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LEGISLATION - 1953 SESSION

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

Vol. I

MEMBERS OF THE 83rd CONGRESS



MAP OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward J. Thye (R)

H. H. Humphrey (D)

REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS

DISTRICT

1. A. H. Andresen, R.
2. J. P. O'Hara, R.
3. Roy W. Wier, D.
4. E. J. McCarthy, D.
5. Walter H. Judd, R.
6. Fred Marshall, D.
7. H. C. Andersen, R.
8. J. A. Blatnik, D.
9. H. C. Hagen, R.

Official Address

U. S. SENATORS MAY BE ADDRESSED AT SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

U. S. CONGRESSMEN MAY BE ADDRESSED AT HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

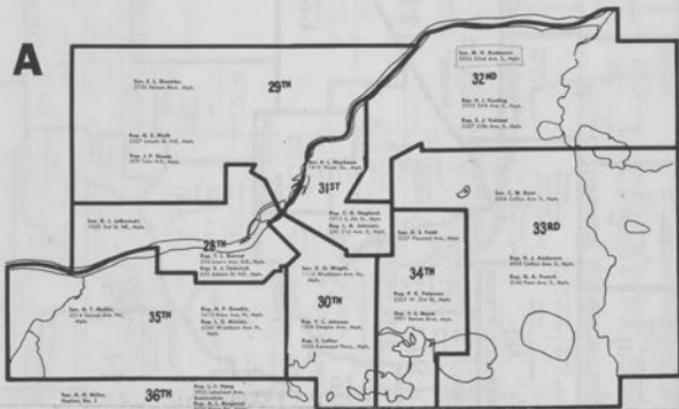
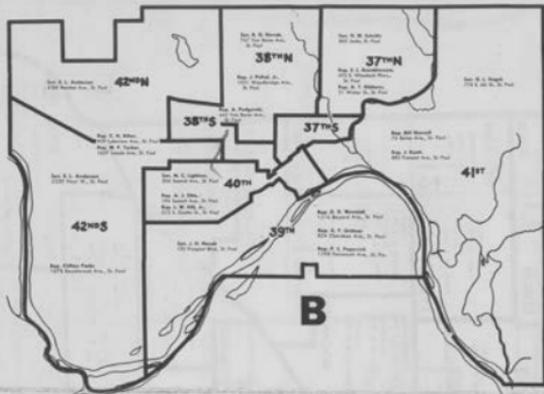
When Congress Passes a Law relating to business, you as a business man know pretty well what the effect of that law will be. But experience has shown that members of Congress do not always know how and why their legislative acts will affect business, unless business men write and tell them. Your views are always welcome, for the men who stay in Congress the longest are those who read and heed their constituents' letters. BUT there's a right way to write effectively to your Congressman. May we offer these suggestions:

Do

- spell your Congressman's name correctly
- make sure whether he is a Senator or a Representative
- state concisely what you think and why—the briefer, the better
- be sure of your facts
- cite specific illustrations, whenever possible, as to effects proposed legislation would have on your business and your workers
- write on your business stationery
- sign your name plainly. Type it under the signature
- send a letter rather than a telegram when time permits
- seize every opportunity to become personally acquainted with your Congressman

Don't

- threaten political reprisals
- write in a captious or belligerent mood
- remind your Congressman of broken promises
- attempt to speak for anybody but yourself
- insert newspaper clippings or mimeograph material
- send a chain letter or postcard
- quote from farm letters
- write only when you want a favor. Letters of commendation are always welcome
- try to make an errand boy out of your Congressman
- become a chronic letter writer



KNOW *Your* MEMBERS

OF THE

83rd CONGRESS

AND THE

1953 MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

(58th SESSION)

MINNESOTA HOTEL ASSOCIATION
112 No. Seventh Street
MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

P L A N

Following is a letter sent to Local Leagues suggesting the appointment, immediately, of a local legislative chairman, and a list of those chairman. Next is the "master plan" and proposed calendar which we used to set up the legislative program. In regard to the April 21st letter, we have no record of how many local leagues carried out the suggested action. Group Conference at the 1952 State Convention, also mentioned in this letter, was based on the "master plan."

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406
MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA
Atlantic 0941

September 12, 1951

Dear President:

Although the legislature will not be in session again until winter, 1953, we believe that now is the most advisable time for laying our groundwork for that session.

While it is necessary that the bulk of the actual lobbying be done by League members in and immediately surrounding the Twin City area, our work cannot be carried out effectively and constructively without the help of out-state Leagues.

It is thought that if each local League appoint a board member as legislative chairman at this time, who can be kept informed and will work steadily through the next two-year period in building local League interest and enthusiasm for legislative activity, that we will have a firmer foundation on which to build legislative opinion in regard to the League Program.

May we have the name and address of your local legislative chairman as soon as the appointment is made?

Sincerely,

Mari Donohue

Mrs. John K. Donohue
Legislative Chairman

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LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMEN

AFTON-LAKELAND	Mrs. Northfield
ALEXANDRIA	<i>Mrs. Robert Norden 224 1/2 Broadway</i>
ANOKA	Mrs. George Giddings, Rt. 7, Anoka
ATWATER	Mrs. Josie Ramsey
AUSTIN	Mrs. Leighton Richert, 907 W. Oakland
BATTLE LAKE	
BEMIDJI	
BRAINERD	<i>Mrs. J. P. Darling</i> Mrs. Kenneth Erlanson, 1417 S. 7th St.
BUFFALO	Miss Mary Mainquist
CASS LAKE	
CIRCLE PINES	Mrs. Robert Anderson
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS	
DULUTH	Mrs. Kenneth Hanna, 2132 E. 4th St. 5
EXCELSIOR	
FERGUS FALLS	Mrs. J. C. Hoff, 323 W. Alcott
GOLDEN VALLEY	Mrs. R. B. Beal (lobbied for Rep. Wrkshp.)
GRANITE FALLS	
GROVE CITY	Mrs. Stanley Holmquist
HIBBING	Mrs. Donald Charlton, 1410 16th Ave. E.
HUTCHINSON	Mrs. Bartels, & Mrs. Helga Neilsen (came once a week last year)
JACKSON	
KASSON	Mrs. Norman L. Torgersen
KNOLLWOOD PARK	
MAHTOMEDI	Mrs. A. M. Morris, Rt. #9, St. Paul 10
MANKATO	Miss Eleanor Biehl, Uranizan Apts. (active MEA)
MINNEAPOLIS	Mrs. David Kruidenier <i>Miss Florence Burton</i>
MINNETONKA	
MOUND	Mrs. Talbot Jones (should be capable & no children)
NEW FRAGUE	
NEW RICHLAND	
NEW ULM	Mrs. Harry Woerner, Pfander Apts.
NORTHFIELD	Mrs. John Bly, 211 N. Lincoln

OLIVIA

Mrs. Tony Hillemier (Olivia anxious to be active, attend sessions)

OMATTONA

PARK RAPIDS

RED WING

Mrs. R. V. Sherman, 513 12th St

ROCHESTER

Mrs. John Grindley, Hilltop, Rt. 1

ST. CLOUD

ST. PAUL

Mrs Harold Richardson

SOUTH ST. PAUL

TRACY

TWO HARBORS

WABASHA

Mrs. Warren Waterbury

WASECA

Mrs. Donald Johnson, 927 3rd St., S.W.

WHITE BEAR LAKE

WORTHINGTON

NORTH ST. PAUL

Mrs. Milton Chatterton

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

March 11, 1952

To: Local League President
From: Mrs. Donohue, Legislative Chairman
Attention: Local Legislative Chairman

Attached is the proposed plan for Legislative Action which was approved by the State Legislative Steering Committee at a meeting on January 31st.

The Steering Committee is composed of:

Mrs. K. K. McMillan, President	Mrs. Harold Richardson
Miss Barbara Stuhler	Mrs. Talbot Jones
Mrs. Harold Wilson	Mrs. Robt. Anderson
Mrs. David Kruidenier	Mrs. Jas. R. McNamara
Mrs. Hiram Livingston	Mrs. Hamilton Lufkin
Mrs. Harold Field	Mrs. John Donohue

The General Legislative Committee is composed of:

All the Legislative Chairmen in the State

We are attempting to localize our State Legislative Program, our aim being to insure more interest and individual response to Calls for Action, by the local Leagues. We believe this can be accomplished by having one person in each local League responsible for Legislative activity on the State Program level. She should work in cooperation with Resource Chairmen, Voters Service Chairmen, and Public Relations Chairmen, as well as with the corresponding State Chairmen, to put the League program across.

This agenda, we believe, sets up the duties of a Local Legislative Chairman. Those chairmen in the Twin City and Suburban areas will find that their duties will vary slightly from the other chairmen living farther away from St. Paul. Because they are in close commuting distance they will be called on to aid in conducting the "come-see" tours and with the actual lobbying at the Capitol.

You will probably want to discuss this agenda with your Board. We will want your comments, corrections, and additions. Also, we will want to know how much action you believe your League can accomplish along the lines of this agenda.

PROPOSED PLAN FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION IN MINNESOTA

1. Train League Lobbyists -- (Twin City and surrounding area people)
Most important criteria is that Lobbyists be well informed on subject matter and so we will greatly rely on our Twin City Resource Chairmen to train them.
2. Inspire Letter Writing -- on League items during the session in answer to Calls to Action. There is the possibility of devoting a Unit Meeting in the fall to letter writing. We intend to put out a kit, "Lobby by Letter", next fall. It will contain the what, why, where, and how of letter writing. Also a statement of the League's stand on state items and how to use this material in a letter to your legislator. A sheet, "If they say -----, tell them -----" on the Agenda Items will probably be prepared to help in face to face, as well as in letter lobbying.
3. Urge and set up "Sight Seeing Tours" during the session for Out-State Leaguers. This is most important, particularly if it is combined with a talk with the legislator on League matters.
4. Work with your Voters Service Chairman, who will arrange local Pre-Election Meetings for candidates running for the State Legislature. Help them understand League items and get their position on these items before they are elected.
5. Keep Files on Legislators. One card kept by local League, one card sent to State Office will be very helpful in lobbying wisely and effectively. If this information is not available to you now, it will be at election time. Files might contain the following information about the legislator:

His district

Is labor strong?
Is farm group strong?
What business is predominant?
What nationality predominates?

His organization affiliations

American Legion?
Luncheon clubs?
What is he interested in?

Other information

Political Leaders in his district?
What groups supported him in campaign?
What favors would he want to confer?
What reprisals?
Who are his friends? opposition?
Family connections?
Special interest?
Political party?
Caucus?

6. Keep Files on League Members. These should be kept according to Legislative District to make it easier for individual calls for action to be answered. Also might contain some of the same information recorded on Legislators File Card, to make it easier to fit the Lobbyist to the Legislator. (This separation into districts is of course for large Leagues.)
7. Keep Files of Other Organizations' Legislative Programs, also the individuals to contact, both in the local community, and at the State Capitol, in these organizations, so that we can work more effectively in cooperation with these other organizations. These would be useful to have in both the local League's and the State League's possession.
8. Legislative Budget -- Do we need one?

March 11, 1952

PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

- MAY Local League Legislative Chairman communicate with State Office by May 1st on their evaluation of the enclosed plan for Legislative Action. Suggestions for change or addition will be valued.
- MAY 21-22 At the State Convention, a meeting will be set for Legislative Chairman, details will be forthcoming. (A Pep Fest)
- SEPTEMBER Area Conferences on Legislative Action will be held.
- OCTOBER Before election, a communication will be sent to local Leagues reviewing the agenda items to come before the State Legislature. At this time the Voters Service Chairman, with the help of the Legislative Chairman, will reach the local candidates for the Legislature with League material on our agenda items, to get the candidates position before the election, and working with the Public Relations Chairman will publicize these facts.
- NOVEMBER General Election, Nov. 4th.
- DECEMBER After election have a meeting with the Representatives and Senators before they leave for the Capitol. Possibly give them a letter or booklet, stating our program, signed by the local President, rather than be state officer. In some towns, this might be done at a luncheon. The Voters Service, State Resource, and Legislative Chairmen might work together on this project.
- DECEMBER Have a meeting of Twin City and suburban League's Legislative and Resource Chairmen, with corresponding State Chairmen, in order to form actual lobbying committees and make plans for action. Possibly a booklet "How it is Done", a handbook on lobbying to be put out by the League, could be distributed at this time.
- JANUARY
1953 In the first week of the session we will have our Legislative Workshop, plus a "come and see" tour. (Skit on Constitutional Convention, Mrs. Minnesota and Daughter, might be given to entertain our Legislator Guests). "Come and See Tours" will continue through the session.
- a. have legislators talk on program items coming up for action
 - b. visit House and Senate while in session
 - c. have League members talk to their legislators
 - d. get copies of legislative publications, such as Journal, Agenda, Bill, etc. for League visitors
- JANUARY
to
APRIL
1953 Until the middle of April 1953, All League members Lobby for the League
- a. in person
 - b. by letter
 - c. by letters to the paper
 - d. by influencing others to lobby

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

April 21, 1952

Dear Legislative Chairman,

Your job for next year is already upon you

The Platforms of the two Political Parties are in the process of being created. The first step is being taken at the County Conventions where delegates are elected to go to the State Conventions. The second step is being taken at the State Conventions where the delegates so elected will start work on the Party Platforms. The Republican State Convention will be held May 24th, the D.F.L., May 31st.

How are you, the Legislative Chairman of the non-partisan League of Women Voters of your Town, connected with all this?

1. You can find out who your county delegates are to both the Political Parties' State Conventions.
(Republican delegates elected at April 19th County Conventions)
(D.F.L. delegates elected at May 10th County Conventions)
2. You can interview or write a letter to these delegates, or to as many of them as you think is important, to remind and encourage them to include on their Party Platforms, again, the three items on which we all agree ---

Constitutional Revision through Convention
Fair Employment Practices Legislation
Party Designation for Legislators

Will you be willing to do this, your first assignment as a Legislative Chairman for the 1953 Legislative Session? I hope so, because we think it is a wonderful thing to do, both from a legislative and from a public relations point of view.

Hope to see you at the Group Conference on Legislation at the Wednesday afternoon session of the State Convention. It's going to be interesting and exciting.

Sincerely,

Mari Donohue

Mrs. John Donohue
Legislative Chairman

VOTERS SERVICE

Following, is the Voters Service work done by the Voters Service Committee, in connection with the legislative program.

Voters Service
Legislation

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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June 27, 1952

To: Voters Service Chairmen
From: Mrs. Frank Chesley, state Voters Service Chairman

As the first step in our intensified voters service work this year, you will find enclosed a sample copy of the questionnaire for state legislative candidates. They are available at the state office. It has been found in previous years that most candidates file in their own county, at the office of the county clerk. For this reason the state office is leaving it up to you to get the names of the candidates from your legislative district and start your interviews as soon as the filings close (July 21). It is most important that the questionnaires be filled out by all candidates well before the primary election (Sept. 9), so that the information may be relayed to as many voters as possible before they go to the polls. The questionnaires of the winning candidates may be used again before the general election in November.

The procedure, then, is as follows:

1. Obtain names of all candidates from your district
2. Send to the state office for twice as many questionnaires as you have candidates
3. Obtain answers to the questionnaires preferably by personal interview (see page 19 of Give the Voter A Hand) or if this is not possible, then by mail, from all candidates
4. Send one copy of each questionnaire to the state office
5. Keep one copy for use in your district

Informing the public of the qualifications of candidates is one of the League's most vital jobs. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that we get this information to as many people as possible. Local newspapers are usually glad to print this nonpartisan material. Contact your editor and ask for his cooperation. Sometimes newspapers will run off reprints of the article for your voters booth. In addition, many Leagues make the small expenditure necessary to mimeograph the answers in large quantities to be distributed in grocery boxes, voters booth, doctor's and dentist's offices, help-yourself boxes, to clubs, etc. See your booklet Give the Voter A Hand for further suggestions on distributing this important information and also for ideas on other aspects of pre-election work.

Forthcoming will be the replies to congressional questionnaires. Also forthcoming in early fall will be an informational broadside on the five amendments which will be on the ballot in November. This will be designed for wide public distribution. Another broadside, specifically on Amendment No. 2 which the League strongly supports, will be available in quantity from the Citizens Committee for a Constitutional Convention. (We hope in time for use at your county fair booths.)

Dates to Remember

June 11--Filings open for Primary
July 21--Filings close
July 26--Last day for withdrawal
Aug 19--Registration closes
Sept 9--PRIMARY ELECTION

Sept 10--Voters may circulate petition for nomination beginning this date and file not later than Oct 4
Oct 14--Registration closes
Nov 4--GENERAL ELECTION

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF _____

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES 1952

Name of Candidate _____

Address _____

Legislative District _____

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

A. EDUCATION

B. OCCUPATION

C. WHAT PARTICULAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD THAT WOULD QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE? (Please limit your answer to fifty words.)

