjoyed so much. The reward is in working at the job itself."

GREETINGS

From Your New President

I speak for the members of your state Board of Directors when I say that it will be a tremendous challenge to serve you. We accept it humbly.

The effectiveness of the state League depends on each member in each local League. In the League as in this country we believe in the worth, the dignity and the capacity of the individual. As we participate in League meetings and in League activity we demonstrate self-government, U.S. style, in action. Each of us is working to dispel political apathy. This means then that collectively we will do what each of us alone is striving to accomplish.

Your state Board is charged with the responsibility of helping the individual to be an effective citizen. This is the base of all Board deliberations—whether we're analyzing the results of State Convention, figuring out how to improve unit meetings, planning new state resource material or carrying out any of the other responsibilities you have delegated to us in program, organization or finance.

As we carry out these responsibilities of leadership, we do not want to be set apart as "they." We are members too, just temporarily in places of leadership. We are happy to put in extra hours or extra weeks of our time to help the rest of the League members do the very best job possible.

We need to know your needs and wishes. We need the inspiration of association with all other individual members in the local Leagues. We would like to meet with and come to know all of you. We are not superwomen so we must compromise.

Each Board member will come to know five or six Leagues well. She will read your minutes. She will visit you—and not just Board meetings for she wants to know all of the members in the local Leagues assigned to her. She wants to hear from you, too.

This does not mean that only one state Board member will know you and your League because all Board members are interested in all of our local Leagues. It does mean that one Board member will know you better and will help you seek counsel and assistance in special areas as you may need them.

Through this close communication your state Board hopes to provide inspired leadership so we may all show progressive effectiveness in carrying out the purpose of the League of Women Voters.

Mrs. William W. Whiting

Convention . . . The Lighter Side

Designed to add change of pace to the more serious aspects of convention business were two delightful extras—the Wednesday presidents' luncheon and the professional entertainment at that evening's banquet.

The perils of being a local League president hit "too close to home" as presented in a skit at the luncheon. Falcon Heights talented Mrs. J. J. Jenkins and company began a typical president's day glued to the phone. While still on the telephone, she managed to get dressed, even wriggling into girdle and stockings. Finally in a flashy finish she swept the breakfast clutter into a suitcase—managed to close it—and was off to the meeting she had been trying so hard, via the phone, to get a substitute to attend.

Dudley Riggs Brave New Workshop, appearing at the banquet proved a most enjoyable prelude to the Hope Washburn Award presentation.

Specializing in political satire the actors appeared in vignettes ranging from candidates meetings to takeoffs on state and national figures.

The sincere candidate whose speech consisted of a winning smile and the simple words, "Mom's apple pie," really broke down the audience. Spoofs of current TV commercials presented J. Edgar Hoover championing "Crust" toothpaste—"The only *American* toothpaste;" Secretary of Defense McNamara telling the Army, "Please, General, I'd rather do it myself." Secretary of Agriculture Freeman mixed up a batch of Lilt with milk to use up those agricultural surpluses.

Suggested Summer Reading

The following books are recommended by Marion Watson as good background for the Indian item.

When the Legends Die, Hal Borland, published by Lippincott, 1963

The Gift Is Rich, E. Russell Carter, published by Friendship Press, 1955.

Sue Murray suggests *Politics in Minnesota*, Theodore Mitau, as always good reading.

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At the last state convention, the LWV of Minnesota adopted a "three" item agenda. In retrospect this was too wide a spread-- too much material to cover. Because of these feelings, Mrs. James Konsella and I have prepared the following flyer for all Minnesota Leagues.

I am enclosing this flyer so that the state Board will have knowledge of our action.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jerome Weigenant

Mrs. Jerome Weigenant
919 West Fourth
Red Wing, Minnesota

ATTENTION

ALL FRUSTRATED LEAGUERS



HAVE YOU THAT RUN-DOWN
FEELING? TIRED • CRANKY •
ON EDGE

THEN TRY RX: ONE ITEM
FOR STATE CURRENT AGENDA



The Red Wing League of Women Voters is
suggesting to the state Board that we
have but ONE Item on Current Agenda!!

Will you do the same? NOW !

Flyer: To all Minnesota local
Leagues

from
Red Wing League of WV
Mrs. Jerome Weigenant
919 West Fourth

Minnesota is allowed two delegates and one visitor to National Council.

MOTION: That Minnesota send Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Whiting as delegates, and Mrs. Janski as a visitor to National Council.

Mover: Mrs. Jensen. Second: Mrs. Watson. Carried.

All 10 Minnesota congressmen have been invited to "Coffee on the Hill" during National Council. Eight of the ten have accepted so far. The Washington correspondent of the Minneapolis press will be asked to take pictures to send back to Minneapolis.

Mrs. Wilson has resigned her staff position in the League office for reasons of health. Mrs. Anderson's personal letter of regret to Mrs. Wilson was read to the Board.

MOTION: Accept with deepest regret and fondest wishes, Mrs. Wilson's resignation.

Mover: Mrs. Duff. Second: Mrs. Isaksen. Carried.

CHICAGO CONFERENCE Mrs. Whiting reported that 30 Leagues were represented at the League Chicago Conference on Reapportionment. Minnesota representatives Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Whiting were proud of our expert in this field, Mrs. Stanley Kane, who also attended this meeting.

A resume of meetings, speakers, and panels was presented by Mrs. Whiting. Both representatives from the state Board felt that timing was poor within this conference.

STATE CONVENTION Mechanics of the convention were reviewed by Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Gordon Dhein of Hopkins, a former League member, will serve as parliamentarian and has asked no honorarium, just her expenses, for this service.

Mrs. Davidson will assist Mrs. White in recording convention minutes.

The workbook is to be similar to other years. Literature promoting a program item may not be distributed in the convention hall. State publications for sale will be given space in the back of the room. The planned overhead projector will not be used, as it is too difficult for amateurs to operate. Mrs. Thompson will pursue this matter further, searching for a simple-to-operate machine.

State Board members seated on the stage will vote in the same manner as all other delegates. It was suggested by Mrs. Berdie that Board members influenced some delegates by their rising votes. The decision was that a secret ballot for Board members would not be in the best interest of the League, and that others' rising votes influenced some delegates, also.

During the luncheon honoring local League presidents, state Board members will serve as hostesses and will be seated in a scattered manner throughout the dining room.

Mrs. Wash is making final arrangements with Dudley Riggs May 8th. She will review their rehearsal May 13th for their pre-banquet show for League's delegates.

STATE PROGRAM 2ND ROUND

Mrs. Zaidenweber reported on second round of program suggestions by local Leagues. Mrs. Zaidenweber and Mrs. Watson met as a committee to summarize and recommend program study items from local League suggestions.

A total of 22 local Leagues responded in this second round. Next is the summary of League suggestions in program fields:

Program Item	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	No Mention	Total League Mention
Taxes	9	2	0	11	11
Const. Amendments	9	3	2	8	14
Indians	13	1	1	7	15

General conclusions of the committee were:

Recommend a two item study: Indians and Constitutional Amendments.
Put the tax item as a non-recommended item.

A taconite amendment will be among the constitutional amendments to be studied if such an item is adopted, and since this is true, the Board felt that such a study could not be complete without a complete tax study for background. The CR's as proposed would cover other proposed amendments. For these reasons, the following recommendations for state program were made:

MOTION: The state Board recommends as program item I, "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian."
Mover: Mrs. Whiting. Second: Mrs. Zaidenweber. Carried.

MOTION: The state Board recommends as program item II, "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the tax structure of the State of Minnesota."
Mover: Mrs. Whiting. Second: Mrs. Thompson. Carried.

Convention workbook presentations will be prepared as follows:

Item I: Mrs. Jensen with help of Mrs. Watson
Item II: Mrs. Wright

MOTION: The proposed CR's be as stated in the first round of program suggestions.
Mover: Mrs. Whiting. Second: Mrs. Zaidenweber. Carried.

Convention presentations were assigned as follows:

Item I: Indians - Mrs. Watson
Item II: Taxes - Mrs. Wright
CR's: Miss Shimmin

Official negatives to be ready for convention presentation, if voted consideration at convention, were assigned as follows:

Constitutional Amendments: Mrs. Murray
Election Laws: Miss Shimmin

WOMEN IN THE LABOR FORCE The Board was circularized on the briefing for this consensus. Following thorough discussion on all aspects of this consensus, this motion was made:

MOTION: Recommend we do not take a position on "Women in the Labor Force" for these reasons:
1. Inadequate study as revealed by comments.
2. Disinterest as shown by less than usual response and by comments and lack of understanding by local Leagues.
Mover: Mrs. Watson. Second: Mrs. Murray. Carried.

GOVERNOR-LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
CONSENSUS

Mrs. Murray reported on results of questionnaires sent to local Leagues concerning the proposed amendment to put candidates for governor-lieutenant governor on a joint party ballot. 44 Leagues responded, and all voted "yes." 20 were unanimous, 10 very strong, others "yes."

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LWV CRUSADE * OF 1963-65?

***Crusade: "Any remedial enterprise undertaken with zeal and enthusiasm." (Webster)**

Will you spark the League crusade of 1963-65 with your suggestion for state Program?

The state Lively Issues committee has filled this *Voter* edition with *questions* to kindle your fire. We have tried to think of some—but not all—of the questions. You may not want to answer the questions we have posed. Life—and state government—is full of unanswered questions; what are yours? What makes you exclaim, in righteous indignation: *There ought to be a law*? What kind of law? What do the experts, other states, other citizens say about it? What can League do about it? Do you want to know? Suggest it for League Program!

Other sources you may wish to consult in gathering questions are:

- The 1961-63 Current Agenda publications—*Constitutional Commentary* and *Problems of Discrimination*. Should a new Current Agenda item grow from the constitutional revision or discrimination work?
- September-October 1960 *Lively Issues Voter* has discussions of welfare, reorganization of state government, consumer credit, water conservation, retirement plans,

civil defense, constitutional revision, human rights, juvenile delinquency, taxation, and education.

• *Facts* about the LWV of Minnesota 1919 to 1961. This booklet will remind you that the LWV state Program emphasis over the years has, generally speaking, shifted from an interest in causes related to women and children to an interest in the structure and operation of government. Should we give more attention to some of the less "pure government" state issues of today, such as welfare programs or adult and juvenile correctional programs or highway safety measures or even highway billboard regulation?

You may find your favorite cause missed mention either above or in the following articles. If so, don't fail to talk it up in your unit, your League. *None* of the subjects mentioned in this writing will be among the Program suggestions unless *you* bring them out at Program-making meetings. This committee is not peddling a particular Program. But it does hope to encourage your "zeal and enthusiasm" for a 1963-65—or longer?—crusade.

Lively Issues Committee

HOME RULE:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Is there a way to handle governmental problems which impinge upon several units of government and still maintain some semblance of local self-government?

Home rule is a rhetorical political rallying cry, a piece of legal terminology, but most of all it is a *philosophy* which requires that everything which *can* be done at the local level *should* be done at the local level by a local authority. The traditional concept of municipal home rule presupposed a city or village as an independent corporation surrounded by open country. Its popularity as a concept in the late 19th and early 20th centuries stemmed in large part from the need cities felt to free themselves from rural dominated legislatures. Municipalities clamored for the authority to draft their own charters.

Freedom from State

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TROUBLED WATERS

In the Twin Cities area a threat of widespread pollution of ground water supply has forced the question of cooperation among municipalities—in this case on sewage disposal. The sanitary district issue is a matter of several aspects, home rule being one. It is pertinent to League thinking on state Program making to describe here the situation League is in concerning metropolitan sanitary district proposals:

• Can the metropolitan Leagues affected act on a sanitary district proposal under authorization of the national Program? The national LWV water resources position includes support of "machinery appropriate to each region which provides coordinated planning and administration." The special metropolitan area water committee will probably try to decide this winter if it should ask the state and national Boards for approval

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HOME RULE (cont.)

But today one incorporated municipality controls a specific land area butted by another (or several) corporate municipalities in the midst of some urban sprawl. Today most units of government are both artificial and

State Help?

ineffectual vis-a-vis the density and scope of many of their problems. This is true not only in the metropolitan complex but also in the more rural areas. A community too small to provide a service by itself must find ways to bridge its autonomy and join with other communities to provide the service or it will be provided at a higher level of government. Increasingly few communities, regardless of size, can handle such services as water supply (see *Troubled Waters*) without regard for their neighbors. So we have come full cycle. Municipalities are turning for help to their state legislatures. What does this mean to League thinking on home rule?

Our position in the Minnesota LWV has been in the tradition of freeing the municipality from interference by the state legislature. We were concerned with control of special legislation and easing requirements for adopting and amending charters. What background does this give

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us for action on possible legislation affecting special law consent policy? If a special law affects eight, nine, or a dozen units of local government, how many should have to approve it before it goes into effect? A simple majority of the units involved, a majority of the voters in the total area, some extraordinary majority, or all the units involved? In any one of these cases, what happens to local self-government? Is the path you would wish to follow in the tradition of home rule as the LWV knew it? Do we have a position at all?

An examination of local home rule today cannot escape also giving attention to the fiscal plight of municipal government. Because of its limited revenue-raising authority, local government is highly dependent on state and federal aid for money to carry out its services with resultant weakening of local authority. Should municipal governments be permitted to levy nonproperty taxes such as local sales tax or local income tax? Should these taxes be locally levied and state collected and remitted to the municipalities? How can this matter of fiscal dependence and home rule be reconciled?

Fiscal Dependence

Minnesota political scientist William Anderson says he foresees a pseudo-federal structure with division of powers and functions between an area-wide authority to deal with problems which need to be dealt with on that basis, and a number of local authorities within that larger area which would continue to handle problems that could be dealt with locally.

What do you foresee? Does a meaningful position on home rule today mean returning the subject to the Current Agenda?

TROUBLED WATERS (cont.)

to act on sewage district proposals in the 1963 legislature.

● Is the sanitary district issue a problem to be dealt with by the new League metropolitan council? The spirit of metropolitan cooperation is being tested by the sanitary district question. So far, the spirit has lagged when specific problems of fair representation on a district board or fair compensation for the Twin Cities' existing facilities have been discussed. What is a fair, democratic approach to metropolitan cooperation? What are alternative metropolitan procedures? Work plans for the new LWV metropolitan council include studies of those questions.

● Or are the implications of pollution control and water supply planning so broad that only state authority can provide effective guidelines and enforcement? What would it mean to community growth all over the state if a state agency had full authority to enforce pollution standards? Where will be the new source of water supply for the metropolitan area and how will it affect "out-state" communities?

No. 1 Health Problem

Understaffing, overcrowding, and archaic concepts of care in buildings which are scandalous are nationwide problems in mental health care. What of Minnesota?

The inadequacies of Minnesota's institutions for the mentally ill were harshly exposed during Governor Youngdahl's term when a citizens' committee discovered conditions bordering on the infamous *Snake Pit*. Several reforms were instituted then, but gradually public indifference deadened the response to calls for action. A glance at the situation today reveals both light and dark passages.

The darkest shadow is cast by the low ratio of hospital personnel to patients: one psychiatrist for 500 patients, one psychologist for 414, one social worker for 315, and one nurse for 156.

A brighter spot is that since 1957 there has been a decrease from 11,000 patients to just over 8,000 today. This trend reflects the benefits of tranquilizing drugs which enable patients to live satisfactorily at home or to be treated elsewhere.

A significant step forward is the community health center program. The health center gives out-patient treatment to adults and children with emotional problems. Sixteen existing centers are available to 63 percent of the state's population.

In a study of ten midwestern states in 1957-58, Minnesota ranked seventh in the amount spent per patient

per day—\$3.83. (The high was \$5.72, low \$3.03.) Compare this figure with the average cost for a patient in a general hospital—\$31 per day.

Children One of the weakest links in the state's mental health program—adequate facilities for disturbed youngsters—will be strengthened with the completion in 1963 of a \$5 million treatment center.

Controversy A controversy that is still raging was generated by the 1961 legislature when it altered hospital administrative organization. The change from psychiatrist superintendents to lay administrators as chief executive officers of the hospitals has made sparks fly. A necessary step, say the proponents: since there are so few psychiatrists available, their time should be devoted to patient care, not to house-keeping details such as counting sheets and inspecting plumbing. Not so, say those who opposed the change: every decision in the hospital affects patient care.

Is every safeguard afforded a mentally ill person in the legal process of commitment that places him in an institution? Experienced observers say abuse is rare, but the possibility of "railroading" or "frame up" does exist in commitment procedure. Any "reputable resident" may file a commitment petition in probate court; if the

Civil Rights story of the person's behavior convinces the court, a sheriff may be directed to pick him up, day or night, without warning to the person and without his appearance before the court. Other questions of legal rights occur with the deprivation of voting rights, the difficulty of re-establishing such rights after discharge, and the lack of statutory protection for visiting rights and periodic examinations.

Legislation in 1963 will probably be concerned with increased appropriations for new programs for after care of discharged patients, training, research and additional staff. (Mental health services in Minnesota in 1961 cost over \$50 million.)

Should we examine the nation's number one health problem—mental illness? Are standards of care and mental institutions still "the shame of the state"?

