



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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Legislative
Committee Reports
1956 - 1957

Vol. I

Doris Guthrie,
Chairman

Department of Commerce
Bureau of Census
June 13, 1956

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE
BUREAU OF CENSUS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Legislative Plans

Cont. Repl. Ch. June 1956

be members of your comm.

May 25 Sent letter and "Price Tag" to legislators.

June ✓ Send "The State You're In"?

- ✓ Contact opponents- railroad officials - Grundy & Mantis
businesses - M.E.A.
copy Mrs. Gruner's FEP technique?
Contact legislative chairman of other organizations.
Contact ~~Minn.~~ League for Minnesota Municipalities for information
on home rule.

- ✓ Revise-Lobby by Letter - send info. c. b. rest good - use because of sentences?
Use inserts to send to legislators?
What is the best material we have to send to legislators?
We need factual information to answer arguments which are advanced
against Con. Rev. We must go through our material and picking out
main argument and consolidating them in a Fact Sheet for Lobbyists.

July Send material to local leagues for contacting legislators.

Send chart on how your Legislator voted on our program items?

5.6. Send on Con. Rev.

or

Con. Rev. and Con. Resp.

Give legislator material on program.

Send letter (Sample) to those who voted for and against. Plan.

Sg. ch. -
Suggest local league contact all primary candidates.

Congratulate them on filing.

Interview them-

* Offer information on Con. Rev. ? and Con. Resp.

Great care must be exercised so this promotion of our state program
isn't confused with Voters Service.

Aug - Same as Continue the above. - give material

Sept. 11 Primary Election -

Oct, Local leagues Continue to flood candidates with propaganda material
on CC. Work to get other organizations and influential people to
do the same.

Oct. 3 Area conference with Mrs. Horner.

Presidents and legislative chairman attending.

Subject "How to Carry Out Legislative Action in INW"

Oct. 22-Nov. 3

Resource Training Meeting for Lobbyists and others

Judge Matson Judicial

Peterson L of Minn. Mun. on Home Rule

Sen. Anderson Legislature

Howard

time
+
who for-

Your Sen.
Voted against

State - 200 c. reaps.

Nov. General Election.

Local leagues contact newly elected representatives. Present our program to him. Ask his support in legislature. - *Our program "Lobby by letter"*

? Offer School for Legislators. - "(90 Days of Lawmaking Shortcourse" League people and freshman lawmakers.

Jan. Legislative Day

Legislative Chairman and lobbyists training course on legislative procedure.

Briefing on subject matter, committee listings etc.

? Feb. Day at the Legislature New York style

For outstate lobbyists- be overnight guests of St Paul L. members Address by Gov. and Speaker of House and Senate, briefing on bills--Lobbying Entertain Legislators.

March and April

Large attendance in the galleries

? Tours?

Legislative Newsletter Sell subscriptions

Plans with CCC in areas with no league---- Barb Suggests we Wait on this

Mrs Lords Suggestions

Be careful not to cast aspersions at the legislature.

A series of form letters passed out for people to affix their signatures to. Would talk to us further.

Organize a letter-of-the-month club throughout the state to barrage legislators.

Let your love for people shine through in your approaches to them.

Legislative Committee Meeting.....June 7, 1956.

Present: Mesdames Kuderling, (Mpls.) Sigford (Roseville) Wright (St. Paul)
Richter (Mpls.) Grunditz (Richfield) Guthrie, Wilson, Duncan, Kane.

Mrs. Guthrie's opening statement: Legislative work is an implementation of what we do in all league work anywhere. She would like local people in on the original planning. The legislative committee will carry on in what the public relations people have been doing prior to the legislature. They will apply the same ideas, in their approach to the legislators, what the public relations committee have applied to the public.

Some ideas for consideration:

Legislative news letter.

Plans to revise the lobby-by-letter kits.

Plans for work with the ACOG committee.

Area conferences, possibly during Mrs. Horner's visit.

We should make good use of timing. We should do a specific thing at a specific time so that we can contact legislators at that time.

legislative

The committee has sent a price tag and letter to every legislator asking them to wear the tag on Constitution Day. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Suggestion for follow up?

Mrs. Wilson: During the summer we should copy Mrs. Gruner's idea in the FEP campaign, and interview some of the opponents to Con. Convention and contact also many of our big businesses.

Muriel Grunditz referred to the need for factual information to answer arguments which are advanced against Con. Revision. She referred specifically to the arguments contained in the Tribune's ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Editorial Roundup which she read. Mrs. Guthrie agreed that the lobbyist needs to have actual facts, but not in the form of a question and answer sheet.

Suggestion: The UN system of having a monthly workshop which keeps people up to date might help in keeping lobbyists informed during the legislative session of the various arguments which are being used against Con. Revision.

As a result of the above suggestion, question was raised as to whether we should have such regular workshops, having a workshop in the morning followed by an afternoon meeting for the committee.

Mrs. Grunditz reported that a meeting of the League for Minnesota Municipalities was being held at Detroit Lakes, and suggested that we find out the type of ~~with the League intends~~ ~~to support~~ constitutional revision bill the League for Minn. Mun. intends to support during the next legislative session. Heretofore they have only supported amendments on home rule.

In referring again to the preparation of a fact sheet for lobbyists, there is the problem of going through all the material we have, and picking out the main arguments.

Mrs. Wilson suggested the plan followed in the Dumbarton Oaks campaign of having 2 or 3 people in a "team", each person on that team to be responsible for definite information re constitutional revision, so that a "team" could call upon a business man and be prepared to answer any of his questions fully. *also serve on Speakers Bureau.*

It was suggested that an outlined talk be prepared.

Mrs. Wilson suggested that after state filings are closed, a letter be sent to each candidate, congratulating him for his sense of public duty, and offering him material we have if he should desire it.

Mrs. Guthrie: we should make contact with the pre-primary candidate, getting the material to each candidate as he files. Also ask him what groups

LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT OF STATE AND NATIONAL SERVICES

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Bemidji		225
Birchwood		55
Bloomington		300
Brainerd		200
Buffalo		68
Cass Lake		55
Circle Pines		55
Columbia Heights		85
Deephaven		100
Duluth	1,260	
Edina		350
Excelsior		150
Falcon Heights		100
Fergus Falls		75
Golden Valley		200
Granite Falls		105
Hibbing		350
Hopkins		200
Hutchinson		103
Jackson		75
Kasson		50
Mahtomedi		200
Marine-on-St. Croix		65
Minneapolis	5,000	
Moorhead*		180
Mound		150
New Prague		40
New Richland		42
New Ulm		40
North St. Paul		90
Olivia		50
Owatonna		85
Park Rapids		42
Red Wing		250
Richfield		375
Rochester		930
Roseville		250
St. Cloud		150
St. Louis Park		400
St. Paul	2,500	
South St. Paul		275
Tracy		90
Waseca		105
Wayzata		125
Wells		70
White Bear Lake		80
White Bear Township		200
Worthington		100
Others		107

TOTAL

12,123

*Lobbyist - give information
Call
Influence vote*

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do*

May 28, 1956

Memo to:

From: Doris Guthrie, Legislative Chairman

The first meeting of the Legislative Committee will be held Thursday June 7, from 10:00- 12:30 at the state office University of Minnesota, TSMC, Washington and Fifteenth Aves. S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

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1. Plans for ~~at~~ pre-primary contact to sell all primary candidates on the need for CC. *tag, booklet books.*
2. Plans for an after election contact to present our program to the newly elected representatives at the local level.
3. Plans to present our program to legislators at the state level. *See leg. conf.*
- ✓ 4. Plans for contacting legislative chairman of other organizations. - *give book & tag*
5. Plans for a fall Legislative Day. *or* *See. Legislative Conference*
6. Your suggestions for lobbying and lobbyists.
7. Next meeting.

7 Legislative News Letter? *Doris Guthrie*
once a week

Take subscriptions

8. *more* *Lords' suggestions?*

9. Plans *Revise* Lobby by letter.

10. *Contact business (men) to support C. R.*

10. Plans with C. C. C. in areas where no leagues?

We are sending booklet to all Sen + Rep.

11. October - *Harner* - area conferences on legislation?

May 26, 1956

Now to: *Grace Wilson*

From Boris Gutridge, Legislative Chairman

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8. Legist. Newsletter.

9. Mrs. Good

10. Mrs. Hanner

11. Mrs. Edgar

12. Mrs. Kenneth

Mrs. Stanley Kane

Mrs. Russell Duncan

Mrs. N. Grossman

*coffee party
schedule candidates
1 hr. apart
give signs around
everywhere
Public
Dollars a lot
more Roy - PR
Legislative
+ organizations*

I mailed them.

- Sept - better D. candidates - Compost - offer help
 early Present favorite issue
 Entertain him - educate him - each separately
 each tailored D candidate - "helmet glove"
- Sept - Candid. meeting - try dif. types but all in same week
 late over state for publicity purposes -
 program coffee type help -
- Oct. - Flood both candidates with propaganda for
 conversion - not just because - but
 business men etc. - "thing to do"
 purpose - demonstrate city support.
- Nov - School for Candidates + LWV - Freshmen both -
 after 90 days of housewrecking - "appreciate help."
 election have snappy program - addresses on
 dif. phases by experts in + out of legis.
- Jan - visit D. heads by lobbyist + leg. clm. out state
 for interview briefing ^{subject} Committee assign of
 heads + know way raised - sign up by
 B of lobby day
- Feb - blow out in leg. by lobbyist f. out state -
 story in St. Paul Home
- March - Flood galleries - write letter a day
 + April

Memo to Doris Guthrie
From Grace W. Wilson
Re Legislative Plans

June 7, 1958

3 UNDER - Committee seek lions in their dens, soften them up, cf. Gruner
SEPTEMBER - or just after filings close *July 28*

Send a letter to all candidates for legislature, congratulate them on filing, hope the best man wins, will be interested in his stand on CC issues.....1 of most important of which is CC convention....this is why we enclose CC material, ...more material is available on request....request personal interview as follow up....make this interview very pleasant, combining it with dinner, or coffee hour....entertain him as well as educate him, and sincerely offer him any help, as a freshman he needs it and appreciates it. Tailor this interview to the man ...

SEPTEMBER - just before election (*Sept 11*)

include MCCC mem.

7.5. Candidates Meeting, try different types, such as/coffee party meetings, TV, big meetings -- but have them all over the state the same week, so publicity can be splashy...

OCTOBER - after primary, before general

Flood both candidates with propaganda for CC....not just by League people, but get others to do so -- business men, educators, Federation of Women's Clubs, Parties, Farm Groups, Unions -- make them think it is "the thing to do", because obviously so many people are for it. Perhaps, rather than candidates meeting, concentrate our efforts on swamping both candidates with such powerful arguments, that whatever one wins, we'll win our object. Maybe this should take the form of a big meeting, a kind of testimonial dinner, with 2 candidates as honored guests -- lots of publicity could surround this meeting.

NOVEMBER - after general election (*Nov 6*)

Offer a School for ~~Candidates~~ Legislators -- to which Freshman Legislators only, plus League people come -- A kind of "90 Days of Lawmaking Shortcourse". I think new Legislators would appreciate it, and it would be the League doing something with them instead of at them. It could be very snappy and swish...League could call on leaders in government, and parliament rule, some from both houses, to speak on different phases of lawmaking

JANUARY

Have a day at the Legislature - to be attended by lobbyists, and by Legislative Chairman from each League, especially out state (even if we have to pay their way)...purpose to brief intensively on subject matter, give them committee listings, list of legislators, and kit of materials....learn their way around.....sign up for 2 dates --
1) the big descent upon the legislature, for a day of lobbying, cf. N.Y.
2) their day of mass descent upon the galleries, in March

FEBRUARY

Day at the Legislature, cf. N.Y., mainly for outstate lobbyists, stay in homes of St. Paul members as guests, overnight, plan the day with some excitement; address by governor, leaders of house and senate, and some last minute briefing in state of our bills, then turn loose for lobbying own man....perhaps include some entertainment of legislators..

MARCH AND APRIL

Flood the galleries - have a League day -- this is for visitors (tours), not primarily lobbyists, tho any lobbying one will help... but legislators are very busy, and the most effective thing we can do is to prove by large attendance our great interest by being in galleries and by lots of letters from home. Perhaps local legislative chairman can arrange her own League's tour, if she is given a date, by writing to her legislator, who might arrange gallery space, and committee mtgs for her to attend

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Hibbing		350
Hopkins		200
Hutchinson		103
Jackson		75
Kasson		50
Mahtomedi		200
Marine-on-St. Croix		65
Minneapolis		5,000
Moorhead*		180
Mound		150
New Prague		40
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New Ulm		40
North St. Paul		90
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Owatonna		85
Park Rapids		42
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TOTAL

17,193

*Pre-provisional. Pledge includes 25 recognition fee

in the community oppose CC and pass the information he gives on to the local league so that they can interview the opposition.

In regard to known legislative opponents (Root, French) it was suggested that party people might be more influential in contacting them. McKee in Bemidji was also mentioned in this connection. Question: can we work through the parties in distributing our materials etc.

Use of MCCC in interviewing certain legislators --possibly those outside areas having local leagues.

What is to be done after the primary election? We should contact successful candidates, with the state planning the way to reach the spots where we do not have local leagues, and the local leagues making the contacts with their own legislators. Mrs. Kuderling told of the legislator from Faribault who

The details of the legislative news letter can be left until later.

Reference to New Yorker article made: should we use this method of bringing our out-of-state league members to the legislature? (Visitors could stay in local homes overnight.)

Shall we have summer work shops and when? (No decision before EZD left)

Should do: after filings close, in July/a letter should go out from the local ~~league~~ league to all candidates for legislature with quite detailed information on our legislative program.

Filings close July 28. Primary election Sept. 11.

Business men should be interviewed after the primary election. We should try to get specific information which can show the value to big business in a ~~change~~ new constitution.

Minutes of Legislative Committee meeting on 6-7-56 after Mrs. Duncan left.

Betty Kane of Golden Valley came at this time.

It was pointed out that at the beginning of the Legislative Committee work, it would be a good time to emphasize that the Voter's Service job and the Legislative job should not be confused. They are entirely separate phases of work.

Members of the Minneapolis League who were on the committee agreed to work on the three types of sample letters which will be sent to local leagues and which will go out to all legislators after filings for office close.

The question came up as to whether our Continuing Responsibilities should be mentioned in these letters or whether the concentration should be entirely on Constitutional Convention. The consensus seemed to be that only material on Convention should be sent in the original letter but that we should later give legislators all our material on the State program. This, however, seemed to be a decision which the State Board should make. It was suggested that kits on all material available on the State program should be sent to local leagues.

What material to send in the letters to the legislators was also discussed. "Eight Reasons Why" seemed to be the first choice as long as the printed pamphlets were not ready. It was felt that "Background Material on a Constitutional Convention for Minnesota" by Mrs. Norgaard should also be included.

All Legislative Committee members asked for a list of members of the Minnesota Citizens Constitutional Committee.

Brief discussion of revision of the Lobby-by-Letter Kit was held. It was felt that the format was so good that it was hard to improve. The only suggested change was that more general information on the Constitutional Convention sheet would be better than the specific material used before.

Mrs. Mantis of St. Paul and Mrs. Grunditz of Richfield were asked to do interviewing of opponents. It seemed to the group that the railroads were about the only opponents which it might be feasible to interview, but it was also felt that we should go very slowly in our interviewing and that we should get help both from the State Board and the Minnesota Citizens Constitutional Committee regarding organizations to see.

All of the plans made on this day would be submitted to the State Board on June 20th for approval.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, June 28th, at 10:00 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Muriel Grunditz
Muriel Grunditz

Legislative Committee
Meeting
June 23, 1956

Agenda:

10:00 to 12:00- Schedule of overall plans.

Interviews.

How to use new booklet most effectively. Read last page. *Price tags?*
How to tie this in with local work.

1:00- 3:00 Complete letters and plans for kit of material to send to local leagues.

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Schedule

why we lobby in person - to give information
July Pre-primary contact. "Know Your Legislators."
Aug Send to legislative chairman. *give material to each one that files*
Sample letter letters.
Legislative map.
X Where we stand. *Personal note to each League*
Chart on how your legislators voted.

*{ State chairmen
C. R. }*

*Have actual
interview*

Sept. Pre-election contact.

Write to winning candidates. Offer them more material on program items.

Get other people and organizations to urge candidates to work for CC.

Hold a "Constitutional Convention Dinner". Ask legislators to be guests.

Oct. Area Conference with Mrs Horner (Oct. 3)

Presidents and legislative chairman attending.

Subject "How to carry out Legislative Action in the LMV."

Actual interview

Mention Area Conf. letter

Nov. After election Contact.

Contact newly elected representatives. Present our program to him.

Training meeting for lobbyists.

Resource training meetings.

School for legislators "Short Course- 90 Days of Lawmaking"

Legislative Conference -- New York style.

Tours?

Legislative Newsletter
Sell subscriptions.

We have had excellent public relations schemes. These were to create a climate favorable to CC. How can we transfer this so the results will be felt by legislators.

Your suggestions for lobbyists.

Legislative Calendar

~~July 23-Sept. 11-Pre-primary contacts~~

July 23- Filings close for the primaries.

Sept 11- Primary Election

Nov. 6- General election

July 23 Begin preprimary contacts with legislators.

Sept. 11 begin pre-election contacts.

~~AREA CONFERENCE~~

Oct. 3 AREA CONFERENCE with Mrs. Etrol Horner. YWCA Minneapolis

Presidents and Legislative chairman attending.

Subject: Presidents Conference and "How To Carry Out Action

Legislative Action in the LNV.

Enclosures;

Letter to Legislative Chairman

Legislative Calendar

"Know Your Legislator Campaign "

Sample Letters

Map of legislative districts

List of legislative districts and local leagues

Voting Record

Special Attention

Recheater Austin etc.

To: Local Legislative Chairman

From: Doris Guthrie, State Legislative Chairman

Re: Legislative plans from July 23 through Nov. 6.

The 1957 legislative session will soon be upon us. The League of Women Voters will again muster all its forces to work for passage of a Constitutional Tutorial Convention Bill. We will also work to support or oppose legislation to substantiate our positions on our Continuing Responsibilities.

The State Legislative Committee members have been thinking--- we have been trying to think of a "magic formula"--- a formula which when properly mixed and served to legislators will say, "This legislation is on the League program. It is in the public interest and we have the facts to prove it. Therefore, you should vote for it." We are indeed sorry, but we cannot think of such a formula. The pressures influencing a legislators vote are many and varied. Our only sure formula is that he will probably push the green button if voters in his district have overwhelmed him with requests to do so. This puts the problem in the lap of the local league. *You* gain your legislators vote only if you reach out into the community and build up understanding and support for League-supported legislation.

Let us take a look at our problem.

The 1955 Legislative Report lists as the no 1 reason that the CC Bill failed last session as "legislative lack of understanding of the convention issue before the legislators arrived for the session." It recommended two approaches: 1. A vigorous two-year plan of public education designed to stimulate public interest in good government and the calling of a constitutional convention. 2. That the League join with other organizations in this education campaign which is too large for one organization to carry.

We are meeting these problems head-on.

1. The local leagues spearheaded by the State Public Relations Committee have carried on a vigorous campaign of public education. You should now make definite plans to have these campaign reverberations felt by your legislator. Review the projects you have done from the Do-it-Yourself Kit. Does your legislator know about them? Special attention to Worthington! The winner of the State High School Essay Contest is from your district. If- If you held a dinner honoring her with lots of publicity don't you think your legislators would take special notice? Invite them to the dinner. These are the kind of things that impress him.