Legislative Questionnaire - 2

CANDIDATE'S STAND ON ISSUES

I. CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Would you support a bill calling a constitutional convention? YES ___ NO ___

Comments:*

II. CIVIL RIGHTS

Would you support a law against racial and religious discrimination in employment which provided for adjustment of complaints by education and conciliation, and vested ultimate enforcement powers in the state courts? YES ___ NO ___

Comments:*

III. CIVIL SERVICE

Would you support legislation which would provide that:

- a. Veterans receive a passing grade in examinations before preference be granted. YES ___ NO ___
- b. Preference be limited to 5 and 10 points. YES ___ NO ___
- c. Absolute preference be abolished. YES ___ NO ___
- d. No preference be given in promotional examinations. YES ___ NO ___

Comments:*

IV. PARTY DESIGNATION

Would you support a bill providing election of our state legislators with party designation? YES ___ NO ___

Comments:*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF _____

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES 1952

Name of Candidate _____

Address _____

Legislative District _____

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MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

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July 31, 1952

Dear Candidate:

Before each election the League of Women Voters of Minnesota disseminates to state voters information regarding candidates for office. We would very much appreciate your filling in and returning to our office the enclosed questionnaire. Your answers will then be forwarded to our forty-eight Leagues throughout the state for distribution to our 4300 members and other citizens.

In order that this information may be properly reprinted and distributed, we would like your answers by August 10th. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely,



Mrs. K. K. McMillan
President

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406

MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

August 29, 1952

To: Voters Service Chairmen
From: Mrs. Frank Chesley, State Voters Service Chairman

RE: CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRES

You will find enclosed the replies which have been received from the questionnaires sent to congressional and senatorial candidates, and also the replies to state questionnaires sent to candidates for state offices.* In addition to these, you have by this time probably received answers to the state questionnaires which you sent yourselves to the candidates for the state legislature from your own district.

You have, then, this valuable information in your hand, and are perhaps wondering what to do with it. If every man and woman who will go to the polls on Sept. 9 and again on Nov. 4 could know what is written on these pages, surely they would go better prepared to vote for a more qualified candidate than if they vote by guess-work as so many do, especially in the primary.

It is hoped, therefore, that every local League will make the fullest possible use of this material. There are several possibilities for getting it to your members and to the public.

How to obtain copies

1. Copies of replies from congressional and senatorial candidates, and candidates for state offices may be obtained from the state League office (4 pages for 1 cent)
2. You can mimeograph the pages yourselves for large public distribution. Usually the cost is only that of the paper, as most Leagues have members who can type, and access to a mimeograph machine.
3. You can ask your newspaper editor if he will print the answers. Perhaps he will choose only certain offices to print, but this is better than none. In many cases the newspaper will then run off reprints of the article free of charge for you to distribute.

What to do with the copies

1. Door to door distribution is often done by the Boy and Girl Scouts.
2. Take to industries, labor temples, service organizations, church groups, rural groups, PTA's.
3. Have copies in your voters booth. (Also Significant Roll Calls for incumbent's records)
4. Take a copy to your editor regardless of whether he will make reprints for you. He will value its non-partisan factual information.
5. Place copies in Help Yourself boxes throughout the community.
6. See "Give the Voter a Hand" for further ideas.

By all means try to get this work done this coming week before the primary, as it is during this period that people are wanting help in determining the candidates' qualifications for office and their stands on issues.

Cooperation with other groups in your community is especially rewarding and successful at voters service time. Working together on matters of mutual interest such as registration, getting out the vote, and information on candidates will lead to greater understanding between the League and other groups when it is time for action on our program.

August 29, 1952

Is your League planning any kind of a candidates meeting this fall? If you are, could you please fill out the form below and return it immediately to the state office. The office will then have a complete record and Leagues may write in to find out if nearby Leagues are holding such meetings and when.

* The following information is not noted on the questionnaires. Please be sure that you forward it with any replies to questionnaires which you send your members and your community:

THESE CANDIDATES DID NOT REPLY TO QUESTIONNAIRE

GOVERNOR: Paul A. Indykiewics - Republican

SENATOR: John A. McDonough - Democratic-Farmer-Labor
F. H. Schoemaker - Democratic-Farmer-LaborREPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS:-----
Yes we are having a candidates meeting.Date:
Place:
Time:
Offices for which candidates are running:
Names of candidates invited:

We have already had a candidates meeting: Yes ___ No ___

Offices of candidates who attended:
Comments on meeting:

TESTIMONEY

Following, is the testimoney given by the legislative chairman
before the Republican State Central Committee at their 1952
Hearings on State Platform. They invited us to attend.

TESTIMONEY

August 22, 1952

Minnesota Republican State Central Committee
Hearings on State Platform for 1952
Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, a non-partisan organization of 4300 members in 48 communities throughout the state, adopted at its state convention last May in Rochester, the following item:

"In the interests of responsible, efficient, and democratic government in our state, we will work for a constitutional convention".

Five years of study have convinced the members of the League that many provisions of our state constitution are obsolete, confusing, and unenforceable, completely at odds with efficient and responsible government. For example:

- It has been amended 75 times
- It is 3 times longer than the federal constitution
- It contains out of date provisions such as election of Senators by the Legislature
- It greatly limits home rule
- It limits the legislative session to 90 days
- It does not require judges to be trained in law
- It does not provide adequately for reapportionment

We are hoping that a law will be passed in the 1953 session of the Legislature which will provide for the calling of a constitutional convention. The League hopes that the Republican Party will again include a statement on its Platform in favor of this action, and that the combined strength of the many organizations favoring a constitutional convention will be great enough to achieve this first step toward a more responsible, efficient and democratic government.

FILE COPY

August 22, 1952

Minnesota Republican State Central Committee
Hearings on State Platform for 1952
Hicolllet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, a non-partisan organization of 4200 members in 48 communities throughout the state, adopted at its state convention last May in Rochester the following item:

"In the interests of responsible, efficient, and democratic government in our state, we will work for party designation for legislators".

The League studied this subject after they had a chance to review the work of the 1951 Legislative session. Although all the items on the League program were also items on the platforms of both the political parties, none of the bills that the League worked for were passed. It seemed to us that part of the trouble, at least, was that the legislators were not committed to the platform of their party, since they were elected without party designation. We believe that party designation would strengthen the two party system, would simplify the voters' choice, would make legislators responsible to their party's platform, and would tend to counteract in a healthy way the influence of the special interest pressure groups which seek to influence legislation.

We are hoping that the Republican Party will again include a statement on its Platform in favor of this action, and that the combined strength of the organizations favoring party designation will be great enough to achieve this important step toward a more responsible government.

August 22, 1952

Minnesota Republican State Central Committee
Hearings on State Platform for 1952
Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, a non-partisan organization of 4300 members in 48 communities throughout the state, adopted at its state convention last May in Rochester the following items:

"In the interests of responsible, efficient, and democratic government in our state, we will work for an efficient civil service system".

Because the League is aware of the service veterans rendered to our country, we believe that this service should be recognized through the incorporation of preference for veterans as an integral part of our civil service system. It is our belief however that the present law needs modification. Because veteran's preference may be used for both entrance and promotional examinations (in some branches of state government a veteran who can not pass the examination gets absolute preference over a non-veteran who may get 100%) many capable non-veterans hesitate to take jobs with the state. This causes our government to be run less efficiently and economically than is necessary.

Because the principle of the merit system requires the selection of public employees solely on the basis of merit and fitness while veterans' preference requires that preference be extended to members of a special class on the basis of membership in that class, veterans' preference is contrary to the merit system. Therefore, since the League of Women Voters has always worked for the merit system in Minnesota, we are hoping that the Republican Party will include a statement to support revision of the veterans' preference in civil service, and that the combined strength of the organizations favoring revision will be great enough to achieve this needed step toward a more efficient state government.

August 22, 1952

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, a non-partisan organization of 4300 members in 48 communities throughout the state, adopted at its state convention last May in Rochester the following items:

"In the interests of responsible, efficient, and democratic government in our state, we will work for the enactment of a fair employment practices law and other legislation to correct discrimination".

The League has made a study of civil rights in Minnesota for three years and believes that a fair employment law should be passed in this state:

because every worker should have the opportunity to make use of his skills, regardless of his race, religion, or national origin.

because employment on merit puts democracy into practice

because employment on merit benefits everyone -- worker, management, the consumer

because experience in Minneapolis and other cities and states show that a fair employment practice commission, with enforcement powers, is an effective and proper instrument for solving this problem.

The League hopes that the Republican Party will again include a statement on its Platform in favor of this action, and that the combined strength of the many organizations favoring a fair employment law will be great enough to achieve this important step toward a more democratic state.

AREA CONFERENCES

Following is the information and material put out in connection with the Area Conferences held in September, 1952.

Area Conferences

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406

MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

June 23, 1952

Dear Local League President:

At our national and state Conventions, at our local Annual Meetings, League members have, the past two months, been very busy making plans for the coming year. The state Board at its post-convention meeting spent many hours discussing methods which will most effectively carry out your plans. This promises to be an active and exciting year.

PROGRAM. As you know we once again at the state convention adopted a four-item Agenda. The economic item was dropped, but Civil Service was taken from the platform and placed back on the agenda. This will be an election year and a legislative year. These two facts determine the timing and the emphasis of both program and non-program responsibilities.

Because we anticipate legislative action on all Current Agenda items we suggest (see enclosed Calendar) that the fall and early winter months be given to work on the state Program and Voters Service. As League members we cannot be prepared now can we help our communities understand the issues unless the suggested calendar is followed.

AREA CONFERENCES on Legislation in preparation for the legislative session in January will be held some time during September. These will be conducted as workshops for not only Legislative Chairmen and their committees but for all local League members. Details will be sent to you later.

VOTER SERVICE. Soon you will receive Legislative Questionnaires, suggestions for interviews, ideas on candidate meetings and techniques for getting out the vote. In September you will be sent two broadsides clarifying the proposed amendments to our state Constitution. One broadside will explain all five amendments. The other will deal exclusively with Amendment 2, the only amendment on which we have taken a stand.

CALENDAR. Once again we have prepared a suggested calendar consisting of League dates to remember and a schedule for activities on the national, state, and local agendas. Please read carefully at the bottom of the Calendar sheet the dates on which material on the state level will be sent you. It will not be available before dates mentioned.

Summer is here . . . it hardly seems possible that a year ago I was writing my first letter to local League presidents. This year has been quite an experience for me and I have enjoyed it. I have particularly enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you. Once again I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to visit me and the office staff whenever you are in Minneapolis.

Relax and have fun, but don't forget the League - -

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kenneth McMillan, President

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406
MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA
Atlantic 0941

August 25, 1952

To: Local League Presidents
From: Mrs. Kenneth K. McMillan, President
Re: Area Conferences on STATE LEGISLATION

"THE LEAGUE IS IN THE LOBBY"

Last year when the State Board (at your request) discussed what phase of League work should be covered by the Area Conferences this fall, it was felt that our program and our members would derive the greatest benefit by conferences on state legislation and state program items.

The purpose of the Conferences this year is to help the Local Leagues understand and assume their responsibilities toward putting our State program items across during a Legislative year.

The plan and the method: these conferences will be open to all members of all Local Leagues. We urge the attendance of not only your Board members but all interested League people. These conferences will provide ample opportunity for discussing the local League's role during a Legislative year and for understanding the role of the State League, thus enabling us to mobilize our strength and work as a whole unit.

The Area Conferences will last a full day. As suggested in the enclosed Outline, your local Senator will talk on "Legislative Procedures" at the luncheon.

Two League members who have had Legislative experience will be there to conduct the meeting and discuss with members the items in the outline.

There will be a registration fee of 35¢. This is necessary to help defray the cost of material which includes an extremely useful and interesting kit called "Lobby by Letter". This kit is a must for every League member because it is designed to simplify and clarify the problem of writing letters to our Legislators.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a Schedule for Area Conferences. Later you will receive a memo with time, meeting place, cost of luncheon, and the name to whom reservations should be sent.

I know that this will be one of the most stimulating and informative conferences we have ever held. I strongly urge every member to attend so that we could truly say, this Legislative year of 1953, that...

"THE LEAGUE IS IN THE LOBBY"

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SCHEDULE FOR AREA CONFERENCES ON LEGISLATION

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u> *
1	<i>Thu</i> Tuesday, September 26 / 52	Duluth
11	Tuesday, September 23	Brainerd
111	Tuesday, September 23	Alexandria
1V	Tuesday, September 23	Austin
V	Tuesday, September 23	Olivia
VI	Wednesday, September 24	Mankato
VII	Tuesday, September 23	Grove City
VIII	Tuesday, September 23	Minneapolis
IX	Thursday, September 25	Minneapolis
X	Thursday, September 25	St. Paul

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V Olivia Granite Falls Tracy Worthington	VI Mankato Jackson New Prague New Richland New Ulm Waseca	VII Grove City Atwater Hutchinson	VIII Minneapolis St. Paul
	IX Anoka Buffalo Circle Pines Columbia Heights Excelsior Golden Valley Knollwood Park Minnetonka Mound St. Cloud	X Afton Lakeland Mahtomedi Northfield North St. Paul South St. Paul White Bear Lake	

* Information on the exact place of meeting will be sent you as soon as that has been arranged (about September 10th).

Suggested Letter to Senator to be sent by Local League

August _____, 1952

The Honorable _____
Address,
Town, Minnesota

Dear Senator _____,

In September the League of Women Voters of Minnesota is sponsoring Area Conferences throughout the entire state. These conferences will deal with State Legislation and our members will gather together in certain localities to learn more about putting their study program on an action basis.

On September _____ we will hold a conference at _____. Members of local Leagues from _____, _____, _____, and _____ will attend. We would like to have you come as guest speaker to our luncheon session, (time, place), and speak to us on Legislative Procedures.

We will appreciate your notifying us as to whether or not you can come.

We look forward to having you with us on the _____ at _____.

Sincerely yours,

(local legislative chairman or
local president

August 25, 1952

INSTRUCTION SHEET
for
LEAGUE LEADERS FOR AREA CONFERENCES ON STATE LEGISLATION

"The League is in the Lobby"

1. Local League takes care of registration (35¢) which entitles each person attending the Conference to an Outline and a Lobby by Letter Kit. Local League also takes care of charge for luncheon.
2. Local League will appoint a recorder for your conference. The State Board wants a copy of the proceedings, especially any new questions that are asked.
3. Distribute the Outline, but do not give out the Lobby by Letter Kit until the end of the day, since it contains the answers to the Quiz.
4. Urge free and lots of discussion on each item. Encourage additional purchases of the Kit, since we want every League member throughout the State to have one.
5. Save all good questions to be asked of the Senator at luncheon discussion. Record his answers. An example of what you might want to ask are: when an issue arises, and you have one opinion and your constituents another, what is your responsibility in voting? and along this same line, do you feel that by and large the state or local interests should be first served on controversial matters? See that League members ask the questions of the Senator.
6. Materials for Leader:

Materials for the Groups

State Platform
State Program
Information on Area Leagues
 name local president
 name local legislative chairman
 number of members in each League
Leader's Outline
90 Days of Lawmaking
Proposed Plan for Legislative Action
 (March 11, 1952)
Sheet of information from Legislators

Short Outlines
Lobby by Letter Kits
If They Say - Tell Them
Roll Calls
Quiz Sheets

7. There will be a dinner meeting and training session for Leaders of the Area Conferences on State Legislation at:

Y.W.C.A. --- Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 --- in Tray and Talk Room

Pick up your tray of food from the Cafeteria and carry it to room off lobby.

August 25, 1952

LEADER'S OUTLINE
for
AREA CONFERENCES ON STATE LEGISLATION

"The League is in the Lobby"

I. Purpose Fulfilled (morning session)

A. Role of State League in a Legislative Year

This will be a ten minute introduction to the conference by the leader handling the morning session. You may wish to start out with this little story which went the rounds at the National Convention in Cincinnati: "A gentleman, very much under the influence of alcohol wandered into a Quaker Meeting House and seated himself next to a Friend. After sitting quietly for some time he said, 'When do we go into action around here?' The Friend drew himself up and said, 'Sir, we go into action when the service is over!'" With this opening, you can touch upon the action phase of the League program. You will want to clarify League purpose, making sure that it is understood that Action is the promotion of political responsibility. Bring out action as the climax of study, that their service is over, the time to act is now!

B. Review of Past Accomplishments

Touch on some past League accomplishments such as Civil Service Law. You might want to mention that the League was given full credit for the passage of the merit system act, and that we have the pen in the State Office with which Governor Stassen signed the bill. (See Platform for other items)

II. This is Your Job

A. Localize Responsibilities

You can point out that each League is responsible for arousing its own community in the interest of League program items. Each is responsible for seeing that its legislators understand League program items. Your job is to localize League legislative action. The State Legislative Committee is only what the local Leagues make it.

B. Pre-election

1. Last fall we suggested that each League appoint a Legislative Chairman. If this hasn't been done, it is hoped that someone can be found for the job in each local League for this year. These are the reasons: each League will then have a committee responsible for mobilizing membership and community to carry out Calls for Action, for working with Voters Service and Public Relations on interviews with legislators and keeping membership informed on results and legislative processes, for getting constant and staggered action with regard to letter writing, and for taking charge of awakening interest in and organizing tours to the legislature during the session, for keeping information about your League flowing to the Legislative Newsletter, and activating telephone committees in order to reach members and influential people in the community when action is needed.