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EDUCATION:

Dozens of Issues

Program suggestions could dissect the almost limitless expanse of the education field in a variety of ways. Within the framework of the question, "Can League study on this problem lead to legislative action?", the following subdivisions of education contain problems which are current and pressing on the people of Minnesota. Either singly or in groupings these questions may suggest CA items for the coming biennium:

● FINANCES. How are education needs accommodated in the tax structure and the local tax picture? What does the "state aid" plan mean to taxpayers and school districts? Are there indigenous difficulties in the state income tax? Is there a problem in the financing of public education which relates directly to local assessment practices? Is the current method of meeting costs a hand-to-mouth operation?

● POLICIES. What is the relationship between the state legislature and the state Board of Education? What is the relationship between the Board and the Department of Education? How is the program of the local school district guided by state education policies? How do non-government groups such as education organizations and community groups manifest their concern with public education?

● HIGHER EDUCATION. How can public higher education most effectively meet new demands of swelling enrollments and changing programs? What is the nature and extent of coordination, cooperation and planning in higher education? How does an intelligent solution to these problems relate to the taxpayer?

● SECONDARY EDUCATION. How can the growing number of students attending high school and the expanding courses necessary to educate individuals to function in a complex society be reconciled with the resources of individual school districts?

● ELEMENTARY EDUCATION. How can we deal with the urgent problem of teacher supply? How can the elementary education program best provide the substantial foundations necessary for secondary and higher education?

● SPECIALIZED EDUCATION. How can state education policies stimulate local school districts to accelerate programs for gifted children? How can the state provide the most effective programs for the handicapped?

● SPECIAL NEEDS. Aside from the current programs of secondary and higher education, is there a need for expanded technical and vocational facilities and programs? With the programs which now exist, is there need to encourage the maximum utilization of the talents of educated women? Is there need to project educational planning

beyond current existing levels to accommodate individuals in a society in which leisure and longevity are growing?

● DISTRICT REORGANIZATION. How can the consolidation of school districts into efficient and effective units be advanced? (In the past, League has supported this reform.)

● ROLE OF THE STATE. In view of the American conception of education being the responsibility of local government, what is the proper role of state government? Are there

TAXATION: The Perennial Issue

[Editor's Note: The author of this article notes: "When the need for increased revenues arises, the question of who should pay what taxes generates controversy, many times accompanied by a great deal of emotional thinking." She follows that statement with a description of the tax issues in Minnesota which is remarkable for both its unemotion and its clarity. Read it and be enlightened on a formidable subject.]

Taxes are necessary to produce money to:

1. carry on the functions of government,
2. provide the services which government offers. Minnesota taxes are higher than many states because costs are higher, and we spend more on schools and welfare. Chief expenditures are for schools, welfare and highways.

Schools During fiscal 1962 the state contributed \$134 million to school districts and counties for primary and secondary school purposes. Local school districts are having difficulty raising adequate sums for their needs. How are we going to meet the problem of the rising cost of education?

Welfare Even with federal aid, Minnesota uses considerable state funds for welfare. With the spread of social security payment, needs for old age assistance may decrease, but other welfare programs may remain about the same as our population increases. There is demand for enlarged programs for health, hospitals and mental health which would necessitate more money.

Highways With the growth of the metropolitan area and increased use of automobiles, there is demand for more and better highways. The state advanced nearly \$29 million to counties and municipalities for highway use in 1961. The state highway fund has over \$62 million from gasoline taxes, but even with the addition of federal funds this is not enough to meet the demands upon it.

Reform Some progress has been made in implementing tax reform suggested in the 1956 report of the Governor's Minnesota Tax Study Committee. Income tax withholding was adopted by the 1961 legislature. It went into effect in the last quarter of 1961, so 1962 will be the first full year of operation. By early 1963 we should know if it increases the tax yield and uncovers former tax dodgers.

contradictions in practice of this fundamental American idea?

Most Leaguers would concede that the partnership of the state with the local government in the great American invention—mass public education—is indeed a lively issue. Can we narrow this broad field down to League agenda proportions, clarify the intent of an item and make explicit plans for productive study and action?

Two of the remaining recommendations still to be considered are the elimination of the personal property tax and the equalization of assessments:

The personal property tax is criticized on many counts: it puts Minnesota business in an unfavorable competitive position with the rest of the country; it is a burden to business; it is a bar to establishment of new business in the state; it is almost impossible to make equitable assessments of personal property; businesses requiring much equipment or large inventories bear an unreasonably large tax burden. But the tax is likely to be retained because local governments and school districts could not manage financially unless some other means of obtaining at least as much revenue were found. Substitution of the average yearly inventory for the May first date might remove some of the present inequities.

Equalization of Assessments Professional assessors maintain that selling price does not necessarily establish a "full and true" value. Statewide studies show that there is divergence in estimating "full and true" value in relation to market price between various tax jurisdictions; this results in taxes being relatively higher in some places than others. It makes for even greater inequities on the state's portion of the property tax and in those school aids which are based on assessment values. A recent court decision in Duluth implies that a property owner is entitled to the same ratio of assessment as the lowest ratio used for property in the county. This decision means that assessments should be equal and defines the county as the taxing district. The case is being appealed to the state Supreme court; if it is upheld it will have far-reaching effects on local revenues.

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The state shares 39 percent of its revenues with local governments. See the *Home Rule* article for questions brought up by dependence of local units on the state for increased revenue.

As a new source of revenue, the sales tax is often mentioned. Some business groups have been advocating it as a replacement for the personal property tax; they claim that a sales tax would yield additional revenue, too. Though this tax is widely used by many states, it generates much political controversy when it is discussed in Minnesota. Its proponents have been advocating it since 1935, and its opponents have been resisting it successfully since then, mainly on the grounds that it is regressive. Can we continue to avoid using it, or is it inevitable?

New Source: Sales Tax Another tax matter that is not much in the news these days is our use of special taxes for special funds. Minnesotans seem to like the system though it is not recommended by students of government finance.

Do you want an unemotional view of tax problems? Should League seek agreement on the need for and the means of state tax reform?

Inefficient, Expensive JUDICIARY?

"There is ample evidence that the public is dissatisfied with the slowness, inefficiency and expense now attendant in our judicial process." (From a report of the section on court organization and administration of the Minnesota Bar Association.)

Further evidence of dissatisfaction appeared at the LWV State Council meeting in May when the judicial article of the Constitution was frequently mentioned as one for League attention. Since court organization is a statutory as well as a constitutional matter, judicial reorganization might well furnish a separate CA item.

As early as 1906, Roscoe Pound attacked the inefficiency and rigidity of the state court systems. He set forth principles of unification, flexibility, conservation of manpower and judicial responsibility that have served as guidelines through the years, culminating in reforms such as the new judicial article that was added to the Minnesota Constitution in 1956. But public apathy combined with the opposition of various members of the bar and the judiciary itself has made court reform across the nation a slow project. For example, in Minnesota, the justice of the peace was eliminated as a constitutional office in 1956, yet such courts still persist through failure of the legislature to enact reform legislation.

In accordance with the thinking of legal leaders across

the country, a section of the Minnesota Bar endorsed the following principles in its 1962 report:

- A **UNIFIED COURT**. A modern concept of justice could be better served by the elimination of justice of the peace, municipal and probate courts, with their overlapping jurisdiction, and their replacement with a single court sitting in geographical districts.

- AN **INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY**. All judges should be lawyers, work full time as judges, and their selection and tenure should be as far removed from the field of politics as possible. A plan to accomplish removal from politics, put forth by another section of the Minnesota Bar, is as follows:

1. Provide by statute under our present constitution for the selection of Supreme Court and district court judges by the governor. The governor would fill vacancies from a list of three names submitted to him by an impartial judicial commission of seven persons: the chief justice of the Supreme Court, three lawyers chosen by the Bar Association and three persons who need not be lawyers appointed by the governor. District commissions would be similar.

2. Provide by constitutional amendment that after a judge has been appointed, he shall serve until the first general election held more than a year after the appointment, and that then and for succeeding terms his name shall be submitted to the electorate without competing candidates. The vote would be on the question of whether he should be retained in office.

As one of the three branches of American government, the judiciary plays a role important to every citizen. What do you think of these reform ideas? Could League make a contribution to citizen understanding and action in this area?

What about the LEGISLATURE?

While we're asking ourselves how to deal with the wide range of state issues, we might also ask how effectively does the *legislature* cope with modern state government?

A recent study* of legislative processes and procedures across the nation notes:

"The state governments in this century have experienced a tremendous expansion of their budgets, personnel and programs. They have been called upon to face a widening spectrum of problems—social and economic affairs, education, institutional care and welfare, industrial expansion and resource development, transportation, metropolitan

* *American State Legislatures in the Mid-twentieth Century*, report of the committee on legislative processes and procedures of the National Legislative Conference.

areas, relationships between persons in a society, and many others."

Some political scientists believe state legislative methods are not suited to this complicated world. Some examples:

- **RESEARCH**. The "ability to face the demands of the present day will be determined largely by the quality, quantity, and integrity of those who assist lawmakers." State legislators do not have office staffs as national congressmen do. In Minnesota, a permanent committee of the legislature, the Legislative Research Committee which is staffed by a research director and four research analysts, can study and compile information in any area in which the legislature may make laws, but it cannot make recommendations. Another research aid is the interim committee—a committee of legislators often staffed with professional research help, working between sessions on a specific problem with the goal of proposing remedies. But the 1961 legislature failed to vote money for the operation of *any* interim committees for the 1961-63 interim.

- **RECORDS**. "When the public lacks authoritative information as to the steps and reasoning by which a legislative body has reached its conclusion, public regard for the body itself suffers." As the session of the Minnesota legislature proceeds, no one can see it totally—not the legislators themselves or newsmen or citizen observers. Even a post-analysis is impossible because:

1. No records are kept of debate in committees or on the floor of the House or Senate.

2. Bills are printed after they have been reported out of committee, after public hearing, after they have had their second reading—just before they are placed on general orders.

3. The *Legislative Manual*, packed with information about the legislators and committees, is published *after* the session.

- **COMMITTEES**. "Committees should be reduced in number in many states . . . due regard should be given to organizing committees on the basis of related subject matter, equalization of work-load, cooperation between legislative houses, and reduction in undue committee burden on individual members." In the nation's state legislatures, the median number of House standing committees is 23. Minnesota has 34. The median number of Senate standing committees equals Minnesota's 20.

If the number of committees on which an individual legislator serves is too high, "he is faced almost inevitably with conflicting committee meetings; he cannot . . . become really familiar with any single area or aspect of state government; he cannot render a thoughtful contribution at the key 'committee' stage of bill consideration." Some of Minnesota's senators serve on as many as ten committees, some on less than four.

Is the effectiveness of the legislature in decline? Should we take a closer look at the organization and operation of the legislative process?

ARE YOU?

- Wearing—and handing out—those blue and white "VOTE YES 3 TIMES" buttons? * They are great conversation starters. One ingenious gal made two of them into earrings! Used with the question and answer brochure,* they make it easy to explain the amendments and tell people the League is backing *all* of them.

- Volunteering to speak to small groups who want amendment information? For 7¢ you can get excellent LWV material tailored for speakers.*

- Offering to help your League do a bang-up voters service job—distributing amendment flyers,* working in an information booth, assisting with a candidates meeting, or whatever?

- Reminding people to register by October 16?

- Talking *issues*? Knowing how incumbents voted? (Refer to LWV Congressional and Legislative Roll Calls * for key votes.)

Blank Ballots Could Lick Us

The No. 1 League job this fall is to assure passage of *all* the amendments—not just No. 2, or No. 1, or No. 3—but ALL of them. The state debt amendment (No. 2) seems to have the best organized support. Many of you are cooperating in this joint effort. Fine, but don't neglect the other two.

The lack of organized opposition could lull us into thinking all is well. That would be a mistake. Failure to vote on the amendments—those blank ballots—could defeat them. It has happened before. It happened to the school bond issue in Minneapolis September 11. Our job is to get a majority of those voting in the election to vote FOR the three amendments November 6.

* Available from your local League or the state office, 15th and Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14.

January 19, 1962

MEMO to State Lively Issues Committee

FROM Sue Seymour, (TU 1-1508) 2600 W. 102 St.

Meeting: January 31, 12 noon, Faculty Club (Dutch Treat Lunch). Please let me know if you can be there.

Proposed Outline of Work:

I. January committee meeting to discuss:

General format for Lively Issues edition

Interviews with leaders in other state organizations with legislative program and in government

Tentative list of issues

II. March committee meeting to discuss:

Final list of issues

Assignments to committee members

III. Deadline for articles -- June?

Please bring to the meeting:

- I. Criticisms and suggestions on general form and approach of the "Lively Issues" method of helping program making. See National Voter October 1961 and October 1959, and Minnesota Voter Sept.-Oct. 1960
- II. Thoughts on interviewing leaders (mentioned above) in hopes of coming up with new ideas. Who?

The following material, though of course familiar to you, is put together here for your handy reference as members of this committee.

- I. Principles, see last page of enclosed national FACTS
- II. State Board Handbook quote: "The state Board may, through its Resource people, prepare material on a number of the most likely subjects, areas of serious concern to the public at the time. This material should be presented as a starting place for member thinking but need not include every possibility (and this should be noted). Subjects chosen should be sufficiently described so as to be meaningful. The material should certainly not include suggestions which would fail to meet the criteria for a good item. The state Board should be aware that by its very selection of subject it may influence the results. While the Board should be intelligent and conscientious enough to assume this responsibility, care should be taken to guard against unnecessarily affecting choices. No 'loaded' material, please.".....The criteria for a Program item given in the Local League Handbook may be applied to state Program as well. In accordance with the By-laws a League must find authorization in the Principles for a Current Agenda item. It must be a matter which can be solved primarily through state government."
- III. For Program Criteria, see enclosed sheet from Local LWV Handbook.

If you want parking reservations, let state office know by Jan 25-

The criteria are:

1. Does it come within the Principles of the League of Women Voters?
2. Is it a governmental problem?
3. Is the problem one which state government can solve?
4. Is it the best time to take up the proposed item?
5. Is the problem basic or only a part of a larger problem?
6. What would be the source of public funds if they are necessary to carry the proposed item to successful conclusion?
7. Can the League offer a solution, or work toward a solution?
8. Will it give League members good experience in citizen action and provide a good combination of exploratory work and action?
9. Has the League sufficient knowledge, manpower, and funds to carry out the proposal? When it is added to the local League's responsibility for local and national programs will the program load be too heavy?
10. Will the League duplicate unnecessarily the work of other organizations? Is there another organization better adapted to do the job?
11. Is this the area in which the League can make its most valuable contribution to the state?
12. What is the present attitude of the state toward the problem? If it is unpopular, does the League have the strength and know-how to handle it successfully?
13. Will all sections of the state be interested in the problem? Will it bring together diverse groups?
14. Is there likelihood of some tangible success?
15. Will it involve decisions of a professional or technical nature which the League is not equipped to make?

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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MINNEAPOLIS 14, MINNESOTA

DATE May 10, 1962

Office

I was glad to speak to you at the registration desk at National Convention and now am finally following up with the promised note. I think the Lively Issues committee needs the advice of the state CR person and I hope you might like to serve on the committee or at least attend our next meeting May 24 or, failing that, talk to me at Council next week. (I expect to be there for the workshops Thursday morning.) The May 24 meeting will be our second, and I hope, last meeting with the main purpose of that meeting to settle on a list of issues for the Lively Issues edition of the Voter in Sept.-Oct. I'm having the office send you a copy of the committee memo for that meeting so you will know what it is about. You will see from that that one of our definite Lively Issues will be "a new look" at home rule which Jan Sigford will write. As for any other Lively Issue ideas growing from the CR's, I am blank and that is what I hope you can think about a help us with. See you at Council.

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May 12, 1962

MEMO TO LIVELY ISSUES COMMITTEE MEMBERS: _____

FROM Sue Seymour RE our next meeting, and assignments

LIVELY ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING, May 24, Thursday, noon, Faculty Club in Coffman Union. Call state office for garage reservations, new number is 373-2959. Office is closed during State Council, May 16-17, so perhaps sending card in is good idea.

At our January meeting we agreed, I believe:

1. The Lively Issues edition of the Voter should again be the Sept. October one.
2. Fewer than a dozen issues should be written about, with perhaps more ideas simply listed.
3. Current program should not be included as part of the Lively Issues edition, since it has been well covered in other ways.
4. We discussed how the articles should be handled, and that an outline from me would be helpful to the writers. I made these points at the meeting and don't have any amendments to them:
 - a. Suggest basic questions that arise from the issues, rather than simply describing history of the problem area.
 - b. Be specific about possible legislative remedies
 - c. Be lively, if possible, by citing an example of controversy engendered by an issue.
5. We talked about the following issues, but did not settle on a list for our use. That is what we will have to do May 24th.
A new look at home rule, state & local govt. relationships (Jan will do this)
Consumer protection
Billboards
Higher education, dispersion of junior colleges (Lil will do if she has to!)
School redistricting
Welfare, ADC program, county-township systems
Pensions
Reorganization of state government
Mental Health (Esther Wattenberg will do this)
Civil Service, veterans preference, professional jobs

Deadline for articles to be gotten to me will be August 1. I am trying to have a couple of new members at this meeting and we will arrange to have only one assignment for each writer.