2. The L&W has taken the initiative and ^{has} helped to organize The Minnesota Citizens Constitutional Committee. The Committee has been organized statewide with a board of directors composed of two members from each Congressional district in Minnesota and ~~the need for~~ several directors at-large. Their board will work to disseminate information about the need for constitutional revision.

Have you been influential in getting local organizations to work for passage of a GC bill? *Have offered them prize tags to give their members.*

3. To counteract the "lack of legislative understanding" the state office is mailing directly to all senators and incumbent representatives this kit of materials.

The State You're In

Reapportionment by Statute	Feb. 1956
Fair Employment Practices Commission	Feb. 1956
Party Designation for Legislators	" "
Civil Service in Minnesota	" "

The state legislative committee is anxious that your local league reach all other candidates filing for representative with similar kits of material. These kits may be obtained from the state office. We ask of course that your league pay for them. Since there will not be enough copies of The State You're In to put in the kits, we will include the sheet Background on Minnesota's Constitution, ^{constitution}

Enclosed are sample letters that you might write to your candidates and present senators. Feel free to personalize these letters according to your local situation. Try to get a letter off to each candidate as soon as possible after the filings close on July 23. We are putting particular stress on this informational part of our campaign. The public opinion polls show that people do not know the meaning of the word reapportionment. They do not know that our constitution needs revising. This material should reach several hundred candidates at a time when they are talking about these issues in their local communities. You may obtain a list of filings from your

KNOW YOUR LEGISLATOR CAMPAIGN

Between now and Jan 1 is the best time to get to know your legislator and to lobby in person. As a lobbyist you render a service to legislators. 1. You supply information, 2. you put the league on record in hopes of influencing the legislator's vote, and 3. you make friends for the league. Your contacts with your legislators may be as varied as your league wishes to make them. You may send letters, make personal calls, invite him to your unit meeting, to tell you how other people in the community feel about CR. ^{person}
Pre-primary contact.

Send a congratulatory letter on filing.

Offer material. More material is available on request.

Send prize tags for candidate's use.

Suggest a personal interview- give him educational material on CR.

Do not ask him his stand on CR at this time. Assume that when he knows all the facts he will naturally be for it.

Pre-election contact.

53th

Continue to flood candidates with propaganda for CC,--- not just league people, but get others to do so---business men, educators, Federation of Women's Clubs, Political Parties, Farm Groups, Unions etc. Convince candidates that many people want constitutional revision, therefore both candidates should include it on their platforms. Furnish them with such powerful arguments that they'll be convinced.

We'll have more suggestion for you to use after the Nov. 6 election.

Good luck.

The work you do now at home will be twice as effective as that that you do during the legislative sessions

We are including the candidates voting records.

Material in kit - Facts + Figures

Democracy - 20p (ack) -

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

University of Minnesota, 15th & Washington Ave., S.E. (TSMC), Minneapolis 14, Minnesota
Federal 8-8791 August, 1950

Legislative Chm. LOCAL LEAGUES (If none, I listed State CG Chm - with *)

✓ Afton-Lakeland Mrs. Bob Bauer, Route 4, Stillwater
 ✓ Alexandria *Mrs. F. M. Unumb, 302 Lincoln Ave. W.
 ✓ Anoka
 ✓ Arden Hills *Mrs. R. Johnson, 1978 Forest Lane, St. Paul 13
 ✓ Austin *Mrs. Leighton Hickert, 107 N. 4 and Mrs. Lav P. Heave, 510 Nicholson
 ✓ Battle Lake
 ✓ Bemidji *Mrs. John Cahill, Jail Residence, Bemidji and *Mrs. Ervin Olson (above)
 ✓ Birchwood
 ✓ Bloomington Mrs. Art Bachler, 9024 James, Minneapolis 20
 ✓ Brainerd Mrs. Wm. H. Brown, 1830 Gaydon Avenue
 ✓ Buffalo
 ✓ Cass Lake *Mrs. Axel Erickson, Cass Lake
 ✓ Circle Pines *Mrs. Ronald Lafane, 123 South Drive, Circle Pines, Minn.
 ✓ Columbia Heights
 ✓ Deephaven *4411 Raymond Lewis, Route 4, Wayzata Mrs. Richard Winchester, Ridgewood Rd.
 ✓ Duluth Mrs. John Berdia, 608 Woodland Ave., Duluth (lat. 3, Wayzata
 ✓ Edina Mrs. S.B. McClocklin, 7021 Rydell Ave. N.E. 24 (?)
 ✓ Excelsior
 ✓ Falcon Heights *Mrs. Walter Heller, 2203 Polwell, St. Paul 13
 ✓ Fergus Falls
 ✓ Golden Valley Mrs. Robert Tharp, 3125 Major Ave. N., Minneapolis 22
 ✓ Granite Falls
 ✓ Hibbing
 ✓ Hopkins Mrs. R. Daniels, 26 10 Ave. N.
 ✓ Hutchinson
 ✓ Jackson *Mrs. Rodney Muir, Sverdrup Ave.
 ✓ Kasson
 ✓ Mahtomedi *Mrs. Arch Johnston, 108 E. Fir St., Mahtomedi 15
 ✓ Minneapolis Mrs. Edgar Kuderling, 5521 27 Ave. St.
 ✓ Moorhead *Mrs. Frank Zehlen, 416 12 Ave. S.
 ✓ Mound *Mrs. Lee Woolley, Rt. 1, Mound Mrs. John Zerk - lig.
 ✓ New Prague
 ✓ New Richmond *Mrs. Edna Demmer, New Richmond
 ✓ New Ulm
 ✓ North St. Paul
 ✓ Olivia
 ✓ Owatonna *Mrs. Donald Honath, 720 E. School Mrs. William Lundstrom
 ✓ Park Rapids
 ✓ Red Wing *Mrs. A. D. Belden, 907 East Ave. Red Wing Mrs. Louis Ole
 ✓ Richfield *Mrs. James Schepers, 5429 Newton, Mpls. 23
 ✓ Rochester *Mrs. Louis Murphy, 924 11 Ave. N.E.
 ✓ Roseville *Mrs. C. O. Syversen, 1835 Waterworks Road, St. Paul 13 (or Alta Vista Rd.
 ✓ St. Cloud *Mrs. Tom Hunstler, 610 Wilson S.E.
 ✓ St. Louis Park *Mrs. E. G. Davidson, 2510 Xylon Ave. Minneapolis 26
 ✓ St. Paul Mrs. Homer Mantle, 2352 Buford, St. Paul 8
 ✓ South St. Paul Mrs. Robert Strauch, 2015 Burns Lane
 ✓ Tracy Mrs. Ray Lawson, 451 3, Tracy
 ✓ Virginia *Mrs. M. Greenberg, 602 Jones, Eveath, Minn.
 ✓ Waseca
 ✓ Wayzata
 ✓ Wells *Mrs. F. W. Hockenbuhl, 433 3 E. S.W.
 ✓ West St. Paul *Mrs. E. R. Stuhlman, 15 Dorset Rd., St. Paul, Minn.
 ✓ White Bear Township Mrs. Wm. Ludka, 4141 Bellaire Ave., White Bear Lake 10
 ✓ Worthington

* Provisional

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

University of Minnesota, 15th & Washington Ave., S.E. (TSMc), Minneapolis 14, Minnesota
Federal 8-8791

August, 1956

LOCAL LEAGUES

Rep. Chrs.

Afton-Lakeland

Alexandria

Anoka

Arden Hills

Austin

Battle Lake

Bemidji

Birchwood

Bloomington

Brainerd

Mrs. Wm. H. Brown 1830 Bradley Ave.

Buffalo

Cass Lake

Circle Pines

Columbia Heights

Deephaven

Duluth

Edina

Excelsior

Falcon Heights

Fergus Falls

Golden Valley

Granite Falls

Hibbing

Hopkins

Hutchinson

Jackson

Kasson

Mahtomedi

Minneapolis

Moorhead

Mound

New Prague

New Richland

New Ulm

North St. Paul

Olivia

Owatonna

Park Rapids

Red Wing

Richfield

Rochester

Roseville

St. Cloud

St. Louis Park

St. Paul

South St. Paul

Tracy

*Virginia

Waseca

Wayzata

Wells

Mrs. Nell Elinder

West St. Paul

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Alexandria	2 Heedner, Vio + J
Anoka	2 Baker, Samaldson, Kamake
Arden Hills	2
Austin	3 Hooser, Campbell
Battle Lake	
Bemidji	
Birchwood	2 Proles, Houdet
Bloomington	3 Pachler, Lblane
Brainerd	2 Brown, Olson
Buffalo	
Cass Lake	
Circle Pines	
Columbia Heights	
Deephaven	2 Manchester, Duff
Duluth	2 Kibala, Buehl, Kantor, Galdish
Edina	2 Tans, Kilen
Excelsior	2 Burke, Jackbogne
Falcon Heights	2 Robertson, Scheg
Fergus Falls	
Golden Valley	2 Contigues, Schwartz
Granite Falls	2 Lundquist, Carlson
Hibbing	
Hopkins	2 Paul, Daniels
Hutchinson	2 Ross, Rathmanner
Jackson	
Kasson	
Mahtomedi	2 Lohberg, Marshall
Minneapolis	3 Lindberg, Winkler, Stearns
Moorhead	2 Cristel, Zablens
Mound	2 Jones, Anderson
New Prague	
New Richland	2 Duena, Anfetto
New Ulm	
North St. Paul	2
Olivia	
Owatonna	
Park Rapids	
Red Wing	2
Richfield	4 Cass, Kasper, Samadi, Clark
Rochester	3 Pemberton, Midgley, Miller
Roseville	3 Boyer, Granberg, Jyversen
St. Cloud	2 Zankewitz, Hignett
St. Louis Park	4 Kraske, Sanderson, L. Harsrud
St. Paul	2 Meyer, Martin
South St. Paul	2 Strach, Ludwig
Tracy	
*Virginia	
Waseca	2 Hertig, Hoffmann
Wayzata	
Wells	2 Mike, Hink
*West St. Paul	2 Stuhlmeyer, May, Coody
White Bear Township	2 West, Bakula
Worthington	
*Mnnetmba	Johanson, Nicol
*Provisional	

Sample letter to Senators. The state senators serve until 1958. They will not run for re-election this fall.

Dear Senator -----:

~~As Senator representing our district~~ we take this opportunity to tell you that the League of Women Voters Of Minnesota supports the following program.

Revision of the State Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

We feel this can be best accomplished by the calling of a Constitutional Convention.

Reapportionment.

Fair Employment Practices Commission

Party Designation for Legislators

Civil Service System

Since these are all important issues in Minnesota government, our state office has mailed you informational material on them. We hope it will be of value to you.

(for proponents)

We are very pleased that you voted for the Constitutional Convention Bill last legislative session. We hope you will do so again. We also ask- invite you to join us in our campaign to secure better understanding of this issue in our community.

(for opponents)

We know that in the past you have had reservations concerning constitutional revision; however, we are hopeful that in the last two years you have found some merit in this proposal.

Sincerely,

Sample letter to be sent to all new candidates filing for the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. -----:

Congratulations on filing for the legislature as a representative from the ----- district. We need qualified citizens in public office and we appreciate the sacrifices in time, effort and money you make in running for public office.

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Sincerely,

The letter to incumbent legislators can be the same, except for the last paragraph. You can say that material on these issues has been mailed to them by the state office.

Legislative Committee
Meeting
September 13, 1956

State Legislative Committee Meeting

Sept. 13, 1956

10:00

Dates- Oct. 2 Tues. Mrs. Horner meets with state committees
Oct. 3 Wed. Mrs. Horner conducts state wide Presidents and
Legislative Chairman's Conference
Minneapolis TWCA 10 o'clock

Training Meetings (tentative) Thurs. Sept. 27
Oct. 11
Oct. 25
Nov. 8

AGENDA

1. Plan the Oct. 3 Conference -

2. Training meetings -

3. Newsletter -

Editor- Betty Kane-

Approximate cost- \$70. per sheet mailed to 5000 members

4. Committee structure

Chairman: Constitutional Revision -

Reapportionment

Party designation for legislators -

Fair Employment Practices Commission -

Civil Service System

Lobbyists----

Lobbying policies

5. Day at the legislature-
Committee to plan

6. Railroad interviews.

Please for lobby info
newsletter
Legislature day
institute -
Lillian Park & Sally
Chase
Vera Likens
Date
- Mary Lupton

McClendon -

Carl Lindgren

Marion Sletcher -

Activity sheet - like to do typing & phoning -

Jane Zimmerman -
p 56 State Youth Inv.
Still -
Mary Ann Jones
Marie -
Donna Sampson
Shake Baren

Legislative Plans

Send on Con. Rev.
May 25 Sent letter and "Price Tag" to Legislators.

Con. Rev. and Con. Resp.
June Send "The State You're In?"

Give legislator material on program.
Contact (Sample) railroad officials for and against.
businesses

copy Mrs. Gruner's FEP technique?
Contact legislative chairman of other organizations.
Contact Minn. League for Minnesota Municipalities for information
on home rule.

Revise Lobby by Letter

Use inserts to send to legislators?
What is the best material we have to send to legislators?
We need factual information to answer arguments which are advanced
against Con. Rev. We must go through our material and picking out
main argument and consolidating them in a Fact Sheet for Lobbyists.

July Send material to local leagues for contacting legislators.
Send chart on how your Legislator voted on our program items?
Send on Con. Rev.
or
Con. Rev. and Con. Resp.

Give legislator material on program.
Send letter (Sample) to those who voted for and against.

Suggest local league contact all primary candidates.
Congratulate them on filing.

Interview them
Offer information on Con. Rev. and Con. Resp.
Great care must be exercised so this promotion of our state program
isn't confused with Voters Service.

Aug -Same-as Continue the above.

Sept. 11 Primary Election

Oct, Local leagues Continue to flood candidates with propaganda material
on CC. Work to get other organizations and influential people to
do the same.

Oct. 3 Area conference with Mrs. Hornor.
Presidents and legislative chairman attending.
Subject "How to Carry Out Legislative Action in MN"

Oct. 22-Nov. 3
Resource Training Meeting for Lobbyists and others
Judge Mateen Judicial
Peterson L of Minn. Hm. on Home Rule
Sen. Anderson Legislature

Nov. General Election.

Local leagues contact newly elected representatives. Present our program to him. Ask his support in legislature.

Offer School for Legislators.--"(90 Days of Lawmaking Shortcourse"
League people and freshman lawmakers.

Jan. Legislative Day

Legislative Chairman and lobbyists training course on legislative procedure.

Briefing on subject matter, committee listings etc.

Feb. Day at the Legislature New York style

For outstate lobbyists- be overnight guests of St Paul L. members
Address by Gov. and Speaker of House and Senate, briefing on bills--Lobbying Entertain Legislators.

March and April

Large attendance in the galleries
Tours?

Legislative Newsletter Sell subscriptions

Plans with CCC in areas with no league-- Barb Suggests we wait on this

-Mrs Lords Suggestions

Be careful not to cast aspersions at the legislature.

A series of form letters passed out for people to affix their signatures to. Would talk to us further. No.

Organize a letter-of-the-month club throughout the state to barrage legislators.

Let your love for people shine through in your approaches to them.

Copy - 04.

Dear Senator Holquist:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has just published a new booklet on Constitutional Revision. It is professionally written, cleverly illustrated and striking. We plan to distribute _____ copies throughout the entire state this fall to build public opinion for a constitutional convention.

We would like to present a complimentary copy to each of the authors of last's Constitutional Convention Bill of last session. Could we invite you to be our guest for lunch on Thurs. Oct. 18, from 12:00-1:00, at the Campus Club, Coffman Memorial Union on the University of Minnesota Campus.

We realize that for you who live out of town, it may not be convenient for you to make a trip to the cities at this time. If you cannot be there we will mail your copy to you. Will you return the enclosed card so we may know if you are coming.

Yours very truly,

Shall we enclose card? I will----- will not----- be with you to receive my copy of your new booklet.

*She invited authors to lunch
Luther, Mullin and Elmer L
Andersen attended.*

Mrs. Hargraves on T.V.

Allee
Hawkins
Grossman
Guthrie

4 north Hayward
Dyann

Schedule of Operations

- Sept 24 9 grossmen will have 1 eq. with me
at Mag. office for business shopping
- Sept 25 1st copy of Link Lady with Barrow
Michael Leiter, will go to local Press. To
- Sept 26 Promotion directions (E. Bingham) prepared
to send to business who already have
(give out in 30 min at Board) they looks.
Thereafter promotion plans acc. comp. each
order.
- Sept 30 Each chairman copy to Ether for Pres. letter
- Oct 4 Presid. To Letter, mailed
- Oct 7 Launching of Link Lady - newspaper public
- Oct 7 Mailed not earlier than - Memorandum
Letter to 400 editors with copy of
Link Lady, Grossman, Barrow, Leiter
to inf. them M.E.A. of net; Bingham
to check; Kryson call list of editors
& prepare sketches. cost - C.R. fund.
- Oct 8 Statewide Legislative
- Oct 9 Guthrie & Bingham - Kit to legislators;
Letter - Link Lady; Postcard about SYL
costs - C.R. fund
- Oct 13 Guthrie & Grossman (if possible) Presentation
Letter to Guthrie & Barrow Bill
- Oct 25-26 M.E.A. Conu. Birth Grossman; St. Anthony Post
men Guthrie Barrow; C.R. supply directions, Bingham
supply, Publications

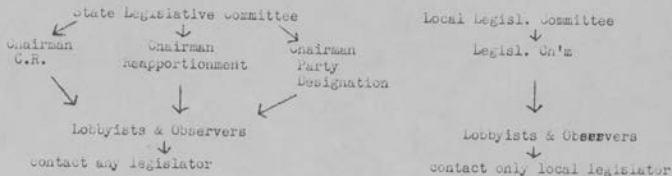
Conference Schedule

"Do It Yourself
Lobbying"
October 3, 1956

Nov. 27, 1956

1. Introductions

2. Division of Committees



3. Chairmen

Boris Guturie--State Legislative Chairman
 Muriel Grunditz--Chairman, Constitutional Revision Lobbying Committee
 Betty Kane--Chairman, Reapportionment Lobbying Committee
 Phyllis Richter--Chairman, Party Designation Lobbying Committee

4. ~~Assignment~~

Choose committee

Fill out address and telephone no. on name tag

5. Discussion---what do you want at Dec. 6 training meeting?

6. Training meeting

Dec. 6--Thurs.--10:00 AM to 2:30 PM
 Faculty Women's Room, Coffman Memorial Union, U. of Minn.

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Note: Next committee meeting with Mrs. Horner will be Wed. Oct 17 from 10:00-12:00.
Place: State office-University of Minn(TSMc), 15th & Washington Ave. S.E.
Because our Oct. 2 meeting was scheduled from 3 till 5, a horrible hour,
we changed to Oct.17.

AGENDA- DO IT YOURSELF LOBBYING

YWCA MINNEAPOLIS, room 510 Wed. Oct.3 from 10 to 3 1956

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| 1. Plans of the State Committee | Doris Guthrie | 10:00-10:20 |
| 2. Interviewing | Betty Kane | 10:20-10:40 |
| 3. Importance of outstate lobbying | Muriel Grunditz | 10:40-11:00 |
| 4. Plans for a Constitutional Rally | Mary Mantis | 11:00-11:20 |
| 5. Map of legislative districts | Louise Kuderling | 11:20-11:30 |
| 6. How-to Effective Lobbying | Senator Donald Fraser
Minneapolis | 11:30-12:00 |

Lunch

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| Resource | The State You're In | Betty Kane | Approx. 10 min. |
| Publications | Well, what d'ya know | Louise Hill | " " |
| Public Relations | | Alene Grossman | " " |
| Legislative Plans | Lobby by Letter | Doris Guthrie | " " |
| Legislative Action in the LwV | | Mrs Horner | 1:40-3:00. |

(State Board people will give summary of tools prepared for their job and plans for using them in the communities).