2. Stress the fact that the Legislative Committee should cooperate with Voters Service and the Resource people, also Public Relations, in bringing to the League membership and the general public the qualifications of candidates and the results of our questionnaires. Try to get them published in a local paper, or if possible, have the local League put out a communication to their members, on questionnaire results. These committees, if all working together, can accomplish many purposes in one project.

C. Post-election

1. After election, it would help considerably if a meeting is held with elected representatives. (Don't neglect the State Senator just because he doesn't come up for election this year) This may be done just a short time before the legislative session. If they were reelected, know their past voting record on League items. Don't forget to thank them for past support. If they do not favor some of our program items, you still promote goodwill and understanding in talking to these people and letting them know how you want them to represent you. Give them a copy of the League program and platform. This sort of thing, when done locally, can be much more effective than when done on a state-wide basis. It also gives the local Leagues a chance to get help and cooperation from their representatives on local matters. Minneapolis has a very successful luncheon meeting. This might be feasible for some of the larger Leagues, or several Leagues in the same district could go together on a project such as this. This sort of thing can also be done by mail. Send along a letter signed by the local president and board members, including the State program and platform.

2. Files on legislators. We have felt that a card file on legislators would be most helpful to our lobbyists. This is what we had in mind: a card to be sent in duplicate to each local League asking for the following information concerning your legislator -- questions on his district (is labor strong? business or farm groups strong?), his organizations affiliations, his political party affiliation, his opposition, his supporters during election, etc. One card would be kept by the local League, on in the State Office. This information is always available locally at election time, and would aid our lobbyists to work for our program more wisely and effectively.

3. We have suggested that in the larger Leagues a file be kept on members. This should be set up according to legislative district. It would greatly facilitate individual Calls to Action.

4. Don't overlook the Legislative programs of other organizations. Some of them are closely tied to ours. A file kept with information about their programs and key individuals to contact locally and at the Capitol will be invaluable. This should be a duplicate file and will be of use both locally and to the State League.

D. During the Session, We All Lobby By:

1. Letter -- At this point comes the presentation of the Kit, Lobby by Letter. Explain its use and promote the idea that it should be in the possession of every League member in the State. Point out that letter writing is our most important lobbying device, since most of our members do not get to the Capitol. Do not distribute Kit until the end of the day since it contains Quiz Answers.

2. Person -- See your legislator when he is at home, come to the Capitol on our planned tours, Make a special effort to know your legislator.

Note to Twin City and Surrounding Area Leagues — Our 'in person' Lobbying, as always, will be done by Resource people from these Areas. Knowledge of the subject matter is important. No Lobbying committee can be too big. Start now thinking about being a Lobbyist for the League. We will hold training sessions to help you before the Session opens.

3. Tours — This year will see a definite program for "Come and See Tours". They will consist of visiting House and Senate sessions, committee hearings, interviews with legislators and lunch with your local representatives. They will be set on specific days, you will have a tour guide. This is the educational part of our legislative program and a must for all League members. The Legislative chairman in each League will be responsible for making reservations for the tours at the State Office, and for seeing that her League gets to the Capitol sometime during the session.

4. Letters to the Editor — If your paper has a mail bag column, a letter to the Editor is invaluable because it reaches many people at once.

5. Influencing others to act — Don't forget that your job is to influence others to act. Help them to understand the need for action and for making themselves heard. Present your neighbors with a copy of Lobby by Letter, to help get action on our program. Bring them along on a Capitol Tour.

6. Legislative Newsletter — After the session starts, you will be kept informed by a newsletter, telling how our program is progressing. We will be interested in what the local Leagues are doing to promote action.

7. Calls for Action — When a Call for Action is sent out, a single answer from the local League is never sufficient. There must be many letters from individuals coming in. We are suggesting that telephone committees be set up, so that all members can quickly be reached and requested to act. These committees can also be used for getting staggered action on an item. Once a bill has been introduced, a few letters every week will carry a terrific amount of force, and a gentle reminder by telephone to start action on an item will be most helpful. Your telephone committees will be invaluable.

III. Legislative Facts of Life (afternoon session)

This should be a short talk on lobbying as you see it from the Leader's own personal viewpoint. We want League members to understand exactly what we are up against when we go to lobby. Make them see you in comparison with paid lobbyists. Let them know how dependent you are upon their letters and their action back home. Draw on your own experiences with special interest groups and public interest groups. This is the place on the Area Conference Program for giving the League members first hand information on what goes on at the Legislature. Present the roll call. Tell the members how the legislators voted on League items during the last session.

IV. Program Quiz

Make this the 'fun' part of your Conference with lots of audience participation. Pass out the Quiz Sheets and give them about 5 minutes to write down reasons why we support Constitutional Convention. After the time is up, tell them to keep their Quiz Sheets, but you pose the opposition's reasons and let them give you the answers from what they have written on their Quiz Sheets. Do this with each item separately.

End of session

THE PLATFORM

The Platform consists of governmental issues and specific legislation to which the League has given sustained attention through the years. The League may resume support of any such issues or specific legislation whenever the State Board shall decide that active work is needed for (a) the preservation, improvement or enforcement of legislation previously enacted into law, or (b) the passage of any such legislation not previously enacted into law.

CHILD WELFARE:

Regulation of employment of children in street trades
Acceptance by legislature of Sheppard-Towner Maternity and Infancy Act
Increased maximum mother's allowance
Reimbursement of counties for 1/3 of their expenditures under Mother's Allowance Law
Raised marriageable age of girls from 15 to 16, except with approval of juvenile court judge
Appropriation of \$43,000 a year for infancy-maternity work, nearly compensating for withdrawal of federal aid
Prohibited theatrical employment of children under 10 years of age (The "Stage Child" Bill)
Ratified Child Labor Amendment
Included girls as well as boys up to age 21 under minimum wage law
Aid to Dependent Children

STATUS OF WOMEN:

Limited work week of women in industry to 54 hours
Made women eligible for jury service
Removed discrimination against employment of women in public services because of marital status, through:
(1) Opposition to amendment to Teacher Tenure Law proposing abolition of all married teachers
(2) Opposition to 2 bills and 2 resolutions making possible discharge of married women from public employment

SOCIAL PROBLEMS AFFECTING GENERAL WELFARE:

Improved marriage laws - 5-day waiting period between application for a marriage license and its issuance
Adequate lay representation on Welfare Boards
Permissive Legislation to enable Minnesota to participate in the Federal Public Housing Program

Extension of Public Health Services, including:

- (1) Larger Units of Public Health Services
 - (2) The Public Health Nursing Bill
- Merit provision in Minnesota Unemployment Compensation Act relating to administration, personnel

INCREASED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Minimum school year increased from 6 to 8 months
Enforced compulsory school attendance
Secured physical education in all schools
Revised State Aids to Schools
Secured Teacher Tenure Law for cities of first class
Reorganization of State Teachers' Retirement Fund
Reorganization of School Units
Secured survey for reorganization of School Districts in each County

INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT:

Appointed Interim Comm. on Reorganization of State Departments
Established a Legislative Research Committee
Provided equitable assessment of property through creation of office of Supervisor of Assessments or County Assessor for each County
A State Civil Service System
Ratification of "Lame Duck amendment" (Ratification by Minnesota of 20th amendment to Constitution of the United States)

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

STATE PROGRAM - 1952-1953
(As adopted at state Convention, May 22, 1952)

The League of Women Voters is dedicated to work unremittingly to support and strengthen the form of government of the United States. The purpose of the League is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

The League may take action on governmental issues. Action may include 1) providing information, 2) building public opinion, 3) supporting legislation.

League members are encouraged to work as individuals in the political party of their choice BUT THE ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE SHALL NOT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY POLITICAL PARTY OR CANDIDATE.

The Program is divided into two parts: 1) the Current Agenda and 2) the Platform. The Current Agenda consists of those governmental issues which the League convention chooses for concerted action during the coming year. The Platform consists of governmental issues and specific legislation to which the League has given sustained attention through the years. It is the responsibility of the state Board to provide the membership with basic information on items on the Current Agenda and to determine the specific time action shall be taken on items on both the Current Agenda and the Platform.

CURRENT AGENDA

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota in the interests of responsible, efficient and democratic government in our state will work for:

- I. A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
- II. THE ENACTMENT OF A FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LAW AND OTHER LEGISLATION TO CORRECT DISCRIMINATION
- III. AN EFFICIENT CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM
- IV. PARTY DESIGNATION FOR LEGISLATORS

August 25, 1952

material for groups

OUTLINE for AREA CONFERENCES on STATE LEGISLATION

"THE LEAGUE IS IN THE LOBBY"

I. Purpose Fulfilled! (morning session, 10 A.M. to 12 noon)

- A. Role of State League in Legislative Year
 - 1. Action in promotion of political responsibility
 - 2. Action is climax of study period
- B. Review of Past Accomplishments
 - 1. Housing
 - 2. Civil Service etc. (see State Platform)

Discussion Period

II. This is Your Job!

- A. Localize Responsibilities
- B. Pre-election
 - 1. Why a local Legislative Chairman ?
 - 2. Candidates Questionsires
 - 3. Legislative Chairman's Cooperation with Voters Service, Publicity, Resource Chairman

Discussion Period

- C. Post-election
 - 1. Meetings with elected legislators
 - 2. Files on Legislators
 - 3. Files on League Members (in larger Leagues)
 - 4. Files of Other Organizations' Legislative Programs

Discussion Period

- D. During the Session, We Lobby By:
 - 1. Letter (Presentation of Kit)
 - 2. In person
 - 3. Tours
 - 4. Letter to Editor
 - 5. By influencing others to lobby
 - 6. Feed to Legislative Newsletter
 - 7. Calls for Action
 - a. Staggered Action
 - b. Telephone Committee

Discussion Period

LUNCHEON, 12 noon to 1:30 P.M.

Guest Speaker, Local Senator
Subject, "Legislative Procedures"
Questions answered by Senator

III. Legislative Facts of Life (afternoon session, 1:30 to 3:30 P.M.)

Discussion Period

IV. Your Program Quiz Show

- A. Constitutional Convention
- B. Fair Employment Practices
- C. Party Designation
- D. Veterans' Preference

Discussion Period

LOBBY

by letter...



Legislative District _____

State Senator _____

State Representative _____

STATE SUPPORT ITEMS

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Dear League member,

WELCOME TO THE LOBBY!

It seems as though there are two reasons why people don't write letters - one is they don't know what to say and the second is they lost their pen. This kit is designed to take care of the first contingency. We trust you to find your pen.

On the use of this kit, may we say that realizing how very difficult it is for the majority of our members to come to the Capitol to lobby in person, we hoped to devise a method whereby each member could become a lobbyist by mail. You have in the center of the kit the Do's and Don'ts of letter writing to guide you. On the right hand side you will find the Current Agenda items together with the reasons the League supports them, catalogued for easy reference.

So, if you will fill in the names of your legislators in their proper places on the left hand flap, tuck some of your personal stationery into the pocket at the back, and clip that wandering pen to the kit, you will be ready the moment the legislature goes into session to "Lobby by Letter".

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CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

BECAUSE our present constitution is too lengthy (almost 3 times longer than the federal constitution) and too detailed ($\frac{1}{2}$ of its more than 19,000 words are devoted to a complete listing of 70 trunk highway routes) and has been amended 75 times.

BECAUSE our present constitution is antiquated. For instance, it says that our state debt should be limited to \$250,000 when in fact our debt on Dec. 31, 1951, was \$127,295,000. Such openly flaunted provisions create a lack of respect for what should be our most valued state document.

BECAUSE our present constitution is inflexible. The legislature meets every 2 years for 90 days. That time limit appeared adequate in 1857, but now the legislators "cover the clock" to make the session last another 120 hours. Even so, more than 80 bills were passed by the House on the "last" day of the session in 1951. Consequently the legislators could not possibly know the contents of all bills and many worthwhile measures were lost in the last minute rush.

BECAUSE our present constitution is irresponsible. For instance, we call the governor the "chief executive" and yet we really have a five-headed executive when you include the secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, and attorney-general. Since each of the five officials is elected it is possible to have executives of different political beliefs holding office at the same time. Such a situation can never result in efficient teamwork.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

FAIR EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
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TELL THEM - The constitution is our fundamental law, but it is not sacred. It was written by well-meaning men, prone to error and lacking in vision. An instrument of government should be flexible and dynamic, capable of renewing itself, as ours is not.
- IF THEY SAY - The present constitution is good enough. Are you prevented from doing anything you want to by the present constitution?
TELL THEM - Yes, many people are deprived of the most fundamental right of every citizen of a democracy - the right of equal representation in the legislature. Our American Revolution was fought in protest against the abuse of taxation without representation, a condition that exists in Minnesota today.
- IF THEY SAY - Constitutional revision would mean reapportionment and then the big cities would get control of the state.
TELL THEM - Delegates to a convention would be elected in the same way and number as members of the House of Representatives. It is unlikely that this rural majority would favor a reapportionment which would give control of the legislature to the urban communities.
- IF THEY SAY - Legislators cannot be delegates so we will have to send inexperienced people and impractical theorists to a convention. A lot of radicals might get control.
TELL THEM - If Amendment 2 is passed, legislators can be delegates to the convention. If Amendment 2 is not passed, there are plenty of others qualified to serve. Since the convention will be elected in the same way as the House of Representatives, it is likely that the convention will be conservative, not radical, in tone.
- IF THEY SAY - The proposed constitution would make the governor a dictator. It would put him in charge of finances and to a large degree of the courts.
TELL THEM - The "proposed constitution" is not necessarily the one that the convention would write. The reforms which the Constitutional Commission suggest in our judiciary and executive branch are similar to changes made in states which have recently modernized their constitutions and do reflect the considered opinion of men qualified to pass on such matters. The separation of powers would be retained in any constitution so no governor could become a dictator.
- IF THEY SAY - True, there are many obsolete provisions, but these can easily be removed by amendment.
TELL THEM - We have amended the constitution 75 times and yet our obsolete provisions have not been removed, though the need has been reiterated for the last 26 years. The present provision of our amending process which says that an amendment must have a majority of all votes cast at the election makes our constitution difficult to amend.
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- IF THEY SAY - The revised constitution would not be approved by the people.
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FACTS ABOUT FAIR EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION

IF THEY SAY - Fair employment legislation means more government control.
TELL THEM - Every law restricts the freedom of some people in order to prevent injury to others. The only freedom which is limited by the law is the freedom to hire a less competent worker and to reject a more competent applicant because of prejudice against him.

IF THEY SAY - The enforcement powers provided in the law are dangerous and objectionable.
TELL THEM - The Commission has no power to issue orders, impose penalties or to give publicity to any case. It is a conciliation body only. If the Commission's conciliation should fail, a Board of Review would hear all the facts, would either dismiss the complaint or would order any action necessary to remedy the discriminatory practice found. Either party may appeal the Board of Review's decision to the District Court. Only the Court has ultimate enforcement power. Refusal to comply with an order of the Court would make the violator guilty of contempt.

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TELL THEM - The experience of Dayton's is typical. Over the past 5 years, the company has employed Negro workers in sales and other positions throughout the store. Donald Dayton says, "We have been operating with people from many minority groups for some time. The difficulties of integration which we feared might arise just never did. Both the public and our own employees seemed to receive the plan with hearty approval." The whole purpose of the law is to persuade employers to hire on the basis of the applicant's merit and competence.

IF THEY SAY - Minnesota does not need fair employment legislation.
TELL THEM - The fact is that the practice of discrimination in the state is widespread and serious. The welfare of 22,000 Negroes, 18,000 Indians, and several thousand other racial, national, and religious minorities should be of concern to all the people in the state. The principal problem attacked by the law is not the problem of unemployment but the problem of underemployment. There is a great loss of potential productive power when college graduates, skilled machinists, or able sales men and women are restricted to laboring jobs.

IF THEY SAY - It can be done better by education than by legislation; you can't legislate morals and human understanding.
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IF THEY SAY - This is a problem which chiefly concerns the three largest cities.
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- IF THEY SAY - Don't you think veterans deserve special treatment?
TELL THEM - Yes, veterans and disabled veterans certainly deserve to have special treatment in the way of extra points added to their examination grade. (10 points preference for a disabled veteran and 5 points for non-disabled veterans) But all persons taking the examination should be required to first get a passing grade before the preference points are added.
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- IF THEY SAY - The great wealth of talent found among veteran applicants at this time makes possible the appointment of well qualified persons.
TELL THEM - Yes, but it is expected that in times of future economic crises, veterans will more widely avail themselves of their rights to preference. This is a problem not only of quantity, but quality, for the least efficient workers are generally the first to be laid off by private industry. The veterans among these workers will undoubtedly take advantage of the preference available to them in Civil Service.
- IF THEY SAY - But don't you think the disabled veteran is entitled to all the preference we can give him?
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- IF THEY SAY - I think these changes should be made, but I wouldn't dare vote against the veteran.
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BECAUSE under the present law veterans' preference may be used for both entrance and promotional examinations. This creates dissatisfaction and hardship among state employees. Many capable non-veterans hesitate to take jobs with the state because the chances for promotion are so slim.