The following lists may help in making our final list. I also have and will show you a list of subjects covered by Governor's advisory committees, commissions and councils.

LISTS OF POSSIBILITIES

Not recommended items from 1955, 1957, 1959 and 1961:

Occurring 4 times: Tax study, including sales tax, sources of revenue, overall tax structure, gasoline tax, dedicated funds, personal property tax, Governor's tax commission report, withholding tax, broadening of tax base, analysis of revenues and expenditures, more efficient methods of collecting, equalizing and distributing tax money (these items not all mentioned each time.)

Youth conservation: juvenile problems and correctional system

Conservation or water: study of Minnesota water with emphasis on pollution and conservation of supply.

Occurring 3 times: School financing: including state aids, use of occupational tax for current needs, dedicated funds, higher education, educational standards, control of public schools.

Civil Service; veterans preference

Highway safety laws: traffic safety factors with regard to

a) law enforcement, b) licensing of drivers, c) highway planning, d) citizen educ.

Reorganization of state government: Little Hoover report

Occurring 2 times: Judiciary: judicial article, juvenile court problems, reorganization and reforms

Library services

Home rule

Civil Defense

Consumer protection

Occurring 1 time: State aids for gifted children, state budgets, welfare, home rule for counties, election laws-requirements for voting and registration procedure, metropolitan plan of government, states rights, aid to distressed areas, school district reorganization, legislative reorganization-annual sessions, mental health, state hospitals, St. Lawrence waterway, penal systems, needs of aged.

Proposals for studies by the Legislative Research Committee for the 1961-62 interim include these subjects:

- ...water utilization in industrial and air cooling systems
- ...Equalization Aid Review Committee's methods of determining property values in school districts
- ...Comparison of U of M with other Big Ten U's in academic salaries, faculty-student ratios, classroom utilization, tuition and fees, legislative approaches used in other states in making budget allocations
- ...duplication of functions within Department of Conservation and between it and other state agencies, also state parks and recreation
- ...fiscal operation of Railroad and Warehouse Commission
- ...pilot taconite direct reduction plant in Northern Minnesota
- ...24% overrun law dealing with butterfat, state meat inspection, oleo tax and coloring, a proposed agricultural commodity marketing act
- ...fee system as it pertains to elected county officials
- ...operations and charges of private employment agencies
- ...aid to dependent children, in relation to federal legislation
- ...hospital rates and charges
- ...enabling legislation for counties joining for detention facilities
- ...allocation of state funds for hospitals
- ...lowering voting age to 18 years.

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In addition to those you mentioned such as John Cowles Sr, Otto Christenson, Bob & Clint Hess etc. etc. the committee may want to consider consulting:

Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, Dr. Charles Backstrom, Gov. Andersen, Judge L. Howard Bennett, Val Bjornson, Mrs. Wright Brooks, Dr. Ralph Fjelstad, Mrs. Kermit Haugen, Mrs. Charles Hymes, Mrs. Geri Joseph, Orville Peterson, Al Gallop (ex. sec. Minn. Ed. Assn.), Dr. Ted Mitau, Art Naftalin, Rabbi Plaut, Barb Stuhler, Dr. Lloyd Short, J. Cameron Thomson, Dave Winton, Dr. Reuben Youngdahl

Also you might throw in the comment from Phil Duff after our last convention: very disappointed we didn't get into the tax picture. Our group is one of the few in the state which could shed more light than heat on the issue and then cause something to be done about it, says he.

March 1, 1963

MEMO TO STATE BOARD:

Please read the attached information on Proposed State Program, which is intended for Local Leagues (plus enough copies for each unit to have one.).

RETURN IT TO STATE OFFICE BY 10 A.M., TUESDAY MORNING, March 5th. Banderson will work on it Tuesday, and it will be mailed soon after.

Irene and Grace worked on the Proposed CR portion, under pressure and very fast, and we would very much appreciate your looking at the CR portion critically, to help us.

Not included is list of non-recommended items, which Grace will get out of program folder.

Also not included is criteria for choosing program, which was included two years ago. Could do so again.

MEMO TO STATE BOARD FROM ANNETTE WHITING:

The following questions relating to the political vitality of our state are the basis for a panel discussion on which I am participating at the Chicago Conference. I would appreciate your bringing your ideas, comments, answers, etc. in writing to the March Board meeting so that we will have the thinking of the entire Board rather than of two or three members. I realize you are all mighty busy right now but this is "extra curricular" activity that should be challenging and fun.

How would you evaluate the political vitality of Minnesota? For example, is it coping with today's problems, is it providing for its citizens those services which are needed and desired, does it move forward or does it go from crisis to crisis providing partial solutions to problems on a piecemeal and unplanned basis, is government providing the needed framework for increasing the vigor, and strength of the state as a whole? What ~~part~~ share does the apportionment of our legislature play in promoting or failing to promote a politically vital state? How would you suggest the League might help promote political vitality?

Lois Mann

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the state Constitution.

This item would include study and consensus on the amendments which will appear on the 1964 ballot as well as continued support for our old positions under constitutional revision. These positions include:

1. A fair and enforceable reapportionment amendment.
2. Clearly fixed executive responsibility (this includes fewer elective offices, constitutional/^{al} provision for an executive budget ~~and joint~~ and joint election of governor and lieutenant governor.)
3. Post auditor responsible to the Legislature.
4. Adequate length of legislative session.
5. Easing the amending process by changing the majority required for ratification to a majority of those voting on the question.
6. Broader provisions for adoption and amendment of home rule charters.

If Leagues wish to study proposed amendments on the 1964 ballot this item must be a Current Agenda. However, it is possible that some of the amendments which might be on the ballot would be included in our old positions and would not require further study (amending process and joint election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor) One which surely will be on the ballot and would need League study would be the tasconite tax amendment.

If our position on Home Rule were threatened by an amendment in 1965 session we would be able to study this item further under this Current Agenda.

There was no clear directive for study of any particular article of the Constitution under this Current Agenda.

Item: The LNW of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

Ordinarily we devote two years to a Current Agenda item. Because of the multiplicity of the discrimination item adopted in 1961, we find we have had less than a year to devote to what investigation has revealed to be a complex problem in the Indian study. Our consensus at most can lead us to support of a declaration of responsibility by the state of Minnesota and the establishment of a state agency to represent the state government in cooperative efforts by various levels of government to solve Indian problems. We will not be able to support any specific legislation. Because of member interest shown in this new study, because of interest it has generated in the community and because further study in depth will allow us to take more specific action, we are recommending that the item be continued.

What Continuing Responsibilities are: State Continuing Responsibilities are state governmental issues which League members have studied and on which positions have been established by consensus. They are "unfinished business" on which the LWV may continue to act using the same kinds of action as are used for Current Agenda items. The positions, however, cannot be changed while the issues remain on the CRs of State Program. The range of a CR may be narrowed by the membership, but never expanded.

The State Board Proposes the following CRs:

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support adequately financed commission administration of legislation to insure employment on merit, non-discrimination in transactions involving real property and equal access to public accommodations.
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support party designation for legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures, and voting.
3. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interests.
4. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support constitutional revision by ~~amendment~~ amendment or convention to provide: an easier amending process, fair and enforceable reapportionment, clearly fixed executive responsibility, a post auditor, and legislative sessions of adequate length.

By way of explanation:

1. This CR position is based on consensus of local Leagues in May, 1962, and was expressed in State Board Minutes as follows: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota opposes discriminatory practices which deny rights to any citizen on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin or age. Anti-discrimination legislation, enforced by commission administration, is a necessary means of eliminating such discrimination."

"This means support of:

- a. Administration by the State Commission Against Discrimination of the public accommodations law.
- b. An age amendment to the employment law.
- c. Increased funds and personnel to SCAD.
- d. Support of the 1961 amendment regarding real property and the establishment of SCAD.
- e. Following the operation of all these laws with an eye to strengthening or improvement. We want built in flexibility to support changes which more closely approximate the ideal."

for Legislators

2. The CR position on Party Designation/dates back to 1952; the League has lobbied actively for P.D. in each session of the Legislature. In 19 the LWV agreed that if county officials were included in a Party Designation bill, the LWV would not actively support this provision but such a bill would be acceptable to the League. If Party Designation for Legislators is not passed by the 1963 Legislature, we would work actively for it in the 1965 session, and on and on into the future!

(taken in 1960)

The CR on Campaign Practices (formerly called Corrupt Practices) includes complete reporting of all money actually spent in elections, bringing the volunteer committee under more control, and raising obsolete limits on campaign spending.

which dates back to 1960

The CR on Election Procedures and Voting includes centralized responsibility for election procedures, making provision for people who do not meet the 30-day residence requirement, providing for an otherwise qualified voter to vote for president and vice-president before he meets residence requirements, extending registration to smaller

municipalities, counties or state, and giving more latitude to local councils in determining qualifications and number of election judges. This position also includes continuing support of the open primary election and opposition to lowering voting age and raising filing fees.

3. The CR to regulate lobbying and conflict of interest, arrived at in 1960, includes following positions: disclosure of name and address of lobbyist, name of employer, nature of legislature with which he is concerned, nature of activities in which he engages, amount of money contributed to his lobbying action and by whom, and terms of his employment. The CR position on conflict of interest includes: financial disclosure of sources and amounts of income related to public service, on the spot disclosure of personal interest in legislation, prohibitions against certain incompatible activities.

Q. Last biennium this CR read: "Constitutional Revision by Convention." This wording has been expanded to include a listing of our present positions on Constitutional Revision, arrived at through the years since 1948, when this item was first on the State Agenda.

QUESTION TO STATE BOARD: Do you think that our Home Rule position, "Broader provisions for adoption and amendment of home rule charters," should be added to the above? No

MEMO to State Board

(1)

February 15, 1963

FROM Committee, D.Zaidenweber, I.Janski, P.Wash, plus Grace

RE PROGRAM DISCUSSION, proposed Agenda and CRs

24 Leagues reported, representing 3653 members; 1591 from ² cities, 1154 from suburbs,
x (as of Jan. 1963) 908 from outstate (incl. Duluth)

General comments: 12 Leagues indicated they wanted a 2 item state agenda,

10 Leagues " " " " 1 " " " .

I. The largest number of suggestions was in the field of TAXATION. 19 Leagues asked for it, first choice. 2 or 3, 2nd or 3rd choice. 15 of the 19 asked for a general tax item. 8 of the 15 specifically chose the wording from Owatonna: "A study of the tax structure of Minnesota with emphasis on sources of revenue and more efficient methods of collecting, equalizing and distributing tax money." 4 Leagues wanted to limit item in some way: to schools, to welfare, to sales tax.

The Leagues who suggested this item, with present m'ship figures are:

Bemidji,	55	Hibbing	67	R'dale	46	Total,
Duluth	284	Mojnd	53	Rochester	226	2294
Chisholm	72	N.Richland	21	Roseville	152	City,
Edina	291	N.St.Paul	24	St.L.Pk.	139	491
F.Hts.	50	Owatonna	61	St.Paul	491	Suburban,
G.Falls	27	Richfield	85	W.B.lk.	106	946
				Willmar	44	Outstate,
						857

The Committee feels it is clear that LWVs want an item with above wording

from Owatonna. The Board will need to consider this wording, or improvement, limitation, or emphasis.

(BRIEFING BY GRACE FROM THE FILES:

Previous agendas in this field, from 1947 - 1957, have been:

"Financing of Government in Minnesota, 1947

"...new State Constitution or Revision in interest of greater....economy", 1948

"...analysis of state revenues & expenditures in order to understand and support fiscal policiespromote sound and expanding economy", 1949

"...study state tax structure....with a view to support revision of dedicated funds" '50

"...study relationship of revenue requirements and revenue sources in Minn.", '51

"...work for calling of Constitutional Convention...make recommendations for what it should contain"...emphasis, taxes, 1953

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"study, for purpose of supporting, revision of constitutional provisions for: an integrated and flexible tax article.", 1957

Materials prepared and studied by League:

1949 ? : Discussion Outline for State Economic Item Study, 13 pages.

Included; General Background, How does Minnesota Raise Its Money, How Does Minnesota Spend Its Money? How Should Minnesota Raise and Spend its Money (Taxes,, tax base, duplication and coordination of taxes, dedicated funds, general considerations).

1952: State Economic Study, 15 pages. Included: Criteria for good tax system, Minnesota's Tax System, Problems of Minnesota Property Tax, Assessment Facts in Brief.

1955: Dollars and Sense, 20 pages. Included: Purposes and functions of Constitutions, Legislative Powers, Scope of State Finance, an outline, Constitutional Finance Provisions, Recent Trends in State Expenditures, Legislative Guide

1957: The State You're In, 78 pages. Had a chapter on Finance which touched on elements of finance, reducing expenditures, sources of additional revenue, changing structure of financial system, constitution and finance which of course touches on dedicated funds, and a summary which includes Model State Constitution provisions in this area.

This may not be complete information, and it is not included to influence a decision but the committee thought it would add background for discussion. Perhaps another (G.Wilson's idea, not the committee) quote might be helpful. It is from E. Salisbury's official negative to this item or a similar one in May, 1959 State Convention:

"....in no other area is it so important to have a predominant majority, because in no other area...has it been so difficult to arrive at agreement. We have had a tax itemfrom 1949-57. Expert source material has been used; well informed League leadership has been developed; some good, readable League papers and other materials have been produced.....yet we have never been able to take action.Two major stumbling blocks have been sales tax and dedicated tax funds.Taxation is a basically political issue....This of course has contributed to the inability of Leagues to arrive at consensus. It also means that if we could arrive at consensus, we would inevitably find ourselves in the camp of one party or the other. "
(Thought this might help us think of problems to face with this CA - G.Wilson)

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II. The second largest number of suggestions was in field of CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION.

11 Leagues asked for it as first or second choice. These Leagues were:

Bloomington	78	Minneapolis	1100	Roseville	152	Total: 2585
Duluth	284	Red Wing	51	St. Paul	491	Cities: 1591
G. Valley	90	Robbinsdale	46	Willmar	44	Sub.: 366
G. Falls	27	Rochester	226			Outst: 632

The committee feels it is clear that LWVs want an item like our present CA I:

"...will work for amendments to improve the constitution of the state of Minn."

The emphasis suggested varied: 4 for general emphasis, 4 for finance, 2 for executive, 3 for judicial, 3 for legislative.

III. The third and IV. largest areas of interest were INDIAN area, and ELECTION LAWS.

INDIANS: by Bemidji (55), Minneapolis (1100), St. Paul (491), W.B. Lake (106),

4 Leagues, total 1752.

ELECTION LAWS: by Edina (291), Red Wing (51), Richfield (85), Rochester (226).

4 Leagues, total 653.

MINORITY SUGGESTIONS:

Legislative reform
Mental health
Higher education

Lower education
Water pollution
Welfare

Mental hospitals

The Committee suggests the Board consider two alternatives:

A. A Proposed CA, two items, as members seem to want, ^ITAXATION, ^{II}CONST. REVISION.

OR

B. A one-item CA, combining the Constitutional Revision, with special emphasis on taxation, revenue, finance as part of Const. Revision study

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

Majority suggested retaining all present CRs. Some suggested we drop Home Rule and Revision of Constitution by Convention.

The Committee recommends we drop the two above, keep 1 and 2 as we now have them,

and add a Civil Rights CR which includes our Indian consensus, Women, Housing, Employment, Age and Sex (?). Our proposed CRs would read: (1) Ethics in government (conflict of interest and lobby regulation). (2) Election Laws, party designation and corrupt practices. (3) Civil Rights CR including above stands, but wording not worked out yet.

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Program Suggestions

First Round.

Program Suggestions
League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15th & Washington S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.
LOCAL LEAGUES

Albert Lea	
Alexandria	
✓ Anoka	95
Arden Hills	
Austin	
Battle Lake	
✓ Bemidji	55
✓ Bloomington	105
Brainerd	
Brooklyn Center	
Buffalo	
Cass Lake	
Columbia Heights	
Crystal	
Deephaven	
✓ Duluth	305
✓ Edina	290
Excelsior	
✓ Falcon Heights	52
✓ Faribault	late
Fergus Falls	
Fridley	
✓ Golden Valley	80
✓ Granite Falls	25
✓ Hibbing	107
Hopkins	
Jackson	
Mahtomedi	
Maplewood	late 2/24
McLeod-Hutchinson	
✓ Minneapolis	1128
Minnetonka Village	
Moorhead	
✓ Mound	56
✓ New Richland	22
New Ulm	
✓ North St. Paul	28
Olivia	
✓ Owatonna	53
✓ Red Wing	46
✓ Richfield	83
✓ Robbinsdale	45
✓ Rochester	4 minutes
✓ Roseville	150
St. Anthony	
St. Cloud	
St. Croix Valley	
✓ St. Louis Park	144
✓ St. Paul	450
Shoreview	
Silver Bay	
South St. Paul	
Virginia	
✓ Wayzata	
Wells	
West St. Paul	
✓ White Bear Lake	107
*Willmar	45
Worthington	

✓ Chisholm - minutes 67

I- Anoka

League of Women Voters

ANOKA, MINNESOTA

FEB 13 1963

Feb 12, 1963

Recommendation for Program 1963 - 65.:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study administrative organization of Minnesota mental hospitals.

