



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

1957 - 1959

LEGISLATION

FOLDER II

local legislative
activities

OLIVIA, LEGISLATION, 1/15/59
Plan tour of Sr. Class to Leg
Mrs. Barduson, Chm., contacts
Sen. Lauerman who will plan
full day for students. Costs
LWG \$100, called "Action"
in budget. Annual tea Apr. 30
which Sen. Lauerman invited
to report on Legislature.

OWATONNA, LEGISLATION, 1/28/59
Leg. Day tentatively March 12.

30. ST. PAUL LEG., 2/5/59
March 5, visit Leg., meet Klaus
& Thust,

ST. LOUIS PARK, LEG., 2/2/59
Tour planned Feb. 26

ST. PAUL, LEG., 1/7/59
Reception for Ramsey County Leg-
islators and wives to be Jan. 21
at Springstads. Board members &
husbands invited.

MINNEAPOLIS, LEGISL., 1/16/59
Feb. 24 to be Leg. Day

WHITE BEAR, LEGISL., 12 /17/58
May meeting is to be legisla-
tive report, by 3 legislators,
each speaking to grouping of
units.

EDINA, LEGISLATION, 2/3/59
Visiting Leg. Feb. 26, Mar. 19

AUSTIN, LEGISLATION, 1/2/59
Plan tour Feb. 25, are con-
tacting Mr. Holland to plan

MOOREHEAD, LEG., 2/12/59
Successful mtg. w. 3 Legislators
& newspaper to get acquainted w.
stands and program, well report

ST. ANTHONY, LEGISLATION, 1/7/59
May tour Legislature, Mrs.
Goodin to investigate.

DULUTH, LEG., 10/16/58
Leg. Capitol Letter ordered for
every unit leader. Leg. meeting
with legislators tentatively
planned for Nov. 20.

DEERHAVEN, LEGISLA., 1.59
Leg. tour planned.

AUSTIN, LEG., 1/30/59
Leg. Day, Feb. 25

New Richland, 3/4/58, LEG
Arranging to take Jr. and Sr.
High School students for
1 day to the Legislature.

W. ST. PAUL, LEG., 2/4/59
Tour Mar. 19. Sen. Thust will
meet with group.

EDINA, LEGIS., 1/59
Night with legislators, Bergerud
& Peterson, B. Kane moderating.

WHITE BEAR, LEGISLA., 1/28/59
Will give Rep & PB fold. to ctd.

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50 ROCHESTER, LEG., 1/25/59
Planning tour March 4
Annltg. tentatively Apr. 16

NEW RICHLAND, LEG., 2/2/59
CL discussed, a "very fine job
is being done on this."
Jr. & Sr. class will tour Capitol
Feb. 11 and 18, 2 L members to
go with each group.

Edina, 4/28 - LEGISLATION
Mrs. Tang plugged for lobbyists
from Edina next session and a
chairman to work with present
chairman to get training.

ALEXANDRIA, ORG., 8/28/58
next board meeting, 9/24, 9am,
library. Telephone pyramid
printed in bulletin, to show
procedure in calls for action

RED WING, LEGISLATIVE 9/58
f. Terrific coverage in Red
Wing paper of answers to
Leg. questionnaire, summarized
and group all ans. to one qu
ESTABLISHED

BRAINERD, LEGIS., 9/58B LEG
G. Rosenmeier, guest speaker.

GOLDEN VALLEY, LEGISLATION
10/1/58
Plan political directory.

MPLS., LEGISLATIVE, 10/6/58
Plan League Day lunch, guests
mayor, council, Henn. Co. delega-
tion. Discuss Legis. Com. of the
council, unit rule in Henn. Co.
Leg. delegation, and if Attend. I
passes, explain how it would
function. ORGANIZATION
3 orientation parties. 32 unit
chairmen at special orient. mtg
4 new possible units.

BEHINDJI, LEGIS. 10/22/58
Will get Lobby by Letter kit
to 62 Dist. candidates.