BECAUSE in these days of high taxes, the veteran and the non-veteran alike want their state government to be run as efficiently and economically as possible. This can only be done if all civil service jobs are filled by people who make high grades on the examinations.

BECAUSE the principle of the merit system requires the selection of public employees solely on the basis of merit and fitness, while veterans' preference requires that preference be extended to members of a special class on the basis of membership in that class. Thus veterans' preference is contrary to the merit system.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE IN CIVIL SERVICE

PARTY DESIGNATION FOR LEGISLATORS

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota
will work for
PARTY DESIGNATION FOR LEGISLATORS

BECAUSE it would strengthen the two-party system. (At present only Minnesota and Nebraska, which has a unicameral legislature, elect their legislators on a non-party ticket).

BECAUSE the present non-partisan system does not mean that a legislator has no party. It only means that he doesn't have to tell his party affiliation on the ballot.

BECAUSE it would simplify the voter's choice, letting him know by party label which issues he is supporting when he votes for a candidate. As it is, the party to which the legislator belongs is known only to those who visit the legislature.

BECAUSE government should seek the solutions to problems which represent the will of most of the people. As it is many pressure groups, representing special and sectional interests, vie for the vote of legislators and exercise a disproportionate amount of influence for lack of any political party organization. The party should weigh these competing interests and decide which is the fair decision for most people. Then legislators should support that compromise as stated in the party platform.

BECAUSE it would force legislators to accept the responsibilities of party membership (such as working for the platform) along with the privileges which they now enjoy (such as the caucus, committee appointments, support for bills, party endorsement).

BECAUSE it would make the elected legislator as responsible for enacting into law the measures stated in his party platform as the Governor and other executive officers are now since they run with party labels.

PARTY DESIGNATION FOR LEGISLATORS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406
MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA
Atlantic 0941

November 14, 1952

Dear Sir:

We offer our congratulations on your election to the Minnesota Legislature.

The League of Women Voters, as you probably know, is a non-partisan organization, whose purpose is to promote political responsibility of citizens. We have units in fifty different towns and cities throughout the state.

We are sending along to you a copy of our state program and our reasons for supporting these items. We would like you to know that we have resource chairmen for each of these four items, and they, as well as the state legislative committee, stand ready to help by making available to you any information or material on these vital subjects in which we are all interested.

We have also included your name on our mailing list for our state publication, The Articulate Voter, for the next few issues. We hope you will find it interesting and helpful.

We shall be looking forward to working with you during the 1953 session.

Sincerely,

Mari Donohue
Mrs. John K. Donohue
State Legislative Chairman

T O U R S

Following is information on the "Come and See" Tours. Also in this section is a list of the Leagues who came and an approximate number of people we brought through.

WATERBENS
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406

MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

December 22, 1952

To: Local League Presidents

From: Mrs. K. K. McMillan, state President

PROGRAM
SUGGESTIONS

This is just a reminder that January 15th is the deadline for state program suggestions. Don't forget that we are asking for a response from every League whether or not they have suggestions to offer. If your League is satisfied with the present program we want to know that, too.

FINANCE

Mrs. Johnson, state finance chairman, would appreciate your returning the preliminary finance report which was sent you on September 2nd. She needs this information on your plans for reports to the national Board. Upon receipt of the preliminary report, we will send you 2 copies of the final fund-raising report (one for your files, the other to be sent to the state office.) Please remind your finance chairman to send this report if she has not done so.

EDUCATIONAL T.V.

The response from local Leagues concerning educational television showed that, while the majority of Leagues were favorably inclined toward the idea, they felt additional information was needed. Therefore, the state Board agreed that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota would support the idea of educational television for Minnesota but that we need more information before taking a position on specific proposals regarding the establishment of it.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REVISION

One of the main topics of discussion at the state Board meeting on December 4th was "What should we do now that Amendment 2 has been defeated?" It was agreed that we might have to support any one of a number of bills that might be introduced. These were the possibilities that we could foresee

1. Submission to the voters of the question of calling a constitutional convention (with or without the provisions of Amendment 2).
2. Amending the present amending process.
3. Single amendments which effect revision of specific sections of the constitution.

LEGISLATIVE TOURS

Mrs. Donohue, state Legislative Chairman, has completed a schedule for tours of the Legislature for the local Leagues. You will be sent a form designating the day that has been selected for your League. Please see that as many members as possible sign up to make this trip. I know everyone of them will find it tremendously interesting and informative.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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COME AND SEE

YOUR STATE LEGISLATURE IN SESSION

Our much talked-of "Tours to the Capitol" are now arranged. Attached you will find a complete schedule of the tours with specific dates for each local League. As you see, we have planned in certain instances for several Leagues to come at one time in order to insure a good group coming through.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOURS

- *****Meet your tour leader at the Information Desk in the Capitol Rotunda at 10 a.m. sharp. She will have copies of the legislative publications for the day to distribute to you.
- *****You will go to the Senate Gallery. The Senate is then in session. You will be introduced by your local Senator who has been informed of your visit.
- *****Next, breaking up into small groups, you will proceed to sit in on House committee hearings.
- *****Lunch with your senator or representative. You may, at this time, talk with him about League Program if you wish.
- *****Go into House Gallery which is now in session. Be introduced there by your representative.
- *****Attend Senate committee hearings.

It will be necessary to have you notify the state League office TEN DAYS IN ADVANCE of your tour date as to how many we can expect from your League. We must have prior notice in order to make plans for gallery seats and lunch. Where we are able to do so, we will arrange for your senator and representative to lunch with you. We are suggesting that the local League stand the expense of the luncheons for their own representative and senator.

SEND THIS TO STATE OFFICE TEN DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF YOUR TOUR

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF _____

DATE OF VISIT _____

NUMBER OF LEAGUE MEMBERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING _____

NAME OF SENATOR _____

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE _____

MRS./MISS _____ WILL PAY FOR THE LEGISLATORS' LUNCH

December, 1952

LEGISLATIVE TOURS

JANUARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
20	Tues.	Austin, Kasson	5
21	Weds.	Granite Falls, Tracy, New Ulm	13 & 14
22	Thurs.	Wabasha, Red Wing	3 & 19
23	Fri.	Rochester	4
27	Tues.	Wells, Mankato	7 & 8
28	Weds.	New Prague, Northfield	17 & 18
29	Thurs.	Hutchinson, Atwater, Grove City	22, 25 & 26
30	Fri.	Olivia, South St. Paul	23 & 20

FEBRUARY

3	Tues.	Deephaven, Excelsior	36S
4	Weds.	North St. Paul, White Bear Lake	41
5	Thurs.	Afton-Lakeland, Mahtomedi, White Bear Lake	43
9 - 13	Mon. - Fri.	Minneapolis*	28 - 36
16 - 20	Mon. - Fri.	St. Paul* *To be arranged according to district by local Legislative Chairmen	37 - 42

MARCH

3	Tues.	Jackson, Worthington	10 & 11
4	Weds.	New Richland, Owatonna, Waseca	16
5	Thurs.	Buffalo, St. Cloud	27 & 45
10	Tues.	Anoka, Circle Pines, Columbia Heights	44
11	Weds.	Arden Hills, Knollwood Park	42N
12	Thurs.	Golden Valley, Minnetonka, Mound	36N & 36S
17	Tues.	Hibbing	60
18	Weds.	Cass Lake, Bemidji, Park Rapids	52, 62, 63
19	Thurs.	Battle Lake, Fergus Falls	50
20	Fri.	Alexandria, Brainerd	47 & 53
24	Tues.	Duluth	57 - 59

Tours:

All of these figures are very approximate.

Austin	30	Hibbing	10
Granite Falls	10	Bemidji	10
Tracy	7	Fergus Falls	3
New Ulm	6	Alexandria	13
Rochester	50	Brainard	10
Wells	4	Duluth	10
Mankato	2	College Leagues	5
Northfield	20		
Atwater	12		1,169
Hutchinson	18	40 Leagues	
South St. Paul	20		
Deephaven	20		
Excelsior	30		
North St. Paul	22		
White Bear	75		
Afton-Lakeland	15		
Mahtomedi	18		
Red Wing	25		
Minneapolis	254		
St. Paul	175		
Worthington	15		
New Richland	12		
Owatonna	11		
Waseca	16		
Buffalo	12		
Anoka	12		
Columbia Hgts.	6		
Circle Pines	4		
Arden Hills	20		
Knollwood Park	8		
Golden Valley	45		
Minnnetonka			
Mound			

LEGISLATIVE KIT

Following is the Legislative Kit, which was sent to all local leagues,
given to all lobbyists and all tour leaders.

WARRIORS
THINKERS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 406

MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

January 28, 1953

To: Local League Presidents
From: Mrs. K. E. McMillan, state president

By the time this letter reaches you the Legislature will have been convened and be hard at work. At this session bills of great importance to you as individuals and to the well-being of the state of Minnesota will be presented. I hope that all of you are keeping in touch with what is going on so that you will be ready to support League-sponsored bills when they come up for consideration. I also hope all of your legislators have been contacted and they know you are interested and firmly behind the legislative program of the League.

ORGANIZATION REPORT A questionnaire which is to be used by the state Organization Chairman in reporting to the national Board is enclosed. Will you have it filled out and return it to the state office by March 1st? Your treasurer has been notified that she is to fill out the bottom of it.

TV As President of the League of Women Voters I have been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Minnesota Citizens Committee for Education Television. The membership of this committee has recently been increased in order to broaden its base and to obtain the viewpoints of a number of additional organizations interested in educational tv. Almost all of the objections and reservations that the Local Leagues expressed have been resolved satisfactorily. There does remain the question of finance. I am sorry I do not have, as yet, that complete information. You will be notified as soon as it is available.

Speaking of TV...have you seen the excellent series of "Know Your City Government" that the Minnesota League is presenting every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. over WCCO, Channel 4? Although this program deals exclusively with Minneapolis city government, it is of interest to every League member throughout the state.

PUBLICATION You received, along with Mrs. Lee's letter of December 12, a pamphlet published by the AAUW called "Currents and Cross Currents". This is a very important and timely publication. I strongly urge you to encourage every member of your League to purchase a copy (10¢) or, at least to read thoroughly someone else's copy. I feel that the League of Women Voters (which is sometimes under attack) can be a steady influence in their communities by being able to analyze and evaluate any "attack" literature they may read or hear about. This type of thing is of growing concern to us and we need to "keep a level head".

PROGRAM Congratulations! More Leagues responded with state Program suggestions than ever before. Although we did not reach, by any means, our 100% goal we still have a chance. Because of legislative decisions and other problems we have had to call another Board meeting early in February. This means that Leagues which did not send in a letter concerning state Program may still do so. It would be a great achievement if we could have 100% participation this year. Won't you do your part?

LEGISLATIVE KITS Mrs. Donohue, Legislative Chairman, felt that you would be interested in seeing the information used by our lobbyists. We agreed so you will find in this mailing a "lobbyist's Legislative Kit". Because the material in it is of use to everyone you may want additional copies - the price, as usual, is 1¢ per page. The maps, published by the Minn. Restaurant Ass'n., may be obtained from the state office for 5¢ each.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth St., Room 406
Minneapolis, 3, Minnesota

FILE COPY

January 1953

HF# --- 4#
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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

League Stand

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota in the interests of responsible, efficient and democratic government in our state will work for a CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Resume *

Authors of HF#22 in the 1951 Session in the House were Mr. Holmquist, Christie, F.K. Peterson, Cina and Forbes.

This bill provided for a Convention to revise the Constitution of the State of Minnesota. The Constitution is outmoded and has many obsolete provisions. Both political party conventions in their platforms carried planks for such action. However, some influential groups in the State fear that "special-interest" provisions now imbedded in the Constitution would be eliminated at such a convention and so they oppose calling one.

In the Committee of the Whole, the House on February 28, 1951, recommended that the bill be indefinitely postponed. Mr. Holmquist moved when this report came before the House, that the report be amended by striking the language "to be indefinitely postponed" and inserting in lieu thereof "to pass". This motion was defeated by a vote of 53 yeas and 63 nays. (A vote yes was in effect a vote for HF#22). So the bill was killed.

**The Minnesota Legislature...How It Works", Minnesota Association of Cooperatives.

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Senators in the Legislature -- 1953

The names of Senators, in alphabetical order, the Legislative District he represents, the group he caucuses with (M means Majority, and no mark means Minority), are included on the chart, along with space for his answer to the 1953 League Questionnaire, and space for recording how he votes on a 1953 Bill for CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

1953 VOTE	NAME of SENATOR	DIST-- RIOT	CAU-- CUS	'51 ? VOTE	1953	NAME of SENATOR	DIST-- RIOT	CAU-- CUS	'51 ? VOTE
	Almen, A.L.	13	M			Lightner, M. G.	40	M	
	Anderson, E.L.	42	M	Y		Lofvegren, C.	47	M	
	Anderson, Andy	11	M			Masek, Joseph	39	M	?
	Anderson, E.P.	51*	M			Mattson, Henry	54*		
	Anderson, M.H.	32		Y		Mayhood, Ralph	31	M	
	Baughman, C.G.	16	M	N		Miller, Archie	36	M	
	Bonniwell, M.	22		Y		Mitchell, C. G.	55*	M	
	Burdick, W.	4	M	?		Mullin, Gerald	35	M	
	Butler, G.H.	57	M	N		Murray, Louis	66*		
	Carey, D.M.	7	M			Novak, B.G.	38		Y
	Carr, Homer	59		Y		O'Brien, Geo.	52	M	N
	Child, Fay	24*	M			Palm, Phil	26		Y
	Covert, Homer	18	M			Federsen, Hans	12*	M	
	Dahlquist, Wm.	65*	M			Peterson, Elmer	60		Y
	Dann, Joseph	15*	M			Rogers, Herbert	58	M	
	Dickinson, L.	62	M	Y		Root, Chas. W.	33	M	
	Dusmke, Emmett	29	M			Rosenmeier, G.	53	M	
	Duff, Philip	6		Y		Sageng, Ole	50	M	Y
	Dunlap, Robt.	3	M			Salmore, Raphael	43		
	Engbrieten, Earl	8*	M			Schultz, H.W.	37		Y
	Erickson, Chris	9*	M			Siegel, Geo. L.	41		
	Feidt, Daniel	34	M	Y		Sinclair, Donald	67*	M	
	George, Grover	19	M			Sletvold, A.O.	63	M	
	Gillen, Arthur	20	M	Y		Sullivan, H.H.	45	M	Y
	Grottum, B.E.	10	M			Yukelich, Thomas	61*		
	Ism, Val	8	M			Wagener, Henry	21*	M	
	Johanson, A.R.	48*	M			Wahlstrand, H.L.	25	M	Y
	Johnson, C.E.	56*				Wefald, Magnus	49*	M	
	Johnson, J.A.	1*	M			Welch, Thos. P.	27	M	
	Julkowski, R.J.	28	M	Y		Wrabek, J.M.	17		?
	Keller, J.R.	2*	M			Wright, Don, O.	30	M	Y?
	Larson, Norman	64*	M			Zwach, John	14	M	?
	Lauerman, Leo J.	23	M	?					
	Ledin, W.L.	44	M	Y					
	Lezz, Homer	46*							

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Representatives in the Legislature -- 1953

The names of Representatives, in alphabetical order, the Legislative District he represents, the group he caucuses with (C means Conservative, L means Liberal, and no mark means the Legislator is new), his vote on the 1949 Bill, his vote on HF#22 in 1951, how he answered the LWV Questionnaire on a 1953 Bill -- all this is included on the following chart, along with space for recording how he votes on a 1953 Bill for Constitutional Convention. (In all columns a vote yes is a vote for a Convention.)