- Mrs. Dr. S. Way, President
League of Women Voters of Anoka

I Bemidji

From: Bemidji L.W.U.

FEB 13 1963

State Program Suggestions:

(He did not arrive at any specific wordings - just ideas.)

I - Propose we continue with State Item II. as it is.

(He feel we need more information and followup on discrimination of women.

He also feel the Indian item needs much more study and action.)

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II. We are interested in the state tax study item or program, ~~as~~ however it is approached.

A study of the welfare program was also strongly proposed. . .

He seemed quite evenly divided as to the last two ideas - so I have included them both. Since welfare spending could come under a tax study, if approached correctly, it is not too far out of line, - I hope. He couldn't possibly handle it all!!

FEB 14 1963



I. Bloomington League of Women Voters of Bloomington

Bloomington 20, Minnesota

February 12, 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th & Washington S. E.
State Program Making Committee
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Re: State Program recommendations from League of Women Voters of Bloomington.

The membership of the Bloomington LWV favored revision of the State Constitution as a current agenda item for the next biennium.

There was no clear cut trend for any special article; however there was a small majority who favored the Fourth Article (Legislative), and the Ninth Article (Finance) was second choice. There was strong feeling in one unit for a constitutional convention as there was in another for a one item Current Agenda.

The LWV of Bloomington recommends retaining the four present CRs and changing the status of Discrimination from a CA to a CR.

1. Ethics in government.
2. Election laws, party designation, and corrupt practices.
3. Home rule.
4. Constitutional revision by convention.
5. Discrimination.

Mary Eichhorn, Secretary

FEB 18 1963

I. BROOKLYN CENTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROOKLYN CENTER

Brooklyn Center, Minn.

5700 Northport Dr.
Minneapolis 29, Minn.
February 15, 1963

State Programming

Since there was no firm area of agreement we are listing the following choices as they came from the unit meetings.

- 1 The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study what happened in the 1962 election and why-- with recommendations and action to prevent its happening again.
- 2 The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will continue its support of the principles of employment on merit and will study other problems of discrimination.
- 3 The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study and reevaluate home rule and its relationship to the modern city and its suburbs.
- 4 The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the tax structure of the State of Minnesota, with a view toward tax reform.

Majel Berg
State Item II

Majel Berg

DEC 26 1962

DULUTH

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FROM L W V OF DULUTH

Current Agenda I

A study of the tax structure of Minnesota with emphasis on assessment procedures and means of tax equalization.

Current Agenda II

We recommend that present Current Agenda No. 1 become Current Agenda No. 2 - and that it incorporate our position on the amending process & whatever consensus evolves on the subject of a possible amendment to the constitution to allow the governor and lt. governor to run on the same ticket.

We recommend that consideration be given to reapportionment as part of this item. We feel we should have this as a CA so that we may act on any amendments that might be forthcoming from the Legislature. Since the League at the last convention decided to approach the problem of Constitutional Revision by amending the constitution rather than calling a constitutional convention at this time, we feel that it is vital to retain this as a CA item.

Continuing Responsibility No. 1

We recommend that present Current Agenda No. 2 be dropped to C. R. 1 - and that it incorporate our position on problems of discrimination (housing & possible consensus on the areas for action relating to problems of Indians).

C. R. 2, 3, and 4

We recommend that present C. R. 1, C. R. 2, and C. R. 3 be retained but that they become C. R. 2, 3, and 4, respectively.

We recommend that present C. R. 4 be dropped.

Mrs. R. T. Osterland

Mrs. R. T. Osterland,
State C. R. Chairman
Duluth L W V

I. EDINA

FEB 13 1963

2 pgs.

The Edina League of Women Voters would like to submit the following list of topics as first round suggestions for a Current Agenda Item for State, 1963-65.

(in order of preference)

1. Tax Reform

To include a study of the present tax structure of Minnesota (with particular attention to the Governor's Tax Commission Study), exploring the major controversies of personal property, equalization of assessments, and a sales tax.

2. Education

A study of state-supported higher education facilities and their plans, for meeting swelling enrollment and changing programs, in relation to what the taxpayer can realistically afford to support. Where do Junior Colleges and Vocational Training Schools (post high school) fit into the picture?

3. Election Laws

A study of the selection, qualifications, and training of election judges; mandatory statewide use of voting machines in elections; a review of voter eligibility (state level) for qualifications to vote in a national election.

4. Water

A statewide study (by watershed districts) of pollution and conservation problems of water in Minnesota.

5. A continued study and possible action program on "Indians in Minnesota". (on current agenda)

6. Mental Health

A study of the civil rights and the care of patients in state mental hospitals, with special emphasis on the program and treatment for mentally disturbed children.

The following items were each suggested by only two units:

1. A comprehensive study of the strengths and weaknesses of the State Legislature, with recommendations for streamlining and improving its vital role in state government.
2. A continued support of Party Designation in the State Legislature. (on current agenda)
3. A continued support for Home Rule in the State Legislature (on current agenda) with an expanded view of establishing Metropolitan Planning Districts (sewer, water, etc.).

The following items were each suggested by only one unit:

1. A study of the problems of the Iron Range Economy, with special emphasis on the taconite industry.
2. A study of the judicial system in Minnesota, with special emphasis on the function of local courts and qualifications of their judges.
3. A study of drivers' license regulation in Minnesota, with respect to raising the minimum age limit and requiring a physical examination at each 5 year renewal period (for those over a certain age).
4. A study of existing laws in Minnesota to regulate foodstuffs sold within the state (and thus not under ICC regulation).

The Board of The Edina League of Women Voters would like to go on record officially in support of adoption of a one-item state agenda for 1963-1965.

Mary Ellen Haw

Mary Ellen Haw (Mrs. Nathan S.)
State Item II, Edina L.W.V.

Marilyn Crane (Mrs. J. G.)
State Item I

I. FALCON HEIGHTS

FALCON HEIGHTS

State Program Suggestion FEB 8 1963

1. A study of the tax structure and tax reforms, including sales tax and other revenue sources.
2. A study of legislative reforms with emphasis on reforms in the keeping of records and legislative reporting.
3. A study of judicial reforms.
4. A study of Home Rule with emphasis on fiscal structure.
5. A study of Home Rule and Metropolitan Area Government.
6. A study of the Indian Problem of Minnesota.
7. A study of mental health covering civil rights, an adequate professional staff and improving conditions of hospitals.

I. FARIBAULT Faribault, Minn.
Feb. 25, 1963

MAR 4 1963

The Faribault League of Women Voters
wishes to make a first round
program suggestions.

"Municipal Finance — where
the money comes from; where
the money goes."

This suggestion is the recommendation
of all three of our units -

Mrs. Wilbom Hacker
Pres. Faribault League
of Women Voters

I. GRANITE FALLS

FEB 14 1963

February 12, 1963

The Granite Falls League of
Women Voters would like to study
as State program either
Judicial reform or tax reform.

Mrs. James L. Putnam
President

I GOLDEN VALLEY

JAN 23 1963

8340 Duluth St.
Golden Valley, Minn.
(Nov. 20, 1962)

Mrs. L. D. Murray
Minnetonka Beach, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Murray,

The Board, of the Golden Valley
League of Women Voters, after studying
the Unit's reports, recommends as
a State Item I a study of Article V,
The Executive Department of the
State Constitution.

Very truly yours,
Lachlan's Nancy
(Resource Chairman for State Item I)

This is definitely HIBBING's program suggestion for the coming year unanimously —
Barbara Halper

NO MATTER HOW YOU SAY IT \$



An examination of the tax structure of Minnesota with emphasis on assessment procedures.

A study of the tax structure of Minnesota with emphasis on sources of revenue and more efficient methods of collecting, equalizing and distributing tax money.

Minnesota finance-----where the money comes from; where the money goes.



EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT IT \$

LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT \$

MAKE STATE TAX REFORM YOUR FIRST ROUND SUGGESTION



I - MAPLEWOOD

MAPLEWOOD LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Program proposals for 1963-64

Current agenda - State:

Taxation (Proposed by Units 7, 8, 9 and 11)
Compulsory driver training (Unit 3)
Mental health (Units 10, 11 and 12)
Juvenile delinquency (Unit 11)
Election laws (Unit 8)

Current agenda - Local:

Village purchasing agent (Unit 6)
Village manager system (Unit 6)
Municipal building (Unit 6)
Local taxes and how used (Unit 3)
Know Your Village (Units 7 and 9) (This will be covered when the next survey is prepared.)
Juvenile delinquency (Unit 11)
City-village consolidation (Unit 11)

Continuing Responsibilities - State:

Indian affairs

Continuing Responsibilities - Local:

Library

Planning and zoning, including recreation areas

Proposed wording for local taxation item: The Maplewood League of Women Voters will study Maplewood government and its finances, with emphasis on disseminating information to the voter.

- CA I "The LWV of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the constitution of the state of Minnesota."

Emphasis to be placed upon the financial articles of the constitution, and on the field of intergovernmental relations in Minnesota regarding the question of whether or not provisions are necessary in the state's constitution.

- CA II "The LWV of Minnesota recognizes the paramount role of state government in improving the situation of the American Indian in Minnesota and will study specific areas where legislation might be effective."

- CR I "The LWV of Minnesota supports commission administration of legislation to insure employment on merit, non-discrimination in transactions involving real property, and equal access to public accommodations."

- CR II Ethics in Government (conflict of interest and lobby regulation)

- CR III Election laws, party designation and corrupt practices

- CR IV Home Rule

- CR V Constitutional revision by convention

Mrs. Leonard Inskip
state Item I clmn.
Mys.

BASIS FOR MINNEAPOLIS PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

UNITS REPORTING 38 units, approx. 25 members per unit.

CA I 27 units wished to keep this item on the CA
11 units wished to drop it to the CR

4 units wished to study the financial articles specifically
** 10 units wished to place a tax study item on the CA

** 10 units wished to study home rule, metropolitan problems or related subjects, which fall under the heading 'intergovernmental relations'. & 7 of these units specifically suggested moving the home rule CR to a CA.

** Since $\frac{1}{4}$ of the units specifically suggested taxes, and $\frac{1}{4}$ were particularly interested in intergovernmental relations, with the great majority favoring the continuation of the constitutional revision item, we felt that they would all be taken care of by placing the emphasis on these two areas in the next two year period. The significant aspect of the suggestions that came in is the mounting interest in both taxes and intergovernmental relations. The Minneapolis Board was quite interested in keeping CA I open, so that consideration could be given amendments appearing on the ballot in 1964 by the League.

CA II 19 units wished to keep the discrimination item on the CA
14 units wished to move it to the CR

There was no suggested rewording per se, but from comments we were able to decipher the feeling that it was not the discrimination section of the current CA II that concerned our members, but the Indian part of the item. Therefore, we must point out that our members were making their suggestions without knowing the scope of the Indian study this year, nor any possible consensus arising from the study. Our members are quite reluctant to let go of this item unless the League can and does arrive at a position allowing it to be effective in this area.

CA I This is the Minneapolis board's suggested wording of the ~~position~~ arrived at by the League as a result of the discrimination study.

CR II 35 units wished to keep this on CR
2 units wished to put it on CA
1 unit wished to drop the item from the agenda

CR III 34 units wished to keep this on CR
4 units wished to move it to CA

CR IV 27 units wished to keep on CR
7 units wished to move to CA
2 units wished to drop from agenda

CR V 33 units wished to keep on CR
2 units wished to move to CA
2 units wished to drop from agenda

OTHER PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

not recommended by Minneapolis board

"Economic development and improvement of the state of Minnesota."

"The LWV of Minnesota will study the possibility of legislation to improve driver qualifications with special emphasis on raising the minimum age, re-testing and possible reciprocal privileges with other states."

"The LWV of Minnesota will study mental health problems, stressing civil rights of patients and administrative problems."

"Study of welfare funds and their distribution on the basis of need."

"Study of the ways and means of combatting unemployment caused by automation and possible disarmament."

"The LWV of Minnesota will study the roll of the state in metropolitan problems."

"The LWV of Minnesota will study the roll of the state in intergovernmental relations."

"The LWV of Minnesota will support legislation to expand immediately the facilities for higher education in Minnesota in order to anticipate the increase in demand for higher education expected in the next few years."

Water resources.

"The LWV of Minnesota will study the needs of the Minnesota Dept. of Corrections."

"The LWV of Minnesota will study the sales tax as a possible new source of revenue to replace some existing tax."

"The LWV of Minnesota would urge the legislature to work for improved financing, income and expenditure."

"A study of the general welfare and financial status of the state of Minnesota with emphasis on the economic condition of the northern part of the state in order to improve and insure its growth."

"A study of election laws and practices with emphasis on mandatory voter registration; and improved qualifications, training and supervision of election judges."

"Study of state schools and hospitals, including finance, administration, admission procedures, personnel."

"Study of Minnesota tax structure and possible new sources of revenue."

Conservation.

"The LWV of Minnesota will study the state's mental health program with a goal toward research, better facilities for patients, efficient administration, a public relations and education program and study of civil liberties in commitment procedures."

"Study of the methods of taxation in Minnesota with an eye to tax reform and new sources of revenue."

"Study of the question where is our state going? Resources and development: land use, water conservation, recreation, population."

"The LWV of Minnesota will study the field of welfare and work for better coordination between the governmental units involved and the elimination of abuses."

"Study of Minnesota's provision for general assistance (welfare)."

"Study of standards and their enforcement of jails and lock-ups in Minnesota, including committal procedures."

Home Rule

"Juvenile Delinquency -- facilities for disturbed children, penal institutions."

"Welfare ... problems of the aged, ADC, mental institutions."

"Study of Minnesota's mental health program and ways in which it can be improved."

"County and state health institutions."

"Study of the use of state funds to promote the success of the Port of Duluth."

"Study of tax structure and assessment procedures in Minnesota."

"Study ways to improve state tax assessment system, tax structure (new sources of revenue) and a sound fiscal policy for Minnesota."

"Study of Minnesota election laws ... procedures resulting in better vote counting."

"Study of article 9 of the constitution concerning finances of the state in the areas of sources of revenue, equitable distribution of state funds and efficient expenditures."

Party designation

"Study of Minnesota penal institutions."

"Thorough study of the tax structure of the state including possible sources of revenue, dedicated funds and a taconite amendment."

"Study of needs for and methods of state tax reform."

I-MOUND

FEB 13 1963

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MOUND
MOUND, MINNESOTA

February 11, 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th & Washington, S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Re: FIRST ROUND SUGGESTIONS FOR STATE ITEM

A re-evaluation of property tax, bonds for a sewer system and a bond for one or two new schools makes the members of the League of Women Voters of Mound especially receptive and enthusiastic for a state tax study item. We, therefore, submit the following:

A study of the tax structure of Minnesota with emphasis on sources of revenue and more efficient methods of collecting, equalizing and distributing tax money.

Yours truly,

Betty Ziehl

President, Mound League of Women Voters

FEB 14 1963

2-12-63

First Round of State Program Suggestions:

A study of school aids based on assessment valuations;
E.A.R.C.; inequities in determining valuations, and
loss of revenues to schools in agricultural areas.

New Richland League of Women Voters
Mrs. H. C. Williams, Pres.

Suggestions for a state item by the LWV of North St. Paul:

1. The study of the Sales Tax as a new source of revenue.
2. The study of the Judicial system in Minnesota - the possible areas for reorganization & if necessary, changes for reform.

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Mrs. Thos. J. Schoenecker

Mrs. Thos. J. Schoenecker

Secretary

I - OWATONNA

FEB 14 1963

February 12, 1963

League of Women Voters
15th & Washington, S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Re: State Program Suggestions and "Women
in the Labor Force".

The Owatonna League of Women Voters and
its board submit the following:

A study of the tax structure of
Minnesota with emphasis on
sources of revenue and more
efficient methods of collecting,
equalizing and distributing tax
money.

Our state programs are scheduled for
March and then we will be able to
give you the discussion results of
"Women in the Labor Force".

Elaine Drake

I - RED WING

RED WING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
RED WING, MINNESOTA

Feb. 12, 1963

State Program Suggestions:

- (1) A study of election laws, with emphasis on voter registration, mandatory use of voting machines, and the selection and training of election judges.
- (2) A study of the Executive Article of the Constitution, enabling an evaluation of the shorter ballot.

Continuing Responsibilities:

- (1) Ethics in government (conflict of interest and lobby regulation)
- (2) Party designation and corrupt practices
- (3) Home rules
- (4) Constitutional revision by Convention.

Red Wing League of Women Voters
Mrs. Thomas Bergen

I- RICHFIELD

FEB 13 1963

SUGGESTIONS FOR STATE PROGRAM 1963-1965
From Richfield League of Women Voters

CURRENT AGENDA

A majority of Richfield members wanted a Study of Election Laws put again on the Current Agenda (probably as a result of the November election). Under this they emphasized a need for uniformity of election procedures with required registration and use of voting machines. Although some of these things could be worked on under a CR, many felt this was not adequate.

The second suggestion which came from the units was a Tax Study--a total study with no emphasis on specifics.

The third suggestion was a Study of the Judiciary with specific reform in view.