MPLS. LEG. 10/28/58
Leg. Day Nov. 24, 12:15. YMCA
Mayor, city council, St. Leg.
invited, reserv. by Nov. 21
"discussion of the problems
of our city and reasons for
involving the legislature is
our aim for the meeting."

ROBRINSDALE, LEGISL., 11/1/58
Subscribe to Capitol Letter
for every LWV member, as part
of publication portion of duet

ST. PAUL, LEGIS. 11/5/58
Luncheon, or reception for leg-
islators planned.

MPLS. LEGISL. 11/14/58
Leg. LWV day, Nov. 24. 5-6 PM.
outline for study & review
of st. items prepared, incl.
question sheet on "Abigail",
separation, etc.
3 state flyers sent to
Legislators w. invitation
to luncheon.

OLIVIA, 11/20/58 LEGISLATION
Plan trips to legis. for Seniors.

DULUTH, LEGISLATION, 11/20/58
Fact sheets on big 3 to be s
sent out w. Jan. bulletins.
May visit Legislature.

NEW RICHLAND, 12/58, LEGISLATIVE
Inquiring of good date to bring
students to Legislature, Mr.
Searle being helpful. Very low
membership in League.

ST. PAUL, LEGISLATION, 12/3/58
Plan reception for members of
legislature, 3rd week Jan. at
Mrs. Springstad's home

MINNETONKA, LEG., 12/4/58
May tour capitol in March

ALEXANDRIA, LEGIS. 12/9/58
Report of interview w. legis.
Lofvegren reported only 10
Conservatives in Senate who
are Republicans. Well planned
meeting, only 12 L mem. came,
but excellent publicity, news

NEW RICHLAND, LEGIS., 3/3/59
Mtg. to hear report of 2 Seniors
who visited legislature, report
also by L. member on Reap., Elect
Laws, studies, and on Cletter.

ALEXANDRIA, P.D., 3/2/59
Good editorial note preceding
"enie meenie" press release
for MEA on P.D.,

WASECA, LEGISLATION, 3/3/59
St. Nurses Assoc. wrote
asked & L. support on bill for
licensing of nurses. "That we
might watch for bill & perhaps
write Rep. Searle."

GRANITE FALLS, LEG., 3/3/59
1 L.V. mem. attended Leg. Day, at
Capitol, had lunch with legisla-
and senator.

MFIS., LEG., 3/13/59
Sug. for next year, have 1 mtg.
and Leg. Chm. from each unit to
be trained to take own unit on
tour. at convenient time.
clear dates with city office
(perhaps state office, too) do
all visiting in 1st 6 weeks of
Legislature.

A. LAKE LAND, LEG., 2/24/59
L. report
L. will drive H.S. students to
Leg. on 2 days

PARK RAPIDS, LEG., State Progr
Prefer minority problems as s
state item to proposed program

NO. ST. PAUL LEG., 2/26/59
Had lunch with Legislators
Feb. 17. Leg. Tour in
March, 1st week.

ARDEN HILLS, LEGIS., 4/7/59
St. Chm. recon. that in legis.
yr. ALLV state study
should be primarily based
on attending Leg. Observers
Course.

H. LEBING, LEGIS., 2/24/59
March 16-17, Tour Legislature

EXCELSIOR, ORG., 2/16/59
Apr. 9 or 16 Ann. meeting.
Rabbi Plaut on Ethics, to speak.

OLIVER, LEGISLATION, 2/19/59
Kiwanis can't send Juniors from
High School to legislature this
year, but Trojan Seed Com. will.
L.V. will sponsor Seniors as
usual, March 10 or 11. April mtg.
includes husbands, will hear Sen
Leuerman speak.

EXCELSIOR, LEG., 3/16/59
Ann. Din. to be April 16
Rabbi Plaut speaks on Ethics
at Lyman Lodge at-G

League of Women Voters

ANOKA, MINNESOTA

September 30, 1957

Mrs. H. Mantis
2532 Buford Avenue
St. Paul 8, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Mantis,

The Anoka League is looking forward to having a State Board Member meet with them at their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd. I think that perhaps the easiest way for you to find the meeting would be to come to my house first at it is probably the closest to the Anoka city limits.