1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST-CAU-149	'51	'53	1953	NAME of REP.	DIST-CAU-149	'51	'53
		RICT	CUS	VT.	VT.		RICT	CUS	VT.
					?				?
	Allen, Claude	42	C	N	N	Fitzsimons, R.	67*		
	Anderson, A.A.	55*				Forbes, G.	11	C	Y
	Anderson, D.F.	47				Franz, Sam	10		
	Anderson, G.A.	48*				Frederickson	10	C	Y N
	Anderson, H.J.	83	C		Y Y	French, Geo.	33	C	N N N
	Anderson, H.R.	15*	C	Y	Y	Friberg, Eric	67*	C	N
	Anderson, J.A.	50	C	N	N	Furst, Frank	3		
	Anderson, M.	1*	C		N				
	Anderson, O.	24*	L		Y	Gallagher, F.	20	L	Y
	Appeldorn, J.	12*	L	N	Y	Gibbons, A.T.	37	C	N Y
	Aune, Ole	50	C	N	N	Goodin, H.P.	35	L	Y Y Y
						Grittner, K.F.	39		Y
	Basford, H.	63	L	Y	N				
	Beanblossom, S.	37	C	Y	N	Haag, Larry	36	C	N N Y
	Bergerud, Alf	36	C	Y	Y Y	Hagland, Carl	31	L	Y Y
	Biernat, Ted	28	L	Y	Y	Halsted, C.L.	53		
	Blomquist, J.R.	64*	C	Y	N	Hartle, John	16	C	Y N ?
	Bouton, Chas.	49*	C		Y	Herzog, Jacob	5	L	Y N
						Hinds, T.	63	C	N
	Campton, Chas.	57				Hofstad, A.O.	24*	L	Y
	Chilgren, E.J.	82	L	Y	Y	Holm, W.	12*	C	Y Y
	Cina, Fred	61*	L	Y	Y	Holmquist, S.	26	C	Y Y Y
	Clark, Otto	47	L	N	N Y	Holtan, O.J.	5	C	Y N ?
	Croswell, W.J.	8	C	Y	N	Howard, John	43	C	N N
	Cummings, Roy	11	C		Y				
						Iverson, Carl	48*	L	N N
	Dahle, Omar	16	C	Y	N				
	Daley, Geo.	2*	C		N	Johnson, A.I.	25	L	N Y
	Day, Walter	65*	L	Y	Y	Jensen, Carl	14	C	N
	Dirlam, A.W.	14	C	Y	N	Johnson, L.A.	31	L	Y Y
	Dunn, Roy	50	C	N	N	Jensen, Roy	25	C	N N
	Dominick A.	53				Johnson, V.G.	30		Y
	Duxbury, Lloyd	1*	C		N				
						Kaplan, F.C.	54*	C	N N
	Eddy, Paul	27	C		N	Karas, Joe	56*	L	Y N
	Ernstvedt, O.	23	C	N	N	Karth, Joe	41	L	Y Y
	Erdahl, L.B.	7	C	N	N	Kennedy, K.	51*		
	Ericson, Geo.	52	C		Y	Kennedy, R.B.	14	C	N
						Kinzer, John	46*	C	N N
	Ernst, Emil	22	C		N	Knutson, Coysa	65*	L	Y

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1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST- RICT	CAU-'49 CUS	'51 YE.	'53 YE.	1953 I VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST-CAU-'49 RICT CUS	'51 YE.	'53 YE.	1 I
	Kording, H. J.	32				Y	Reed, Dewey	45 L	Y	Y	
	Kosloske, John	45	L	N	Y		Rinke, Carl J.	48* C	N	N	
							Rutter, Loren	60 L	Y		Y
	Langen, O. E.	67*	C		Y		Schulz, Roy	8 C			
	La Brosse, F.	59	L	Y	Y	Y	Schwanke, F. W.	53 C			N
	Langley, C. G.	19	C	Y	Y	Y	Shipka, V.	52 L	Y	Y	
	Legvold, Wm.	9*	C		N		Shovell, Bill	41			Y
	Letnes, T. A.	66*	L	Y	N		Silvola, R. H.	61* L	Y	Y	
	Lloyd, B. W.	12*					Skeate, John	29			Y
	Lorentz, Joe	51*	C		N		Sorensen, Wm.	48*			
	Luther, Sally	30	L		Y	Y	Sundat, A. O.	18			Y
							Swanstrom, D. A.	59 C	Y	Y	Y
	Madden, Leo	4	C	Y	N	Y	Swenson, Glen	27			
	McGill, John	2*									
	McKee, John	62	C		N	N	Talle, Irvin	6* C			N
	Moore, Warren	57	C		Y	Y	Thompson, F.	1* C			N
	Moriarty, M. R.	21*	C	N	N		Tiemann, E. C.	46* L			Y
	Mosier, Leo	35	L	Y		Y	Tomczyk, E. J.	28 L	Y	Y	Y
	Mueller, A. B.	15*	C				Tweten, R. H.	66* C	Y	N	
	Murk, Geo.	29	L	Y	Y	Y					
							Van De Riet	9*			
	Nelson, K. O.	49*					Volstad, E. J.	32 C	Y	Y	Y
	Nelson, Will	13	C	Y	N	?	Voxland, Roy	19 C	Y		
	Nordin, John	44	C	Y	N	Y					
							Wanvick, Arne	58 L	Y	Y	
	Oberg, A. F.	56*	C	Y	Y						
	O'Dea, Richard	43				Y	Welch, Vernon	34 C	Y		Y
	Odegard, Edwin	55*					Widstrand, P. B.	60 L			Y
	O'Malley, Tom	58	C	N	N	Y	Windmiller, E.	50 C	Y	N	
	Ottinger, H.	21*	C	N	N		Worniak, D. D.	39 L		Y	Y
	Otto, A. J.	40	C	Y	Y						
							Yetka, L.	54* L			Y
	Parke, C.	42									
	Peterson, O.	13	C	Y	Y	N					
	Peterson, P. K.	34	C	Y	Y	Y					
	Pischel, F. A.	17									
	Podgorski, A.	38	L	Y							
	Popovich, P. S.	40									
	Prifrel, Jos.	38	L	Y	Y	Y					

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota
64 South Tenth Street, Room 406
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

January 1953

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EMPLOYMENT ON MERIT

League Stand

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota in the interests of responsible, efficient and democratic government in our state will work for THE ENACTMENT OF A FAIR EMPLOYMENT LAW AND OTHER LEGISLATION TO CORRECT DISCRIMINATION.

Resume *

Authors of HF#74 in the 1951 Session in the House were Mr. Langley, P.K.Peterson, Children, Dirlam and Oberg.

Authors of SF# 69 in the Senate were Mr. Mullin, Rosenmeier, and Vukelich.

This bill provided for a Fair Employment Practices Commission to prevent discrimination in employment and labor practices based on race, color, religion or national origin. Both the Republican and Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party Platforms called for Fair Employment Legislation, and it was a major plank in the Governor's platform.

In the House on March 21, the authors of the bill moved to place it on Special Orders. This motion was defeated by a vote of 71 yeas to 42 nays (the motion requiring a 2/3 vote, or 88 in the House). On March 28th, the authors of the bill again moved to place it on Special Orders. This motion was carried 90 to 36.

On March 29th, Mr. Forbes moved to amend the bill making it apply only to cities over 50,000 population which would mean only Minneapolis, St.Paul and Duluth. This motion was defeated by a vote of 38 yeas and 66 nays. Later that same day, a Duxbury-Forbes amendment to include household servants, employees of religious and fraternal groups, and employees of a firm with less than eight persons, was passed with 69 yeas and 54 nays. This was an effort to create more opposition to the bill. Then again on the same day, a Duxbury-Forbes amendment to hamper the FEPC Commission by forbidding it to try to eliminate discrimination by means of education, conference, and conciliation procedures and to conduct research and publication of its findings was defeated by a vote of 51 yeas and 66 nays. Still again the same day, a Duxbury-Forbes crippling amendment was presented to prevent the FEPC Commission from issuing a complaint. Experience shows that where discrimination does exist it usually is voluntarily dropped when a complaint is issued. This amendment was passed by a vote of 68 Yeas and 55 nays. Still again Forbes pressed for an amendment to include protection by the law for those with "facial or bodily disfigurement, blindness, deafness, or physically handicapped." This was an effort to use the disabilities of unfortunate human beings as a method of creating hostility toward the bill. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 40 yeas and 68 nays. The bill as amended finally passed the House on March 29th, 1951, with 75 yeas and 48 nays.

In the Senate on April 9, 1951, Mr. Sletvold, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill back with the recommendation that the bill be indefinitely postponed. Mr. Mullin, one of the authors of the bill, feeling that there were not enough votes to defeat Mr. Sletvold's motion, moved a substitute motion to send the bill back to the committee for further consideration. This motion carried by a vote of 36 yeas and 31 nays. The bill was later killed in the Committee.

So the Fair Employment Bill was defeated in the 1951 session of the Legislature.
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EMPLOYMENT ON MERIT

Senators in the Legislature -- 1953

The names of Senators, in alphabetical order, the Legislative District he represents, the group he caucuses with (M means Majority, and m means Minority), his vote on 1949 Bill, 1951 vote to "send the bill back to the committee for further consideration rather than to indefinitely postpone its consideration (a vote yes is considered a friendly vote) -- all this is included on the following chart, along with space for recording how he votes on a 1953 Bill for EMPLOYMENT ON MERIT.

1953 VOTE	NAME of SENATOR	DIST-CAU--'49			'51 YE. VOTE	1953 YE. VOTE	NAME of SENATOR	DIST-CAU--'49			'51 YE
		RICHT	CUS	YE.				RICHT	CUS	YE.	
	Almen, A.L.	13	M	Y	Y	Lightner, M.C.	40	M	N	N	
	Andersen, E.L.	42	M	Y	Y	Lofvegren, C.	47	M	Y	Y	
	Andersen, Andy	11	M		N	Masek, Jos.	39	M	Y	Y	
	Andersen, E.P.	51*	M	N	N	Mattoon, Henry	64*				N
	Anderson, M.H.	32		Y	Y	Mayhew, Ralph	31	M	Y	Y	
	Baughman, C.G.	16	M	N	N	Miller, Archie	36	M		N	N
	Bonniwell, M.	22			Y	Mitchell, C.C.	55*	M	N	N	N
	Burdick, W.	4	M	N	N	Mullin, Gerald	35	M	Y	Y	
	Butler, G.H.	57	M		N	Murray, Louis	66*				Y
	Carey, D.M.	7	M	N	N	Novak, B.G.	38		Y	Y	
	Carr, Homer	59		Y	Y	O'Brien, Geo.	52	M	Y	Y	
	Child, Fay	24*	M		N	Palm, Phil	26				Y
	Covert, Homer	18	M		N	Pederson, Hans	12*	M	N	N	
	Dahlquist, Wm.	65*	M		N	Peterson, E.	60		Y	Y	
	Daun, Joseph	15*	M		N	Rogers, Herb.	58	M	Y	Y	
	Dickinson, L.	62	M		Y	Root, Chas. W.	33	M	Y	Y	
	Duenke, Emmett	29	M	Y	Y	Rosenmeier, G.	53	M	Y	Y	
	Duff, Philip	5			Y	Sagens, Ole	50	M			Y
	Dunlap, Robt	3	R			Salmore, R.	43				Y
	Engbritson, E.	6*	M		N	Schultz, H.W.	37				Y
	Erickson, Chris	9*	M		N	Siegel, Geo. L.	41		Y	Y	
	Feldt, Daniel	34	M	Y	Y	Sinclair, Don.	67*	M	N	Y	
	George, Grover	19	M		Y	Sletvold, A.O.	63	M	N	N	
	Gillen, Arthur	20	M		Y	Sullivan, H.H.	45	M	N	N	
	Grottum, B.E.	10	M	Y	N	Yukelich, T.	61*		Y	Y	
	Imm, Val	8	M	N	N	Wagener, H.	21*	M	N	N	
	Johanson, A.R.	48*	M	N	N	Wahlstrand, H.	25	M	Y	Y	
	Johnson, C.E.	56*		Y	Y	Wefald, Magnus	49*	M	Y	N	
	Johnson, J.A.	1*	M	N	N	Welch, Thos.	27	M	Y	Y	
	Julkowski, R.	28	M	Y	Y	Wrebek, F.M.	17				N
	Keller, J.R.	2*	M		N	Wright, Don.	30	M	Y	Y	
	Larson, Norman	64*	M	Y	N	Zwach, John	14	M	N	Y	
	Lauerman, Leo	23	M	N	N						
	Ledin, W.L.	44	M	N	N						
	Lemm, Homer	46*			Y						

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Representatives in the Legislature -- 1953

The names of Representatives, in alphabetical order, the Legislative District he represents, the Group he caucuses with (C means Conservative, L means Liberal, and no mark means the Legislator is new), how he voted on the Duxbury-Forbes amendment to include household servants, employees of religious and fraternal groups, and employees of a firm with less than eight persons (a vote yes is generally considered an unfriendly vote), how he voted on the final bill, how he answered LMV Questionnaire -- all this is included on the following chart, along with space for recording how he votes on a 1953 Bill for Employment on Merit.

1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST	CAU	AMD.	'51	LWV	1953	NAME of	DIST	CAU	AMD.	'51	LWV
		RICE	CUS	VT.	VT.	?	VOTE	REP.	RICE	CUS	VT.	VT.	?
	Allen, Claude	42		C									
	Anderson, A.A.	55*						Ernst, Emil	22	C	Y	Y	
	Anderson, D.F.	47						Fitzsimons, R.	67*				
	Anderson, G.A.	48*						Forbes, C.	11	C	Y	N	
	Anderson, H.J.	33	C	N	Y	Y		Franz, Sam	10				
	Anderson, H.R.	15*	C	Y	Y			Frederickson	10	C	Y	Y	
	Anderson, J.A.	50	C	Y	N			French, Geo.	33	C	Y	Y	Y
	Anderson, M.	1*	C	Y	N			Friberg, Eric	67*	C	Y	N	
	Anderson, O.	24*	L	N	Y			Furst, Frank	3				
	Appelborn, J.	12*	L	N	Y			Gallagher, F.	20	L	N	Y	
	Aune, Ole	50	C	N	Y			Gibbons, A.T.	37	C	Y	Y	
	Baeford, H.	63	L	Y	N			Goodin, H.P.	35	L	N	Y	Y
	Beanblossom, S.	37	C	Y	N			Grittner, K.P.	39				Y
	Bergerud, Alf.	36	C	Y	Y	?		Haeg, Larry	36	C	N	Y	Y
	Biernat, Ted	28	L	Y	Y	Y		Hagland, Carl	31	L	Y	Y	Y
	Blomquist, J.R.	64*	C	Y	Y			Halsted, C.L.	53				
	Bouton, Chas.	49*	C	Y	N			Hartle, John	16	C			N?
	Campton, Chas.	57						Herzog, Jacob	5	L	N	Y	
	Chilgren, E.J.	62	L	N	Y			Hinds, T.	63	C	Y	N	
	Cina, Fred	61*	L	N	Y			Hofstad, A.O.	24	L	N	Y	
	Clark, Otto	47	L	Y	N	Y?		Holm, W.	12*	C	N	Y	
	Crowwell, W.J.	8	C	Y	N			Holmquist, E.	26	C	N	Y	Y
	Cummings, Roy	11	C	N	Y			Holtan, C.J.	5	C	N	Y	Y
								Howard, John	43	C	Y	N	
	Dahle, Omar	16	C	Y	N			Iverson, Carl	48*	L	Y	N	
	Daley, Geo.	2*	C	Y	N			Johnson, A.I.	25	L	N	Y	
	Day, Walter	65*	L	N	Y			Jensen, Carl	14	C	Y	N	
	Dirlam, A.W.	14	C	N	Y			Johnson, L.A.	31	L	Y	Y	Y
	Dunn, Roy	50	C		Y			Jensen, Roy	25	C	N	Y	Y
	Dominick, A.	53						Johnson, V.C.	30				Y
	Duxbury, Lloyd	1*	C	Y	N								
	Eddy, Paul	27	C	Y	N								
	Enestvedt, O.	23	C	Y	Y								
	Erdahl, L.B.	7	C	Y	N								
	Ericsen, Geo.	52	C	Y	Y	Y							

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1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST	CAU	AMD.	'51 LWV YE.	'51 LWV YE. ?	1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST	CAU	AMD.	'51 LWV YE.	'51 LWV YE. ?
	Kaplan, F. C.	54*	C	Y	N			Reed, Dewey	45	L	N	Y	
	Karas, Joe	56*	L		N			Rinke, Carl J.	48*	C	Y	N	
	Karth, Joe	41	L	N	Y	Y		Rutter, Loren	60	L	N	Y	Y
	Kennedy, K.	51*						Schulz, Roy	8	C	Y	N	
	Kennedy, R. B.	14	C	Y	N			Schwanko, F. W.	53	C	Y	N	
	Kinzer, John	46*	C	Y	N			Shipka, V.	52	L	N	Y	
	Knutsen, Coys	66*	L	N	Y			Shovell, Bill	41			Y	Y
	Kording, H. J.	32				Y		Silvola, R. H.	61*	L	N	Y	
	Kosloske, J.	45	L	N	Y			Sorensen, John	29			Y	Y
	Langen, C. E.	67*	C	N	Y			Sorensen, Wm.	48*				
	La Brosse, F.	59	L	N	Y	Y		Sundet, A. O.	18			N?	
	Langley, C. G.	19	C	N	Y	Y		Swanstrom, D. A.	59	C	N	Y	Y
	Legvold, Wm.	9*	C	Y	N			Swenson, Glen	27				
	Letnes, T. A.	66*	L	Y	N			Talle, Irvin	6*	C	Y	N	
	Lloyd, B. W.	12*						Thompson, T.	1*	C	Y	N	
	Lorentz, Joe	51*	C	Y	N			Tiemann, E. C.	46*	L	Y	N	
	Luther, Sally	30	L	N	Y	Y		Tomczyk, E. J.	28	L	N	Y	Y
	Madden, Leo	4	C	N	N	N		Tweten, R. H.	66*	C			
	McGill, John	2*						Van De Riet	9*				
	McKee, John	62	C	Y	N	N		Volstad, E. J.	32	C	N	Y	Y
	Moore, Warren	57	C	N	Y	Y		Voxland, Roy	19	C	N	Y	
	Moriarty, M. R.	21*	C	Y	N			Wauvick, Arne	58	L	N	Y	
	Mosier, Leo	35	L	N	Y	Y		Welch, Vernon	34	C	Y	Y	Y
	Mueller, A. B.	15*	C	Y	N			Widstrand, P. B.	60	L	N	Y	
	Murk, Geo.	29	L	N	Y	Y		Windmiller, E.	50	C	Y	N	
	Nelson, K. C.	49*						Wozniak, D. D.	39	L	N	Y	Y
	Nelson, Will	13	C	N	Y	Y		Yetka, L.	54*	L	N	Y	
	Nordin, John	44	C	Y	N	Y?							
	Oberg, A. F.	56*	C	N	Y								
	O'Dea, Rich.	43				Y							
	Odegard, Edwin	55*											
	O'Malley, Tom	58	C	N	Y	Y							
	Ottinger, H.	21*	C	Y	N								
	Otto, A. J.	40	C										
	Parks, C.	42											
	Peterson, O.	13	C	Y	N	N							
	Peterson, P. K.	34	C	N	Y	Y							
	Pischel, F. A.	17											
	Podgorski, A.	38	L	N	Y								
	Popovich, P. S.	40											
	Prifral, Jos.	38	L	N	Y	Y							

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VETERANS PREFERENCE IN CIVIL SERVICE

League Stand

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota in the interests of responsible, efficient and democratic government in our state will work for AN EFFICIENT CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM.