It seemed to the Board that a one or two item agenda at the most would be best, but the units did not indicate their feelings about this.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

Most units seemed to feel that the conclusions from the consensus on the Indian could probably be carried out through a CR on this topic. They also thought the problems of SCAD could be put on the CR's.

Election Laws should be removed from the CR's and put on the CA's. Constitutional Revision by amendment should be placed on the CR's and the rest of the CR's should remain as they now are.

I wasn't entirely satisfied with our handling of State program suggestions this year. We had a general meeting on Metropolitan Affairs and then adjourned to units for local and state program making. Time was limited and I am not sure how adequate the coverage was.

Muriel Grundig
President

I-ROBBINSDALE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ROBBINSDALE

ROBBINSDALE 22, MINNESOTA

FEB 14 1963

February 13, 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th & Washington S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

SUBJECT: STATE ITEM PROGRAM AND STATE CR SUGGESTIONS (FIRST ROUND)

Below are listed the items the League of Women Voters of Robbinsdale wishes to have considered for State Program next year in the order of preference:

1. Taxation — A study of the tax structure of Minnesota with emphasis on sources of revenue and more efficient methods of collecting, equalizing, and distributing tax money.
2. Legislature — A study of the present legislative process and how it can be improved.

The following items represent the League's wishes on CR's:

1. Ethics in government.
2. Election laws, party designation, and corrupt practices.
3. Home rule.
4. Constitutional revision by convention or amendment.
5. Principles of employment and problems of discrimination.

Ruth Schultz
Ruth Schultz, Mrs. Albert B.
President

Harriet Hall
Harriet Hall, Mrs. Kenneth R.
Secretary

FEB 13 1963

Here are our first round State Stem
Chairs from the Rockersdale League.

Taxation - A study of the tax structures of
Minnesota with emphasis on sources of
revenue and more efficient methods of collecting,
equalizing and distributing tax money.

Legislature - A study of present Legislative process
and how it can be improved.

State C.R.'s

1. Ethics in Government
2. Election Law - party Registration &
Corrupt Practices
3. Home Rule
4. Constitutional revision by
convention or amendment.
5. Principles of employment and
problems of discrimination

FEB 1 1963

I- ROCHESTER

FIRST ROUND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS -- Rochester League of Women Voters

A major part of one briefing session was devoted to discussion of State program planning. This expenditure of time paid off when we received suggestions from all units in Rochester. It also confused the issue because no single area received wide-spread support. The Rochester Board, therefore, decided to send in the statements in those areas which were supported by more than one unit and to include a list of those areas mentioned only once.

ELECTION LAWS (5 units)

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will continue its study of Minnesota election laws with emphasis on voter registration, absentee voting, voting machines and counting procedures.

Comment: Though we fully realize that this may be a dead horse by May, it is possible that any change may get tangled in the legislative machinery. If this happens, League could be effective in this area because it lends itself to more or less cut and dried solutions and because we already have background in the election law field.

TAXES (4 units)

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will make a broad study of the tax structure of Minnesota.

Comment: The tax item suggestions from the four units covered a wide area. Sources of income, efficient spending, expanded services, comparison with other states and allocation of funds to schools were cavalierly thrown into the hopper and the above statement covers all these and then some.

EDUCATION (4 units)

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study legislation dealing with the public school system with emphasis on financing, consolidation and the junior college program.

Comment: Here again the suggestions covered a lot of ground and, of course, overlapped the tax item.

LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION (2 units)

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will continue its study of constitutional reform with emphasis on the legislative article of the constitution.

Comment: There was also an indication of interest in statutory legislative reorganization similar to the item of several years ago and ~~of~~ in changes in the rules of the two houses.

ITEMS MENTIONED BY ONE UNIT ONLY:

Mental Health
Judicial Reform
Minnesota Penal System
Discrimination
Regional Planning

Consumer Protection (Packaging; Meat Inspection)
Equal Rights for Women
Blue Laws
Urban Renewal
Conservation

Carolyn Richards *CR*
Rochester LWV Legislative Chairman

*Some of these
are State
but my
instructions
were to send
all!*

League of Women Voters
of Roseville

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

I-ROSEVILLE
JAN 28 1963

January 25, 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
University of Minnesota
15 & Washington S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Re: First round suggestion state current agenda

The following was approved at Roseville's regular board meeting on
Jan. 21, 1963:

Recommended Items

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the Constitution of the state of Minnesota.
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the tax structure of Minnesota with emphasis on sources of revenue and more efficient methods of collecting, equalizing and distributing tax money.

Non-Recommended Items

1. A study of technical educational facilities with special attention to college enrollment restriction and a study of other than college educational facilities.
2. A study of Minn. election laws.
3. A study of mental health as to adequacy of treatment, care and legal rights of patient.
4. Work for a reapportionment amendment.
5. Work for a constitutional convention.
6. Home rule-especially as it relates to sewerage and water.

The membership seems willing to retain CA I because of the League's success in the area, but at the same time there is a strong feeling that we should be doing something constructive about re-activating the Constitutional Convention CR. It was also recommended that CA II be moved to a CR position.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. D.C. Gabe

Mrs. D.C. Gabe

State Item Chairman

League of Women Voters of Roseville

I - ST. CLOUD

FEB 18 1963

League of Women Voters

St. Cloud, Minnesota

525 Third Ave So.

St. Cloud, Minn.

Feb. 15, 1963

Dear All:

About half of our board met this a. m. at my home to make suggestions for state agenda. Our units all met yesterday so this was our first opportunity to discuss program after those meetings.

It is felt here that (election) laws should be brought back to CA. Also we do not feel that the (discrimination) item should be dropped. (There it belongs) seemed to be what the state should decide. (Other items mentioned included voter registration and on getting complete voter registration and consumer protection, would that we had woman power for all items!) No discussion was carried on re: CR'S.

Sincerely,

Bernie Metzger

I - ST CROIX VALLEY
FEB 15 1963

(57)
ST. CROIX VALLEY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

February 14, 1963

League of Women Voters
of Minnesota
15th & Washington Aves. S. E.
Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Subject: Proposed state items.

The St. Croix Valley League met in units Feb. 13th.
The proposed items discussed were:

1. Study the Tax Structure of Minnesota
2. Continued Study of Election Laws.

Only two of the units had any recommendations at all
and the two recommendations above were not voted on
to see how many were interested, but the discussion
indicated only a small amount of interest.

The subject of having only one State Item has been
mentioned throughout the year, but was not mentioned
last night.

Sincerely,

Darlene Moynagh

Mrs. E. E. Moynagh

I - ST. LOUIS PARK
February 9, 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th and Washington Aves. S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

FEB 11 1963

Ladies:

The League of Women Voters of St. Louis Park recommends the following items for the State Program:

CURRENT AGENDA:

A Study of the tax structure of Minnesota with emphasis on sources of revenue and methods of collecting, equalizing and distributing tax money.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Amendments to improve the Constitution
2. Discrimination and Fair Employment
3. Ethics in government (conflict of interest and lobby regulation)
4. Election laws, party designation, and corrupt practices
5. Home Rule
6. Constitutional revision by convention

At the request of our President and Board of Directors, I am including other suggestions which were submitted for the State Current Agenda.

HEALTH LAWS:

1. Oleo Margarine
2. Health laws & Food Inspection laws (State)
3. Public Welfare-How it is distributed
4. Regulation on the increasing cost of Health Care
5. Mental Health
6. Abortion laws

TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

1. Drivers' licences-requirements, restrictions, re-testing
2. Drunken driving penalties
3. Federal Highway program in state

Re-evaluation of league stand on Home rule. Governmental body for Metropolitan Area.

Study of election laws, ballot counting, improving voting procedures, etc.

Continuation of present study on Indians and Discrimination

Improved Bus transportation in Metro area.

EDUCATION

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Vernon P. Olsen

Mrs. Vernon P. Olsen, Chairman
State C A I

ST. LOUIS PARK LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

I-ST. PAUL

ST. PAUL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
ALLEY 29 29 EAST FIFTH STREET
FEBRUARY 11, 1963

2 pgs.

FEB 13 1963

TO: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota

RE: ST. PAUL LWV RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE C.A. PROGRAM

Attention: Mrs. O. J. Janski, Chairman

Fourteen units, represented by one or more persons, attended a "Lively Issues meeting the evening of January 16, 1963. The total attendance was approximately 45. (See 1-16-63 minutes.)

The following recommendations are a result of the meeting on the 16th and the Board discussion and directive at the February 6th Board meeting.

I. The LWV of Minnesota will continue to work for amendments to improve the constitution.

SCOPE: We would like to be free to study any amendments which the 1963 session of the legislature proposes. Interest also expressed in study of 1. executive - perhaps strengthening; 2 tax article; 3. Judicial.

II. Indian Study: The LWV of Minnesota recognizing the responsibility of State government in safeguarding the rights of all citizens against discrimination and in improving the situation of the American Indians in Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation might be effective.

III. The LWV of Minnesota will study the state tax structure and its implications on the economy.

Commentaries by the Board regarding above item suggestions and whether or not to have a one or two item agenda:

Re: Constitution item:

There is a "feeling of Committee I. that something will happen" during the 1963 legislative session which this committee would want to be able to study and take consensus.

Placing this item on a C.R. at this time could impede definite action as certainly before a stand is taken, a study with consensus must be done.

Re: Indian item:

The current C.A. as adopted at the last Convention was a "two pronged" item—Housing and the Indian—more time is necessary for the study of the Indian problem.

So far the general membership has had only a general look at the Indian problem with just background having been presented; of course the resource committee members have had time to do further study.

To place this item on C.R.'s without a consensus would not be practical

Commentaries regarding a one or two item agenda:

TIME: With a two item agenda, too large a program is offered to the League members, so there is a little knowledge about several things—the units

have more of a tendency to "go the way" of the person presenting the item because of a limited discussion.

To be able to have a program which will appeal to many women the LWV must offer several items for study, but there should be "specialists" in each field. Perhaps members of the study committee could present the item to units—perhaps more workshops should be offered or suggest that the committee members from units be asked to attend all meetings on the particular item so she will be better prepared to present the item and to answer questions.

Since government is so very complex, the LWV must be concerned in many areas in order to be effective—that is the purpose of the League—to be informed and to be informed.

Whether a two item or a one item agenda is selected, it appeared as though there would be some loss of members

A motion was made that we do not limit the agenda to one item—the vote was 8 to 9.

In selecting an item, the League should keep in mind—how much can be solved through legislation after study.

Before the 2nd round of suggestions a reevaluation will be necessary.

Since a 3 item C.A. would not be possible, the Board favored that the Constitution item be placed on the C.R.'s.

C.R. recommendations:

Remove Home Rule from the C. R. 's. This C. R. does not reflect the feeling of the St. Paul LWV.

The LWV of Minn. supports adequate financed commission administration of legislation to insure employment on merit, non-discrimination in transaction involving real property and equal access to public accommodations. The League advocates strengthening the laws as inadequacies become apparent to insure implementations of the League principle of "protection of minority groups against discrimination."

I - WAYZATA

The League of Women Voters of Wayzata proposes the following items for consideration for state program for 1963-65:

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will continue study of the Minnesota Indian with emphasis on welfare, education, justice, and/or economic opportunity.

(We are submitting this item in this form because there is a great deal of interest in our league in further study and action in this area, but the exact emphasis will depend upon the consensus reached at the completion of the present phase of the Indian study. Our members feel that we should not drop this study when we have made such a good beginning.)

2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will continue to support Home Rule, and will work to promote legislation to strengthen local self-government.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Ethics in government
2. Election laws, party designation, and corrupt practices
3. Home Rule
4. Constitutional revision by convention
5. Minnesota Indians (depending upon consensus reached. We include this in case it is not adopted as a CA)

I - WHITE BEAR

WHITE BEAR LAKE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

1st Round State Program Suggestions

FEB 8 1963

A two-item agenda:

1. Further study of Minnesota Indians with special emphasis on positive state action.
2. A survey of Minnesota's tax structure.

Other suggestions:

A re-evaluation of the concept of Home Rule to bring our position in line with changing modern requirements.

Judiciary.

Mental Health.

Continuing Responsibilities:

Support of SCAD

Support of Amendments to improve the Constitution.

Ethics in government

Election laws, Party designation, and Corrupt practices

Home Rule

Constitutional revision by Convention.

Note: Our removal of present State Item I from the CA was with the hope that amendments could be scrutinized from a CR position. If this is not possible we would not want it removed as a CA.

Billie Gypke
President
White Bear Lake LWV

JAN 17 1963

J - WILLMAR
Jan 15 - 1963

League of Women Voters,
Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Leaguer:

Re: State Program

State C.H. -

Sugg: Item I - Amendments - strong
support to keep this a C.A.

Item II Study of Taxation - "Where
the money comes from and
where the money goes" -

Strong support to add this to C.A.s

Item III Public Welfare -

State C.R.s. Keep all current C.R.s.

Add current C.H. II (Discrimination)

Our League feels we have not
had enough information of "Home Rule"

Thank you -

Mrs. H. Hekkenum

LWW - Willmar, Minn

I - MAHTOMEDI (late)

FEB 20 1963

came late

League of Women Voters
15 th & Washington S. E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota
Att: Mrs H. Watson

First Round Suggestions State Current Agenda

1. Study or evaluation of picture of Home rule
2. Responsibility of State to Indians
3. Continuation of revision by amendments
4. Updating election laws
5. Study of existing tax structure

Mahtomedi League of Women Voters

Nancy Johnson
Resource Chairman

MAR 13 1963

I-ARDEN HILLS
(late)

To State Study Committee

The Arden Hills League of Women
Voters are interested in a continued
study of discrimination and Indian
problems. A new study subject
suggested by our membership
is the tax structure of Minnesota
and a more equitable means
of levying taxes.

Dorothy Sullivan
State Study Chairman

I - MINNETONKA VILLAGE
(Late)

Feb. 14, 1963

Dear Mrs. Zaidenweber,

Even though we were too late, I thought you would like to know our League's suggestions for State Current Agenda study.

1. Study of State Health institutions with emphasis on administration, operation, and financing.

2. Study of the tax structure of Minn. with emphasis on sources of revenue and more efficient methods of collecting, equalizing and distributing tax money.

Also mentioned was:

RECORDED
SERIALIZED

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15th & Washington S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.
LOCAL LEAGUES

✓ Albert Lea _____
Alexandria _____
✓ Anoka _____
Arden Hills _____
Austin _____
Battle Lake _____
✓ Bemidji _____
✓ Bloomington _____
Brainerd _____
✓ Brooklyn Center _____
Buffalo _____
✓ Cass Lake _____
Columbia Heights _____
Crystal _____
✓ Deephaven _____
✓ Duluth _____
✓ Edina _____
Excelsior _____
Falcon Heights _____
Faribault _____
Fergus Falls _____
Fridley _____
Golden Valley _____
✓ Granite Falls _____
Hibbing _____
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Jackson _____
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McLeod-Hutchinson _____
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Mound _____
New Richland _____
New Ulm _____
North St. Paul _____
Olivia _____
Owatonna _____
✓ Red Wing _____
Richfield _____
✓ Robbinsdale _____
✓ Rochester _____
✓ Roseville _____
St. Anthony _____
✓ St. Cloud _____
St. Croix Valley _____
✓ St. Louis Park _____
St. Paul _____
Shoreview _____
✓ Silver Bay _____
South St. Paul _____
Virginia _____
✓ Wayzata _____
Wells _____
West St. Paul _____
✓ White Bear Lake _____
✓ *Willmar _____
✓ Worthington _____

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March 8, 1963

II - ALBERT LEA

OPEN LETTER TO LEAGUE MEMBERS IN MINNESOTA

In recommending three items for your consideration of a Current Agenda for 1963-65, the State Board is not proposing, or even expecting, that you will adopt all three. In our analysis of the membership in the Leagues which participated in this important program making aspect of our League life there was not enough difference among the three we propose to make us willing to add the handicap of being not recommended to any one of them.

There was lively interest in the tax item, there was agreement that the Indian item was barely begun and many Leagues feel that our ability to act on all proposed constitutional amendments has been of great value to the League in the local community.

Mrs. O. H. Anderson, President
League of Women Voters of
Minnesota

PROPOSED PROGRAM 1963-1965

PROPOSED CURRENT AGENDA ITEM I 0

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the tax structure of the State of Minnesota.

PROPOSED CURRENT AGENDA ITEM II 3

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the State Constitution.

PROPOSED CURRENT AGENDA ITEM III 8

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

PROPOSED CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to insure employment on merit and non-discrimination in transactions involving real property; it will work for adequately financed commission administration of such legislation and of legislation to insure equal access to public accommodations. 12
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support party designation for legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures, and voting. 14
3. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interests.
4. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support constitutional revision by amendment or convention to provide: an easier amending process, fair and enforceable reapportionment, clearly fixed executive responsibility, a post auditor, and legislative sessions of adequate length.

APR 15 1963

II - ANOKA

League of Women Voters ANOKA, MINNESOTA

April 12, 1963

Proposed State Program:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

we feel the most important thing about the state ~~current~~ agenda is that it contains only one item.

We would accept the Continuing Responsibilities as recommended. However, if the current

Agenda does not contain further Indian study - we would suggest an added C. B. ~~and~~ Indians. as a result of this year's study.