I would suggest that you take Highway Number 10 all the way from St. Paul to the edge of Anoka--then turn left at the Phillips 66 station (there is a rollerskating rink on the other corner). This is Queen's Lane, and I live three blocks from the highway on the left hand side of the street at the bottom of the hill. The carport light will be on and the house number is 1002. We meet at 8 P.M., so if you could be here any time after 7 to 7:45.

Hope that you don't have any trouble finding me--I'll be waiting for you.

Sincerely,

Betty Kemake

(Mrs. Richard)

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September 17, 1958

Local League Legislative Chairman

Rockville

Alexandria

Anoka

Austin

Brainerd

Edina 462-8420

Falcon Heights 255-2780

Golden Valley 455-6229

Grand 1-8186

St. Cloud

St. Paul

South St. Paul

Waseca

Wells

West St. Paul

Municipal

Nancy R. Roderick (Richard)

Mrs. S. H. Butts

Mrs. William Fletcher

Mrs. J. G. Hunting, Jr.

Mrs. H. H. H. Brown

Mrs. A. J. Nash

Mrs. E. J. Meehan

Mrs. Byron Storlie

Mrs. Robert Aschul

Mrs. Herbert Lohman

Mrs. C. John Berg

Mrs. Norman Little

Mrs. Eugene Staffenson

Mrs. Ethel Spavin

Mrs. E. A. Ingleson

Emm Edgar Kuderberg

Emm Edgar Kuderberg

me 3-4793
3031 Simpson 13

1101 Douglas

10320 Mississippi Blvd., N. 1/

1304 Baudler Avenue

1813 Graydon Avenue

3905 Grimes Lane (24)

1680 Northrup, St. Paul 8

1885 Hampshire Lane, Mpls 27

Spring Park, Minnesota

1512 Kalian Blvd

1979 Goodrich

600 8th Avenue North

523 6th Avenue SE

225 S. Broadway

1172 Kruse

Local Leagues with no Legislative Chairman, but only one State

Ja 5-2882

Afton-Lakeville

Arden Hills 255-3616

Emdell

Circle Pines

Columbia Heights 8-6154

Deer River

Duluth

Hopkins 468-2597

Jackson

Maplewood-Richmond

New Richmond

New Ulm

Red Wing

Robbville

St. Anthony Village

Virginia

Weymouth

Phyllis G. Gab-2209 Mrs. Russell Fredrickson

Mrs. George J. Olson

Mrs. Kenneth Ryan (Bart)

Mrs. Grayce Olson

Mrs. Ronald Laffen

Mrs. Roy Milton

Mrs. Richard Winchester

Mrs. Donald Myers, Jr.

Mrs. Jerry Sorenson

Mrs. Buldo Solstead

Mrs. Walter Maise

Mrs. David Openberg

Mrs. Frank Patton

Mrs. Gene Robinson

Mrs. Elton L. Johnson

Mrs. James Gooden

Mrs. Thomas Steinhilber

Mrs. Lew Stinner Jr.

St. L. Stillwater

2021 Glen Paul - 4 Chagrin

Box 251

123 South Drive Chagrin

1430 NE 14th Street NE

St. J. Jayata

306 Leicester Ave

601 Drillane Road (Chgo.)

Lee Avenue

Leiter Prairie

141 Canalback Road

161 16th

701 N. Keller Farmway (17)

2605 29th Ave NE

329 So. 6th Street

237 S. Manitoba

76 Crocus Lga Cl

Other Leagues

Battle Lake

Birdwood 462-8420 - Ca 2-2013 2287

Bloomington Virginia Olson Warren 1-6086 - 8514 Elliott Mpls 20

Buffalo

Cass Lake

Crystal

Excelsior

Fergus Falls

Granite Falls

Hibbing

Mahometti Mrs Russell Fredrickson 76 Crocus ga 6-2209

Minnetonka Village

Woodhead

North St. Paul

Olivia

Quatoma Mrs William Barwick 146 E. Rie

Park Rapids

Richfield

Robbinsdale

Rocheater

Provisional Leagues

Brooklyn Center

Dec 11, 1958

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Our Dec 9th meeting landed on the front page of the Park Region Echo.