Resume

Authors of HF#1403 in the House were Mr. Illsley, Rinke, Forbes and Letnes. Authors of SF#1214, a companion bill in the Senate, were Mr. Duff, Novak, Johanson.

The 1951 Session of the Legislature made no change in the Veterans Preference Law although the Legislature has had the benefit of three studies of Veterans Preference. (The Legislative Research Committee report, 1948, merely examined the facts; the Little Hoover Commission Report, 1951, and the Interim Committee on Veterans Preference in Public Employment Report, 1951, made recommendations for change in the law.)

The outcome of the hearings of the Interim Committee on Veterans Preference (appointed by 1949 Legislature) was a bill approved by all members except the Disabled American Veterans representative. The bill did not get out of the Veterans and Military Affairs Committee in the House. (Chairman, Mr. Illsley; Vice-chairman, Mr. Clark) Lack of leadership plus indifference and lack of understanding of the existing situation, and the fact that the bill was very controversial undoubtedly were the reasons.

The Senate committee did pass the bill (Soldiers' Welfare and Soldiers' Home Committee; Chairman, Mr. Grottum); but since the House committee had killed it, Mr. Duff, the author, did not ask the Senators to vote on it. Instead he asked them to study the bill and come back next session prepared to take action on Veterans Preference.

In the closing days of the session a bill was passed authorizing the establishment of a civil service personnel system in any city of the second, third or fourth class, village or borough and providing for the operation and abolishment of such system. Such a merit system would be subject to the veterans' preference law without modification.

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Senators in the Legislature -- 1953

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"Would you support legislation which would provide that:

- Veterans receive a passing grade in examinations before preference is granted?
- Preference be limited to 5 to 10 points?
- Absolute preference be abolished?
- No preference be given in promotional examinations?"

Y is a vote for modification.

Yl shows the Senator is for with reservations

Y followed by a, b, c, or d shows the Senator is for a portion of the question.

1953 YOTE	NAME of SENATOR	DIST- RICT	CAU- CUS	LWV SO?	1953 YOTE	NAME of SENATOR	DIST- RICT	CAU- CUS	LWV SO?
	Almen, A. L.	13	M			Lightner, M. C.	40	M	
	Anderson, E. L.	42	M	Y		Lofvegren, C.	47	M	
	Anderson, Andy	11	M			Masek, Joseph	39	M	
	Anderson, E. P.	51*	M			Mattson, Henry	54*		
	Anderson, M. H.	32		Y-bc		Mayhood, Ralph	31	M	
	Baughman, C. G.	16	M	Y		Miller, Archie	36	M	
	Bonniwell, M.	22		Y-ab		Mitchell, C. C.	55*	M	
	Burdick, W.	4	M			Mullin, Gerald	35	M	
	Butler, G. H.	57	M	Y-d		Murray, Louis	66*		
	Carey, D. M.	7	M			Novak, B. G.	38		
	Carr, Homer	59		Y-ad		O'Brien, Geo.	52	M	No
	Child, Fay G.	24*	M			Palm, Phil	26		Y?
	Covert, Homer	18	M			Pedersen, Hans C.	12*	M	
	Dahlquist, Wm.	65*	M			Peterson, Elmer	69*		
	Daun, Joseph	15*	M			Rogers, Herbert	58	M	
	Dickinson, L.	62	M			Root, Chas. W.	33	M	
	Duemke, Emmett	29	M			Rosenmeier, G.	53	M	
	Duff, Philip	5		Y		Sageng, Ole	58	M	Y?
	Dunlap, Robt.	3	M			Salmore, Raphael	43		
	Engbritson, Earl	6*	M			Schultz, H. W.	37		
	Erickson, Chris	9*	M			Siegel, Geo. L.	41		
	Feidt, Daniel	34	M	Y?		Sinclair, Donald	67*	M	
	George, Grover	19	M			Sletvold, A. O.	63	M	
	Gillen, Arthur	20	M			Sullivan, H. H.	45	M	
	Grottum, B. E.	10	M			Yukelich, Thomas	61*		
	Imm, Val	8	M			Wagener, Henry	21*	M	
	Johanson, A. R.	46*	M			Wahlstrand, H. L.	25	M	Tb
	Johnson, C. E.	56*				Wefald, Magnus	49*	M	
	Johnson, J. A.	1*	M			Welch, Thos. P.	27	M	
	Julkowski, R. J.	28	M			Wrabek, F. H.	17		
	Keller, J. R.	2*	M			right, Don. O.	30	M	Y-db
	Larson, Norman	64*	M			Zwach, John	14	M	Yabc
	Lauerman, Leo J.	23	M						
	Ledin, W. L.	44	M						
	Lemm, Homer	46*							

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- a. Veterans receive a passing grade in examinations before preference
 b. Preference be limited to 5 to 10 points? (is granted?)
 c. Absolute preference be abolished?
 d. No preference be given in promotional examinations?"

Y is a vote for modification.

Y shows the representative is for with reservations.

Y followed by a,b,c, or d shows the representative is for a portion of the question.

1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST- RICT	CAU- CUS	LWV '50'	LWV '52'	1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST- RICT	CAU- CUS	LWV '50'	LWV '52'
	Allen, Claude	42	C				Eddy, Paul	27	C		
	Anderson, A.A.	55*					Ernestvedt, O.	23	C		
	Anderson, D.F.	47					Erdahl, L.B.	7	C		
	Anderson, G.A.	48*					Ericson, Geo.	52	C		Y-a
	Anderson, H.J.	33	C	Y-ab	Y		Ernst, Edna	32	C		
	Anderson, H.R.	15*	C				Fitzsimons, R.	67*			
	Anderson, J.A.	50	C	Y			Forbes, G.	11	C		
	Anderson, M.	1*	C				Frank, Sam	10			
	Anderson, O.	24*	L				Frederickson 10	C			
	Appeldorn, J.	12*	L				French, Geo.	33	C		Y-ab
	Aune, Ole	50	C	Y?			Friberg, Eric	67*	C		
	Basford, H.	63	L				Furst, Frank	3			
	Beanblossom, S.	37	C				Gallagher, F.	20	L		
	Bergerud, A.	36	C	Y	Y-abd		Gibbons, A.T.	37	C		
	Biernat, Ted	28	L		Y-a		Goodin, H.P.	35	L		N?
	Blomquist, J.R.	64*	C				Grittner, K.F.	39			Y-abd
	Bouton, Chas.	49*	C				Haeg, Larry	36	C		
	Campton, Chas.	57					Hagland, Carl	31	L	Y	Y-abd
	Chilgren, E.J.	62	L				Halsted, C.L.	53			
	Cina, Fred	61*	L				Hartle, John	16	C		
	Clark, Otto	47	L				Herzog, Jacob	5	L		
	Croswell, W.J.	8	C	Y?			Hinde, T.	63	C		
	Cummings, Roy	11	C				Hofstad, A.O.	24*	L		
	Dahle, Omar	16	C				Holm, W.	12*	C		
	Daley, Geo.	2*	C				Holmquist, S.	26	C	Yabd	Yabd
	Day, Walter	65*	L				Holtan, O.J.	5	C	Y	Y-ab
	Dirlam, A.W.	14	C				Howard, John	43	C		
	Dunn, Roy	50	C				Iverson, Carl	45*	L		
	Dominick, A.	53									
	Duxbury, Lloyd	1*	C								

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1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST- RICT	CAU- CUS	LWV '50?	LWV '52?	1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST- RICT	CAU- CUS	LWV '50?	LWV '52?
	Johnson, A. I.	25	L				Parks, C.	42			
	Jensen, Carl	14	C	Y-ad			Peterson, O.	13	C		Y-a
	Johnson, L. A.	31	L	Y-a	Y-d		Peterson, F. K.	34	C	Y-abd	Y-ad
	Jensen, Roy	25	C		Y-a		Pischel, F. A.	17			
	Johnson, V. C.	30			Y		Podgorski, A.	38	L		
	Kaplan, F. C.	54*	C				Popovich, F. S.	40			
	Karas, Joe	56*	L				Prifrel, Jos.	38	L		Y-bd
	Karth, Joe	41	L	No	Y-ab		Reed, Dewey	45	L		
	Kennedy, E.	51*					Rinke, Carl J.	48*	C		
	Kennedy, R. B.	14	C	Y-ab			Rutter, Loren	60	L		Y-ab
	Kinzer, John	46*	C				Schulz, Roy	8	C	Y-ab	
	Knutsen, Coyn	65*	L				Schwanke, F. W.	53	C		
	Kording, H. J.	32		No	Y-b		Shipka, V.	52	L		
	Kosloske, John	45	L	Y-bd			Shovell, Bill	41			Y-ab
	Langen, O. E.	67*	C				Silvola, R. H.	61*	L		
	La Brousse, F.	59	L		No		Skate, John	29		No	No
	Langley, C. G.	19	C	Y-bd	Y-ac		Sorenson, Wm.	48*			
	Legvold, Wm.	8*	C				Sundet, A. O.	18			Y-ab
	Letnes, T. A.	66*	L				Swanstrom, D. E.	59	C	Y	
	Lloyd, B. W.	12*	C				Swenson, Glen	27			
	Lorentz, Joe	51*	C				Talle, Irvin	6*	C		
	Luther, Sally	30	L	Y-ad	Y-ad		Thompson, T.	1*	C		
	Madden, Leo	4	C		Y-b		Tiemann, E. C.	46*	L		
	McGill, John	2*					Tomczyk, E. J.	28	L		No
	McKee, John	62	C		Y-ab		Tweten, R. H.	66*	C		
	Moore, Warren	57	C	Y-ab	Y-ab		Van De Riet	9*			
	Moriarty, M. R.	21*	C				Volstad, E. J.	32	C		Y-b
	Mosier, Leo	35	L	Y	Y?		Voxland, Roy	19	C	Y	
	Mueller, A. B.	15*	C				Wanvick, Arne	58	L		
	Murk, Geo.	29	L	Y?	Yac		Welch, Vernon	34	C		Y
	Nelson, K. O.	49*					Widstrand, F. B.	50	L		Y-ab
	Nelson, Will	13	C				Windmiller, E.	59	C		
	Nordin, John	44	C	Y-bd	Y-b		Wozniak, D. D.	39	L	Y?	Y-a
	Oberg, A. F.	56*	C				Yetka, L.	54*	L		
	O'Dea, Richard	43			Y						
	Odegard, Edwin	55*									
	O'Malley, Eam	58	C	Y-a	Y-ab						
	Ottinger, H.	21*	C								
	Otto, A. J.	40	C								

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota
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Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

January 1953

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PARTY DESIGNATION

League Stand

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota in the interests of responsible, efficient and democratic government in our state will work for PARTY DESIGNATION.

Resume *

Authors of HF#9 in the House were Mr. Oberg, P.K.Peterson, Day, Schulz and Childgren.

This bill which was introduced in the 1951 Session in the House provided for party designation when running as a candidate for the Legislature. Only Nebraska goes along with Minnesota in keeping voters from knowing to what political party a candidate belongs. Both the Republican and Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party Platforms called for Party Designation, but some legislators think it is to their advantage to continue the "independent" status.

In the Committee of the Whole, the House voted to indefinitely postpone this bill. When this report came formally before the House, Mr. Schulz moved to amend the report by substituting the words "to pass" for the words "to be indefinitely postponed". This action lost by a vote of 53 yeas to 59 nays. (A vote yea is a vote for Party Designation). So the bill was defeated.

*"The Minnesota Legislature...How It Works", Minnesota Association of Cooperatives.

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PARTY DESIGNATION

Senators in the Legislature - 1953

(The names of Senators in alphabetical order, the Legislative District he represents, the group he caucuses with (M means Majority, and no mark means Minority), are included on the chart, along with space for recording how he votes on a 1953 Bill for Party Designation.)

<u>1953</u> <u>VOTE</u>	<u>NAME of</u> <u>SENATOR</u>	<u>DIST-</u> <u>RICHT</u>	<u>CAU-</u> <u>OUS</u>	<u>1953</u> <u>VOTE</u>	<u>NAME of</u> <u>SENATOR</u>	<u>DIST-</u> <u>RICHT</u>	<u>CAU-</u> <u>OUS</u>
	Almen, A. L.	13	M		Lightner, M. C.	40	M
	Andera, E. L.	42	M		Lofvegren, C.	47	M
	Anderson, Andy	11	M		Masek, Joseph	39	M
	Anderson, E. F.	51*	M		Mattson, Henry	54*	
	Anderson, M. H.	32			Mayhood, Ralph	31	M
	Baughman, C. G.	16	M		Miller, Archie	36	M
	Bonniwell, M.	22			Mitchell, C. C.	55*	M
	Burdick, W.	4	M		Mullin, Gerald	35	M
	Butler, G. H.	57	M		Murray, Louis	66*	
	Carey, D. M.	7	M		Novak, B. G.	38	
	Carr, Homer	59			O'Brien, Geo.	52	M
	Child, Fay	24*	M		Palm, Phil	26	
	Covert, Homer	18	M		Pedersen, Hans	12*	M
	Dahlquist, Wm.	65*	M		Peterson, Elmer	60*	
	Daum, Joseph	15*	M		Rogers, Herbert	58	M
	Dickinson, L.	62	M		Root, Chas. W.	33	M
	Duesmke, Emmett	29	M		Rosenmeier, G.	53	M
	Duff, Philip	5			Sageng, Ole	50	M
	Dunlap, Robt.	3	M		Salmors, Raphael	43	
	Engbritson, Earl	6*	M		Schultz, H. W.	37	
	Erickson, Chris	9*	M		Siegel, Geo. L.	41	
	Feidt, Daniel	34	M		Sinclair, Donald	67*	M
	George, Grover	19	M		Sletvold, A. O.	63	M
	Gillen, Arthur	20	M		Sullivan, H. H.	45	M
	Grottum, B. E.	10	M		Yukelich, Thomas	61*	
	Imm, Val	8	M		Wagener, Henry	31*	M
	Johanson, A. R.	48*	M		Wahlstrand, H. L.	25	M
	Johnson, C. E.	56*			Wefald, Magnus	49*	M
	Johnson, J. A.	1*	M		Welch, Thos. P.	27	M
	Julkowski, R. J.	28	M		Wrabek, F. M.	17	
	Keller, J. R.	2*	M		Wright, Don O.	30	M
	Larson, Norman	64*	M		Zwach, John	14	M
	Leuerman, Leo J.	23	M				
	Ledin, W. L.	44	M				
	Lemm, Homer	46*					

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PARTY DESIGNATION

Representatives in the Legislature -- 1953

The names of Representatives, in alphabetical order, the Legislative District he represents, the group he caucuses with (C means Conservative, L means Liberal, and no mark means the Legislator is new), how he voted on 1951 Bill, and how he answered League Questionnaire -- all this is included on the following chart, along with space for recording how he votes on a 1953 Bill for Party Designation.