Do It Yourself Lobbying

10:40 1. Plans of the state comm. Doris Guthrie
Lobby by letter

Material to be sent to legislators. -

Newsletter -

Legislative Day -

10:21-10:40 2. Interviewing Betty Kane

10:40-11:00 3. Importance of outstate lobbying. Muriel Grunditz

11:00 4. Plans for a Constitutional Revision Rally. Mary Mantis

11:20 5. Show map.

11:30 6. How to lobby effectively. Senator Donald Fraser of Minneapolis

Afternoon -

Resource The State You're In Mildred Hargraves - Betty Kane

Publications Well, what d'ya know Louise Hill

Public Relations Eileen Grossman

Legislative Plans

Doris Guthrie

Legislative Action in the L&V

Mrs Horner

Legislative Plans (same as above)

Afternoon introduction

If you look back to 1949 and count all the words spoken, words written, meetings held on constitutional revision then you have citizen participation in government. This citizen participation is our purpose of course but we hope it will result in some legislative action. The state board works for the local leagues to provide them with resource material, material for the public and plans to help. This is what we have for you.

afternoon

If you look back to 1947, count all the leagues meetings we have had on state program, all the material we have written and circulated, all the words we have spoken---- then you have a picture of league members actively participating in government. Every two years in Minn. our state legislature meets. Then we scurry around and ^{particularly} direct this "active participating" toward legislative action on our state program. This is why we are meeting here this afternoon. We want to consider the ways which we can be most effective in getting "yes" votes for our state program in the next legislative session.

Passage of a piece of legislation is actually the result of citizen participation and as you well know this passage of legislation ^{does not come easily} is not easily come by. The passage of the Fair Employment Practices Bill last session is our only success for many many years. This success was ^{made} attributed to a great many people over a long period of time. We are ready to try again. We will work for passage of a constitutional Convention Bill.; for a fair reapportionment of our state legislature; for legislation to require legislators to ^{run and} ~~run~~ ^{run and} declare their party affiliation when running for office. We will protect the FEPC Law and we will work for improvement of our civil service system by seeking modifications of ~~our~~ veteran's preference laws.

To help you carry it out

This is an ambitious program! The state Board has prepared new materials and ^{made some} plans ~~for~~ aid you.

1. The foundation of all league work is of course resource: Mrs. Stanley Kane will present to you our new resource material The State You're In.
2. Along with resource we must have ^{popular type} q booklet to sell Constitutional Revision to every voter in Minnesota. We have that too. Mrs John Hill will present our new ^{book} ~~pink~~ lady book-- Well, what d'ya know Minnesota Has a Constitution.
3. Everyone in Minnesota must know about this new booklet so he will want to read it. Mrs Norman Grossman will tell you of the plans of the Public Relations ^{will then visit a new constitution for Minnesota} ~~Committee~~ ^{P.R.C.} to publicize this booklet throughout the entire state.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

15th and Washington Avenue S.E. Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Federal 8-8791

Sept. 20, 1956

Senator Donald Fraser
613 SE 7 St.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Senator Fraser:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota would like you to give a talk for their Legislative Conference on Oct. 3, room 510, WMA in Minneapolis. We are planning the Legislative action for our state program on that day.

We would like you to give the legislators view point on good Lobbying Techniques. Lobbying, we interpret as contacts with legislators on a year around basis, not just during the legislative session.

Here are a few questions you might include:

Do you as a Senator like to hear from your constituents now or during the session or both?

What is the best time during the session to lobby---- when a bill is in committee, when it is reported out, or just before the vote is taken?

Is the best lobbying done in person or by letter?

What kind of letter is the most effective?

This will be a group of about thirty women. Your part on the program will be from 11:30- 12:00. Since you indicated over the phone that you could come, I will look forward to seeing you there.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Donald Guthrie
Legislative Chairman
4000 East Co. Line
White Bear Lake 10, Minn.



Affiliated with the
League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Notes on Do It Yourself Lobbying

We mailed to all legislators a copy of our Legislative Program, our resource material The State You're In, and a copy of our popular tool wall, what, it's know.

The afternoon session was conducted by state Board members. They each presented their materials and plans for local leagues to promote state program, our state agenda is Constitutional Revision.

I am enclosing a copy of our Legislative Program and our new popular booklet.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15 & Washington Aves. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.
FE 8-8791

November 1956

Memo: To Local Legislative Chairmen
From: Mrs. Donald Guthrie, State Legislative Chairman

THE CONSTITUENTS HOLD THE KEY TO THEIR LEGISLATORS' VOTE

Let this be the guiding light of all our legislative work.

More than 12,000 copies of "Well, What D'ya Know...Minnesota HAS a Constitution" are already in circulation throughout the state. More are going out every day. We are reaching out into the community and more people are aware that we need a Constitutional Convention. These people must now make their wishes known to their legislators.

As you know, the Senate defeated the Constitutional Convention Bill 40 to 27 last session. Since the same Senators will be there again, our only hope of passing the bill is to see some "No" votes switch to "Yes" votes. Passage of the bill requires 2/3 majority in both houses. This is 45 votes in the Senate (or 18 more than last time) and 88 votes in the House.

Take your Legislative Roll Call, review your 1953 and 1955 Legislative Reports. Take a look at the record and plan your state legislative action accordingly. We are waiting to hear from you that your legislator will vote for a Constitutional Convention this time.

To help you, we are sending a suggested plan for a Lobby at Home Campaign, two copies of a Questionnaire for Interviews, a list of new Representatives and the Senators with addresses, and under separate cover an Analysis of the Voting Record in your district with suggestions of things to do to garner support of our program.

A DO IT YOURSELF PROJECT --- LOBBY-AT-HOME CAMPAIGN

I. Lobby by Letter Campaign

A. By League membership

Try organizing letter writing campaign in the units. The purpose is to insure a steady flow of letters from constituents to legislators from December until the end of the session. Make arrangements that three or more letters be written at each unit meeting. Plan to reach each of the legislators on our program measures. Maybe you'd like to write several letters one time and mail them at different intervals. Take ten minutes for "legislative action" time at each unit meeting from now until the session ends.

B. By non-members

Ask that members get three or more friends to write. Ask that they get a leader in the community to write. Ask husbands to write. Ask your ward chairman or party worker to write. This is especially important, since a measure must have party support to pass. Ask that they write to editors.

II. Lobby by Person Campaign

A. Interviews by local legislative chairman

Before your legislator leaves for St. Paul, will you talk to him? Refer to the Legislative Program which we mailed to him and explain it to him. Will you fill out the enclosed Questionnaire and return one copy to the state office by January 15th, if possible? These answers will be invaluable to the State Legislative Committee in planning their contacts with legislators during the session. We have included only Constitutional Convention, Reapportionment and Party Designation for Legislators because the principle legislation for Fair Employment and Civil Service has passed, and our role is one of protector. When you interview your legislator on Party Designation, will you ask him if he favors Party Designation for legislators only, or for county officials, too.

B. Contacts with legislators during the session.

Make a definite plan for League members and non-members to contact their legislators in response to "time for action" calls. Talk to individual citizens to whom you have given "Well, What D'ya Knows" Ask them if they would (in the interest of better government for Minnesota) write a letter as suggested on page thirty-one.

III. Help Your Neighbor Campaign

There are 23 districts with no Leagues in Minnesota. These are listed on your Instruction Sheets for Selling "Well, What D'ya Know...." Will you make a list of people that your members know from a neighboring district. Then mail them a copy of "Well, What D'ya Know....Minnesota HAS a Constitution." Ask them if they would (in the interest of better government for Minnesota) write a letter such as suggested on page thirty-one.

This whole campaign must of course be tailored to fit the needs of your district, as determined by the record of your legislator. You will receive under separate cover an analysis of the voting record in your district with suggestions of things you might do to garner more support for our program.

QUESTIONNAIRE for INTERVIEWS

(Two copies are included, one for state office, one for you to keep. Order as many more, free of charge, as you need for your number of legislators in your district.)

SENATOR

Constitutional Convention

Reapportionment

Party Designation for Legislators

REPRESENTATIVE-

Constitutional Convention

Reapportionment

Party Designation for Legislators

REPRESENTATIVE

Constitutional Convention

Reapportionment

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YOUR EVALUATION

What is your legislator's attitude toward the League? Did he make any significant statements?

What are your plans for lobbying at home? (use other side of sheet to elaborate)

MINNESOTA STATE REPRESENTATIVES

This list includes the Representative's caucus*, district, name, county and address.
*The caucus information, C for conservative, L for liberal, is from an Associated Press article, and shows how he is "expected to caucus" by the reporter. The first vote for Speaker of the House will indicate his caucus definitely. Three districts, 13, 52 and 58 may have recounts. Watch newspapers, and correct this sheet accordingly. Doubtful winners indicated by asterisks. When results are announced, cross out three names, 1 in each district.

L 31	Adams, James L.	Hennepin Co. 1604 10 Ave. S., Minneapolis
L 66	Affeldt, Leland A. Sr.	Folk Co. Fosston
C 55	Alderink, George	Millelacs-Kanabec-Sherburne Co. Pease
C 47	Anderson, D.F.	Pope Co. Starbuck
C 33	Anderson, H.J.	Hennepin Co. 4919 Colfax Ave. So., Minneapolis
C 15	Anderson, H.R.	Nicollet Co. North Mankato
C 42	Anderson, J.T.	Ramsey No.Co. 1048 Van Slyke Ave., St. Paul
C 1	Anderson, Moppy	Fillmore-Houston Co. Preston
C 55	Angstman, Geo. L.	Mille Lacs-Kanabec-Sherburne Co. Mora
C 50	Aune, Ole O. Jr.	Otter Tail Co. Underwood
L 63	Basford, Harry	Becker Co. Wolf Lake
L 67	Battles, Everett	Roseau Co. Warroad
C 37	Beanblossom, Sheldon	Ramsey No.Co. 492 E. Wheelock Pkwy., St. Paul
C 36	Bergerud, Alf	Hennepin So.Co. 5100 Ridge Road, Minneapolis
L 64	Bergeson, Burnett J.	Norman-Mahnomen Co. Twin Valley
L 62	Berglund, Elmer E.	Beltrami-Lake of Woods Co. Bemidji
L 57	Campton, Chas. E.	Cook-Lake Co. Two Harbors
C 62	Chilgren, E. J.	Koochiching Co. Littlefork
L 30	Christie, Thomas N.	Hennepin Co. 1219 Lakeview Ave., Minneapolis
L 61	Cina, Fred A.	St. Louis Co. Aurora
L 6	Conn, Edmond F.	Freeborn Co. Alden
L 48	Conroy, Dan	Traverse Co. Dumont
C 11	Cummings, Roy H.	Rock Co. Luverne
C 12	Cunningham, L. P.	Pipestone Co. Pipestone
L 65	Day, Walter E.	Pennington-Red Lake-Clearwater Co. Bagley
C 14	Dirlam, Aubrey W.	Redwood Co. Redwood Falls
C 50	Dunn, Roy E.	Otter Tail Co. Pelican Rapids
C 1	Duxbury, L. L. Jr.	Houston Co. Caledonia
L 23	Enestvedt, Odean	Renville Co. Sacred Heart
C 7	Erdahl, L. B.	Faribault Co. Frost
C 52	*Erickson, Geo. E.	Cass Co. Rt.#2, Pequot Lakes
C 22	Ernst, Emil C.	McLeod Co. Lester Prairie
L 21	Fitzgerald, John M.	Scott Co. New Prague
C 67	Fitzsimons, Richard	Marshall Co. Argyle
C 4	Franke, Donald T.	Olmsted Co. Rochester, Minn.
L 10	Franz, Sam	Cottonwood Co. Mountain Lake
C 33	French, George	Hennepin Co. 5140 Penn Ave. So., Minneapolis
L 28	Fudro, Stanley J.	Hennepin Co. 2322 2nd St. N.E., Minneapolis
L 61	Fugina, Peter K.	St. Louis Co. Virginia
C 3	Furst, Frank	Wabasha Co. Lake City
C 12	Fuller, Graham	Lincoln Co. Ivanhoe
L 53	Gerling, Gordon	Crow Wing-Morrison at large, Little Falls
L 35	Goodin, H. P. (Pat)	Hennepin Co. 3415 Knox Ave. No., Minneapolis
L 39	Grittner, Karl F.	Ramsey Co. Ward 6. 824 Cherokee Ave., St. Paul
C 24	Grussing, George P.	Chippewa Co. Clara City
L 31	Hagland, Carl G.	Hennepin Co. 1913 So. 6th St., Minneapolis
L 53	Halsted, Charles L.	Crow Wing Co. Brainerd
C 16	Hartle, John A.	Steele Co. Owatonna
L 5	Herzog, Jacob J.	Mower Co. Austin
L 24	Hofstad, Alvin O.	Lac Qui Parle Co. Madison
C 48	Huebner, Fred H.	Stevens Co. Donnelly
C 10	Hussong, Louis H.	Jackson Co. Herron Lake
L 48	Iverson, Carl M.	Grant Co. Ashby
C 14	Jensen, Carl A.	Brown Co. Sleepy Eye
L 25	Johnson, Alfred I.	Swift Co. Benson
L 49	Johnson, E. P.	Clay Co. Hawley
C 54	Johnson, O. L.	Aitkin Co. McGregor
L 27	Jude, Victor N.	Wright County. Maple Lake
L 41	Karth, Joe	Ramsey Co. 2334 E. County Road D., St. Paul
L 37	Kelley, Jerry	Ramsey So. Co. 726 Capitol Heights, St. Paul
L 13	*Kelly, Dr. J. J.	Lyon Co. Marshall
L 56	King, Carroll F.	Pine Co. Denham
C 46	Kinzer, John J.	Stearns 2nd Division Co. Cold Spring
C 20	Klaus, Walter K.	Dakota Co. Farmington
L 25	Knudsen, E. P.	Kandiyohi Co. Kandiyohi
L 32	Kording, H. J.	Hennepin Co. 3533 36 Ave. So., Minneapolis

L 59	LaBrosse, Francis	St. Louis Co. 3138 Restormel St., Duluth
C 67	Langen, Odin E. S.	Kittson Co. Kennedy
C 19	Langley, Clarence G.	Goodhue, 2nd Division Co. Red Wing
L 5	Larson, Alf	Dodge Co. Hayfield
C 36	Lindquist, Leonard E.	Hennepin north Co. 6940 W. River Road North, Minneapolis
C 51	Lorentz, Joe P.	Wadena Co. Wadena
L 63	Lovik, A. W.	Hubbard Co. Park Rapids
L 30	Luther, Sally	Hennepin Co. 1937 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis
C 34	McCarty, Glenn D.	Hennepin Co. 2701 Grand Ave. So. Minneapolis
L 2	McGill, John D.	Winona 1st Division Co. Winona
L 17	McGuire, Michael E.	Le Sueur Co. Montgomery
C 2	McLeod, Donald	Winona 2nd Division Co. Lewiston
C 13	Madden, Ralph R.	Lyon Co. Marshall
C 58	Michael, R. L.	St. Louis Co. 1805 W. Superior St., Duluth
C 11	Mitchell, Don	Nobles Co. Round Lake
L 35	Mosier, Leo D.	Hennepin Co. 4340 Washburn Ave. N., Minneapolis
C 15	Mueller, August B.	Sibley Co. Arlington
L 59	Munger, Willard M.	St. Louis Co. 7408 Grand Ave., Duluth
L 29	Murk, George E.	Hennepin Co. 3357 Lincoln St. N.E., Minneapolis
L 49	Nelson, R. N.	Wilkin Co. Breckenridge
L 47	Newhouse, Julian O.	Douglas Co. Alexandria
L 44	Nordin, John H.	Anoka-Isanti Co. 44 68th Way N.E., Minneapolis
C 26	Nordlie, O. Gerhard	Meeker Co. Litchfield
C 57	Noreen, Roger F.	St. Louis Co. 121 N. 16th Ave. E., Duluth
C 56	Oberg, A. F.	Chicago Co. Lindstrom
L 43	O'Dea, Richard W.	Washington Co. 92 Wildwood Beach Rd., Mahtomedi
C 8	Ogle, Arthur H.	Blue Earth Co. 601 Mound Ave., Mankato
L 9	Olson, Carl G.	Watsonwan Co., St. James
C 21	Ottinger, Howard	Carver Co. Chaska
L 40	Otto, Alfred J.	Ramsey Ward 4 Co. 194 Summit Ave., St. Paul
C 42	Parke, Clifton	Ramsey South Co. 1678 Beechwood, St. Paul
C 14	Paulsen, Harvey N.	Redwood-Brown at large Co. Sleepy Eye
C 58	Peterson, Jack M.	St. Louis Co. 1406 Anderson Road, Duluth
L 52	*Phillips, Seth R.	Cass Co. Rt. # 6, Brainerd
L 38	Podgorski, Anthony	Ramsey South Co. 642 Van Buren, St. Paul
L 40	Popovich, Peter S.	Ramsey Ward 7 Co. 1298 Fairmount Ave., St. Paul
L 38	Prifrel, Joseph Jr.	Ramsey North Co. 1031 Woodbridge St., St. Paul
L 45	Reed, Dewey	Stearns Co. St. Cloud
L 60	Rutter, Loren S.	St. Louis Co. Kinney
C 8	Schulz, Roy	Blue Earth Co. Rt. # 4 Mankato
C 45	Schumann, Marvin C.	Benton-Sherburne Co. Rice
C 16	Searle, Rod	Waseca Co. Waseca
L 52	Shipka, Vladimir	Itasca Co. Grand Rapids
L 41	Shovell, Bill	Ramsey Co. 466 Johnson Parkway, St. Paul
L 29	Skeate, John P.	Hennepin Co. 609 Taylor St. N.E., Minneapolis
L 48	Sorensen, Wm.	Big Stone Co. Graceville
C 18	Sundet, A. O.	Rice Co. Faribault
C 43	Swenson, Edwin T.	Washington Co. 418 W. Wilkin St. Stillwater
C 27	Swenson, Glen W.	Wright Co. Buffalo
C 51	Thompson, Helmer	Todd Co. Staples
C 1	Thompson, Teman	Fillmore Co. Lanesboro
L 46	Tiemann, Edmund C.	Stearns 1st Division Co. Sauk Centre
L 28	Tomczyk, Edward J.	Hennepin Co. 1614 California St. N.E., Minneapolis
C 50	Ukkelsberg, Cliff	Otter Tail Co. Clitherall
C 9	Van De Riet, G. J.	Martin Co. Fairmont
L 32	Volstad, Edward J.	Hennepin Co. 3327 25th Ave. S., Minneapolis
C 19	Voxland, Roy L.	Goodhue 1st Division Co. Kenyon
L 58	Wanvick, Arne O.	St. Louis Co. 215 W. 3rd St., Duluth
L 13	Warnke, Curtis B.	Yellow Medicine Co. Wood Lake
L 12	Wee, Reuben	Murray Co. Balaton
L 53	Wetzel, George P.	Morrison Co. Little Falls
L 65	Wichterman, B. M.	Fennington-Red Lake-Clearwater Co. Plummer
L 60	Widstrand, Paul B.	St. Louis Co. 506 E. 41st St., Hibbing
L 66	Wilder, Harvey A.	Polk Co. Crookston
C 50	Windmiller, E. J.	Otter Tail Co. Fergus Falls
L 39	Wozniak, D. D.	Ramsey Ward 5 Co. 1216 Bayard Ave., St. Paul
C 34	Wright, F. Gordon	Hennepin Co. 2912 Chown Ave. S., Minneapolis
L 54	Yetka, Lawrence	Carlton Co. Cloquet