— Mrs. M. S. Way, Anoka League W. V.

APR 15 1963

II - BEMIDJI

Bemidji League of Women Voters

2nd Round Suggestions = C.A.'s '63-'65

Proposed C.A. I

The L.W.V. of Minn. will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

Proposed C.A. II

The L.W.V. Min. will study the tax structure of the State of Minnesota.

Proposed C.R.'s —

same as suggested by State Board.

1 - 2 - 3 - 4.

II - BLOOMINGTON
APR 11 1963

STATE PROGRAM MAKING

The board of directors of the Bloomington League of Women Voters adopted
state
the follow ing proposed program for 1963 - 1964.

PROPOSED CURRENT AGENDA - The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for
amendments to improve the State Constitution.

PROPOSED CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to insure
employment on merit and non-discrimination in transactions involving real
property; it will work for adequately financed commission administration of such
legislation and of legislation to insure equal access to public accommodations.
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support party designation for legis-
lators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices,
election procedures, and voting.
3. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate
lobbying and conflict of interests.

We also voted to have the League of Women Voters Indian stand encompassed in a
Continuing Responsibility.

APR 15 1963

BROOKLYN CENTER LWV

II - BROOKLYN CENTER
April 12, 1963

After consideration of the State Proposed Program 1963-1965, the Brooklyn Center League of Women Voters approved the following:

CURRENT AGENDA

The LWV of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The LWV of Minn. will support legislation to insure employment on merit and non-discrimination in transactions involving real property; it will work for adequately financed commission administration of such legislation and of legislation to insure equal access to public accommodations.
2. The LWV of Minn. will support party designation for legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures, and voting.
3. The LWV of Minn. will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interests.
4. The LWV of Minn. will support constitutional revision by amendment or convention to provide: an easier amending process, fair and enforceable reapportionment, clearly fixed executive responsibility, a post auditor, and legislative sessions of adequate length.

COMMENTS:

There was near unanimous agreement that the Indian study be continued as a CA. Unanimous approval was also given to the 4 CR's as listed.

Only a few members felt we should have a two-pronged program - and those votes were few and divided almost equally between Constitutional Revision and the Tax Study.

Regarding the CR's, there was strong feeling that should the Indian study not be retained, that it be added as a CR. Also, some members would like to see Home Rule remain as a CR.

Jean Lind
State Program

II - CASS LAKE

C.A. I

L.W.V. C. L. Minn 4-9-63

The L.W.V.M. will study specific areas, where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

C.A. II.

The L.W.V.M. will work for amendments to improve the State Constitution.

League of Women Voters of
Cass Lake, Minnesota

Virginia Seeward
President

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II - DEEPHAVEN

The Deephaven League of Women Voters submits as a second round State Program Item suggestion, the following:

" The LWV of Minnesota will study the state property tax structure. Is it adequate and equitable?"

Audrey Swanson,
President, DLWV.

II-DULUTH
3-30-63

APR 2 1963

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FROM L W V OF DULUTH

The suggestions for state program 1963-1965 that we are now submitting are identical to those sent in as first round suggestions. See below.

In proposing two current agenda items, we feel that the workload of the second item would not be great enough to make it burdensome.

PROPOSED PROGRAM

Current Agenda I

A study of the tax structure of Minnesota with emphasis on assessment procedures and means of tax equalization.

Current Agenda II

We recommend that present Current Agenda No. 1 become Current Agenda No. 2 - and that it incorporate our position on the amending process & whatever consensus evolves on the subject of a possible amendment to the constitution to allow the governor and lt. governor to run on the same ticket.

We recommend that consideration be given to reapportionment as part of this item. We feel we should have this as a CA so that we may act on any amendments that might be forthcoming from the Legislature. Since the League at the last convention decided to approach the problem of Constitutional Revision by amending the constitution rather than calling a constitutional convention at this time, we feel that it is vital to retain this as a CA item.

Continuing Responsibility No. 1

We recommend that present Current Agenda No. 2 be dropped to C. R. 1 - and that it incorporate our position on problems of discrimination (housing & possible consensus on the areas for action relating to problems of Indians).

C. R. 2, 3, and 4

We recommend that present C. R. 1, C. R. 2, and C. R. 3 be retained but that they become C. R. 2, 3, and 4, respectively.

We recommend that present C. R. 4 be dropped.

Mrs. R. T. Osterland

Mrs. R. T. Osterland,
State C. R. Chairman
Duluth L W V

APR 8 1963

II - EDINA

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS 1963-65 from EDINA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Balloting for State current agenda items was as follows:

Tax Item - 78

Indian Item - 58 for C. A.
40 for C. R.

Amendment Item - 33 for C. A.
9 for C. R.

Election Laws - 6

Mental Health - 4

Unit members strongly support the Edina Board's previous recommendation for a one-item-current-agenda. This feeling, coupled with widespread concern that the Indian study not be dropped from state programming, is reflected in the unusual 40 votes to place this item on C. R.'s (apart from the 58 votes to definitely place it on C. A.).

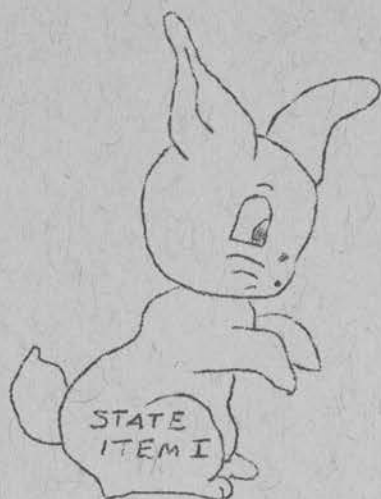
(Item II) Mary Ellen Haw (Mrs. Nathan S.)
(Item I) Marilyn Crane (Mrs. John)

State Resource Chairmen

Mary Ellen Haw

II - EDINA

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MANY

ITEMS

ARE HARD TO HANDLE!



LET'S VOTE FOR A
ONE-ITEM AGENDA
THIS MAY!



Will you join us in voicing your opinion that we can make a more thorough and thoughtful study, and accomplish more vigorous action with just one State Current Agenda Item?

Edina League of Women Voters

II-GRANITE FALLS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GRANITE FALLS

APR 15 1963

GRANITE FALLS, MINN.

April 8, 1963

Second Round Program suggestions 1963-1965

Proposed Current Agenda Item I

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the tax structure of the State of Minnesota.

Proposed Current Agenda Item II

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

The areas our group seemed most interested in were vocational training + counseling for urban living and reimbursement to counties overburdened with Indian relief costs. We felt we would leave the exact wording to the State Board + Convention but do not wish to drop the Indian item.

Mrs. Gina Putnam,
President

II - MINNEAPOLIS
APR 15 1963

STATE PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS
SECOND ROUND

As its suggestion for the second round of program making, the Minneapolis Board recommends items II and III as proposed by the State Board for the 1963-65 state current agenda. The Minneapolis Board also recommends Continuing Responsibilities 1 through 4 as proposed.

Mrs. Leonard Inskip
State Item I Chmn.

II - RED WING

APR 12 1963

RED WING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
----- RED WING, MINNESOTA -----

April 11, 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th & Washington S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

As the second round state program suggestion, members of
our two units unanimously approved Proposed Current Agenda
Item III "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will
study specific areas where legislation would be effective
in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian".

Mrs. Thomas Borgen

Mrs. Thomas Borgen
State Agenda Chairman
Red Wing LWV

II-ROBBINSDALE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ROBBINSDALE

ROBBINSDALE 22, MINNESOTA

April 11, 1963

APR 12 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th & Washington S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

SUBJECT: STATE ITEM PROGRAM AND STATE CR SUGGESTIONS (SECOND ROUND)

The League of Women Voters of Robbinsdale wishes to propose only one state item for the second round of current agenda suggestions and that is the study of the tax structure of the State of Minnesota. Almost all the members feel that there is not enough time to study thoroughly more than one item.

The Robbinsdale League approves the continuing responsibilities as proposed by the State Board. Since the local League here has already sent in its consensus on Indian problems, it is the hope of the members that a stand can be reached in time so that the Indian problems might be added to the proposed program as a continuing responsibility.

Ruth Schultz

Ruth Schultz, Mrs. Albert B.
President

Harriet Hall

Harriet Hall, Mrs. Kenneth R.
Secretary

II - ROCHESTER

MAR 29 1963



ROCHESTER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

March 26, 1963

State Program Suggestions

Because of timing, our board will not have an opportunity to review second round suggestions on state program from our units. We will instruct those units meeting in time to send their suggestions directly to the state office. Our delegates will have the results of all units' discussion before the state convention.

Below are the votes of the members of our board present at the March 25 board meeting. There was not time to discuss scope or emphases on these items. It is just a hands-up vote on each item.

Proposed CA Item I - no votes for
Proposed CA Item II- 4 votes for
Proposed CA Item III- 5 votes for

Peg Spoo

Peg Spoo, Pres.

League of Women Voters

of Roseville

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

II - ROSEVILLE
APR 15 1963

April 11, 1963

Re: Proposed Program 1963-65

The Roseville Board, after receiving suggestions from all ten local units, approved the following at their board meeting, April 10, 1963:

1. To retain proposed current agenda items I (tax structure) and II (amendments);
2. To move Item III (Indian study) to a CR position if the forthcoming Consensus warrants it;
3. To retain all four CR items.

The feeling of the membership does not seem to have changed since the first round suggestions were taken. All ten units were still in favor of the tax study, 7 units favor working for amendments, while 3 units favored a continuation of the Indian study. All units favored limiting the current agenda to two items and the problem of which to drop was difficult according to the report from the units.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. D.C. Lake

State Item Chairman

II - SILVER BAY

APR 4 1963

Dear Mrs. Anderson,

The Board's proposal of a three agenda State study was a bomb to our local league. BUT after discussion, using the "Open Letter to League Members" we are amazed at our own unwillingness to 'let go' of any one of the three!!! We feel that a lot of the work has been done on two of these items, and groundwork has been laid, so perhaps it could be carried. I would not want to guess the Convention reaction to it, but our League solved the problem with a popularity contest. Item II on the Amendments received total support, we need this item for community action. It is good for the League to have a study item we can take a vigorous stand on, and publicity campaigns put us up for view in the best possible light.

But the next two seemed to split the feeling, only because we are afraid of a three item agenda. I feel that had this vote been taken BEFORE "Indians in Minnesota" Item III would have been lost completely. But now with this marvelous book, and the background it has given us it would be wasting too much concern to let it drop. I feel we have awakened people who didn't know the question to where do we go for action?

Item I received more support than Item III, it is dear to our hearts in Silver Bay area, with taconite the backbone of our economy any taxation study would be interesting to us.

Good luck in your final selections, and I am looking forward to Convention with much enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Margaret Thorgren

President, Silver Bay League

II - ST. CLOUD

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

APR 5 1963

ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

April 3, 1963

Re: S econd Round Program Suggestions

Because our St. Cloud units meet but once a month and because of the lack of a substantial number of working members, we are recommending that no new area of study be adopted at this time and that Items II and III be maintained. We, some of us at least, realize the importance of a study of the tax structure but we feel at the present that we ^{are} not by any means anywhere near completion in the area of the Indian ~~and~~ problem and that it is invaluable, should amendments be proposed in 1964, that we have a chance to study them and know where we as a League stand, as we are so often asked.

We agree with the wording of the items and do definitely not want to lose our advantage in the other areas of discrimination so do approve of the C R's... all.

Bernie Netzer, pres.

APR 8 1963

April 4, 1963

II-ST. LOUIS PARK

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th and Washington Aves S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Ladies:

The League of Women Voters of St. Louis Park reached the following tabulation of votes on State Program Recommendations:

A total of 90 members participated.

- 43 voted for item no III--LWVM will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indians.
- 34 voted for item no I worded in the following way: LWVM will study the tax structure of Minnesota with emphasis on sources of revenue and methods of collecting, equalizing, and distributing tax money.
- 13 voted for item II LWVM will work for amendments to improve the State Constitution.

In considering our recommendations, you must qualify them by the following points. Because we received the information from the State Board too late for many Unit meetings, our Board instructed the members to vote for a one (1) item agenda.

In considering Item II on amendments, they were not cautioned to anticipate the Taconite Amendment under this study. Undoubtedly, the vote would have been different.

Therefore, our Board took action today to recommend item II for study by the State LWV.

Our League supports all of the Continuing Responsibilities on the Proposed Program for 1963-65, but in addition we support the following:

1. Home Rule
2. The Indian Study if it is not on the Current Agenda

The St. Louis Park Board felt that no majority opinion had been reached. Therefore, we are submitting all the results for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Vernon P. Olsen
Mrs. Vernon P. Olsen, Chairman
State CA I
St. Louis Park League of
Women Voters

St Paul



II - ST. PAUL (2 pgs)

29 EAST FIFTH STREET
ALLEY 29
ST. PAUL 1, MINNESOTA
CA 2-3178

APR 16 1963

April 15, 1963

Mrs. O. H. Anderson, President
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th and Washington S. E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

Second round of suggestions from St. Paul League units for state items 1963-64 indicates a definite desire on the part of units and individuals to continue the Indian item. The Constitutional Amendments and Tax items are second, running neck and neck. Indication is, if a three-item agenda cannot be avoided, the Amendments should be studied the first year and Taxation the second year. The majority of those responding wished no more than a two-item agenda.

The Board concurred with the membership in thinking a three-item agenda would be impractical, but felt all three items were important enough to come to the attention of the convention and to receive equal consideration. The Board placed Indian study first in order of preference. Taxation and amendments were considered second but of equal urgency.

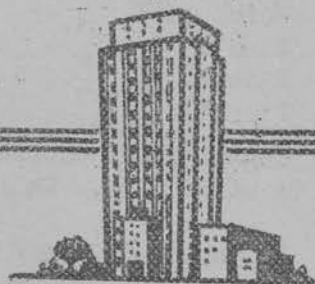
The time was so short between receipt of the recommended item list and the April 14 deadline that not all units were able to discuss second round of suggestions. However, eight units did respond and many individuals called our answering service. Enclosed is tear sheet from our last Voter indicating method we used to reach as many St. Paul Leaguers as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Byron B. Cochrane
President

ACff
Enclosure

Listening in at City Hall



PORT AUTHORITY

The Authority has moved from the Hagstrum Building to the Minnesota Building. At a meeting in their new offices the members of the Authority decided to call on local experts in industrial land valuation for help in setting values in the River-view industrial park. The parcels will be for sale or lease.

PLANNING BOARD

Since some Planning Board members objected to portions of the Central Business District (C.B.D.) Plan and felt that at some future date they might be held accountable for voting for "The Plan", it was moved to approve the concept of the C.B.D. plan. The motion passed.

A discussion followed as to what possible use might be made of the land (owned by the County) which is located on the south side of Kellogg Boulevard between Booth Cold Storage and the Robert Street Bridge. Suggestions were made for an underground parking ramp (so as not to spoil the aesthetic value of the river view, a cocktail lounge, and a multi-storied hotel. No action was taken since, by this time, a quorum was not present.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

During three recent Board of Education meetings, a series of reports were given on the new junior high school program. The program has been the object of a five-year study at Como Park junior high school by the University of Minnesota Bureau of Field Studies. Como was chosen as a school with students of varying backgrounds and as a school truly representing the community. The reports covered teacher, student, and parent responses as to the value of this new program. All three groups seemed to feel that there should be greater emphasis on reading, writing, and arithmetic. Although the reports were composed of statistics and some of the results tended to be confusing, all three groups seemed to agree that the program was good. The findings of the report appeared to imply that the new program was not hurting the students, but teachers reporting on the study feel that it has given the students a broader program and has widened their interests. One teacher felt that the students had been helped in ways that cannot be shown on a test paper.

The St. Paul School Committee gave a report and recommendations for remedial reading for St. Paul Public Schools. They recommended that a remedial reading program be developed early in the elementary grades.

The following article is proposed as an addition to the Agreement of the Ramsey County Council: Disbanding. The local Leagues in Ramsey County may dissolve the Ramsey County Council when; Representatives to the County Council so recommend, and two thirds majority of the local Leagues in the county approve the recommendation. Funds remaining in the Ramsey County Council treasury revert to the treasury of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. This should be voted on at the St. Paul annual meeting and is now presented for your consideration. The purpose of this article would be to allow disbanding at a time when the council and the local Leagues might wish to become integrated under the Metropolitan Area League.

Mrs. William McGee

Which one?

Item I _____

Item II _____

Item III _____

RING-A-DING WHING-DING

One item Agenda? _____

Two item Agenda? _____

Three items? _____

CALL IN YOUR CHOICE! - Here is your chance to make your wishes known on a state item. Call Ca 2-3178 day or night before April 11.

If you can't sleep some night - pick up the phone - and record your preference on our answering service.

A condensed description of Proposed State Program for 1963-1965 below:
Your unit chairman has fuller explanation which includes CRs.

PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM 1963-1965

Proposed Current Agenda Item I

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the tax structure of the State of Minnesota.

Twenty-four Leagues participated this year in the first stage of state program making for 1963-65. An item in the field of taxation was suggested by most of them.