1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST- RIDE	CAU- CUS	1951 LVV VOTE	1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST- RIDE	CAU- CUS	1951 LVV VOTE	1953 VOTE
	Allen, Claude	42	C	No		Fitzsimons, R.	67*			
	Anderson, A. A.	55*				Forbes, G.	11	C		
	Anderson, D. F.	47				Franz, Sam	10			
	Anderson, G. A.	48*				Frederickson	10	C	No	
	Anderson, H. J.	33	C	Y	Y	French, Geo.	33	C	Y	Y
	Anderson, H. R.	18*	C	Y		Friberg, Eric	67*	C	No	
	Anderson, J. A.	50	C	Y		Furst, Frank	3			
	Anderson, M.	1*	C	No						
	Anderson, O.	24*	L	No		Gallagher, P.	20	L	No	
	Appeldorn, J.	12*	L			Gibbons, A. F.	37	C	No	
	Aune, Ole	50	C	Y		Goodin, H. P.	35	L	Y	Y-if
						Grittner, K. P.	39			Y
	Basford, H.	63	L	No						
	Beanblossom, S.	37	C	No		Haeg, Larry	36	C	Y	Y
	Bergerud, A.	36	C	Y	Y	Hagland, Carl	31	L	Y	Y
	Biernat, Ted	28	L	Y	Y	Halsted, C. L.	53			
	Blomquist, J. R.	64*	C	No		Hartle, John	16	C	N	No
	Bouton, Chas.	49*	C	No		Herzog, Jacob	5	L	No	
						Hinds, T.	63	C	Y	
	Campton, Chas.	57				Hofstad, A. O.	24*	L	Y	
	Chilgren, E. J.	62	L	Y		Hols, W.	12*	C	No	
	Cina, Fred	61*	L	Y		Holmquist, S.	26	C	Y	Y
	Clark, Otto	47	C	Y		Holtan, O. J.	5	C	Y	Y
	Croswell, W. J.	8	C	Y		Howard, John	43	C	No	
	Cummings, Roy	11	C	Y						
						Iverson, Carl	48*	L	No	
	Dahle, Omar	16	C	No						
	Daley, Geo.	2*	C	No		Johnson, A. I.	25	L	Y	
	Day, Walter	65*	L	Y		Jensen, Carl	14	C	No	
	Dirlam, A. W.	14	C	No		Johnson, L. A.	31	L		Y
	Dunn, Roy	50	C	Y		Jensen, Roy	25	C	No	No
	Dominick, A.	53				Johnson, V. C.	30			Y
	Duxbury, Lloyd	1*	C	Y						
						Kaplan, F. C.	54*	C		
	Eddy, Paul	27	C	Y		Karas, Joe	56*	C	No	
	Ernestvedt, O.	23	C	No		Karth, Joe	41	L		Y
	Erdahl, L. B.	7	C	Y		Kennedy, K.	51*			
	Ericson, Geo.	52	C	No	Y	Kennedy, R. B.	14	C	No	
						Kinzer, John	46*	C	No	
	Krnat, Emil	22	C			Knutsen, Coya	66*	L	Y	
						Kprding, H. J.	32			Y
						Kosloske, John	45	L	No	

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1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST. RICE	CAU- CUS	1951 VOTE	LWV ?	1953 VOTE	NAME of REP.	DIST. RICE	CAU- CUS	1951 VOTE	LWV ?
	Langen, O. H.	67*	C	No			Reed, Dewey	45	L	No	
	La Brosse, F.	59	L	Y	Y		Rinke, Carl	48*	C	No	
	Langley, C. G.	19	C	Y	Y		Rutter, Loren	60	L	Y	Y
	Legvold, Wm.	9*	C	Y							
	Letnes, T. A.	66*	L	N			Schulz, Roy	8	C	Y	
	Lloyd, B. W.	12*					Schwanke, F. W.	53	C	No	
	Lorentz, Joe	51*	C	Y			Shipka, V.	52	L		
	Luther, Sally	30	L	Y	Y		Shovell, Bill	41			Y
							Silvola, R. H.	61*	L	Y	
	Madden, Leo	4	C	No	No		Skente, John	29			Y
	McGill, John	2*					Sorenson, Wm.	48*			
	McKee, John	62	C	No	Y		Sundet, A. O.	18			Y
	Moore, Warren	57	C	Y	No?		Swanstrom, D. A.	59	C		
	Moriarty, M. R.	21*	C	No			Swenson, Glen	27			
	Mosier, Leo	35	L	Y	Y						
	Mueller, A. B.	15*	C				Talle, Irvin	6*	C	No	
	Murk, Geo.	29	L		Y		Thompson, T.	1*	C		
							Tiemann, E. C.	46*	L	Y	
	Nelson, K. O.	49*					Tomczyk, E. J.	28	L		Y
	Nelson, Will	13	C		No		Tweten, R. H.	66*	C	No	
	Nordin, John	44	C	No	No						
	Oberg, A. F.	56*	C	Y			Van De Riet	9*			
	O'Dea, Richard	43			Y		Volstad, E. J.	32	C	Y	Y
	Odsgard, Edwin	55					Voxland, Roy	19	C		
	O'Malley, Tom	58	C	No	No?						
	Ottinger, H.	21*	C				Wanvick, Arne	58	L	Y	
	Otto, A. J.	40	C	No			Welch, Vernon	34	C	Y	Y
							Widstrand, P. B.	60	L	Y	
	Parks, C.	42					Windmiller, H.	50	C	Y	
	Peterson, O.	13	C		Y		Wozniak, D. D.	39	L	Y	Y
	Peterson, P. K.	34	C	No	Y						
	Fischel, F. A.	17					Yetka, L.	54*	L	Y	
	Podgorski, A.	38	L	Y							
	Popovich, F. S.	40									
	Prifrel, Jos.	38	L	Y	Y						

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WHO'S WHO?
in the
58th SESSION of the MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

Officers of the House of Representatives (85 Conservatives, 46 Liberals)

Speaker - Mr. John A. Hartle, Owatonna, Steele County, 16th District. Conservative. The Speaker is chosen by vote of the House. He is the presiding officer. He is charged with the appointment of all committees. It is customary for him to consult with the party leaders on this subject.

Majority Floor Leader - Mr. Roy Dunn, Pelican Rapids, Otter Tail County, 50th District. Conservative. He is the spokesman for his party in the House.

Minority Floor Leader - Mr. Fred Cina, Aurora, St. Louis County, 61st District. He is the official leader and spokesman for his party in the House. He was the Liberal's candidate for Speaker of the House.

Officers of the Senate (52 Conservatives, 15 Liberals)

Lieutenant Governor - Mr. Ancher Nelsen, Hutchinson, McLeod County, 22nd District. Conservative. The Lieutenant Governor under the Constitution is the presiding officer of the Senate, but votes only in case of tie.

President pro tempore - Mr. Donald Wright, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, 30th District. Conservative. Chosen by the Conservative Senators as their leader. Also presides in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor.

Minority Floor Leader - Mr. Geo. L. Siegel, St. Paul, Ramsey County, 41st District. Liberal. Chosen by Liberal Senators as their spokesman.

Printed Materials Available

Journal of the House and Journal of the Senate - all the business of the House and Senate is printed daily in the Journal, and is available the morning after the session.

Calendar - printed daily, gives status of bills.

Legislative Handbook - Published each session. Lists rules, committee assignments, committee rooms, etc. Available to a very few 2nd or 3rd week of session.

Bills - printed after committee has acted on them.

(The above material is available in:
Office of the Chief Clerk of the House, Room 348 or
Office of the Secretary of the Senate, Room 234.

To learn exact status of bill, consult:
Index Clerk of the House, Room 259, or
Index Clerk of the Senate, Room 239, at desk under stairway.

HOUSE COMMITTEES

APPROPRIATIONS

Allen, Chm.	Dahle	Johnson, L.A.	Lorentz
Ottinger, V. Chm.	Day	Kaplan	Popovich
Duxbury, V. Chm.	Erdahl	Kinzer	Reed
Appeldorn	Forbes	Kording	Swanstrom
Beanblossom	Friberg	LaBrosse	Tweten
Clark	Howard	Langen	Van de Riet
Croswell	Iverson	Langley	Volstad
			Voxland

CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

Peterson, P.K.	Duxbury	Jensen, R.C.	Reed
Forbes, V. Chm.	Ernst	Johnson, L.A.	Shovell
Anderson, H.J.	French	Kennedy, K.	Van de Riet
Campton	Friberg	Luther	Welch
Croswell	Furst	Popovich	Wozniak
Dirlam	Holmquist	Prifrel	

EDUCATION

Holmquist	Cummings	Jensen, C.A.	Luther
Langen, V. Chm.	Ernst	Johnson, A.I.	Nelson, K.O.
Bergerud	Goodin	Johnson, V.C.	Peterson, P.K.
Campton	Grittner	LaBrosse	Reed
Chilgren	Hinds	Langley	Shipka
Croswell	Iverson	Legvold	Talle
			Windmiller

ELECTIONS

O'Malley	Holmquist	Karth	Schultz
Jensen, R. C. V. Chm.	Iverson	Knutson	Silyola
Anderson, H.J.	Jensen, C.A.	Luther	Yetka
Bouton	Johnson, V.C.	Peterson, P.K.	

GENERAL LEGISLATION

Windmiller	Dirlam	Holm	Rinke
Beanblossom,	Duxbury	Iverson	Schwanke
V. Chm.	Ernstvedt	Johnson, V.C.	Silvola
Anderson, A.A.	Fitzsimons	Kennedy, K.	Tomczyk
Anderson, H.J.	Forbes	Kording	Wozniak
Bouton	Haeg	Murk	
Daley	Hagland	Otto	

HEALTH

Langley	French	Knutson	Odegard
Hinds, V. Chm.	Herzog	Kosloske	Ottinger
Appeldorn	Howard	Madden	Volstad
Day	Kennedy, R.B.	McKee	

JUDICIARY

Welch	Gina	McGill	Swenson
Jensen, C.A.	Duxbury	Moriarty	Wozniak
V. Chm.	Forbes	Mosier	Yetka
Allen	French	Parks	
Anderson, H.J.	Johnson, V.C.	Peterson, P.K.	
Bergerud	Kennedy, K.	Popovich	

LABOR

Kinzer	Karth
Dominick,	Langen
V. Chm.	Lloyd
Anderson, H.R.	Ottinger
Aune	Peterson, O.
Dahle	Fischel
Volstad	Podgorski
Duxbury	Prifrel
Ernst	Volstad
Furst	
Goodin	
Herzog	

REAPPORTIONMENT

Nordin	Kording
Peterson, O.	Moore
V. Chm.	Parks
Anderson, H.J.	Podgorski
Bergerud	Popovich
Friberg	Skatee
Furst	Sundet
Gallagher	Swenson
Grittner	Tweten
Halsted	
Iverson	

VETERANS' & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Rinke	Kennedy, K.
Clark, V. Chm.	Kording
Anderson, C.A.	Letnes
Anderson, J.A.	Moriarty
Anderson, M.	O'Dea
Dahle	Fischel
Gallagher	Rutter
Gibbons	Tiemann
Grittner	Windmiller
Johnson, L.A.	

WELFARE

Ottinger	Knutson
Thompson, V. Chm.	Legvold
Anderson, A.A.	Luther
Basford	Madden
Beanblossom	Moriarty
Elomquist	Murk
Day	Nelson, W.N.
Erdahl	Shovell
Ericson	Talle
Ernst	Tomczyk
Haeg	Voxland
Herzog	

Chairman of each committee is listed first and underlined.

SENATE COMMITTEES

CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

<u>Baughman</u>	Duemke	Siegel
Almen	Johnson, C.E.	Vukelich
Anderson, A.A.	Larson	Wahlstrand
Child	Murray	Wefald
Daun	O'Brien	Wright

PUBLIC HEALTH

<u>Wahlstrand</u>	Child	Masek
Almen	Covert	Mayhood
Anderson, E.P.	Engbritson	Mitchell
Burdick	Keller	Sageng

EDUCATION

<u>Almen</u>	Gillen	Root
Anderson, E.L.	Imm	Sinclair
Butler	Larson	Wahlstrand
Dahlquist	Lightner	Wright
Daun	O'Brien	Zwach
Engbritson		

PUBLIC WELFARE

<u>Pedersen, H.C.</u>	Dahlquist	Mullin
Almen	Daun	Novak
Anderson, E.L.	Dickinson	Rogers
Anderson, A.A.	Erickson	Vukelich
Baughman	George	Wright
Bonniwell	Ledin	
Child	Masek	

ELECTIONS

<u>Mitchell</u>	Covert	Sletvold
Anderson, E.L.	Grottum	Sullivan
Anderson, A.A.	Keller	Wagener
Baughman	Rosenmeier	
Burdick	Sageng	

REAPPORTIONMENT

<u>Zwach</u>	Gillen	Schultz
Anderson, M.H.	Lemm	Sinclair
Carr	Mitchell	Wrabek
Covert	Falm	

FINANCE

<u>Sullivan</u>	Dahlquist	Mullin
Almen	Duemke	O'Brien
Anderson, E.L.	Grottum	Peterson, Elmer
Anderson, E.P.	Imm	Root
Baughman	Johanson	Sageng
Burdick	Ledin	Sinclair
Carr	Lightner	Zwach

SOLDIERS WELFARE & HOME

<u>Grottum</u>	Johanson	Palm
Anderson, A.A.	Johnson, C.E.	Vukelich
Duff	Masek	Wahlstrand
Feidt	Mattson	

GENERAL LEGISLATION

<u>Imm</u>	Duemke	Novak
Almen	Keller	Root
Anderson, E.P.	Mattson	Rosenmeier
Anderson, M.H.	Mayhood	Siegel
Covert	Mitchell	Sletvold

JUDICIARY

<u>Sletvold</u>	Lauerman	Schultz
Dunlap	Lightner	Siegel
Erickson	Masek	Sullivan
Feidt	Miller	Wefald
Gillen	Mitchell	Welch
Grottum	Mullin	Wright
Johanson	Root	
Julkowski	Rosenmeier	

LABOR

<u>Welch</u>	Julkowski	Sinclair
Anderson, A.A.	Lightner	Sletvold
Butler	Mullin	Vukelich
Child	Pedersen, H.C.	Wefald
Daun	Siegel	W right

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LEGISLATIVE ETIQUETTE

League Legislative Etiquette is determined by the fact that the League's contact with public officials is a continuing contact with the purpose of building up a permanent friendly relationship.

1. For attendance at committee meetings:

1. Play poker face - Giggles of mirth or ohs and ahs or horror are equally bad. Public officials are no less sensitive to ridicule than are other people. It is therefore well not to join in laughter at jokes at the expense of a member.
2. Refrain from remarks and comments until after the meeting. The least a visitor can do is not to add to the confusion. In smaller meetings it is often possible for the members to guess the kind of thing that is being said.
3. Reserve judgment of any legislative body until after more than one visit. A better understanding of methods of work is always obtained through further study.

11. For interviews with Legislators

1. It should be born in mind that there are at least three purposes to an interview:
 - a. To put the League on record in the hope of influencing the Legislator's vote;
 - b. To obtain information;
 - c. To make a friend for the League. Your interview may effect a later vote on some other measure even if it does not have any apparent effect upon the one under immediate consideration.
2. It is helpful to be familiar with previous contacts which the League has had with the Legislator such as interviews so that by referring to them you are certain the Legislator has a complete picture of the League's work. The State Office of the League is glad to provide information on such contacts.
3. Plan your approach and the statement of the reasons for support of the measure under consideration before the interview, but keep your method flexible so that you can adapt it to the developments of the interview.
4. Be sure to express appreciation of any support which the Legislator has given to League measures in the past.
5. Listen appreciatively to all jokes and stories.
6. Do not get into an argument. If there is no possible basis for agreement, express appreciation of the opportunity of hearing his point of view and regret that his position is not in accord with the League's and retire as gracefully as possible. Leave the way open to come back again.