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C 42	Andersen, Elmer L.	Ramsey Co. 2230 Hoyt Ave. W., St. Paul 8
C 11	Anderson, A. A.	Rock-Hobbes Co. Luverne
C 7	Anderson, Ernest J.	Faribault Co. Frost
L 32	Anderson, Marvin H.	Hennepin Co. 5234 32nd Ave. So., Minneapolis 6
C 4	Behmler, Fred W.	Stevens-Traverse-Big Stone Co. Morris
L 22	Bonniwell, Milan	McLeod Co. Hutchinson
C 4	Burdick, Walter	Olmsted Co. 1425 2nd St. S.E., Rochester
C 57	Butler, Gordon H.	St. Louis-Cook-Lake Co. 3500 E 3rd St., Duluth
L 59	Carr, Homer	St. Louis Co. Proctor
C 24	Child, Fay George	Chippewa-Lac Qui Parle Co. Maynard
C 3	Dunlap, Robert R.	Wabasha Co. Plainview
C 9	Erickson, Chris L.	Martin-Watonwan Co. Fairmont
C 34	Feidt, Daniel S.	Hennepin Co. 1715 W. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis
C 10	Franz, W. J.	Jackson-Cottonwood Co. Mountain Lake
L 29	Fraser, Donald	Hennepin Co. 813 7th St. S.E., Minneapolis
C 19	George, Grover C.	Goodhue Co. Goodhue
C 20	Gillen, Arthur	Dakota Co. 1515 Pleasant Ave., South St. Paul
L 54	Hanson, Norman W.	Carlton-Aitkin Co. Cromwell
C 6	Hanson, Rudolph	Freeborn Co. Albert Lea
C 46	Harren, Henry M.	Stearns Co. Albany
L 51	Heuar, Wm. C. F.	Wadena-Todd Co. Bertha
C 5	Holand, P. J.	Dodge-Mower Co. Box 473, Austin
C 26	Holmquist, Stanley	Meeker Co. Grove City
C 8	Imm, Val	Blue Earth Co. Mankato
L 56	Johnson, C. Elmer	Chisago-Pine Co. Almelund
C 1	Johnson, John A.	Fillmore-Houston Co. Preston
L 44	Johnson, Ralph W.	Anoka-Isanti Co. Isanti
C 13	Josefson, J. A.	Lyon-Yellow Medicine Co. Minnesota
L 28	Kalina, Harold	Hennepin Co. 2015 4th St. N.E., Minneapolis
C 2	Keller, J. R.	Winona Co. Rollingstone
C 15	Kroehler, Franklin P.	Nicollet-Sibley Co. Henderson
C 64	Larson, Norman	Norman-Mahnomen Co. Ada
C 47	Lofvegren, Clifford	Douglas-Foxe Co. R.F.D.3, Alexandria
C 62	McKee, John H.	Beltrami-Lake of Woods Co. Bemidji
C 39	Masek, Joseph E.	Ramsey Co. 130 Prospect Blvd., St. Paul 1
C 17	Malone, Martin M.	Le Sueur Co. Montgomery
C 31	Mayhood, Ralph L.	Hennepin Co. 1810 Washington Ave. S., Minneapolis
C 21	Metcalfe, John A.	Carver-Scott Co. Shakopee
C 36	Miller, Archie	Hennepin Co. 4144 Shady Oak Road, Hopkins
C 55	Mitchell, C. C.	Millers-Kanabec-Sherburne Co. Princeton
C 35	Mullin, Gerald T.	Hennepin Co. 4314 Xerxes Ave. No. Minneapolis
L 66	Murray, Louis A.	Folk Co. East Grand Forks
C 16	Nelson, Harold S.	Steele-Waseca Co. Owatonna
L 38	Novak, B. G.	Ramsey Co. 747 Van Buren, St. Paul 4
L 50	Nycklemoe, Henry	Otter Tail Co. Fergus Falls
C 52	O'Brien, George	Cass-Itasca Co. Grand Rapids
C 40	O'Loughlin, Harold J.	Ramsey Co. 1137 Portland, St. Paul
L 23	Olson, Oscar L.	Renville Co. Fairfax
L 60	Peterson, Elmer	St. Louis Co. Hibbing
C 18	Quie, Albert H.	Rice Co. Dennison
C 45	Richardson, John L.	Benton-Sherburne-Stearns Co. 506 8th St. No. St. Cloud
C 58	Rogers, Herbert	St. Louis Co. Rt. 2, Box 297A, Duluth
C 33	Root, Charles W.	Hennepin Co. 5140 Colfax Ave. So., Minneapolis
C 53	Rosenmeier, Gordon	Crow Wing-Morrison Co. Little Falls
L 43	Salmore, Raphael	Washington Co. Stillwater
L 37	Schultz, Harold W.	Ramsey Co. 822 E. Jenks Ave., St. Paul 6
C 67	Sinclair, Donald	Kittson-Roseau-Marchall Co. Stephen
C 12	Vadheim, Joseph	Lincoln-Murray-Pipestone Co. Tyler
L 61	Yukelich, Thomas D.	St. Louis Co. Gilbert
C 25	Wahlstrand, Harry	Kandiyohi-Swift Co. Willmar
L 53	Wals, Norman J.	Becker-Hubbard Co. Detroit Lakes
C 49	Wefald, Magnus	Clay-Wilkin Co. Hawley
C 27	Welch, Thomas P.	Wright Co. Buffalo
C 41	Westin, Leslie E.	Ramsey Co. 2160 Edgerton, St. Paul 6
L 65	Wiseth, Roy E.	Clearwater-Red Lake-Pennington Co. Goodridge
C 30	Wright, Donald O.	Hennepin Co. 1112 Washburn Ave. So. Minneapolis
C 14	Zwach, John M.	Brown-Redwood Co. Walnut Grove

This list includes the Senator's caucus, district, name, county and address.

Legislative meeting - YUCA - Oct. 3 - 10 AM to 12 -

Doris Guthrie

- 1) Material sent to all candidates for legislature and the senators with card enclosed which they can return to ask for "State You're In" - free
- 2) "State You're In" will be sent to everyone after election
- 3) Several legislative days instead of regular four -

Muriel Grunditz -

- 1) importance of out state lobbying -
- 2) have others besides LWV influence legislator
- 3) example by Mary Mantis of how effective lobbying ^{is} by own constituents
- 4) Owatonna - meeting with legislators to explain League's position will invite other organizations & CCC members
- 5) Duluth - had luncheon with legislators to discuss issues
- 6) Red Wing - panel group, including Sen. Langlie, to go to other organizations to present CR material

Betty Kane - interviewing

- 1) Remember that a legislator is human
- 2) Know what you're talking about
 - a) Program
 - b) All aspects of LWV
 - c) Tell him when you don't know & that you'll find out
- 3) Sell LWV as an organization even if not LWV program

④ Be able to answer: -

① LWW is controlled by a few people at the top - memberships

② LWW is strictly a big city organization

③ LWW has political prejudices

③ Attitude -

① Be natural - not militant or coy

② Be sincere - great enjoyment in speaking + great respect

③ Persistent in a nice way

④ obey rules of House + Senate

⑤ Know what you can about legial. background + voting record

⑥ Find out what committees he serves on - visit it - comment on his part in it

⑦ Don't interrupt legislator when he's talking to someone else

⑧ Don't " " " when he's reading mail

⑨ We have perfect right to be lobbying - democratic principle

we are only public interest group lobbying at legial.

⑩ Importance of out state lobbying - write letters - most important

⑪ Know senior legislators - they are important

Suggestion - write friends in non league areas + send material - have them write legislators

Mary Mantia

← Constitutional Rally - (Good. Candidates meetings etc.)

Should in same week all over state - last week in Nov. best

② Objectives

gain community support

interest in LWW

influence legislator

③ how -

① legial ch'n in charge

② write to informal affair - info members in community explain purpose - aim to have a rally in community

③ print circulars - distribute among organizations

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
University of Minnesota, (TSMC), 15th & Washington Avenue S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.
Federal 8-8791

INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR LEGISLATORS

Between now and January is the best time to get to know your legislator and to lobby in person. As a lobbyist you render a service to legislators. You supply him with needed information and you let him know his constituents' opinion. At the same time you put the League on record in hopes of influencing the legislator's vote and you make friends for the League.

Your contacts with legislators may be as varied as your League wishes to make them. You may send letters, make personal calls, invite him to your meeting to tell you how other people in the community feel about constitutional revision. Below are some suggestions for these contacts.

Pre-Primary Contact

Send a

1. A friendly letter to incumbent legislators.
2. Congratulatory letter to new candidates on filing. Try to get a letter off to each candidate as soon as possible after the filings close on July 23. For both types of letters see samples attached. Please personalize these letters according to your local situation.

Offer material

After the primary, the state office is mailing directly to all senators and representative candidates this kit of materials:

The State You're In (May, 1956)

Kit on Continuing Responsibilities

Suggest a personal interview

Give him additional information on constitutional revision. Do not ask him to take a stand on constitutional revision at this time. Assume that when he knows all the facts he naturally will be for it,

SENATORS VOTE ON CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL 1955

We suggest that the Leagues with "no" votes give special attention to promoting a Constitutional Convention in their district and to influencing their senators' vote. We suggest that the Leagues with "yes" votes congratulate their senators and ask that they help create understanding of this important issue in their community.

Where there is more than one League in a district, we suggest that the Leagues get together and try a joint promotional project in their district.

Constitutional Convention Bill

Senate votes: 40 no 27 yes

27 no votes in districts where we have Leagues.

13 no votes in districts where we do not have a League.

18 yes votes in districts where we have a League.

9 yes votes in districts where we do not have a League.

NO

4 Rochester -
5 AustinX
Kasson
7 Wells
10 Jackson
11 Worthington
X 13 Granite Falls
Tracy
14 New Ulm
17 New Prague
19 Red Wing
24 Granite Falls
27 Buffalo
30 Minneapolis
31 " "
33 " "
34 " "
L 36 S Bloomington -
Deephaven
Edina
Excelsior
Hopkins
Mound
RichfieldX
St. Louis Park
Wayzata
L Golden ValleyX
38 St. Paul
39 " "
L 45 St. Cloud
L 47 Alexandria
L 49 Moorhead
L 52 Cass Lake
L 53 Brainerd
L 57 Duluth
L 58 " "
L 59 " "
L 62 Bemidji

YES

16 New Richland
OwatonnaX
Waseca
20 South St. PaulX
West St. Paul
22 Hutchinson
23 Olivia
28 Minneapolis
29 " "
32 " "
35 " "
37 St. Paul
40 " "
41 " "
North St. Paul
White Bear TownshipX
42 St. Paul
Arden Hills
Falcon Heights
RosevilleX
43 Afton-LakelandX
Birchwood
Mahtomedi
44 AnokaX
Circle Pines
Columbia Heights
L 50 Battle Lake
Fergus FallsX
L 60 Hibbing
L 61 Virginia
L 63 Park Rapids

SAMPLE LETTER TO SENATORS

(The state senators serve until 1958. They will not run for re-election this fall.)

Dear Senator _____:

We take this opportunity to tell you that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota supports the following program:

Revision of the State Constitution of the State of Minnesota

We feel this can be best accomplished by the calling of a Constitutional Convention.

Reapportionment

Fair Employment Practices Commission

Party Designation for Legislators

Civil Service System

Since these are all important issues in Minnesota government, our state office will mail you information on them. We hope it will be of value to you.

(for proponents)

We are very pleased that you voted for the Constitutional Convention Bill last legislative session. We hope you will do so again. We also invite you to join us in our campaign to secure better understanding of this issue in our community.

(for opponents)

We know that in the past you have had reservations concerning constitutional revision; however, we are hopeful that in the last two years you have found some merit in this proposal.

Sincerely,

SAMPLE LETTER TO BE SENT TO ALL NEW CANDIDATES FILING FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Mr. _____:

Congratulations on your filing for the office of representative from the _____ legislative district. We need qualified citizens in public office and we appreciate the sacrifices in time, effort and money you will make during your campaign.

We take this opportunity to tell you that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota supports the following program:

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Since these are all important issues in Minnesota government, we offer you informational material on them. We hope it will be of value to you.

Sincerely,

(The letter to incumbent legislators can be the same, except for the last paragraph. You can also say that material on these issues will be mailed to them by the state office.)

LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF LOCAL LEAGUES IN MINNESOTA

LEGISLATIVE

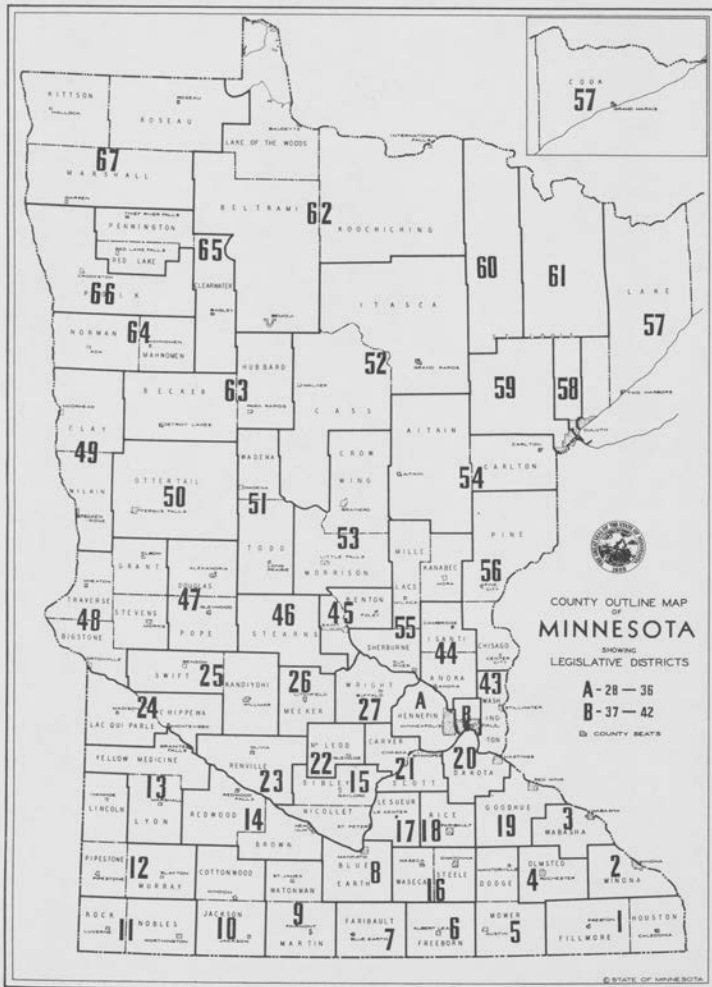
4	Rochester
5	Austin
	Kasson
7	Wells
10	Jackson
11	Worthington
13	Granite Falls
	Tracy
14	New Uln
16	New Richland
	Owatonna
	Waseca
17	New Prague
19	Red Wing
20	South St. Paul
20	West St. Paul
22	Hutchinson
23	Olivia
24	Granite Falls
27	Buffalo
28-35	Minneapolis
36S	Bloomington
	Deephaven
	Edina
	Excelsior
	Hopkins
	Mound
	Richfield
	St. Louis Park
	Wayzata
36N	Golden Valley
37-42	St. Paul
41	North St. Paul
	White Bear Township
42N	Arden Hills
	Falcon Heights
	Roseville
43	Afton-Lakeland
	Birchwood
	Mahtomedi
44	Anoka
	Circle Pines
	Columbia Heights
45	St. Cloud
47	Alexandria
49	Moorhead
50	Battle Lake
	Fergus Falls
52	Cass Lake
53	Brainerd
57-59	Duluth
60	Hibbing
61	Virginia
62	Bemidji
63	Park Rapids

CONGRESSIONAL

I	Austin
	Kasson
	New Richland
	Owatonna
	Red Wing
	Rochester
	Waseca
II	Hutchinson
	Jackson
	New Prague
	New Uln
	South St. Paul
	Wells
	West St. Paul*
III	Afton-Lakeland
	Anoka
	Birchwood
	Bloomington
	Circle Pines
	Columbia Heights
	Deephaven
	Edina
	Excelsior
	Golden Valley
	Hopkins
	Mahtomedi
	Minneapolis
	Mound
	Richfield
	St. Louis Park
	Wayzata
IV	Arden Hills
	Falcon Heights
	North St. Paul
	Roseville
	St. Paul
	White Bear Township
V	Minneapolis
VI	Brainerd
	Buffalo
	Cass Lake
	Park Rapids
	St. Cloud
VII	Alexandria
	Granite Falls
	Olivia
	Tracy
	Worthington
VIII	Duluth
	Hibbing
	Virginia*
IX	Battle Lake
	Bemidji
	Fergus Falls
	Moorhead

(23 Legis. Dist. with no Leagues - 1,2,3,6,8,9,12,15,18,21,25,26,46,48,49,51,54,55,56, 64,65,66,67.

There are 54 local and provisional Leagues in Minnesota with 5100 members. *Provisional



A DO IT YOURSELF PROJECT -- LOBBY-AT-HOME CAMPAIGN

I. Lobby by Letter Campaign

A. By League membership

Try organizing letter writing campaigns in the units. The purpose is to insure a steady flow of letters from constituents to legislators from December until the end of the session. Make arrangements that three or more letters be written at each unit meeting. Plan to reach each of the legislators on our program measures. Maybe you'd like to write several letters one time and mail them at different intervals. Take ten minutes for "legislative action" time at each unit meeting from now until the session ends.

B. By non-members

Ask that members get three or more friends to write. Ask that they get a leader in the community to write. Ask husbands to write. Ask your ward chairman or party worker to write. This is especially important, since a measure must have party support to pass. Ask that they write to editors.

Here =
Lobby by Person Campaign

A. Interviews by local legislative chairman

Before your legislator leaves for St. Paul, will you talk to him? Refer to the Legislative Program which we mailed to him and explain it to him. Will you fill out the enclosed Questionnaire and return one copy to the state office by January 15th, if possible? These answers will be invaluable to the State Legislative Committee in planning their contacts with legislators during the session. We have included only Constitutional Convention, Reapportionment and Party Designation for Legislators because the principle legislation for Fair Employment and Civil Service has passed, and our role is one of protector. When you interview your legislator on Party Designation, will you ask him if he favors Party Designation for legislators only, or for county officials, too.

B. Contacts with legislators during the session.

Make a definite plan for League members and non-members to contact their legislators in response to "time for action" calls. Talk to individual citizens to whom you have given "Well, What D'ya Know?" Ask them if they would (in the interest of better government for Minnesota) write a letter as suggested on page thirty-one.

III. Help Your Neighbor Campaign

There are 23 districts with no Leagues in Minnesota. These are listed on your Instruction Sheets for Selling "Well, What D'ya Know...." Will you make a list of people that your members know from a neighboring district. Then mail them a copy of "Well, What D'ya Know....Minnesota HAS a Constitution." Ask them if they would (in the interest of better government for Minnesota) write a letter such as suggested on page thirty-one.

This whole campaign must of course be tailored to fit the needs of your district, as determined by the record of your legislator. You will receive under separate cover an analysis of the voting record in your district with suggestions of things you might do to garner more support for our program.

will St. Paul do interviews
in "Lobbying" #37-40?
#41 will be done by White Bear Township
#42 " " Roseville
You will receive one from them

LET'S TRY A NEW APPROACH!

Two things that will influence a legislator are: 1. What he reads in the newspapers from home; and 2. What he hears from his constituents. . . .

1. Here is a list of key legislators and the newspapers that will influence them. You can't make the news - but you can:

- a. Write a Letter to the Editor
- b. Alert your members to write a Letter to the Editor
- c. If your Editor favors Constitutional Convention, ask him to comment editorially
- d. Contact everyone you know who lives in one of these critical districts, and ask them to write the Editor of their papers.