In 1947 our state program included "Financing of government in Minnesota" and in the ten years following that study some item relating to taxes or fiscal policies was a part of our program. In May 1961 the following not recommended item was voted consideration: "A study of the state tax structure, with emphasis on sources of revenue and more efficient methods of collecting, equalizing and distributing tax money." The vote on adoption of this item was 131 for to 115 against. It needed a vote of 164, a two-thirds majority.

Possible scope - Reread "Taxation: The Perennial Issue" in the Sept-Oct. 1962 Minnesota Voter. Should study sources of state revenue and purpose for which it is expended. Could explore relationship between state and local finances. 25 other state Leagues are working on this problem so we could benefit from their studies.

Proposed Current Agenda Item II

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the State Constitution.

About two-thirds of the 24 Leagues suggested this item in first round. This item would include study and consensus on amendments which will appear on the 1964 ballot as well as continued support for existing positions on constitutional revision.

If Leagues wish to study proposed amendments on the 1964 ballot, this item must be a Current Agenda. This includes the taconite amendment.

Proposed Current Agenda Item III

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

Ordinarily we devote two years to a Current Agenda Item. Because of the multiple aspects of the discrimination item adopted in 1961, we have had less than a year to devote to the Indian study. Suggestions for this item came in first round from about half of 24 Leagues. Because of the contribution the League could make in legislation as opposed to volunteer relief efforts, and because of interest generated in this item it might be continued. Future emphasis might include: economic development programs, law enforcement, vocational training, reimbursement to counties for Indian relief, scholarship money, etc.

APR 9 1963

II - WAYZATA

Second Round Program Suggestions - April 3, 1963

The League of Women Voters of Wayzata, after membership discussion, proposes the following for consideration.

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

The high degree of interest within our League for this item dictates our submitting this as our main area of study. We feel that the forth coming consensus will be too broad. We must pursue this study further if our study is to be of value. If this item is not adopted as a C A we would feel that consensus, if of a positive nature, should be included as a C R.

2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the State Constitution.

We are submitting this second item with definite reservations and thoughts as to what extent this item should be studied. We, along with many other Leagues, must look at the overall workload and the amount of time and womanpower we have available. We feel that a one item agenda would be best but, because of League's known concern with constitutional revision by convention or amendment, we should be in a position to study and act on all constitutional amendments that might come out of this legislature. From previous experience, our gals have found it awkward, to say the least, when they have been speaking for or against certain amendments, not to be able to take a League stand on all proposed amendments, when questioned by an audience.

We realize that we may not be able to reach consensus on some amendments but we feel our position would be better if we could state this non-consensus rather than a lack of study because it is not on our agenda.

Therefore, we are recommending this as a second item to be limited in scope to only amendments we have studied and taken positions on and those coming out of this session of the legislature.

II - WHITE BEAR LAKE

WHITE BEAR LAKE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

APR 15 1963

2nd Round State Program Suggestions

A two-item agenda:

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the tax structure of the State of Minnesota.

NOTE: A smaller number preferred the second item to be the amendment item.

Continuing Responsibilities:

As listed in Proposed Program 1963-65

II - WILLMAR

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WILLMAR

APR 12 1963

519 W. 2nd Street
Willmar, Minn.
April 9, 1963

Mrs. Harold Wilson
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th and Washington Ave. SE
Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Grace
Dear Mrs. Wilson,

The League of Women Voters of Willmar wishes to indicate to the State Board its unanimous approval of the Board recommended CA I and CA II and all the recommended CRs.

Our local League Board was very interested in the fact that only 24 local Leagues participated in first round program suggestions. We are wondering if this is the usual number and if so, to what the poor response can be attributed. This is just our curiosity and the fact that we feel that this is such an important part of League we couldn't help wondering.

I am sorry that the enclosed sheets on the Workshop are late - they were all filled out but then laid in my desk well I fought the flu. I never even gave them a thought to be honest!

We had 3/4 of our membership out for the Annual meeting and enthusiasm is running high. We also expect at least 10 observers at the State convention. See you then.

Sincerely,

Elaine

Mrs. William Watson
President

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APR 15 1968

II - WORTHINGTON

• Worthington League of Women
Voters - would like to re-
commend - consideration
of proposed Current Agenda.
Item II - League of Women
Voters of Minnesota will work
for amendments to improve the
State Constitution

(Please see that proper authorities receive
this!)

II - OWATONNA

APR 22 1963

(late)

April 13, 1963

Minnesota League of Women Voters
15th and University S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Owatonna League of Women Voters makes the following
second round program suggestion.

Current agenda:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the tax
structure of the State of Minnesota.

Continuing Responsibilities:

- (1) Employment on merit and non discrimination in trans-
actions involving real property.
- (2) Party designation for legislators and improvements in
election laws.
- (3) Regulation of lobbying and conflict of interests.
- (4) Constitutional revision by amendment or convention.

II - NORTH ST. PAUL
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS APR 25 1963 (late)
NORTH ST. PAUL 9, MINNESOTA

April 22, 1963

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th & Washington Aves. SE
Minneapolis 14, Minn.

The League of Women Voters of North St. Paul
recommend the following study items for the Proposed Current
Agenda for 1963-1965:

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the tax structure of the State of Minnesota.
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. Schoenecker

Mrs. E. Schoenecker,
Secretary

APR 19 1963

II - SHOREVIEW (Late)

April 10, 1963

Shoreview League
of Women Voters.

League of Women Voters
15th & Washington Ave. S.E.
Minneapolis, 14, Minn.

The Shoreview League of Women
Voters recommends to the state Board the
following proposed items for the 1963-65
program.

Current Agenda;

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
will work for amendments to improve the
State Constitution.

Continuing Responsibilities;

Items 1, 2, 3 & 4 listed in proposed
program.

This would mean there could be more
study in the area of constitutional revision.
The position on amendments in the 1964 ballot
could be taken. The positions of support we
already have could be continued.

State Item Chairman
Shoreview League.
Betty L. Duckwater

APR 17 1963

II - HIBBING
(late)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HIBBING

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

341 Highland Drive
Hibbing, Minnesota

If there was a form for second round program suggestions, I cannot find it. But the Hibbing League of Women Voters wishes to go on record as favoring the Constitutional Revision item, as we must be able to study and work on the Taconite Amendment when it comes up. It will be most essential that the whole state study this. We would be in favor of a tax item, provided it were a second item, but we feel these are closely tied together.

We would be in favor of all the CR's as recommended, but wish to place the Indian topic on the CR's. We feel it could use more study and work and hate to drop it, but we realize that we cannot work on everything at once.

Sincerely,

Barbara Halper,

Pres. Hibbing League

March 8, 1963

OPEN LETTER TO LEAGUE MEMBERS IN MINNESOTA

In recommending three items for your consideration of a Current Agenda for 1963-65, the State Board is not proposing, or even expecting, that you will adopt all three. In our analysis of the membership in the Leagues which participated in this important program making aspect of our League life, there was not enough difference among the three we propose to make us willing to add the handicap of being not recommended to any one of them.

There was lively interest in the tax item, there was agreement that the Indian item was barely begun and many Leagues feel that our ability to act on all proposed constitutional amendments has been of great value to the League in the local community.

Mrs. O. H. Anderson, President
League of Women Voters of
Minnesota

PROPOSED PROGRAM 1963 - 1965

PROPOSED CURRENT AGENDA ITEM I

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the tax structure of the State of Minnesota.

PROPOSED CURRENT AGENDA ITEM II

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the State Constitution.

PROPOSED CURRENT AGENDA ITEM III

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

PROPOSED CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to insure employment on merit and non-discrimination in transactions involving real property; it will work for adequately financed commission administration of such legislation and of legislation to insure equal access to public accommodations.
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support party designation for legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures, and voting.
3. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interests.
4. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support constitutional revision by amendment or convention to provide: an easier amending process, fair and enforceable reapportionment, clearly fixed executive responsibility, a post auditor, and legislative sessions of adequate length.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM 1963 -- 1965

PROPOSED CURRENT AGENDA ITEM I

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study the tax structure of the State of Minnesota.

Twenty-four Leagues participated this year in the first stage of state program making for 1963-65. An item in the field of taxation was suggested by most of them. The Leagues making this suggestion contain about 2/3 of the members represented by the 24 participating Leagues.

In proposing the above item the state Board recognizes the wishes of a substantial majority of the participating members. It recognizes also that the subject of taxation is an important one. As stated by the California League after 20 years of study and action in this field, "matters of money are ever-present, ever-evolving, and ever-challenging."

Background of the Minnesota LWV on this subject:

In 1947 our state program included "Financing of government in Minnesota" and in the 10 years following that study some item relating to taxes or fiscal policies was a part of our program. In the last three state conventions repeated attempts were made to place a not recommended tax item on the Current Agenda. In May 1961 the following not recommended item was voted consideration: "A study of the state tax structure, with emphasis on sources of revenue and more efficient methods of collecting, equalizing and distributing tax money." The vote on adoption of this item was 131 for to 115 against. It was defeated because it needed a vote of 164 -- a 2/3 majority.

Possible scope of the item proposed for 1963-1965:

We recommend rereading "Taxation: The Perennial Issue" in the September-October 1962 MINNESOTA VOTER. Before going into any of the specific areas mentioned in this article, it would be necessary to make a general study of the sources of state revenue and the purposes for which it is expended -- where the money comes from and where it goes. Such a study, giving us a complete current picture as well as ideas on future sources of revenue, would perhaps lead us to look at the ways in which the money is collected, the problems of assessment, the relationship between state and local finances. We could explore the various aspects of state-local fiscal relations, including the sharing of state taxes by local units of government, the advisability of broader taxing powers for localities, increased state grants, and problems of the property tax. Our consensus and action on policies which would assist localities to meet their increasing financial demands could be a major contribution in the tax field.

We recognize that this is a complex area of work. Our aim would be, not to make tax experts of League members, but to activate them to decision on basic policies. Hopefully, by the time of Council meeting in 1964, our basic study and knowledge could produce emerging areas of agreement and further delineation of specific problems where it is necessary to face up to the distinctions between principles and sound practice.

If we adopt this item we will be able to benefit from the experiences of at least 25 other state Leagues currently working on some phase of state fiscal policy. The work of these Leagues has been summarized in the national publication "INVENTORY OF WORK ON STATE FISCAL POLICY BY STATE LEAGUES OF WOMEN VOTERS." This inventory is a means of exchanging ideas and methods and also provides a bibliography of League publications available from the various states. It points out the great need for citizen education in state fiscal problems. Therefore we would want to work for community understanding of our tax study, seizing every opportunity to take our information to the people. Out of this study we may reach agreement on fair apportionment of the tax load and on future needs for services and on how they should be financed.

PROPOSED CURRENT AGENDA ITEM II

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the State Constitution.

Of the 24 Leagues that participated this year in the first stage of state program making, an item on amending the State Constitution was suggested by 2/3 of the members represented by the Leagues participating.

This Constitutional Revision Item would include study and consensus on the amendments which will appear on the 1964 ballot as well as continued support for existing positions on constitutional revision. These positions include:

1. A fair and enforceable reapportionment amendment
2. Clearly fixed executive responsibility (this includes fewer elective offices, constitutional provision for an executive budget and joint election of governor and lieutenant governor)
3. Post auditor responsible to the Legislature
4. Adequate length of legislative session
5. Easing the amending process by changing the majority required for ratification to a majority of those voting on the question
6. Broader provisions for adoption and amendment of home rule charters.

If Leagues wish to study proposed amendments on the 1964 ballot this item must be a Current Agenda. However, it is possible that some of the proposed amendments would be included in our existing positions and would not require further study (amending process and joint election of governor and lieutenant governor). One which surely will be on the ballot and which would need League study would be the taconite amendment. If our position on Home Rule were threatened by an amendment in the 1965 session we would be able to study this item further under this Current Agenda. There was no clear directive for study of any particular article of the Constitution under this proposed Current Agenda Item.

PROPOSED CURRENT AGENDA ITEM III

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

Ordinarily we devote two years to a Current Agenda Item. Because of the multiple aspects of the discrimination item adopted in 1961, we have had less than a year to devote to what investigation has revealed to be a complex problem in the Indian study. In spite of this, however, suggestions for this item came in from nearly half of the members represented by the Leagues participating.

Our pending consensus at most can lead us to support of a declaration of responsibility by the state of Minnesota and the establishment of a state agency to represent the state government in cooperative efforts by various levels of government to solve Indian problems. Because of the contribution the League could make in legislation as opposed to the volunteer relief efforts of other interested organizations, because of member interest shown in this new study, because of interest it has generated in the community and because further study in depth will allow us to take more specific action, we are recommending that the item be continued.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Mrs. O. H. Anderson, President

March 8, 1963

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CONVENTION The St. Paul League is the hostess for the Convention.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR OFFICIAL VOTING DELEGATES ATTEND BOTH DAYS, since the Proposed Program is presented the first day, with the final decisions being made on the second day. However, Observers may attend one day or both days, and Leagues may have an unlimited number of such Observers. Also, you will notice it is possible to attend the banquet without paying a registration fee.

Enclosed is a list of local Leagues, showing the number of delegates allotted to each League according to the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. Enclosed, also, are Credential Cards for your delegates, "What Every Delegate Should Know" as well as the Convention Reservation form. Advance registration should be made with the state office no later than April 26. Send in completed form, credential cards, and check in the proper amount. Make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel using the enclosed cards (note deadline of May 6).

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Those of you who have been to Convention know that the meetings start on time. The doors are closed and no one will be admitted during the sessions except at specified times. BE PROMPT! Allow ample time to register. Registration starts 8 a.m., May 14th.

Display space is limited. If you plan a display you will need to inform the state office by May 1st, telling how much space you would like. Nothing can be placed on the walls, so think in terms of table displays. (Enclosures)

CONVENTION
continued...

The President's Luncheon, set for for May 14th, is planned to honor and entertain the Presidents of Local Leagues. We think it will be a lot of fun, and will also give you a chance to get acquainted with your counterparts in the other 57 local Leagues in Minnesota. This luncheon is limited to local League Presidents and members of the state Board. The cost is \$1.50.

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It's not too late to put in nominations for the Hope Washburn Award. The deadline has been extended to April 14. Just being nominated for the Hope Washburn Award is an honor -- so honor your top local and state League workers by sending their names in. Read the box in January-February VOTER and let us hear from you.

Mrs. Robert G. Johnson, 3704 S. Arbor Lane, Hopkins
Nominating Committee Chairman

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The state Board is providing enough copies of the Proposed Program for each unit in your League. We hope this will help all your members to take part in this grass roots process. We ask your unit members to send their suggestions to the local League Board promptly, expecting then that your Board will review and summarize the results and send them to the state Board by April 14th. If some of your units are unable to meet the local Board deadline, we encourage them to send their suggestions direct to the state office.

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During your discussion of the Proposed State Program we remind you to consider the workload involved in your proposal. In recommending your item, please include a definition of your suggestion as well as some indication of the scope of the item.

The state Board reviews this second round of suggestions and submits a Proposed Program to the Convention. This Proposed Program will be in your Convention Workbook which will be mailed to you May 1st.
(Enclosures)

LEGISLATION

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(Enclosure)

The future is, of course, anybody's guess. But at the moment from here it looks as though you may expect some future Times for Action on the Amending process to the Constitution as well as several areas in the Election Laws field. You may wish to update your members on Election Laws and the Amending process by using the CAPITOL LETTER. The Legislative Observers Program continues to be the best way a League member can keep right up to the minute on developments in state program.

STATE ITEM II We enclose sheets on "Local Citizens' Committee on Human Relations and Fair Employment Practices" which was prepared for the meeting for local League State Item II chairmen held Feb. 27, in connection with Legislative Observers Day.
(Enclosure)

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Memo # 6 is enclosed in this mailing. We think you will be inspired by what one small League did in a big way on membership.
(Enclosure)

NATIONAL CRs You will be interested in the enclosure on the so-called "Liberty Bill," the purpose of which is to limit the income tax and the treaty making power of the President of the U.S. This bill comes within the scope of our National CRs, and so a statement was prepared by Mrs. Grady Mann in the event that the bill was introduced in Minnesota, and Mrs. Duff was prepared to testify before the House Committee on Taxes, March 5, 1963.

The time for testimony on this bill, H.F.327, was completely taken up by a gentleman from California speaking for the resolution. The tax committee chairman, Rep. Roy Dunn, spoke with Mrs. Duff before the meeting and received copies of the LWV statement for the committee members. It is doubtful that anything further will happen on H.F.327 but just in case, Rep. Dunn is keeping in touch with us as well as two committee members particularly interested in it -- Rep. Salisbury Adams and Rep. D.D. Wozniak. Of course the newsmen attending the hearing were also pleased to have our League statement. The future shall bear some watchful waiting. Thank you, thank you to St. Cloud. If it had not been for your phone call the day before the hearing, we would have missed it entirely! Secrecy seems to be of particular importance to the proponents of this resolution -- we heard not a glimmer from here. (Enclosure)

TREASURER You are fast approaching the end of the fiscal year. Now is the time for a close examination of your budget with your Board. Make any revisions that may be necessary. If you find yourselves with an unexpected balance, make sure you have done all you can in the field of publications for your members and your contributors. After that, we suggest you might wish to make a gift to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund.