MEMBERS OF THE MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
58th Legislative Session

Alphabetical listing showing legislative district and caucus alignment*

42 C Allen, Claude H.	5 L Herzog, Jacob J.
55 C Anderson, Axel A.	63 C Hinds, Temple
47 C Anderson, Delbert	24 L Hofstad, Alvin O.
48 C Anderson, G. A.	12 C Holm, Wilhelm
33 C Anderson, Harold J.	26 C Holmquist, Stanley W.
15 C Anderson, Harold R.	5 C Holtan, Oliver J.
50 C Anderson, J. A.	43 C Howard, John F.
1 C Anderson, Moppy	48 L Iverson, Carl M.
24 L Anderson, Oliver	14 C Jensen, Carl A.
12 L Appeldorn, J. Henry	25 C Jensen, Roy C.
50 C Aune, Ole O. Jr.	25 L Johnson, A. I.
63 L Basford, Harry	31 L Johnson, Leonard A.
37 C Beanblossom, Sheldon L.	30 C Johnson, Verne C.
36 C Bergerud, Alf L.	54 C Kaplan, F. C.
28 L Biernat, Ted L.	56 C Karas, Joe
64 C Blomquist, John R.	41 L Kerth, Joe
49 C Bouton, Charles H.	51 C Kennedy, Keith
57 C Campton, Charles E.	14 C Kennedy, R. B.
62 L Chilgren, E. J.	46 C Kinser, John J.
61 L Cina, Fred A.	65 L Knutson, Coya
47 C Clark, Otto E.	32 L Kording, Herman J.
8 C Crowell, Walter J.	45 C Kosloske, John T.
11 C Cummings, Roy H.	59 L LaBrosse, Francis
16 C Dahle, Omar C.	67 C Langen, Odin E. S.
2 C Daley, George P.	19 C Langley, Clarence G.
65 L Day, Walter E.	9 C Legvold, William O.
14 C Dirlam, Aubrey W.	66 L Letnes, Thomas A.
53 C Dominick, Albert	12 C Lloyd, B. W.
50 C Dunn, Roy E.	51 C Lorents, Joe P.
1 C Duxbury, Lloyd Jr.	30 L Luther, Sally
27 C Eddy, Paul L.	4 C Madden, Leo D.
23 L Enestvedt, Odean	2 L McGill, John
7 C Erdahl, L. E.	62 C McKee, John H.
52 C Ericson, George E.	57 C Moore, Warren S.
22 C Ernst, Emil C.	21 C Moriarty, Michael R.
67 C Fitzsimons, Richard W.	35 L Mosier, Leo D.
11 C Forbes, Gordon	15 C Mueller, August B.
10 L Franz, Sam	29 L Murk, George E.
10 C Frederickson, H. A.	49 C Nelson, E. O.
33 C French, George A.	13 C Nelson, Will H.
67 C Friberg, Eric	44 C Nordin, John
3 C Furst, Frank	56 C Oberg, A. F.
20 L Gallagher, Frank X.	43 L O'Dea, Richard W.
37 C Gibbons, Arthur T.	55 C Odgaard, Edwin
35 L Goodin, H. Pat	58 C O'Malley, Thomas F.
39 L Grittner, Karl F.	21 C Ottinger, Howard
36 C Haeg, Larry F.	40 C Otto, Alfred J.
31 L Hagland, Carl G.	42 C Parks, Clifton
53 L Halsted, Charles	13 C Peterson, Oscar O.
16 C Hartle, John A.	34 C Peterson, P. Kenneth

17	C	Pischel, Fred A.	59	C	Swanstrom, Dwight A.
38	L	Podgorski, Anthony	27	C	Swenson, Glen W.
40	L	Popovich, Peter S.	6	C	Talle, Irvin M.
38	L	Prifrel, Joseph Jr.	1	C	Thompson, Tesan
45	L	Reed, Dewey	46	L	Tieman, Edmund C.
48	C	Rinke, Carl J.	28	L	Tomczyk, Edward J.
60	L	Rutter, Loren S.	66	C	Tveten, Reuben H.
8	C	Schulz, Roy	9	C	Van De Riet, G. J.
53	C	Schwanke, Fred W.	32	L	Volstad, Edw. J.
52	L	Shipka, Vladimir	19	C	Voxland, Roy
41	L	Shovell, Bill	58	L	Wanvick, Arne C.
61	L	Silvola, Richard H.	34	C	Welch, Vernon S.
29	L	Skeate, John P.	60	L	Widstrand, Paul B.
48	L	Sorenson, William	50	C	Windmiller, E. J.
18	C	Sundet, A. O.	39	L	Wozniak, D. D.
			54	L	Yetka, Lawrence

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L - Liberal

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58th Legislative Session

Alphabetical listing showing legislative district and caucus alignment*

13 C	Aleman, A. L.	44 C	Ledin, Wendell L.
42 C	Andersen, E. L.	46 L	Lemm, Homer T.
11 C	Anderson, A. A.	40 C	Lightner, Milton
51 C	Anderson, E. P.	47 C	Lofvegren, Clifford
32 L	Anderson, M. H.	39 C	Masek, Joseph H.
16 C	Baughman, Claude G.	54 C	Mattson, Henry W.
22 L	Bonniwell, Milan	31 C	Mayhood, Ralph L.
4 C	Burdick, Walter	36 C	Miller, Archie H.
57 C	Butler, Gordon H.	55 C	Mitchell, C. C.
7 C	Carey, D. W.	35 C	Mullin, Gerald
59 L	Carr, Homer	66 L	Murray, Louis
24 C	Child, Fay G.	38 L	Novak, B. G.
18 C	Covert, Homer J.	52 C	O'Brien, George
65 C	Dahlquist, William E.	26 L	Palm, Phil
15 C	Daun, Joseph J.	12 C	Pedersen, Hans C.
62 C	Dickinson, Leonard R.	60 L	Peterson, Elmer
29 C	Duemke, Emmett L.	58 C	Rogers, Herbert
5 L	Duff, Philip S. Jr.	33 C	Root, Charles W.
3 C	Dunlap, Robert R.	53 C	Rosenmeier, Gordon
6 C	Engbritson, Earl L.	50 C	Sageng, Ole
9 C	Erickson, Chris L.	43 L	Salmore, Raphael
34 C	Feidt, Daniel S.	37 L	Schultz, Harold W.
19 C	George, Grover C.	41 L	Siegel, George L.
20 C	Gillen, Arthur	67 C	Sinclair, Donald
10 C	Grottum, B. E.	63 C	Sletvold, A. O.
8 C	Imm, Val	45 C	Sullivan, Henry H.
48 C	Johanson, A. R.	61 L	Vukelich, Thomas D.
56 L	Johnson, C. Elmer	21 C	Wagener, Henry
1 C	Johnson, J. A.	25 C	Wahlstrand, Harry L.
28 C	Julkowski, Raymond J.	49 C	Wefald, Magnus
2 C	Keller, J. R.	27 C	Welch, Thomas P.
64 C	Larson, Norman J.	17 L	Wrabek, Frank M.
23 C	Lauerman, Leo J.	30 C	Wright, Donald O.
		14 C	Zwach, John M.

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THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF LOBBYING

1. Remember when you interview your representatives, that they have been chosen by the majority of the voters in your district to act for that district in the highest legislative body in the state; that these representatives are sincere and do a good deal of very hard work.
2. Make an appointment before calling at a legislator's office or residence, so that he will not feel that the visit is an intrusion. It is desirable that you take another League member along for the interview.
3. Never overstay your time. Take your cue for leaving from your representative.
4. KNOW YOUR MEASURE THOROUGHLY and be able to ANSWER OPPOSITION to it.
5. Let your representative talk and present his side fully. It is helpful to learn his point of view.
6. Do not take notes during the interview, but if you expect to make a report fill it in as soon as possible afterwards.
7. Please note and report any NEW ARGUMENTS AGAINST the measure presented during the interview.
8. Don't be afraid to admit ignorance on special points. Say, "I will look that up and let you know later," and be sure to do so.
9. Confine your conversation as far as possible to the measures you are discussing, and if measures come up which are not on the League's support program, explain that in the League we do not support measures unless they have been studied for at least a year, that we try to do a few things well rather than a lot superficially.
10. Remember that the League is strictly non-partisan and that we as members are interested in the public merits of the measure.
11. Keep a sense of proportion and realize the subject in which you are so interested may not be important to the person you are interviewing, except as you are able to make it so.
12. It will aid greatly in an interview if you know something of the legislator's record, especially if he has voted on measures in which we are interested.
13. Leave the legislator with a friendly feeling, even though he turns you down. Say you are sorry you can't agree and do not emphasize the difference of opinion.

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ENERGIZE -- the people with you

EVANGELIZE -- the middle group, the undecided

SOOTHE -- the people against you,
they may be with you next time.

LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF LOCAL LEAGUES IN MINNESOTA

LEGISLATIVE

3 Wabasha
4 Rochester
5 Austin
Kasson
7 Wells
8 Mankato
10 Jackson
11 Worthington
13 Granite Falls
* Tracy
14 New Ulm
16 New Richland
Owatonna
Waseca
17 New Prague
18 Northfield
19 Red Wing
20 South St. Paul
22 Hutchinson
23 Olivia
25 Atwater
26 Grove City
27 Buffalo
28-36 Minneapolis
36S Doephoven
Excelsior
Minnetonka
Mound
36N Golden Valley
37-42 St. Paul
41 North St. Paul
White Bear Lake
42N Arden Hills
Knollwood (Spring Lake Park)
43 Afton-Lakeland
Mahtomedi
White Bear Lake
44 Anoka
Circle Pines
Columbia Heights
45 St. Cloud
47 Alexandria
50 Battle Lake
Fergus Falls
52 Cass Lake
53 Brainerd
57-59 Duluth
60 Hibbing
62 Bemidji
63 Park Rapids

CONGRESSIONAL

I Austin
Kasson
New Richland
Northfield
Owatonna
Red Wing
Rochester
Wabasha
Waseca
II Hutchinson
Jackson
Mankato
New Prague
New Ulm
South St. Paul
Wells
III Afton-Lakeland
Anoka
Circle Pines
Columbia Heights
Doephoven
Excelsior
Golden Valley
Knollwood (Spring Lake Park)
Mahtomedi
Minneapolis
Minnetonka
Mound
White Bear Lake
IV Arden Hills
Knollwood (Spring Lake Park)
North St. Paul
St. Paul
White Bear Lake
V Minneapolis
VI Brainerd
Buffalo
Cass Lake
Grove City
Park Rapids
St. Cloud
VII Alexandria
Atwater
Granite Falls
Olivia
Tracy
Worthington
VIII Duluth
Hibbing
IX Battle Lake
Bemidji
Fergus Falls

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12, 15, 21, 24, 46, 48, 49, 51, 54, 55, 56, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67.

There are 49 Local Leagues in Minnesota with 4500 members.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

STATE BOARD

Decides when to issue a Call for Action to Local Leagues. Determines League stand on Legislation through authority granted at convention.

STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

Supervises all League work at the Legislature. Informs State Board on progress of bills and timing for Calls for Action. Edits Legislative Newsletter, LADY IN THE LOBBY.

LOBBYING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Supervises committee work. Sees that all sessions concerned with her particular program item are attended. Reports to State Legislative Chairman on progress of bills and on timing for action by League members.

LOBBYISTS

Keep informed on League program and League stand on legislation. Know time of and attend legislative committee meetings, House & Senate sessions concerned with bills on particular program item. Keep in constant contact with Committee Chairman on progress of bills and on proper timing for Calls for Action. Inform legislators of League stand. Determine the proper time for speaking before a legislative group on League stand.

STATE RESOURCE CHAIRMAN

Act as consultants to Lobby Committees on Resource material.

LOCAL LEAGUES through LOCAL LEGISLATIVE CHAIROMEN

Respond to Call for Action by writing as a League to Legislators. Keep in touch with Legislators, informing them of League stand on Legislation. Keep State Board informed of Local League opinion on Legislation. Inform themselves and their community on League program and League stand on issues. Feed to Newsletter.

LEAGUE MEMBERS

Inform themselves, their community and their Legislators on League program and League stand on issues. Respond to Call for Action by writing as individuals to Legislators. Attend Legislative sessions whenever possible, individually or on League Tours.

TOUR CHAIRMAN

Is responsible for conducting League members on Capitol Tours during the Legislative session.

STATE OFFICE

Liaison between Local League, State Board and members working in the Legislature. Information on program items and progress of legislation available here.

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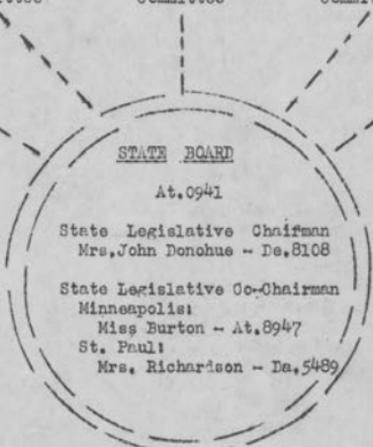
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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION	FAIR EMPLOYMENT	VETERANS PREFERENCE	PARTY DESIGNATION	EDUCATION (Platform)
Lobbying Committee Chairman	Lobbying Committee Chairman	Lobbying Committee Chairman	Lobbying Committee Chairman	Lobbying Committee Chairman
Minneapolis: Mrs. Grunitz Ro 9-9039	Minneapolis: Mrs. Kohout St. 1939	Minneapolis: Mrs. Seham Ke. 1635	Minneapolis: Miss Burton At. 8947	Minneapolis: Mrs. Mitchell Lo. 1732
St. Paul: Mrs. Lyksett Em. 2123	St. Paul: Mrs. Stanford To. 5025	St. Paul: .	St. Paul: Mrs. Johnson Em. 0396	St. Paul: Mrs. Barley Mi. 1886
Lobbying Committee	Lobbying Committee	Lobbying Committee	Lobbying Committee	Lobbying Committee

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 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
 Mrs. Lufkin - No. 5909

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Resource Chairman
 VETERANS PREFERENCE
 Mrs. Down - Anoka 902



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Resource Chairman
 EDUCATION
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State Chairman
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Edward J. Thye (R)

H. H. Humphrey (D)

REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS

DISTRICT

1. A. H. Andresen, R.
2. J. P. O'Hara, R.
3. Roy W. Wier, D.
4. E. J. McCarthy, D.
5. Walter H. Judd, R.
6. Fred Marshall, D.
7. H. C. Andersen, R.
8. J. A. Blatnik, D.
9. H. C. Hagen, R.

Official Address

U. S. SENATORS MAY BE ADDRESSED AT SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

U. S. CONGRESSMEN MAY BE ADDRESSED AT HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

When Congress Passes a Law relating to business, you as a business man know pretty well what the effect of that law will be. But experience has shown that members of Congress do not always know how and why their legislative acts will affect business, unless business men write and tell them. Your views are always welcome, for the men who stay in Congress the longest are those who read and heed their constituents' letters. BUT there's a right way to write effectively to your Congressman. May we offer these suggestions:

Do

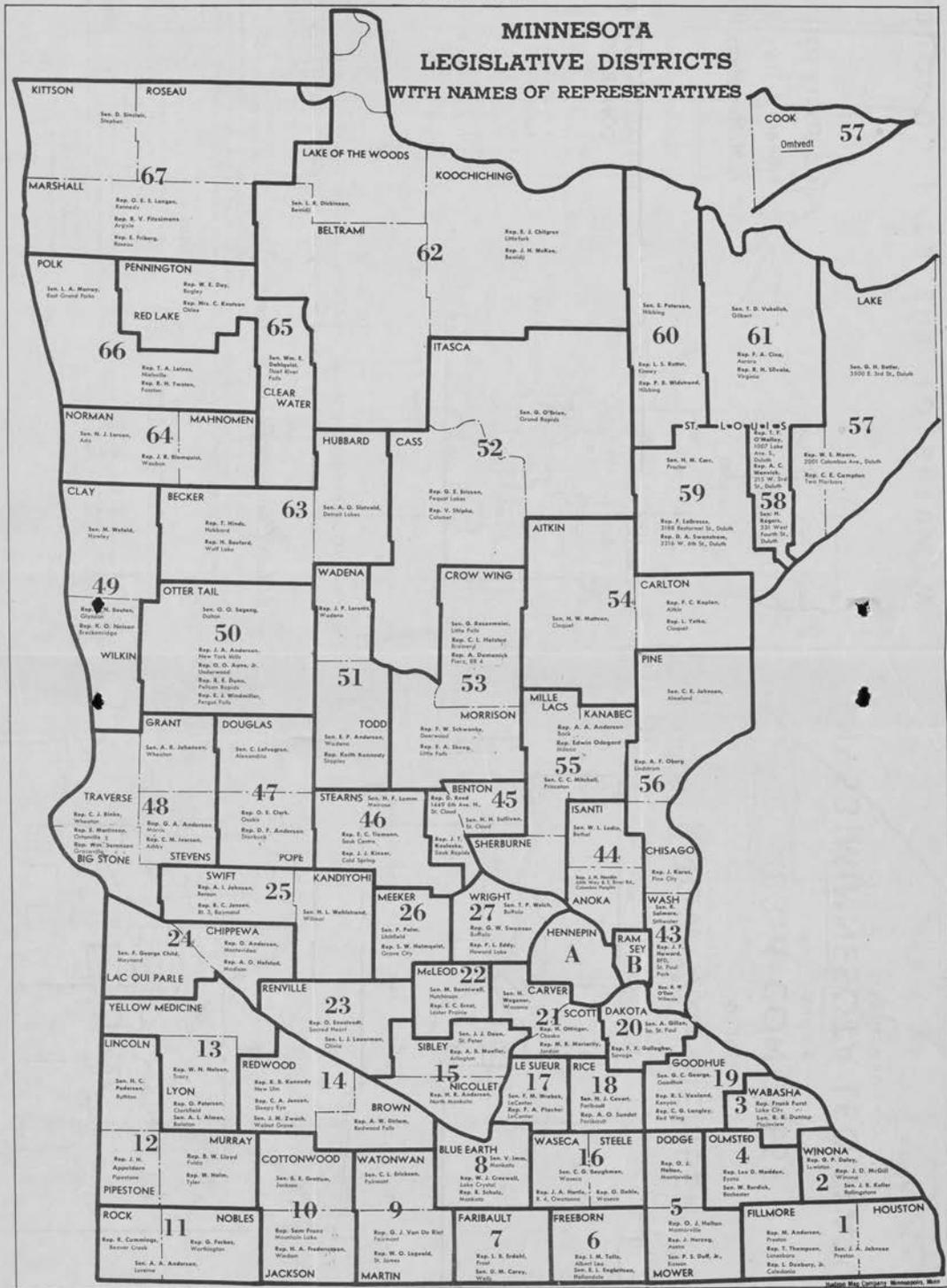
- spell your Congressman's name correctly
- make sure whether he is a Senator or a Representative
- state concisely what you think and why—the briefer, the better
- be sure of your facts
- cite specific illustrations, whenever possible, as to effects proposed legislation would have on your business and your workers
- write on your business stationery
- sign your name plainly. Type it under the signature
- send a letter rather than a telegram when time permits
- seize every opportunity to become personally acquainted with your Congressman

Don't

- threaten political reprisals
- write in a captious or belligerent mood
- remind your Congressman of broken promises
- attempt to speak for anybody but yourself
- insert newspaper clippings or mimeograph material
- send a chain letter or postcard
- quote from form letters
- write only when you want a favor. Letters of commendation are always welcome
- try to make an errand boy out of your Congressman
- become a chronic letter writer

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(58th SESSION)



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