2. What he hears from his constituents. . . .

- a. Get as many people in your community as you can to write to your legislator.
- b. If your League is listed as the closest one to a legislator who represents a non-League district - find people in his district to write to him.
- c. Telegrams sent to your legislator marked for delivery while a Bill is under debate in committee or on the floor of the House or Senate are most effective. Encourage those you know in non-League areas to send telegrams, too.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL LEGISLATION WHO PASSED OR VOTED "NO"

Name	Vote in Comm.	Home	Counties & Dist.	Newspapers in his Dist. (See Key Below)
ALDERINK Geo. (C)	No	Pease	Mille Lacs Kanabec Sherburne (55)	Elk River - Star News* Clear Lake - Times Isle - Messenger Onamia - Independent Milaca - Times Princeton - Union Mora - Times Ogilvie - Sentinel
NEAREST LEAGUE - ST. CLOUD BRAINEED				

Name	Vote in Comm.	Home	Counties & Dist.	Newspapers in his Dist. (See Key Below)
ENNESVET Odear (C)	No	Sacred Heart	Benville Putchinson McLeod (23)	Benville - Star Farmer* (approved Const. Conv.) <u>Bird Island - Union*</u> Sacred Heart - News Olivis - Times-Journal Franklin - Tribune Fairfax - Standard <u>Hector - Mirror</u> Buffalo Lake - News Denube - Enterprise
NEAREST LEAGUE - GRANITE FALLS OLIVIA				
FITZSIMONS Richard W. (C)	No	Argyle	Marshall (67)	Argyle - Banner <u>Warren - Sheaf</u> <u>Middle River - Record</u>
NEAREST LEAGUE - BEMIDJI (Voted "no" because of possible unfavorable re- apportionment.)				
IVERSON Carl (L)	No	Ashby	Grant (48)	Hoffman - Tribune* Herman - Review <u>Elbow Lake - Herald</u>
NEAREST LEAGUE - ALEXANDRIA FERGUS FALLS				
LOVIE A.W. (C)	Pass	Park Rapids League	Pubberd (63)	<u>Park Rapids - Enterprise*</u> Nevis News
(He has reordered "State You're In" 3 times - if they wish to refer to it.)				
THOMPSON H. (C)	Pass	Staples	Todd (51)	Clarissa - Independent* Proverville - Blade <u>Bertha - Herald</u> <u>Staples - World</u> <u>Long Prairie - Leader</u> Grey Eagle - Gazette
NEAREST LEAGUE - BRAINERD ALEXANDRIA				
THOMPSON T. (C)	No	Lanesboro	Fillmore (1)	Lanesboro - Leader* Chatfield - News Rushford - Tri-County Record <u>Spring Valley - Tribune</u> <u>Preston - Republican</u> Harmony - News Mabel - Record
("No" because of danger of unfavorable reapportionment)				
NEAREST LEAGUE - AUSTIN ROCHESTER				

Name	Vote in Comm.	Home	3. Counties & Dist.	Newspapers in his Dist. (See Key Below)
WINDMILLER E. J. (C)	no	Fergus Falls (League)	Otter Tail (50)	<u>Fergus Falls - Journal</u> (D) <u>Pettie Lake - Review</u> <u>Hennin - Advocate</u> <u>N. Y. Mills - Herald</u> <u>Parker's Prairie - Ind.</u> <u>Pelican Rapids - Press</u> <u>Perham - Enterprise-Pulletin</u>

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - VOTE LAST SESSION

TEICH Thos. P. Chmn. (C)	No	Buffalo (League)	Tricht (27)	<u>Buffalo - Journal-Press*</u> <u>Monticello - Times*</u> <u>Annandale - Advocate</u> <u>Cokato - Enterprise</u> <u>Delano - Eagle</u> <u>Howard Lake - Herald</u> <u>Maple Lake - Messenger</u> <u>Waverly - Star</u>
DUNLAP Robt. R. (C)	No	Plainview	Wabasha (3)	<u>Zumbro Falls - Enterprise*</u> <u>Plainview - News</u> <u>Lake City - Graphic</u> <u>Mazeppa - Journal</u> <u>Wabasha - Herald</u>
NEAREST LEAGUE - RED WING ROCHESTER				
ERICKSON Chris L. (C)	No	Fairmont	Martin (9)	<u>Sherburn - Advance Standard*</u> <u>Truman - Tribune</u> <u>Triumph-Monterey - Progress</u> <u>Fairmont - Sentinel</u> (D) <u>Ceylon - Herald</u> <u>Welcome - Times</u>
NEAREST LEAGUE - JACKSON WELLS				
HANSON R. (C)	Yes	Albert Lea	Freeborn (16)	<u>Alden - Advance</u> <u>Albert Lea - Tribune</u> (D) <u>Glenville - Progress</u> <u>Emmons - Leader*</u>
NEAREST LEAGUE - WELLS AUSTIN CANTONNA WASECA				
MILLER Archib (C)	No	Hopkins (League in Dist.) Bloomington L. Deephaven L. Edina L. Excelsior L. Golden Valley L. Mound L. Richfield L. St. Louis Park L. Wayzata L.	Hennepin (36)	<u>Bloomington - Sun*</u> <u>Deephaven - Argus*</u> <u>Edina-Hingside, Courier*</u> <u>Excelsior-Mtka. Record*</u> <u>Hopkins-Henn. Co. Review*</u> <u>Mound - Pilot*</u> <u>Osseo - Press</u> <u>G. Valley - Sub. Press*</u> <u>Wayzata-Mtka. - Herald</u> <u>Richfield-Bloomington News*</u> <u>Robinsdale-M. Henn-Post*</u> <u>St. Louis Park - Dispatch*</u>

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote in Comm.</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Counties & Dist.</u>	<u>Newspapers in his Dist. (See Key Below)</u>
MITCHELL C. C. (C)	Yes	Princeton	Mille Lacs Kanebec Sherburne (55)	<u>Elk River - Star News*</u> <u>Clear Lake - Times</u> <u>Isle - Messenger</u> <u>Onamia - Independent</u> <u>Wadena - Times</u> <u>Princeton - Union</u> <u>Mora - Times</u> <u>Orville - Sentinel</u>
NEAREST LEAGUE - ST CLOUD PRINCEBORN				
WILSON H. (C)	Yes	Crotonna (Lessee)	Tecumseh Steele (16)	<u>Crotonna - People's Press (D)*</u> <u>Crotonna - Photo-News</u> <u>Bloomington Prairie - Times</u> <u>Ellendale - Eagle</u>
NYCKLEMOE Henry (L)	Yes	Fergus Falls (League)	Otter Tail (50)	<u>Fergus Falls - Journal (D)</u> <u>Battle Lake - Review</u> <u>Hennings - Advocate</u> <u>N. Y. Mills - Herald</u> <u>Parker's Prairie - Independent</u> <u>Pelican Rapids - Press</u> <u>Perham - Enterprise-Bulletin</u>
ROSENMAIER Gordon (C)	No	Little Falls	Crow Wing Morrison (53)	<u>Brainerd - Dispatch (D)*</u> <u>Brainerd - Review*</u> <u>Crosby-Ironton - Courier*</u> <u>Little Falls - Transcript (D)</u> <u>Pierz - Journal*</u> <u>Royalton - Banner</u> <u>Swanville - News*</u> <u>Upsala - News-Tribune</u>
NEAREST LEAGUE - BRAINERD				
WEFALD Magnus (C)	No	Hawley	Clay Siklen (40)	<u>Barnesville - Record Review</u> <u>Hawley - Herald</u> <u>Moorhead - News (D)*</u> <u>Moorhead - Red River Scene</u> <u>Ulen - Union</u> <u>Breckenridge - Gazette-Tel.</u> <u>Rothsay - Arcus*</u>
NEAREST LEAGUE - MOORHEAD				
WILLEN Arthur (C)	Yes	S. St. Paul	Dakota (20)	<u>S. St. Paul - Reporter</u> <u>T. St. Paul - Booster*</u> <u>Hastings - Gazette</u> <u>Farminston - Tribune</u>

MINNEAPOLIS

FEIDT
Dan (C) No

FRASER
Donald (L) Yes

KALINA
Harold (L) Yes

MULLIN
G. T. (C) Yes

ROOT
C. W. (C) No

WRIGHT
Donald (C) No

MINNEAPOLIS STAR & TRIBUNE*

ST. PAUL

VASEY
J. P. (C) Yes

CHLOUGHLIN
H. J. (C) Yes

ST. PAUL PIONEER-PRESS & DISPATCH*

SCHULTZ
H. A. (L) Yes

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KEY: (D) - Published Daily

- * - Papers which have used state League releases or wire service news at least once.

Largest papers are underlined.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

15th and Washington Avenue S.E. Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Federal 8-8791

December 1956

Dear Legislator:

As the 1957 session of the Legislature approaches, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota wants you to know that we are fully aware of the many, difficult problems which confront you. We know, too, that the pressures you are subjected to are great. We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation — shared by many Minnesotans — of your public service as a member of the state Legislature.

Our organization has been working for constitutional revision for nine years. Much of our study and research has been recently put together in the booklet, "The State You're In." We have attempted to demonstrate how Minnesota's century-old Constitution stands in the way of responsible and responsive government and to emphasize the citizen's role as Constitution-maker in our democracy.

As you are well aware, this problem is one of national concern. This concern was recently expressed by President Eisenhower's Commission on Intergovernmental Relations when it reported, "that most states would benefit from a fundamental review of their state constitutions to make sure that they provide for vigorous and responsible government, not forbid it."

Members of the League of Women Voters feel that this "fundamental review" can be accomplished only by a Constitutional Convention. In this we share the view of recent governors, both political parties, the Legislature's own Constitutional Commission of 1947-48, and the many, many citizens who voted overwhelmingly in support of an amendment in 1954 which cleared the way for a Constitutional Convention.

We hope that the material in "The State You're In" will be helpful to you in your consideration of favorable action for the Constitutional Convention bill in this coming session.

Very truly yours,

Loris Guthrie
Mrs. Donald Guthrie,
Legislative Chairman



Affiliated with the
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by Letter...



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Dear League member,

WELCOME TO THE LOBBY!

It seems as though there are two reasons why peo-
ple 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 real-
izing 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 sup-
ports them, catalogued for easy reference.

So, if you will fill in the names of your leg-
islators in their proper places on the left
hand flap, tuck some of your personal station-
ery 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".

Good luck to you!

Mrs. John Donohue
Legislative Chairman
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF MINNESOTA

p.s. Correct salutations sometimes stump the
would-be letterwriter so here are some samples-

The Honorable John J. Doe	Governor _____!
Governor of Minnesota	Sir:
St. Paul, Minnesota	Dear Sir:
The Honorable Carl Smith	Dear Senator _____!
Senate Chambers	My dear Senator _____!
St. Paul, Minnesota	Dear Sir:
The Honorable Paul Jones	Representative _____!
House Chambers	Dear Mr. _____!
St. Paul, Minnesota	Dear Sir:

DO'S and DON'TS in WRITING YOUR LEGISLATOR

ALWAYS REMEMBER—You write letters to your representatives not to get them to do what you want, but to help them better represent you.

DO spell your legislator's name correctly and know whether he is a Senator or a Representative.

DO describe the bill by number or by its popular name. Your legislator has hundreds of bills before him during the session and cannot always take time to figure out to which one you are referring.

DO present a concise statement of the reasons for your position, particularly if you are writing about a field in which you have specialized knowledge. He has to vote on many matters with which he has had little or no first hand experience. Some of the most valuable help he gets comes from facts presented in letters from persons who really know what they are talking about.

DO make your letters short. Many letters are received by your legislator each day, and a long one may not get as prompt a reading as a brief statement.

DO time your letter to arrive while the issue is alive. If your legislator is a committee member, he will appreciate having your views while the bill is before him for study and action.

DO write letters of commendation when your legislator has done something of which you particularly approve.

DON'T write to a legislator from any other district except your own.

DON'T write letters that demand or insist he vote for or against a certain bill, or that tell him you want him to vote for, but not why.

DON'T threaten him with defeat at the next election.

DON'T write a chain letter, form letter, or postcard.

DON'T become a chronic letter writer.

DON'T write a legislator more than once on the same subject. Quality, not quantity, is what counts.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

BECAUSE our present constitution is too lengthy (almost 3 times longer than the federal constitution) and too detailed ($\frac{1}{4}$ 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.

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BECAUSE our present constitution is unfair. For instance, many state representatives speak for as few as 6,000 voters, while others speak for as many as 40,000. This is because the legislature, in spite of a great increase and shift in population since 1910, has not revised the legislative districts since that time.

BECAUSE our present constitution is too rigid. Many of the amendments, while providing new ways of getting revenue, provide also just how that revenue must be allocated, with the result that certain state operations are adequately financed while others are not. Another example of rigidity is the requirement of a vote by the people to change the tax rate on the railroads. The rate on other industries is changed by legislators.

BECAUSE our present constitution is restrictive. It allows the local communities very little home rule, and as a consequence the legislature spends much of its time on local affairs which they might better spend on matters of statewide importance. Legislators cannot know the local problems of every town, so they must take the word of a few or frequently a single representative that "this would be a good thing for our town".

BECAUSE our present constitution is lax in regard to the qualifications for judges and other court officials. For example, only supreme and district court judges need be "learned in the law", thus probate and municipal judges, justices of the peace, clerks of supreme and district courts, and court commissioners need not be trained in the legal profession.

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Find out how he vote for or against a certain bill, or
what his reasons are.

Write him before the next election.

Write him on a postcard.

Stick to the same subject. Quality, not quan-

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for FAIR EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION

BECAUSE Americans all believe in employment on merit;
that every worker should have the opportunity to
make full use of his skills and to earn the income
to which his productivity entitles him. No person
should be denied these opportunities because of his
race, religion, or national origin.

BECAUSE employment on merit puts democracy into
practice. It strengthens our own nation. It hear-
dens the free world. Forthright action is necessary
to combat the existing evil of discrimination.

BECAUSE employment on merit benefits everyone. It
provides management with additional workers, it
strengthens the unity of organized labor, it gives
more business to employment agencies and it benefits
the public by increasing production and by providing
new markets for the products of other workers.

BECAUSE experience in Minneapolis and in other cities
and states shows that a fair employment practice
commission, with enforcement powers, is an effective
and proper instrument for solving this problem.
According to the report "Effects of Fair Employment
Legislation in States and Municipalities" by Morroe
Berger about 1/3 of the population of the U.S. live
in either a state or municipality having some sort
of fair employment law. This should prove that a
fair employment law is not just an experiment but
would bring substantial experience with it. Out of
5,000 cases disposed of by commissions having more
than three years experience, only six have had a
public hearing and only two have gone to court.

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Remember to let him vote for or against a certain bill, or
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Write him before the next election.

Write him by mail or postcard.

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A fair employment practices law would provide for:

1. Establishment of a conciliation commission to
adjust complaints of discrimination and to carry
on educational work.
2. A separate board of review to hold hearings on
any cases which could not be adjusted by concili-
ation and to issue cease and desist orders.
3. Court procedure for the ultimate enforcement of
the law. Penalties could be imposed only by the
court, after trial, and after refusal by the res-
pondent to comply with the order of the court.

Experience has shown that this kind of law is needed:

1. It is needed because members of some racial, reli-
gious and nationality groups are often excluded from
consideration for responsible jobs which would pro-
perly use their skills - generally because employers
fear friction with other workers or customers.
2. It is needed to persuade employers to face the
issue of discrimination squarely. When they do,
they find their fears are largely unfounded and
only a little intelligent effort is needed to em-
ploy workers on merit and without discrimination.
3. A commission protects employers and others against
unfounded suspicions of discrimination. It is an im-
partial public body and is just as effective in
clearing up false charges as it is in correcting dis-
crimination when found.
4. A commission is given the responsibility for
carrying out an educational program through the
adjustment of cases and through conferences with
business, labor and civic groups. Such a program
has proved effective in other cities and states be-
cause the existence of the law impels those concerned
to devote serious attention to it.

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The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for MODIFICATION OF VETERANS' PREFERENCE

BECAUSE we are aware of the service veterans ren-
dered 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. However, the present law
needs modification.

BECAUSE the present law acts to reduce the effi-
ciency of the state departments. Vacancies, in
many instances, must be filled by persons less
qualified than others available for appointment
because the less qualified persons have veterans'
preference.

BECAUSE under the present law veterans' prefer-
ence may be used for both entrance and promo-
tional examinations. This creates dissatisfac-
tion 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 govern-
ment to be run as efficiently and economically as
possible. This can only be done if all civil ser-
vice 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' prefer-
ence requires that preference be extended to mem-
bers of a special class on the basis of membership
in that class. Thus veterans' preference is con-
trary to the merit system.

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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 legis-
lators 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, repre-
senting special and sectional interests, vie for
the vote of legislators and exercise a dispro-
portionate 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

Minneapolis 2, Minn.

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Those who signed up for lobbying for C.C.
during 1957 session.

Mrs. Howard Katerla (Helen) White Pine Township
4071 Jay Lane - White Pine Lake
Dr 9-2692

Miss Florence Burton Nfld. Fe 3-8947

Wilma Davidson (Mrs EC) St. Louis Park Li 5-5514

Mrs. Harold M. Flannery - 4222 Dixon Rd.
Nfld. Jan 2-0871

Louise Kiedlering (Mrs Edger)
5521-27th Ave S. Jan 2-7975

Mrs. Russell Lindqvist - St. Louis Park - We 9-6297

Mrs. William Laska (Lil)
4141 Bellvue Ave.
White Pine Lake Jan 9-0065

Fay Lykett St. Paul Me 9-2123

Mrs. Melfort Libbey (Margaret)
St. Paul Me 8-3283

Those who signed up for observing the
Constitutional Convention during 1957

- ✓ Mrs. Warren Clark - Richfield Un 9-3945
Mrs. Millie Edin St. Louis Park We 8-5586
Mrs. Paul Finkler Richfield Un 6-7787
Mrs. Lydia Greenegan Mpls. Ia 7-3103
Mrs. Joe G. Horvot Bloomington Ia 1-1067
Mrs. H. J. Lentsch - St. Paul Sun 9-3211
✓ Mrs. Richard Magnusson (Finetti) St. Paul Mi 4-9016
Mrs. Roy Mullin Mpls. Ia 5-8945
Mrs. Paul O'Connor (Pat) St. Paul Mi 6-3520
Mrs. John C. Hanson - White Bear Sp. 7-3110
Township
Mrs. E. L. Robertson St. Paul Mi 8-7120
• Mrs. Evelyn Russell - St. Louis Park We 8-2338
Lottie Sudler Mpls. Fe 6-2032 home
Fe 2-8158 Ext 6585
(over)

✓ Mrs. E. Robert Schwantz Soldon Valley
Li-5-9037

✓ Mrs. D. F. Sherman - 3701 Huntington wa 2-4007

Mrs. Richard Simpson (pete)
St Paul Min 9-0882

Mrs. Robert Townsend Fairfield Un 9-4017

The ones checked (✓) were most active.

February 25, 1957

Mrs. Frank Dinyer
311 North Park
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Dinyer:

Proponents for the constitutional convention bill (H.F. 289) spoke before the General Legislation committee of the House on February 18th, and opponents of the bill were heard today. Next Monday morning, March 4th, at 8:30 the committee is expected to vote on the bill.

Your representative, A.W. Lovik, is on the committee and expressed to me his uncertainty as to the wisdom of a convention. When I saw him a few weeks ago, he had not made a decision as to what his vote would be so it would be very helpful if you, the members of your League, and other people in your community would write to Mr. Lovik urging his support of the bill in committee as well as on the floor of the House. Letters from men are especially needed.