VOTERS SERVICE You are urged to attend the Legislative Observers session on March 27 and then have lunch with other Voters Service people from the local Leagues for a discussion of activities in the communities. Come prepared to discuss what your local League has achieved in Voters Service and whether you have encountered any problems. Return the reservation form by March 20th. (See below)

PUBLIC RELATIONS The new League publication, INDIANS IN MINNESOTA, is now in your hands, in at least a minimum number of copies. Your local Leagues will soon be using this publication as a study topic. The Public Relations Chairman in each local League can use this new publication and can at the same time promote its sale in the community. If your League can afford to buy copies to give as gifts to ministers, and leaders of church or other welfare groups who work with Indians and minority groups, this is a fine way to make friends for the League. You could also contact the schools in your community with special attention to the social studies departments in the secondary schools. Teachers after seeing the book, may wish to order it in additional numbers for use in their classes or to have available in the school libraries. The book could be used as background material for talks to be given by your speakers' bureau. If you cannot afford to make gifts to libraries, schools, teachers and church leaders, perhaps you can secure a number of the brochures advertising the publication to leave with these people. This brochure is available from the state office. It includes a table of contents, comments by leaders in the field of Indian affairs, and the price of the publication.

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Add this publication to your Local League Publication Catalog -- A STUDY OF THE CITY CHARTER OF WHITE BEAR LAKE. 12 pages, 10¢ postage paid (charters, home rule legislation, comparisons are some subjects covered)

ENCLOSURES: Proposed Program for units, Nominating Committee, Bylaws, Registration form, Hotel card, Credential cards, "What Every Delegate Should Know," Convention Representation, Party Designation and Liberty Bill statements, Local Citizens Committees, Membership Memo # 6.

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Name _____

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15. Conservation and development of natural resources, in the public interest.
16. Domestic policies which facilitate the solution of international problems and promoting world peace.
17. Cooperation with other nations in solving international problems and promoting world peace.
18. Development of international organizations and international law to achieve permanent means of cooperation.

Dora from Grace

2/15/63

See enclosed St.Croix return, members, number 57

Am embarrassed to report that Mahtomedi indicated in minutes, we recd. Feb.8, their recommendations, though they never sent us their proposal in any other form.

"The Minnesota Tax Structure,

Reevaluation of Home Rule

Minnesota Indians."

Mahtomedi has 52 members.

NO MATTER HOW YOU SAY IT \$



An examination of the tax structure of Minnesota with emphasis on assessment procedures.

A study of the tax structure of Minnesota with emphasis on sources of revenue and more efficient methods of collecting, equalizing and distributing tax money.

Minnesota finance ----- where the money comes from; where the money goes.

TAXES



EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT IT \$

LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT \$

MAKE STATE TAX REFORM YOUR FIRST ROUND SUGGESTION



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
February 21, 1963

MEETING PLACE: State Office, 9:30 a.m., Mrs. O. H. Anderson, President, presiding.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: Mmes. Davidson, Duff, Janski, Mann, Murray, Thompson, Wash, Watson, White, Whiting, Wright, and Zaidenweber.
Board members absent: Mmes. Isaksen, Jensen and Miss Shimmin.
Staff members present: Mmes. Williams and Wilson.

REVISION OF AGENDA: Mrs. Watson requested time for State Item II before the noon hour, and Mrs. Mann requested time to comment on legislation pertaining to the national CRs. Requests were granted and the agenda was revised accordingly.

MINUTES: Minutes of the State Board meeting of January 17, 1963 were circulated by mail.

MOTION: Dispense with reading of the minutes.
Mover: Mrs. Whiting. Second: Mrs. Thompson. Carried.

Corrections:

1. Page 3, Minnesota Voter, paragraph #1. delete MINNESOTA VOTER and substitute CAPITOL LETTER. Also delete 16,044 and substitute 1,644. Corrected by Mrs. Duff.
2. Page 3, State Item I, paragraph #3, MOTION: Delete and substitute this complete motion: That the League of Women Voters of Minnesota support the recommendations of the Governor's Committee on Constitutional Revision for easement of the amending process. Corrected by Mrs. Whiting, mover of the original motion.

MOTION: Accept the minutes as corrected.
Mover: Mrs. Whiting. Second: Mrs. Janski. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance on hand, 4/1/62	\$4,092.35
Receipts, 4/1/62 to 1/31/63	27,031.38
Expenditures, 4/1/62 to 1/31/63	25,651.46
Balance on hand, 1/31/63	\$5,472.27

Mrs. Mann reported that office expenses are paid through November to the SOS. She requested that outstanding bills be turned in. Pledges from local Leagues are coming in well, the office reports. The state League office may be moved from the old building to a new west bank University building in the next month or six weeks.

Mrs. Mann reported for the Budget Revision Committee as follows: recommending these changes in the budget...

President and Board of Directors	subtract \$30, making it \$845
Delegates: Convention	subtract \$70, making it \$405
Delegates: Special Meetings	add \$100, making it \$200

The \$300 charge for postage will be taken out of office operation and charged to the publications account.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Anderson reported that the Governor's Committee recommendation on the amending process will be introduced as a bill this session of the legislature.

Thank you letters to presidents of Carleton and Macalester Colleges were sent in appreciation for professors Fjelstad and Mitau speaking to the LWV Observers Program.

State Board members response for the request from Minneapolis League to lobby on behalf of a bill concerning their school district was unanimous to grant this permission.

A letter was received from Mr. George Farr, Minnesota DFL chairman, with thoughtful objections and explanation of comments contained in the CAPITOL LETTER article, "Neutral Recounter." He explained that ballots were challenged since they realized that no other opportunity to do so would be given, if it wasn't done at the first recount.

A Minneapolis member, Mrs. Walter S. Carpenter, wrote objecting to the Don Fraser interview contained in the CAPITOL LETTER as being partisan. The Board felt this interview was correct to use, since the CAPITOL LETTER is not just a report, but gives viewpoints as well.

A Letter to the Editor appearing ⁱⁿ the St. Paul DISPATCH stating that the League is too liberal and written by Mrs. Milton E. Smith will be answered by the local St. Paul LWV.

Leo Mosier, a member of the Governor's Committee on Constitutional Revision, has written the League regarding his opinion of proposed taconite amendments objecting to constitutional guarantees to individual industries.

Betty Kane will attend the apportionment meeting in Chicago March 19-22, 1963, along with Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Whiting.

Mrs. Anderson's expenses as chairman of the national nominating committee to the National Council meeting May 6-10 will be partially paid by national. Since this is true, she recommended it would be valuable to have president-elect Mrs. Whiting and one other attend from Minnesota. Mrs. Anderson requested suggestions for the National Board slate be sent to her.

A letter from Mrs. Chas. Carr of the ad hoc committee on water gave the plans of the committee to stay active through this legislative session.

Mrs. Anderson appeared on the TV show in Mankato as a guest speaker of Dr. Wm. Ranson's program. She took along many of the League publications which were excellent from Dr. Ranson's viewpoint. While in Mankato she spoke to a prospective League group.

The annual meeting of the Omaha League of Women Voters will hear Mrs. Anderson speak to them March 7, as they requested. She will also speak March 3 to the adult class of Trinity Community Church.

The Common Market workshop will be attended by Mmes. Anderson, Mann, Whiting and Zaidenweber of the state Board.

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: Mrs. Zaidenweber reported for the committee to study program suggestions from local Leagues. The committee announced that response was about average. The largest support was shown for a Tax item. There was organized support for such an item, with written suggestions and wordings mailed to local Leagues by the League of Women Voters of Owatonna.

The committee suggested either a one or two item agenda including Constitutional Revision and Taxation separately or as one item.

Thorough discussion of all program items suggested was held by Board members. Following consideration of all avenues of the program field, the Board gave majority VOTE support to the recommendation of a separate tax item with the following wording: "A study of the tax structure of Minnesota" with a complete explanation sent out to local Leagues. The committee felt there was a clear-cut feeling of support from local Leagues for an amendment study.

MOTION: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota adopt a two item agenda for study in 1963-64, as proposed program.

Mover: Mrs. Zaidenweber. Second: Mrs. Wash. Carried.

MOTION: Adopt as a second program item, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for amendments to improve the constitution of the state of Minnesota.

Mover: Mrs. Wash. Second: Mrs. Zaidenweber. Carried.

The Board felt for the first round of program recommendations the Indian study must be included since the study is not complete; the League can serve a purpose no other group can in this field by an objective study preceding action where there is consensus

MOTION: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study specific areas where legislation would be effective in improving the situation of the Minnesota Indian.

Mover: Mrs. Whiting. Second: Mrs. Thompson. Carried.

All other program suggestions will be listed as not recommended. Complete explanations of program will be prepared for direct mailing with copies for each unit of local Leagues. Assignments were made as follows:

Item I. Mrs. Whiting.

Item II. Mrs. Murray and Duff.

Item III. Mrs. Watson

The wording and explanation are to be circularized to all Board members before mailing. A condensed version of proposed program and explanation will be in the next VOTER.

STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES: The program study committee reported that a majority of local Leagues favored retaining all present CRs. Following complete discussion of State CRs, the Board made the following recommendations:

MOTION: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support adequately financed commission administration of legislation to insure employment on merit, non-discrimination in transactions involving real property and equal access to public accommodations.

Mover: Mrs. Watson. Second: Mrs. Duff. Carried.

MOTION: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support legislation to regulate lobbying and conflict of interests.

Mover: Mrs. Duff. Second: Mrs. Janski. Carried.

MOTION: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support party designation for legislators and improvements in election laws in the field of campaign practices, election procedures, and voting.

Mover: Mrs. Duff. Second: Mrs. Thompson. Carried.

It was pointed out that our present position on home rule is of no value, and has been inoperative for six years.

MOTION: Drop Home Rule as a state CR.

Mover: Mrs. Whiting. Second: Mrs. Duff. Carried.

MOTION: That our present position on Home Rule become a part of our position implicit in proposed C.A. on Constitutional Revision.

Mover: Mrs. Whiting. Second: Mrs. Janski. Carried.

MOTION: That the League of Women Voters of Minnesota drop from their C.R. program Revision of the Constitution by Convention.

Mover: Mrs. Whiting. Second: Mrs. Janski. Defeated.

MOTION: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support constitutional revision by amendment or convention to provide: an easier amending process, fair and enforceable reapportionment, clearly fixed executive responsibility, a post auditor, and legislative sessions of adequate length.

Mover: Mrs. Watson. Second: Mrs. Zaidenweber. Carried.

Mrs. Anderson appointed Mrs. Janski to see that the CRs with explanations wherever necessary are written up.

STATE ITEM II: Mrs. Watson reported that not enough reports are in as yet for a complete report on consensus on "Women in the Labor Force."

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Watson related the misunderstanding of the members of the Governor's Human Rights Commission in our entering the field of Indian Study with our publication. A letter of explanation will be sent to the chairman, Mrs. Wright Brooks, with a copy to the Governor.

It was decided to delay mailing a listing of recommendations for legislation in this field by the Minnesota Council of Churches, since we are in the process of taking consensus and this might sway League opinion at this time.

Since Mrs. Watson will be unable to lobby actively for a time because of family illness, it will be left to Mrs. Duff and Mrs. Watson to decide if it should become necessary to seek a substitute lobbyist.

ELECTION LAWS: League lobbyist in this field, Mrs. Thomas Young, reviewed legislation pertaining to League stands in the field of mandatory training sessions for election officials.

MOTION: The League of Women Voters of Minnesota approves mandatory training sessions for election officials.

Mover: Mrs. Davidson. Second: Mrs. Janski. Carried.

This was felt to be within our previous stand since it would fall under "Uniformity of procedures and training of election officials" as supported by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

BYLAW CHANGES: Mrs. Whiting submitted her study of bylaw changes to more closely follow the suggested standard bylaws for a state League as prepared by National. Comparisons were made as the Board then studied the proposed changes Article by Article.

The following major changes were recommended by motion, with a copy of all changes appended to the minutes.

MOTION: In Article IV, Section 3, change "shall" recommend to "may" recommend to the national Board that recognition be withdrawn.

Mover: Mrs. Thompson. Second: Mrs. Whiting. Carried.

MOTION: Article IV, Section 3, add the following: All funds held by a local League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Mover: Mrs. Janski. Second: Mrs. Duff. Carried.

MOTION: Accept the proposed new state Bylaw revision changes as incorporated in our discussion.

Mover: Mrs. Whiting. Second: Mrs. Thompson. Carried.

ORGANIZATION: Mrs. Janski reported that the new program "Project Adoption" has been working smoothly. Several trips have been made to Mankato by the Edina League. Mrs. Janski and Mrs. Wilson will attend an organization meeting February 22 in Mankato. St. Peter, under the guidance of the Bloomington League, had 21 people at a coffee party for prospective Leaguers. A committee is working out of Duluth with possibilities of a League in Cloquet. No report yet from Moorhead on their work in Crookston. Future possibilities include Winona, Plymouth, New Brighton.

The Board received in advance copies of letters from Richfield concerning their non-partisanship policy. After discussion, the Board recommended that a written nonpartisan policy be discouraged as all information is included in the Handbook, with each situation to be considered individually. Mrs. Anderson will answer their questions in this area with a letter.

White Bear Lake asked permission to reorganize their League for program on a three group multi-level tri-community basis. The Board pointed out that White Bear Lake can proceed now without bylaw changes, referring to the Handbook. They should be advised to proceed informally step by step keeping in mind their purpose of preserving the unity of their League.

Mrs. Whiting reported on the field service trip made to Duluth and Silver Bay by Mrs. Janski and her, January 29 and 30. They advised Duluth on the use of a planning session for better program presentation in their units, and on the use of a finance committee. They gave Silver Bay general advice including suggestions on their local agenda work.

After a report on the work in Chisholm, the following MOTION was passed:

MOTION: Recommend to national the granting of local League status for the provisional League of Women Voters of Chisholm with full recognition.
Mover: Mrs. Whiting. Second: Mrs. Janski. Carried.

FINANCE: Mrs. Thompson announced receiving gifts from local Leagues as follows:
Mahtomedi, \$25; Mound, \$15.

STATE CONVENTION: Convention chairman Mrs. Thompson had distributed a tentative convention schedule previously by mail. Mrs. Whiting suggested including the Council Report in the morning of the first day, as time is usually available there. A coffee hour during the second session will be included since the evening dinner hour will be necessarily late because of entertainment schedules.

Space will be available for state Board members to display and sell publications; local Leagues may also sell publications.

Mrs. Parish was suggested as parliamentarian. She will be asked, with Mrs. Dhein as second choice, if Mrs. Parish is not available.

Convention costs were recommended as follows:

Dinner	\$4.25
Luncheon	2.25
Coffee, rolls	50
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	\$7.00
Registration	3.00
Total	<hr/>
	\$10.00

MOTION: The convention fee be set at \$10 with the President's luncheon price of \$1.50 in addition, with the convention budget underwriting the difference.

Mover: Mrs. Whiting. Second: Mrs. Wright. Carried.

Observers fee will be \$2.00 a day.

STATUS OF LEGISLATION: The Party Designation Bill has been introduced into the Senate with a carefully organized and planned overall approach. The hearing in the Senate will be February 26 in the Elections Committee with Mrs. Anderson appearing on behalf of the League. This bill has not been introduced into the House as yet. A sheet of "quotes" favoring Party Designation is being prepared.

Mrs. Mann explained that the "Liberty Amendment" is being watched carefully as it would go against our national CR on income tax, since they wish to do away with Amendment # 16 to the U.S. Constitution, the income tax amendment.

She also reported that the League will be on the alert for the bill for a study of the Red River Valley (H.F.651, S.F.522); this comes under our national Water CR.

Mrs. Murray informed the group that the bill placing the Governor and Lt.-Governor on the same ticket will come out ^{of committee} when time has been given for League "Time for Action" support to take effect.

The bill to ease the amending process will get started soon, but has not been introduced as yet.

VOTERS SERVICE: Mrs. Davidson reported that the Burnsville Unit of the West St. Paul League has requested permission to hold a Candidates Meeting.

MOTION: Grant permission to hold the Burnsville Candidates Meeting.
Mover: Mrs. Davidson. Second: Mrs. Janski. Carried.

Mrs. Davidson announced plans to meet with local League Voters Service Chairmen in connection with a March Legislative Observers Day.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE: The Special Committee has sent a letter to the Hill Foundation requesting funds for their work. Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing denied their request.

MINNESOTA VOTER: Mrs. Jensen's printed sheet of VOTER suggestions was reviewed. The Board agreed the slate should be in; that proposed program should be written by the Editor using the mailing being sent to local Leagues as source material; that the first page of VOTER should be devoted to program of Convention; that the news about local Leagues should be an article by Edina on how they helped start a League in Mankato, with picture included; the column by President and legislative story was not discussed by Board.

NATIONAL COUNCIL:

MOTION: Send Mrs. Janski as our second Council representative.
Mover: Mrs. Thompson. Second: Mrs. Wash. Carried.

The next meeting of the state Board will be March 14, 1963.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta White, Secretary
(Mrs. Dean White)

Addenda: insert at the end of Organization Report, page 5, the following:
"Mrs. Wright will reply to the Falcon Heights League President in regard to procedures of consensus in the Ramsey County Council and the Metropolitan Council."