All the bill does is to allow the people to vote upon the calling of a constitutional convention. The League's main argument is that the people have the right to this vote. It would be well if Mr. Lovik could receive your letters before the week end since the meeting is set for so early Monday morning.

We need your support badly because there are quite a few men on the committee who are opposed to the bill. We have found that a legislator pays so much more attention to his constituents than he does to people outside his district.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Gordon J. Grunditz
State Legislative Committee
6715 Elliot

Similar letter sent to:

Mrs. G. L. Brendle - Hutchinson, Minn.

Mrs. John Larson - Olvera

Mrs. D. Donaldson - Tracy

Mrs. D. E. Mann - Fergus Falls (over)

Mrs. Paul G. Smith - Granite Falls

March 11, 1957

Mrs. Manville Oren
Wells
Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Oren:

The Constitutional Convention Bill (H.F. 299) will be debated on the floor of the House either the last of this week or the first of next. Since your representative, L.B. Erdahl, has expressed sentiment against this bill in the past, we would appreciate very much your writing to him immediately asking his favorable vote. If he could get several letters from your community, it would be particularly helpful.

All this bill does is to allow the people to vote upon the calling of a constitutional convention. The League's main argument is that the people have the right to this vote.

We need your support badly because we have found that a legislator pays so much more attention to his constituents than he does to people outside his district.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Gordon J. Grunditz
State Legislative Committee
6715 Elliot

*Similar letter sent to Miss Arlene Raverity
New Ulm*

March 14, 1957

Mrs. Gordon Burkland
Buffalo
Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Burkland:

Senator Welch of your legislative district is chairman of the Judiciary Committee which is hearing the Constitutional Convention bill (S.F. 135) and we need some help from your area in getting letters to the Senator asking his favorable vote on the bill in committee as well as on the floor of the Senate. Senator Welch who is a very influential member of the Senate has always been opposed to convention, but I feel that hearing from his constituents might have some effect. The League's main argument for the bill is that the people should be given the right to vote on the question of the calling of a constitutional convention.

This morning the opponents and proponents of the bill spoke before the committee, and the vote on the bill will probably be taken early next week. It would be particularly helpful if you could get community leaders other than League members to write to Senator Welch also.

Mrs. Wilson of our State League office has suggested that letters to the editors of the newspapers in your area would also be of help, and she is sending you under separate cover a list of these newspapers.

We should greatly appreciate any assistance you can give us ~~because~~ we are worried about even getting the bill out of committee in the Senate.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gordon J. Grunditz
State Legislative Committee

March 14, 1957

Mrs. Glen Swenson
Buffalo
Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Swenson:

Senator Welch of your legislative district is chairman of the Judiciary Committee which is hearing the Constitutional Convention bill (S.F. 135), and we need some help from your area in getting letters to the Senator asking his favorable vote on the bill in committee as well as on the floor of the Senate. Senator Welch has always been opposed to convention, but I feel that hearing from his constituents might have some influence.

I am writing to you because we have always received such favorable reports about your leadership qualities from state league visitors who have met with the Buffalo League.

If you do not feel you can write letters because of your position as the wife of a representative, would you be willing to ask other people in your community to write? Letters from community leaders other than league people are always very effective.

Mrs. Wilson, of our State League office, has suggested that letters to the editors of the newspapers in your area would also be of help, and she is sending you under separate cover a list of these newspapers.

We would greatly appreciate any assistance you can give us. Senator Welch is a very influential member of the Senate and as chairman of the committee which acts on the Constitutional Convention bill he can determine a great deal of the future handling of the bill.

Today the proponents and the opponents of the bill were heard so the vote will probably be taken next week.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Gordon Grunditz
State Legislative Committee

March 11, 1957

Mrs. Vance Weaver
Buffalo
Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Weaver:

The Constitutional Convention Bill (H.P. 289) will be debated on the floor of the House either the last of this week or the first of next. Since your representative, Victor M. Jude, has not declared himself definitely in favor of the bill, we would appreciate very much your writing to him immediately asking his favorable vote. If he could get several letters from your community, it would be particularly helpful.

All this Bill does is to allow the people to vote upon the calling of a constitutional convention. The League's main argument is that the people have the right to this vote.

We need your support badly because we have found that a legislator pays so much more attention to his constituents than he does to people outside his district.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Gordon J. Grunditz
State Legislative Committee
6715 Elliot

March 14, 1957

Mrs. Stanley Bristol
1920--5th Street South
Moorhead, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bristol:

I am writing to ask your help in trying to sell your Senator, Magnus Wefald, on the idea of voting for the Constitutional Convention bill (S.F. 135) which is now being heard in the Judiciary Committee. This morning the opponents and proponents of this bill spoke before the committee of which Senator Wefald is a member.

The vote will probably be taken next week, and as far as we can learn, 10 members will vote for the bill and 10 against it. Senator Wefald at this point probably will be one of the "no" votes although when I talked with him this morning, he indicated some warmth towards the League's main argument that the people should have the right to vote on the question of calling a constitutional convention. His main concern is that if a convention should be held, the D.F.L. would control it at this time.

We desperately need Senator Wefald's vote if we are to get the bill out of committee. So would greatly appreciate your assistance in letting him know your wishes about constitutional convention. It would be particularly helpful if you could get leaders in your community other than League members to write to him also.

Senator Wefald was very friendly and courteous when I talked with him and suggested that he would be happy at any time to meet with your League. I believe that you as his constituents would have a great deal more influence with him than I can possibly have as a resident of an area which he does not represent.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Gordon Grunditz
State Legislative Committee

2510 Xylon Avenue
St. Louis Park, Minnesota
March 11, 1957

Mrs. John Davison
Olivia, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Davison:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have written to Representative Odean Enestvedt, whom I was assigned to interview as a part of my "job" as a lobbyist for the League of Women Voters. I have talked with Mr. Enestvedt several times and, frankly, he has presented a closed mind on the subjects of constitutional convention, reapportionment, and party designation, but I feel that he might be influenced more by letters from his own district. Personally, I found Mr. Enestvedt to be very approachable and friendly, as well as generous with his time in spite of his busy schedule of committee meetings.

Mr. Enestvedt said he did not know of any League of Women Voters groups in his district. I wonder if your League might not be able to influence his vote by concerted action of letter-writing, visits to the Legislature, invitations to speak, or what not. The only reason he gave me for opposing the League-supported bills (He was a member of the committees which heard both the Constitutional Convention bill and the Reapportionment bill, and voted "NO" on both.) was that they jeopardize the prospects of the bill he authors "to provide for a unicameral legislature." I believe he would appreciate an opportunity to explain the unicameral plan to a League audience in his home district, and perhaps might be more cooperative in supporting other bills in which the League is interested.

If it is possible for League members from Renville County to visit the Legislature, I would be glad to meet with you, as would Mrs. Grunditz and others of the committee.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. E. C. Davidson

Enc. Letter to Hon. Odean Enestvedt (Copy)
CC: Mrs. Gordon Grunditz

2510 Xylon Avenue
St. Louis Park, Minnesota
March 11, 1957

The Honorable Odean Knestvedt
House of Representatives
State of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Knestvedt:

When HF #289 is presented on the floor of the House of Representatives, I urge that you cast a favorable vote. I regret that you felt constrained to vote against this bill in Committee, but hope that you will now feel free to give the voters of Minnesota an opportunity to express their feelings about a proposed convention to revise the constitution of the State of Minnesota.

It is my personal feeling that all procedures--legislative, agricultural, educational, business, or what not--should be scrutinized from time to time so that out-moded and impractical methods may be discontinued and only the time-tested good methods be retained as a basis for improved techniques. Having lived in various agricultural areas most of my life, I do not know of one farmer who plants his fields by hand or restricts his procedures to those of the early 19th century. That would simply not be good business! Why should our state government--our legislature--be restricted and hampered by a Constitution encumbered with useless and un-fair provisions? Government is the biggest business in modern times. I ask your support to help make our state a good business man.

During the past two months, I have attended numerous sessions and hearings of the state legislature and have found it interesting but discouraging. As a housewife and formerly a teacher, personnel director, and office worker, I am appalled at the mass of detail that must be handled by legislators because of the restrictive provisions of our state constitution. A thorough "house cleaning" is certainly in order. Do you not think it only fair that the people of Minnesota be allowed to decide for themselves how this should be done?

I urge you to protect the constitutional rights of your constituents by voting to allow them to decide whether a convention should be called to revise the constitution of the State of Minnesota. Vote "YES" on HF #289.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. E. C. Davidson

* Extra good recommendation

Doris.

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Afton Lakeland

Rec. by ^{L.H.} ~~L.H.~~ for lobbying in S. Paul

* 2. Mrs Dean Honetschlagov
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(afton lakeland) Rec. by L.H. for party designa.
+ lobbying.

Mrs. John Janetto Rt 5 ^(afton lakeland) Stillwater

Rec. by L.H. for leg.
reorg. reapp. lobbying

* Mrs James Kerr
Rt 4 Stillwater

Afton Lakeland

(Pres this year)
Rec. for lobbying

Mrs George Olson

Afton Lakeland

Reapport. Rec by L.H.

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golden valley

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legis. reorg committee '54

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Miss Florence Burton	Mpls.	legislation interest (former Mpls State Bd)
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Miss Peggy Dickson - working in S.S.L. office	"	rec by unit '54 reapportionment
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Mrs. Daniel Hafley	"	" "
Grace Ketrosier	"	"
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Mrs M. Sanders
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Mrs Clark Kellet

New Ulm

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Mrs Frank Patton

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Mrs Albert Marshall
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Red Wing

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50 Pres.
rec for const. rev.

(Stanley)
Mrs Edith Marshall
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St. Louis Pk.

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55 Chairman,
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Mrs. John Sharpe
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"

'54 rec by L L for
Legislative Comm.

Suggestions:

1. Read carefully your 1955 Legislative Report. In it you may find clues to why your legislator has taken the position he has on a bill.

2. Conduct a "Know Your Legislator" Campaign.
Pre-primary contact.

We suggest you send a congratulatory letter to every candidate filing in the primaries. (Enclosed are sample letters). Tailor these to your candidate. Offer them material on our program items.

Better than a letter would be a personal call by you. *to lobby in person, as a lobbyist your*

3. Sept. 11-Nov. 3. Pre-election contact.

Write to the winning candidates. Send them material.

Try to get other citizens and other organizations to urge the candidate to include CC on their platform.

4. After Nov. 6 Election.

Contact the winning candidate.

Explain our program to. Ask his support of it in the session.

- Good*
- Oct. 3. Area Conference with Hon. Wörner. -

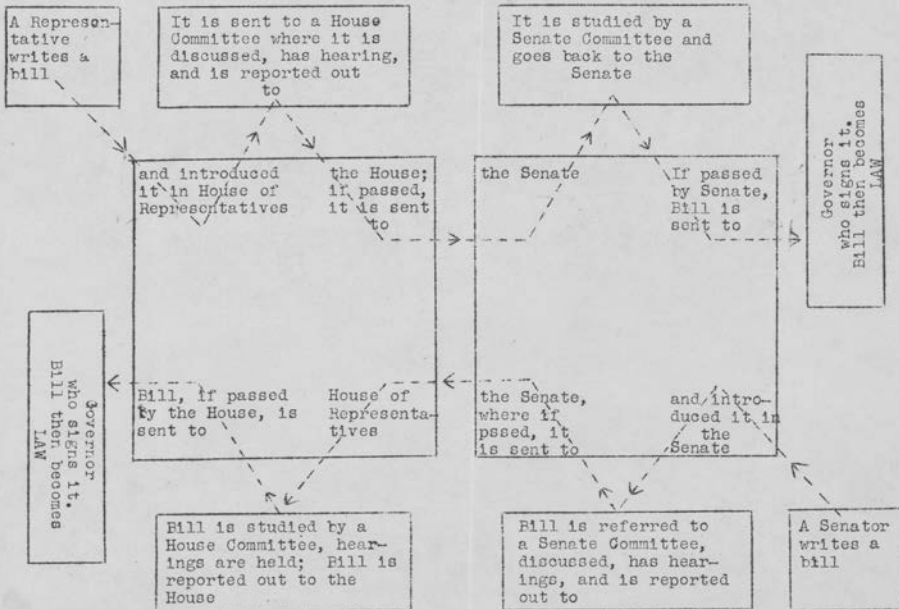
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Morning session-Presidents Conference.

Afternoon session- "How to Carry Out Legislative Action in the LW" ✓

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How A Bill

1. Most bills can be introduced in either house. The procedure by which a bill becomes a law is much the same regardless of where the bill originates.

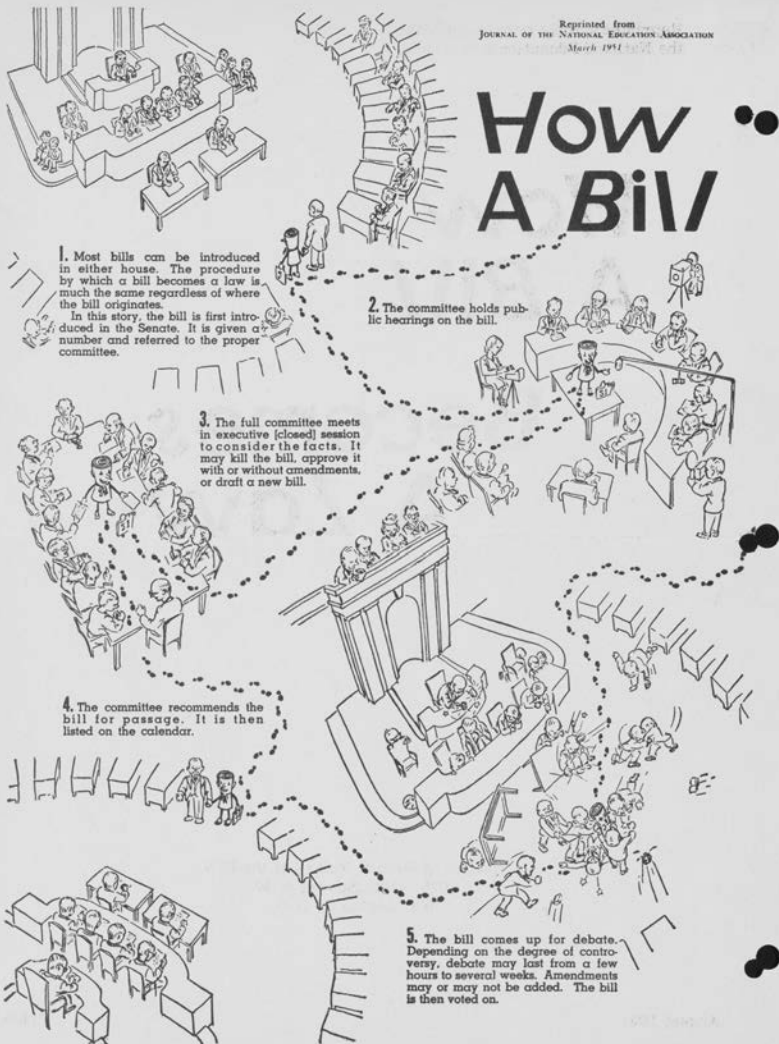
In this story, the bill is first introduced in the Senate. It is given a number and referred to the proper committee.

2. The committee holds public hearings on the bill.

3. The full committee meets in executive (closed) session to consider the facts. It may kill the bill, approve it with or without amendments, or draft a new bill.

4. The committee recommends the bill for passage. It is then listed on the calendar.

5. The bill comes up for debate. Depending on the degree of controversy, debate may last from a few hours to several weeks. Amendments may or may not be added. The bill is then voted on.



- Mrs. William Stetcher, pres., Quoka - tax, judiciary
✓ Mrs. Stanley Kane, former secy. cl., L W V of W.
✓ Mrs. Homer Mantis, bd. mbr., St. P. - C.S.
Mrs. (Rhea) Wright, St. P.
Mrs. William Sayerus, St. P. } Tax
Mrs. Mayne, St. P. }
✓ Mrs. John Neumeier, pres. Billing - educ.
Mrs. William Ludka, WBT (Zant)
Mrs. L. L. Lommer, Varca - const'l rev.
Mrs. (Delores) Lundquist, Inflo. #14 } legislature
Mrs. (Marjorie) Janson, Inflo. #14 }
Mrs. (Opal) Dooty (of?), Inflo. #14 - const'l rev.
Mrs. (Liles?) McBlackin, Edina - legislature
Mrs. F. H. McMillen, past pres. L W V of W - const'l rev.
Mr. Richard Newman
✓ Mrs. Roger Short, Roseville

A UNIT MEETING on PERSUADING THE PUBLIC TO TAKE LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The following experiment was carried out recently by a League unit. In view of its success it is hoped League units throughout Minnesota can work in some such program early in the legislative session as a legislative, constitutional revision, or general membership meeting.

Time required for preparation: 30 to 45 minutes.

Discussion leader: any unit member interested in this year's legislative program.

Materials needed:

- 1) supply of publications on state program to be loaned, sold, or consigned to members for distribution
- 2) for the use of the discussion leader, Instruction Sheets on a Selling Campaign for "Well, What D'ya Know...Minnesota HAS a Constitution"; also copies of "Well...."; "The State You're In"; "Lobby by Letter"; extra inserts of Constitutional Convention section of Lobby by Letter; October-November reprint (5¢) of Minnesota Voter, the "4F's"; "Democracy Denied"; information on the new film, "A Very Humorous Story"; a new chalk talk, which can be borrowed from the state office, "The Discontented Constituent"; well-stocked Murphy Bag; pencils, paper and stationery for writing legislators.

LEADER: Today, because of the school holiday there are eight of us rather than the usual 15 or so. Let's see to what extent we few can individually carry out an active and effective legislative effort to bring about the calling of a constitutional convention in Minnesota. (Leader then reads from the three pink sheets on constitutional convention in the Lobby by Letter Kit for the benefit of new persons and to refresh memories of others.) Let's make some notes as we go along so we won't forget what we say we will do.

I have here the Instruction Sheets for carrying out the selling campaign for this new little book, "Well, What D'ya Know...Minnesota HAS a Constitution." This book, as you know, was designed to be our principle agent to build public opinion for the calling of a constitutional convention, the program that Minnesota League members asked to have carried out in the 1955-57 biennium.

I see the first category of persons suggested to head the list of each member's personal prospect list for the book is attorneys. Who here knows an attorney to whom she might sell or give a copy of "Well...."? (Two raised hands and made notes of their intentions.) I think attorneys and business men would like to see the "4F's" article. It answers many questions or objections they might have such as the one on increased litigation costs which some feel might result from constitutional revision (two noted this). You all have your own copies of "Well..." Let's turn to the map to see how we can reach beyond our immediate area. I'll read the legislative district numbers where there were "no" votes on the bill to submit the calling of a constitutional convention to the people in the 1955 legislative session. Let's put "N" in each of these districts. (Leader read from pages three and four of the Instruction Sheets and group marked "Well..." map.) Now let's black in lightly some of the same districts where there are no Leagues. (Leader read, group marked.) Who here knows well someone in any of these marked districts who might influence the senator to change his vote when the constitutional convention bill comes up in the 1957 legislature?

Mrs. S.: My home formerly was in E...F...That's in legislative district number ____.

Leader: Let's look at the names inside the map to find the name of the Senator who voted "no" in 1955. It was Senator X.

MRS. S.: I know him well. He's an old family friend.

LEADER: Would you want to send him a copy of "Well...?"

MRS. S.: I'd like very much to write him and send him a book.

LEADER: Will you also ask him to read, if he has not already done so, his copy of "The State You're In" which the state board sent him very recently? This book, as you know, contains the answers, the reasons why Minnesota's constitution needs revising.

MRS. K.: (not yet a member, her first meeting) My husband knows Senator Y in district ___ which has no League and a "no" vote. He plays golf with him.

LEADER: This is too much! He's one of the strongest opponents of constitutional revision. If you'll look on page 29 of Democracy Denied... I have it here,, maybe we can see why he is so opposed to revision. He represents a highly over-represented area and because he can now do so well by all his constituents that is perhaps the reason he wants nothing changed. Would you take my copy of "State You're In" for your husband to read? Do you think he would talk to Senator Y? That is, if after reading it he agrees with us that it's time for constitutional convention.

MRS. K.: I'm sure he will talk to him about it if I can sell the idea to him. They are very good friends. At least they can have a good argument.

MRS. G.: I know Senator Y's wife. We worked together at the hospital for a short time. I'll send her a copy of "Well...."

LEADER: This is amazingly good luck. He's the one in this vicinity who badly needs "softening." He's a powerful person in his district and in the Senate. Mrs. G., would you also send her a Voter reprint, the "4 F's" and ask her to ask him if he's read his copy of the "State You're In"? (Mrs. G. giggled and nodded yes with some hesitancy).

LEADER: Our own Senator voted against the constitutional convention bill in 1955. Who knows him well enough to ask him what he plans to do when it comes up in the legislature again?

MRS. A.: I know him quite well. I'll call him.

LEADER: Would you point out to him that 59% of his constituents in X County voted "yes" on Amendment 3 in the 1955 election. As we've said, passage of this amendment was a mandate from the people to give them the right to vote on this question. Maybe you could tactfully suggest that by this time undoubtedly the percentage would be higher and perhaps he can't afford to overlook again the expressed wish of his constituents? You might also suggest that inasmuch as its in both party platforms it would seem he should support such a bill.

MRS. A.: I shall do all that and I'll ask him if he's read "The State You're In."

LEADER: Who here knows the local political party heads -- those lifelines of state politics to the legislators?

MRS. A.: I'll talk to Mrs. H.,, Republican Chairwoman.

MRS. R.: I'll see Mrs. W.,, Democratic Chairwoman.

MRS. G.: My church group is always looking for good programs. Maybe I can use some of this material,

LEADER: If you have someone in the group who reads well, the reading of "Well,..." is an excellent program in itself. It is cleverly written and easily read. Also, you could call on our speakers bureau if for some reason you'd rather not do it yourself. The state office will let you use a copy of the new 20 minute chalk talk, "The Discontented Constituent." This also would be an excellent program for PTA, service groups etc. Then, too, there is the new sound film, "A Very Humorous Story" which can be rented by organizations for \$3.00 plus postage and insurance. This is a documentary type film, extremely well done, the best possible means of selling the need for constitutional revision. (All but one made notes on these materials.)

MRS. N.: My husband is a Rotarian. I'll ask him about supplying them a program.

LEADER: Show him page 29 of "The State You're In" if he's not sold on our program. That will sell any business man. Who here knows the AAUW legislative chairman?

MRS. B.: I'll take some of these things to her and to the Business and Professional Women's legislative chairman.

MRS. B.: I'll see what I can do with Kiwanis.

LEADER: Shall I ask the publications chairman to send for enough copies of the Instructions Sheets for each of our units to have them? They're free from the state office and full of ideas. (The group thought this should be done.)

LEADER: Time has run out and we haven't written the legislators while here as we had planned. Letters written just before, or as early as possible in, the legislative session will have the most effect. Will as many of you as can, do it as soon as possible at home? Maybe we can squeeze that in at our next meeting for those who weren't here today and we'll have the Instructions Sheets for them. Before we go, do any of you know of opposition to constitutional revision by the convention method? Think about it and let the constitutional revision chairman, Betty _____, know what you hear. And by the way, do you all have the new Lobby by Letter insert (15¢) which is a digest of our entire program? It is particularly important for you to have the three pink sheets devoted to constitutional convention -- our case in a nutshell.

Thank you all. I do feel really set up by what the few of us will be able to accomplish.

Legislature Conference
October 3, 1956

LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS' AND LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE

LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS' MEETING Room 509

10.00 A. M.

1. Introduction of Mrs. Horner and State Board Members—Mrs. Young 10 to 10:10
2. Skit: A Most Unnatural Day in the Lives of Two Local League Presidents—written, directed and acted by Marian Sasenski and Ines McDonald 10:10 to 10:30
3. My Most Difficult Problem as a Local League President 10:30
 1. Mrs. Paul Schmidt—Granite Falls
 2. Mrs. Claf Schilberg—Mahtomedi
 3. Mrs. Janski—Richfield
 4. Mrs. Silliman—Rochester
4. Discussion of above problems 10:50
5. General Discussion 11:30
6. Adjournment for lunch 12-

AFTERNOON SESSION* BOTH GROUPS SOLARIUM 1 P M 2

1. Introduction of Mrs. Horner and State Board Members—Mrs. Young 1 to 1:05
2. The Role of the State Board—Mrs. Horner 1 to 1:15
3. How the Local League promotes the state program in a legislative year.

Introductory remarks—D. Guthrie	Mrs. Horner		1:15 to 1:30
	Mrs. Guthrie	B. Kane	1:30 to 1:40
	Mrs. [unclear]		1:40 to 1:50
General Discussion	Mrs. Hill		1:50 to 2:
	Mrs. [unclear]		
4. Adjournment 2:45

Lobby by Letter - *Louis - Introductions, etc.*

In spite of all the activity of our citizens and league members, we found that the principle reason for our legislative failures last session was that the legislators did not understand our program before the session started, and once it had started he didn't have time. So this year we have prepared ~~mat~~ a little booklet especially for legislators. It is the insert for our Lobby by Letter kit. The insert looks like this. It is called Legislative Program of the LW 1955-57. It contains a thumbnail sketch of each of the program items and each ends: the LW of Minn. will during the 1957 session of the legislature support a CC Bill ETC. It will also be a part of your Lobby by Letter kit for next session.

This Legislative Program and a copy of Well, What d'ya know will be mailed sometime ^{senators & legislative} next week to every candidate who is running for office ~~for~~ the house of Rep.

With the books will go a card telling him that he may have a copy of The State Your IN by mailing back the card. Then after the Nov. 6 election every newly elected candidate will ^{be mailed} receive a copy ^{of the State Your IN.} In this way we will give our legislators information ^{these materials mailed directly to legislators} on our program so they will have time to become thoroughly acquainted with it before the session starts.

* For our members, we have plans for a Legislative Newsletter. To encourage every member ^{Regional} action on our "time for action" calls we would like to mail a Legislative Newsletter ^{subscribers bill} directly into the home of every league member. It would contain dates for committee hearings, dates for consideration by the House, ^{a series of} dates for votes on the bill etc. We have figured the cost and we can do eight separate letters for 15c for the entire series. Each of your leagues has a publications fund. Could you consider this as a 15c publication and order it for your members as such. The only difference would be that this publication would come in eight exciting installments, directly from the state capitol and contain the last minute news on Legislative Activity. Comment? - *+ go to every member*

For several sessions now we have had legislative tours. ^a 54 individual tours were a tremendous amount of work. We would like this time to have two or three ^a Legislative

Days. A group of leagues could come for a Day at the Legislature. We would have a planned program with legislators and league people taking part. *It would be a plan for the session.*

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offer speakers to white areas

If you look back to 1947, count all the league meetings we have had on state program, all the material we have written and circulated, all the words we have spoken---- then you have a picture of league members actively participating in government. Every two years in Minn. our state legislature meets. Then we scurry around and direct this "active participation" toward legislative action on our state program. This is why we are meeting here this afternoon. We want to consider the ways which we can be most effective in getting "yes" votes for our state program in the next legislative session.

Passage of a piece of legislation is actually the result of citizen participation and as you well know this passage of legislation is not easily come by. The passage of the Fair Employment Practices Bill last session is our only success for many many years. This success was attributed to a great many people over a long period of time. We are ready to try again. We will work for passage of a constitutional Convention Bill.; for a fair reapportionment of our state legislature; for legislation to require legislators to run-free declare their party affiliation when running for office. We will protect the FEPC Law and we will work for improvement of our civil service system by seeking modifications of our veteran's preference laws.

This is an ambitious program. The state Board has prepared new materials and plans to aid you.

The foundation of all league work is of course resource: Mrs. Stanley Kane will present to you our new resource material The State You're In. Along with resource we must have a booklet to sell Constitutional Revision to every voter in Minnesota. We have that too. Mrs John Hill will present our new pink lady book-- Well, what d'ya know Minnesota Has a Constitution.

Everyone in Minnesota must know about this new booklet so he will want to read it. Mrs Norman Grossman will tell you of the plans of the Public Relations Committee to publicize this booklet throughout the entire state.

Oct. 3, 1956

*Copies of letters
sent Oct 3, 1956*

Senator Stanley W. Holmquist
Grove City, Minn.

Dear Senator Holmquist:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has just published
The League

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has just published a new booklet on Constitutional Revision. It is a popular type booklet-- professionally written, cleverly illustrated, strikingly printed. We plan to distribute 50,000 copies throughout the entire state this fall to build public opinion for a constitutional convention.

We would like to present, personally, a complementary copy to each of the authors of the Constitutional Convention Bill of last session. We invite you to be the guests of the State Board of the League of Women Voters for lunch on Thurs. Oct. 18, from 12:00-1:00 at the Campus Club, Coffman Memorial Union, on the University of Minnesota Campus.

We realize that for you who live out of town, a trip

We realize that for you who live out of town, a trip to the Twin Cities, may not be convenient at this time. We hope you can be there, but if you cannot, we will mail your copy to you. Will you return the enclosed card so we may know if you are coming?

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Donald Guthrie
Legislative Chairman

Senator Gerald T. Millin
Roanoke Bldg. 4314 Kenwood Ave. N.
Minneapolis, Minn.

E. L. A. Andersen
2230 West Hoyt
St. Paul

Representative Fred A. Cina
Aurora, Minn.

Clarence G. Langley
Red Wing

Harold R. Anderson
Mankato

A. I. Johnson
Benson

Sally Luther
1936 Kenwood Parkway

These are tentative plans and schedule for Constitutional Convention
and legislative committees and for the Public Relations and Publications
related to them. Will other committees' chairmen prepare similar outlines
in order that the Board may review all of these together at the N. v. 29th
meeting and approve a general plan for the remainder of the year.

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Doris,
I have some notes about St. Paul & Imp's, mainly
passion — when, when, what? Sun, to be so vague,
Between getting ready for my pm's homecoming, making 2 copies
of the enclosed, and speeches on C.C., a too, on in a State.

10/27/56
Guthrie

Tentative Plans and Schedule for C.C. and Legislative Committees
and Related Publications and Public Relations

State-wide organizations (about 50) to receive:

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"Well What'd'ya Know"

Notice of availability of film "A Very Numerous Story"

A list of local leagues where they can secure speakers and information for their local groups.

NOV. -
early DEC.

Heads of selected organizations and other influential people will receive attention by telephone or in person.

DEC. - JAN.

Business Firms: a limited list will be formed from the League Trade Survey roster for letters and/or interviews.

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Resource chairman provide information

Public Relations prepare release.

Grossman will determine charge for use of film "A Very Numerous Story"

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NOV. 6th

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Tea for Lobbyists
November 27, 1956

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

15th and Washington Avenue S.E. Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Federal 8-8791

November 12, 1956

Memo: To Local League Legislative Chairmen
From: Mrs. Donald Guthrie, State Legislative Chairman

Do you have any members who are interested in lobbying at the state legislature next session? If so, you are invited to bring them with you to the following meetings.

1. COFFEE GET-TOGETHER

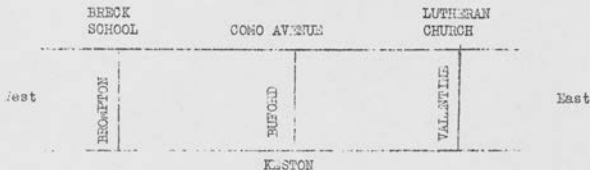
Tuesday, November 27th, at the home of Mrs. Homer Mantis,
2352 Buford Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota, 1:30 to 3:30 P.M.

Hostesses: Mrs. Homer Mantis, Legislative Chairman, St. Paul
Mrs. Edgar Euderling, Legislative Chairman, Mpls.

2. TRAINING MEETING FOR LEGISLATIVE WORKERS

Thursday, December 6, 10 to 2:30, in the Faculty Women's Room,
Coffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota. Please mail
your luncheon reservations to the State Office by Tuesday, on
December 4th.

* MAP, supposed to help you get to Mary Mantis' house.....



Affiliated with the
League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Constitutional Convention

Mrs. Wm. R. Ludka White Bear Township Ga- 9- 0065

Mrs. Carl S. Miller 1670 Upper Afton Road Prl-6165 Party Designation

Mrs. F. M. (Lorraine) Tompkins 774 W. Hoyt Ave. (13) Hu 9-3396

Laurie Winsor 1071 W Montana St. Paul 13 P Des. Hu 9-3045

Jean Wegner W B Township 3873 Van Dyke White Bear Lake 10 → GA-9-9702

Lotte Seidler 311 4th St. S. E. Minneapolis Fe 6-2032

Works at KUOM Offered to take care of ~~any~~ any spot announcements.
Not a member.

Caroline Olsen 474 Desnoyer Ave. St. Paul 4 MI 6-3528 Unit 6

Mildred Springborg 1149 Sandhurst Hu 9-9114 Local basis this session

Mrs. Theodore Olson 4752 16th Ave. So. Minneapolis Reapportionment

Carol Robertson 2166 Fairmont MI 8-7120 Local Reapportionment

Hazel Swanson Mrs. Milo 2334 Como Ave. MI 4-4986 Reapportionment

Marjorie Sibley 2018 Fairmount Ave. St. Paul 5 MI 8-3265 Reapp.
State Comm.

The 60th session of the state legislature meets on Tues Jan. 8. Within the first 2 or 3 weeks we expect that a C.C. Bill, a reapp. bill + a party designation bill will be introduced. -

The state legislative committee has the responsibility of following legislation that is within the scope of League program, deciding upon support or opposition to specific legislation and ^{make} suggestions to local leagues as to how to carry out action. Leg committee arranges for appearances at hearings and make personal contact with legislators.

The state Legislative Comm. is the authorized spokesman for the L.W.V. of Minnesota. The local leagues have asked them to represent them in the legislatures. In doing this we may talk with any legislator in the state. The legislative Comm. of Minneapolis represents the L.W.V. of Minneapolis and works with legislators from Minneapolis. The same

is true for St. Paul and all other local leagues.

The League lobbyist -

Lobbying as we think of the term is only ^{made more so} a part of our legislative action. It seems to be best carried on by individual constituents with their own legislators. Actually lobbyists have these functions

1. Provide information
2. let legislators know what his constituents are thinking
3. to put the League on record in hope of influencing the legislative vote

This last part - influencing the legislative vote
I suppose you have been hearing what I have - that the League lobbyists were too aggressive last session - they were belligerent and "they really overdid it at the capital last session". I'm sure that there were only a few who spoke too loudly and perhaps rudely, but anyway the rest of us are hearing about it. -

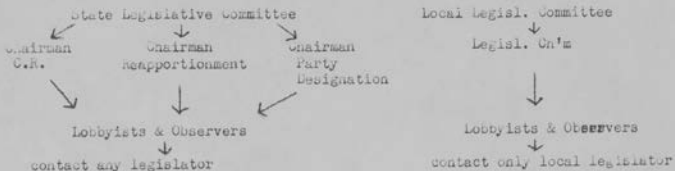
So this time we are going to take special
care when we try to influence our
legislators vote. We won't be too aggressive
we won't threaten and we'll try not to
overdo our lobbying. But in a League
like fashion we're going to try hard to
get a C. C. Bill passed.

Don't - over simplify

Nov. 27, 1956

1. Introductions

2. Division of Committees



3. Chairmen

Loris Gutarie--State Legislative Chairman
 Muriel Grunditz--Chairman, Constitutional Revision Lobbying Committee
 Betty Kane--Chairman, Reapportionment Lobbying Committee
 Phyllis Richter--Chairman, Party Designation Lobbying Committee

4. ~~Local~~ Assignment

Choose committee

Fill out address and telephone no. on name tag

5. Discussion----what do you want at Dec. 6 training meeting?

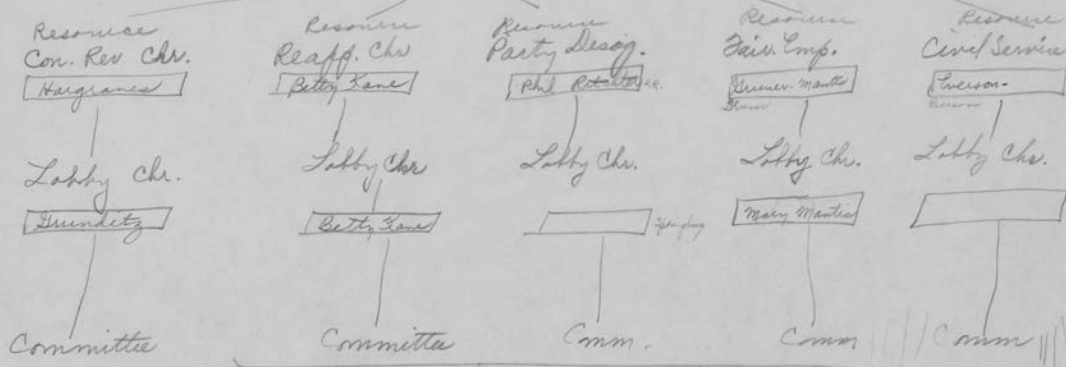
6. Training meeting

Dec. 6--Thurs.--10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Faculty Women's Room, Coffman Memorial Union, U. of Minn.

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Legislative Chr.



Coffee-get-together for lobbyists Nov. 27th.

Constitutional Convention

Mrs. Wm. R. Ludka, White Bear Township GA-9-0065
 Mrs. Carl S. Miller, 1670 Upper Afton Road PE-1-6165 Party Designation
 Mrs. F. M. (Lorraine) Tompkins, 774 W. Hoyt Ave. (13) HU-9-3396
 Laurie Winsor, 1071 W. Montana, St. Paul 13 Party Designation
 Jean Wegner, W B Township, 3873 Van Dyke, White Bear Lake (10) GA-9-9702
 Lotte Seidler, 311 - 4th St. S. E. Minneapolis PE-6-2032
 Works at EUGM. Offered to take care of any spot announcements.
 Not a member.
 Caroline Olsen, 474 Denoyer Avenue, St. Paul 4 MI-6-3528 Unit 6
 Mildred Springborg, 1149 Sandhurst HU-9-9114 Local basis this session
 Mrs. Theodore Olson, 4752 - 16th Ave. So. Minneapolis Reapportionment
 Carol Robertson, 2166 Fairmont MI-8-7120 Local Reapportionment
 Hazel Swanson, Mrs. Milo, 2334 Como Avenue MI-4-4986 Reapportionment
 Marjorie Sibley, 2018 Fairmount Avenue, St. Paul 5 MI-8-3285 Reapportionment
 State Comm.

Training Meeting
December 6, 1956

Training Meeting for Legislative Workers

Dec. 6, 1956 10:00-2:30 Faculty Women's Room, Coffman Memorial Union

10:00- 11:00 CC Mildred Hargraves
Muriel Grunditz

11:00-11:15 Lobbying Techniques Betty Kane

11:15- 11:30 Reapportionment Betty Kane

11:30- 11:50 Party Designation Phil Richter

11:50-12:15 Fair Employment Practices Mrs. Gruner

12:00 15-12:30 Civil Service

12:30- Lunch

1:00-1:45 The Constitutional Convention Bill Travels Through the Legislature
Margaret Norgard

1:45-2:30 Legislative workers meet with resource chairman for planning.

PH Meet. Jan 17 - 10-3:00 - *Thurs state office - with labor chair*

Resource Chairman give: Briefing of subject matter
Bibliography-what material to learn and master
What legislation to expect

Mary Mantre Lege St. Paul
Louise Kunkling " Minneapolis "

*I'm sure you all enjoyed your comfortable room
this morning*

*Copies to, Gruner
Norgard
Grunditz
Hargraves
Kane*

*Richter
Grace*

M. N. C. R. Train - Work in leg. one of the most
dramatic of drama + crises

Thought she had everything under control
sitting in her backseat at 10:01 & get a
call from Rhoda Lind that the Senate was
debating the C. C. Bill. Throw on her clothes
get in car (of course it was an emergency)
& slide over to the capital.

- 11:00-12:00 Discussion of plans and policies of our committee
12:00 Lunch
1:00-3:00 Committee members meet with Resource Chairman to form specific plans for lobbying and observing.

Plans 31

Jan. 30 Wed. Essay Contest Winners Visit Legislature Mrs. Geo. Springberg
We will ask if their essays may be read before the House and Senate.
Plans for their lunch? Shall we invite their home Senator to have lunch with them? Cost?
Betty Girling wants to see them.

2 hrs. Pres. C. Rev. Leg. Ch.
Feb. 20 Legislative Day Weyerhaeuser Room Minnesota Historical Society *\$10 rooms, breakfast fee*

10:00-4:00

Program- to be planned by resource chairmans around authors of our bills.
Mildred Hargreaves, Muriel Grandits, Betty Kane, Paul Richter,
and Doris Guthrie.

Hospitality- Mrs Donald Hains, 2000 Theresa St. Paul GL 1-2004; Unit 8
Hiring? Your suggestions please.

10:00-11:00 Speaker on party designation
Speaker on lobbying techniques and procedures.

11:00-12:00 Visit the Senate
Catering service can set tables for lunch.

12:00-Lunch

1:00-2:00 Speakers on Constitutional Convention

" " Resapportionment

2:00-2:30 Discussion of League plans what to do next? This discussion
to be outcome of suggestions and advice that we get from previous
speakers.

2:30-4:00 or 3:00-4:00 Visit the House

Feb. 27 Take American Field Service Students through the legislature.
Assigned to ---- *Amst*

Duties of Observers

Pick up Journals and Calendars House- Office of Clerk of House
Senate- " " " " Senate

Attend Committee Meetings

Keep accurate and complete records of observations and conversations
Make ~~accurate and complete~~ *passer* carbon copy and turn in to lobby
chairman after each visit.

Speaking before committees will be planned and done by State
Resource Chairman or people designated to do so.
Plans for covering days of the week-

When you collect information, keep in mind:

1. We must prepare "time for action calls for local leagues".
2. We must write Legislative Report after the session.
3. We will have approx. 45 min. to give Legislative Report at State Convention. Keep in mind interesting incidents for it.
The State Board asks that Committee members take part in a lively, exciting and novel presentation of the Legislative Report.

These suggestions are to get us off to a start. Please bring yours.

Doris Guthrie

Dec Training Meeting - those present

league Name, Address

Apr 14 In Unum - 5345 York Ave S. - N.Y.S.
St Paul 34 Lucile Nielsen - 2105 Coms Ave St. Paul 8
White Bear Helen Bakula - 4071 Jay Jones - White Bear
Mpls ~~Flowers Burt~~ - 1831 - ~~Tracy St~~
Lillian Laska - 4041 Belaire Ave.
Mpls. Unit 39 Mrs. Hm. Flannery - 4222 Girard No.
Paul 11 Muriel Green City - 6715 Elliot
White Bear Twn. Blanchet Raymond - 1844 Orchard Lane W. 10
St. Paul F. Wette Magnall - 565 Princeton Pl.
W. Park Blvd. Wynna Davidson - 2510 Xylon Ave.
St. Paul 31 Laurie Winsor - 1071 W. Montana
St. Paul 35 Mayme Sibley - 2018 Fairmount +
St. Paul 55 Carol Robertson - 2166 Fairmount +
Mpls. 51 Louise Kiedel - 5521 - 27 Ave. S.
St. Paul (11) Hazel Jones - 2374 Combs St. St. Paul
Boo- O. (Hilda) Haywards - 716 4th St. S.W. Rochester
St. Paul 23 Sherry Jones - 1012 Carroll Ave. St. Paul
St. Paul 19 Chas. Light - 1426 Hyde St. St. Paul
St. Paul 26 Dorcas Simpson - 804 S. Syndicate
St. Paul 8 Pat O'Connor - 2173 Dudley
St. Paul 8 Barbara Peet - 2156 1st St. - St. Paul
St. Paul 13 Fay Lychee - 5398 Lexington Pl.
St. Paul 11 Paul Jones - 9306 Elmwood
Bloomington 3 Virginia Olson - 8517 Elliot Ave S.
Bloomington 1 Harvone Harget - 2636 7th St. Ave. S.
Mpls 14 Dorothy Davis - 5931 Second Ave S. Mpls
Green Valley Betty Ross - 701 Parkview Tr. N.Y.S. 16
Mpls 18 Gene Powers - 4251 Shondan S.
Mpls 15 Ruth Sherman - 3701 Huntington Ave
Mr. Hargrove

• WV Name & Address

Birds D. Gutterie

Lotte Seidler

Jacqueline Langston

Maudie Smith

Wyl. Eleanor Muen

Wyl. - Phyllis Richter

Wyl. - Joyce Olson

Wyl. Ruth Gould

Wyl. Mrs. Ellen Piller - 2901 E. Irving St.

St Paul Wierites

Wyl. Grimes - En

Norgaard -

O'Connor -

Wyl. Smith
MRS. S.

Johnson -

Journals -
Ill.

NORGAARD

Wyl. Rose

Hazel - Montis

Jan. 7:30

Midwestern Y.M.C.A.

28 E. P. C. Commission

Housing -

1761 - University

Rev. Sengil Carty

Chr. 2 E. P. C.

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4:50 - 5:00

Senate

2:00 - 1:50

2.50

Jan. 4:30 - 5:00

Wyl. Vandalis

Wyl. Loney 4:30

Postfields 4:00

Lg. Ray - A 96 - St. Paul

don't leave - Union garage

Editorial Dept. -

Mary Evenson -

Picture taking -

Betty Darling

Unsure - 50¢

Legislative Committee Meeting Jan. 17 1957

Informal discussion of plans and policies of our committee

These suggestions are to get us off to a start. What are yours?

Jan. 30, Wednesday Mrs. Geo. Springborg in charge

Four winners will be asked to come and be taken through the legislature.

We will ask if their essays may be read before the House and Senate.

Plans for lunch?

Shall we invite their home Senator to have lunch with them? If we do can we afford to pay for the lunch?

Arrange with Betty Girling who wants to see them.

Feb. 20 Legislative Day Waywehauser Room Minnesota Historical Society

Program- to be planned by resource Chairman

Mildred Hae Doris Guthrie

Muriel Grunditz

Betty Kane

Phil Richter

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Hospitality Mrs Donald Mains 2088 Theresac St Paul 7

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Unit 8

to be built around authors of the bills as far as possible

Plans ? Your suggestions Please

10:00-11:00 Speaker on Party designation

Speaker on Lobbying - a legislator

11:00 Visit the Senate 12:00

Catering service can put up tables for lunch

1:00-2:00

Luncheon speakers Constitutional c
Reapportionment

2:00- 2:30 Discussion of League Plans What Do WE DO Next

What do we do next

This discussion will be in line with suggestions and advice
that we get from the previous speakers.

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Assigned to ----

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Pick up Journals

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Senate - " " " Senate

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Keep accurate and complete records of all you see and hear

If possible, make a carbon copy and turn into your Lobby Chairman
immediately after each visit

Speaking before committees will be planned and done by State
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Keep in mind; 1. We must send "time for action calls to local leagues.

2. We must write Legislative Report after the session

3. We will have Approx 45 min. to give Leg Report at
State Convention. Keep in mind interesting incidents for i

comm. members will take part

Legislative Action----- Presidents Letter

The 1957 Legislative Session promises many interesting and controversial debates on Minnesota state government. A party designation bill has been introduced in the House. The Constitutional Convention bill has been introduced in the House and Senate. Legislative Ballotins will be sent to you as soon as we have complete information on the bills. Will you alert the interested citizens in your community? They will then be ready to act when the "time for action" comes. If you Senator or Representative is an author, congratulate him for his leadership in improving Minnesota's Constitution.

LEGISLATIVE DAY

WHEN: Wednesday Feb. 20, 1957 10:00-4:00

WHERE: Meyerhauser Room, Minnesota Historical Society, Cedar and Central, St. Paul. (Note change from State Office Building). This building is across the street to the southeast from the front entrance to the State Capitol.

WHO: Three representatives from each local league are invited to attend. We think the President, the Constitutional Revision Chairman and the legislative Chairman would be most interested. If they cannot come you may send any three representatives from your league. *over 100 members; 2 representatives from League with charter 100 members ship*

Program: We are planning an up to the minute briefing on our State Legislative Program by the authors of the bills taking part.
10:00-12:00 Continuing Responsibilities and a visit to the Senate.
12:00 Lunch
Speakers on Constitutional Convention and Readoptionment.
A visit to the House.
4:00 Adjourn.

Hospitality: The League of Women Voters of St. Paul has offered overnight accommodations for out of town members. For

Reservations: Luncheon - Mail your reservations to the State Office by Feb. 15.

Overnight-Write directly to Mrs. Charles Egan, 2132 Iglohart St. Paul Phone MI 4-1776 by Feb. 13.
She will write and let you know in whose home you will be guest.

CONTEST WINNERS

The winners of last year's Essay Contest on Constitutional Revision will visit the State legislature on Thursday, Jan. 31. They will be interviewed by Betty Girling for her Minnesota School of the Air Program. The interview will be taped and played broadcast on Feb. 1 at

TOURS

Because of the great amount of time and woman power involved, we are not conducting individual tours for each league this session. We hope every league will go ahead and arrange their own tour. You may make arrangements for a guided tour and for reserved seats in the House and Senate by writing directly to Mr. H. T. Kennedy, Ass. Sergeant of Arms, House of Representatives., St. Paul. Your own legislator may also be willing to make the arrangements for you. We will also help your representative make arrangements when she is here on Feb. 20. Feb. 20 is quite late to- in the session to be sure of getting reserved seats,

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

15th & Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minnesota, FE 8-8791, December 1956, 54

A UNIT MEETING ON PERSUADING THE PUBLIC TO TAKE LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The following experiment was carried out recently by a League unit. In view of its success it is hoped League units throughout Minnesota can work in some such program early in the legislative session as a legislative, constitutional revision, or general membership meeting.

Time required for preparation: 30 to 45 minutes.

Discussion leader: any unit member interested in this year's legislative program.

Materials needed:

- 1) supply of publications on state program to be loaned, sold, or consigned to members for distribution
- 2) for the use of the discussion leader, Instruction Sheets on a Selling Campaign for "Well, What D'ya Know....Minnesota HAS a Constitution"; also copies of "Well...."; "The State You're In"; "Lobby by Letter"; extra inserts of Constitutional Convention section of Lobby by Letter; October-November reprint (54) of Minnesota Voter, the "4F's"; "Democracy Denied"; information on the new film, "A Very Humorous Story"; a new chalk talk, which can be borrowed from the state office, "The Discontented Constituent"; well-stocked Murphy Bag; pencils, paper and stationery for writing legislators.

LEADER: Today, because of the school holiday there are eight of us rather than the usual 15 or so. Let's see to what extent we few can individually carry out an active and effective legislative effort to bring about the calling of a constitutional convention in Minnesota. (Leader then reads from the three pink sheets on constitutional convention in the Lobby by Letter Kit for the benefit of new persons and to refresh memories of others.) Let's make some notes as we go along so we won't forget what we say we will do.

I have here the Instruction Sheets for carrying out the selling campaign for this new little book, "Well, What D'ya Know....Minnesota HAS a Constitution." This book, as you know, was designed to be our principle agent to build public opinion for the calling of a constitutional convention, the program that Minnesota League members asked to have carried out in the 1955-57 biennium.

I see the first category of persons suggested to head the list of each member's personal prospect list for the book is attorneys. Who here knows an attorney to whom she might sell or give a copy of "Well...."? (Two raised hands and made notes of their intentions.) I think attorneys and business men would like to see the "4F's" article. It answers many questions or objections they might have such as the one on increased litigation costs which some feel might result from constitutional revision (two noted this). You all have your own copies of "Well...." Let's turn to the map to see how we can reach beyond our immediate area. I'll read the legislative district numbers where there were "no" votes on the bill to submit the calling of a constitutional convention to the people in the 1955 legislative session. Let's put "N" in each of these districts. (Leader read from pages three and four of the Instruction Sheets and group marked "Well...." map.) Now let's black in lightly some of the same districts where there are no Leagues. (Leader read, group marked.) Who here knows well someone in any of these marked districts who might influence the senator to change his vote when the constitutional convention bill comes up in the 1957 legislature?

Mrs. S.: My home formerly was in E...F...That's in legislative district number ____.

Leader: Let's look at the names inside the map to find the name of the Senator who voted "no" in 1955. It was Senator X.

MRS. S.: I know him well. He's an old family friend.

LEADER: Would you want to send him a copy of "Well...?"

MRS. S.: I'd like very much to write him and send him a book.

LEADER: Will you also ask him to read, if he has not already done so, his copy of "The State You're In" which the state board sent him very recently? This book, as you know, contains the answers, the reasons why Minnesota's constitution needs revising.

MRS. K.: (not yet a member, her first meeting) My husband knows Senator Y in district ____ which has no League and a "no" vote. He plays golf with him.

LEADER: This is too much! He's one of the strongest opponents of constitutional revision. If you'll look on page 29 of Democracy Denied... I have it here., maybe we can see why he is so opposed to revision. He represents a highly over-represented area and because he can now do so well by all his constituents that is perhaps the reason he wants nothing changed. Would you take my copy of "State You're In" for your husband to read? Do you think he would talk to Senator Y? That is, if after reading it he agrees with us that it's time for constitutional convention.

MRS. K.: I'm sure he will talk to him about it if I can sell the idea to him. They are very good friends. At least they can have a good argument.

MRS. G.: I know Senator Y's wife. We worked together at the hospital for a short time. I'll send her a copy of "Well...."

LEADER: This is amazingly good luck. He's the one in this vicinity who badly needs "softening." He's a powerful person in his district and in the Senate. Mrs. G., would you also send her a Voter reprint, the "4 F's" and ask her to ask him if he's read his copy of the "State You're In"? (Mrs. G. giggled and nodded yes with some hesitancy).

LEADER: Our own Senator voted against the constitutional convention bill in 1955. Who knows him well enough to ask him what he plans to do when it comes up in the legislature again?

MRS. A.: I know him quite well. I'll call him.

LEADER: Would you point out to him that 59% of his constituents in X County voted "yes" on Amendment 3 in the 1955 election. As we've said, passage of this amendment was a mandate from the people to give them the right to vote on this question. Maybe you could tactfully suggest that by this time undoubtedly the percentage would be higher and perhaps he can't afford to overlook again the expressed wish of his constituents? You might also suggest that inasmuch as its in both party platforms it would seem he should support such a bill.

MRS. A.: I shall do all that and I'll ask him if he's read "The State You're In."

LEADER: Who here knows the local political party heads -- those lifelines of state politics to the legislators?

MRS. A.: I'll talk to Mrs. H.,, Republican Chairwoman.

MRS. R.: I'll see Mrs. W.,, Democratic Chairwoman.

MRS. G.: My church group is always looking for good programs. Maybe I can use some of this material.

LEADER: If you have someone in the group who reads well, the reading of "Well...." is an excellent program in itself. It is cleverly written and easily read. Also, you could call on our speakers bureau if for some reason you'd rather not do it yourself. The state office will let you use a copy of the new 20 minute chalk talk, "The Discontented Constituent." This also would be an excellent program for PTA, service groups etc. Then, too, there is the new sound film, "A Very Humorous Story" which can be rented by organizations for \$3.00 plus postage and insurance. This is a documentary type film, extremely well done, the best possible means of selling the need for constitutional revision. (All but one made notes on these materials.)

MRS. N.: My husband is a Rotarian. I'll ask him about supplying them a program.

LEADER: Show him page 29 of "The State You're In" if he's not sold on our program. That will sell any business man. Who here knows the AAUW legislative chairman?

MRS. B.: I'll take some of these things to her and to the Business and Professional Women's legislative chairman.

MRS. B.: I'll see what I can do with Kiwanis.

LEADER: Shall I ask the publications chairman to send for enough copies of the Instructions Sheets for each of our units to have them? They're free from the state office and full of ideas. (The group thought this should be done.)

LEADER: Time has run out and we haven't written the legislators while here as we had planned. Letters written just before, or as early as possible in, the legislative session will have the most effect. Will as many of you as can, do it as soon as possible at home? Maybe we can squeeze that in at our next meeting for those who weren't here today and we'll have the Instructions Sheets for them. Before we go, do any of you know of opposition to constitutional revision by the convention method? Think about it and let the constitutional revision chairman, Betty _____, know what you hear. And by the way, do you all have the new Lobby by Letter insert (15¢) which is a digest of our entire program? It is particularly important for you to have the three pink sheets devoted to constitutional convention — our case in a nutshell.

Thank you all. I do feel really set up by what the few of us will be able to accomplish.

Legislative Committee
Meeting
February 19, 1957

Mary

- 11:00-12:00 Discussion of plans and policies of our committee
12:00 Lunch
1:00-3:00 Committee members meet with Resource Chairman to form specific plans for lobbying and observing.

Plans

Jan. 30 Wed. Essay Contest Winners Visit Legislature Mrs. Geo. Springborg
we will ask if their essays may be read before the House and Senate.
Plans for their lunch? Shall we invite their home Senator to have lunch
with them? Cost?
Betty Girling wants to see them.

Feb. 20 Legislative Day Weyerhaeuser Room Minnesota Historical Society
10:00-4:00

Program- to be planned by resource chairmen around authors of our bills.
Mildred Hargraves, Marjell Grandits, Betty Kane, Phil Richter,
and Doris Guthrie.

Hospitality- Mrs Donald Mains 2068 Theresa St. Paul GL 1-2004 Unit C
Timing? Your suggestions please.

10:00-11:00 Speaker on party designation
Speaker on lobbying techniques and procedures.

11:00-12:00 Visit the Senate
Catering service can set tables for lunch.

12:00-Lunch

1:00-2:00 Speakers on Constitutional Convention
" " Reapportionment

2:00-2:30 Discussion of League plans what to do next? This discussion
to be outcome of suggestions and advice that we get from previous
speakers.

2:30-4:00 or 3:00-4:00 Visit the House

Feb. 27 Take American Field Service Students through the legislature.
Assigned to ----

Duties of Observers

Pick up Journals and Calendars House- Office of Clerk of House
Senate- " " " " Senate

Attend Committee Meetings

Keep accurate and complete records of observations and conversations

Make ~~accurate and complete~~ carbon copy and turn in to lobby
chairman after each visit.

Speaking before committees will be planned and done by State
Resource Chairman or people designated to do so.

Plans for covering days of the week

When you collect information, keep in mind:

1. We must prepare "line for action calls for local leagues".
2. We must write Legislative Report after the session.
3. We will have approx. 45 min. to give Legislative Report at State Convention. Keep in mind interesting incidents for it.
The State Board asks that Committee members take part in a lively, exciting and novel presentation of the Legislative Report.

These suggestions are to get us off to a start. Please bring yours.

Doris Guthrie