Our turn out was good to fair but the verbal exchange was superb!

We enjoyed every minute of it and I think our legislators did, too. They certainly can have no doubts about our feelings now!

Best Wishes,

Shirley Weidner

Oct. 11, 1957

Dear Mrs. Mantis:

Our board meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 16 at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. John Shank, 5 Birchwood Ave. I am enclosing a map which I hope will get you here without too much difficulty. I suggest Highway 36 straight out east as the simplest route.

I am also enclosing an agenda for the meeting.

Please call me at Garden 6-3584 if you have any questions. We shall look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Evelyn Hordick

MAR 10 1959

306 Leicester Avenue
Duluth 5, Minnesota
March 8, 1959

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

Mesdames:

We have contacted three of our five representatives from the 57th, 58th, and 59th Districts. Mr. Moreen says that there is great possibility that the bill H.F. 947 will pass the House, Mr. Arne Warwick of the 58th had not read the bill yet and wouldn't say anything, and Mr. Willard Munger of the 59th, thought that there was a possibility of its passage, but his chief concern at this point was in his bills (4 of them) on water and water pollution.

We were not able to reach Mr. Jack Peterson or Mr. Francis LaBrosse.

Sincerely,

Sylvia H. Myers
Mrs. Donald H. Myers
League of Women Voters of Duluth

NOV 24 1958

Olivia, Minn -

Nov. 21 - 58.

The League of Women Voters M. Mont
attention Legislative Comm. - Office -
The return

Dear Madames - The Olivia
League is planning to send its
Senior Class & Junior Class
to the State Legislative on two
separate days. Will you please
give us two (2) dates for
the second week in February.

Yours truly

Helen E. Winter
Secretary

Mrs. Morse Winter
603 E. DePue Ave
Olivia, Minn

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
15th and Washington Avenues S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minnesota FE 8-8791

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DATE: November 25, 1958
TO: Mrs. Morse Winter, Olivia, Minn.
FROM: Roberta Williams
SUBJECT: Legislative Tour

What an experience it should be for your junior and senior class to have a trip through the state Legislature. I'm sending you a copy of the new sheet on "Legislative Responsibilities" which tells you in the last paragraph how to go about setting up such a tour. Should think your representative would be glad to help with such a worthwhile project.

LIST OF LWW LOBBYISTS WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR 1959 LEGISLATIVE SESSION - April 25, 1958
(1 copy in Leg. Committee file, office-
2 copies to M. Mantis)

Metropolitan Area

<u>League</u>	<u>Name & Address & Telephone</u>	<u>Interest</u>
St. Louis Pk.	Mrs. G. M. Felland, 4300 Cedarwood Road, Wa6-5495	Reapportionment
St. Louis Pk.	Mrs. M. D. Himmelman, 3209 Jersey S., We9-2432	Reapportionment
St. Louis Pk.	Mrs. James H. Smith, 13424 Texas Ave., We8-4676	Party Designation
St. Louis Pk.	Mrs. E. C. Davidson, 2510 Kylon Ave., Li5-5514	Reapo. and CC.
Richfield	Mrs. H. Bidwell Wiesner, 7526 12 Ave. S., UN6-5709	C.C.
Bloomington	Mrs. Warren C. Olson, 8514 Elliot Ave. S., Tu-1-6086	Reap. and P.D.
Bloomington	Mrs. Arthur Bachler, Jr., 9324 James Ave. S., Tu-3-4176	Reap. and P.D.
Edina	Mrs. Roger Hawkinson, 5945 Fairfax, Wa2-1105	Reap.
Edina	Mrs. Olin S. Lutes, 16049 Dawn Drive, Hopkins	
Edina	Mrs. A. J. Wash, 3905 Grimes Lane, Wa 6-8420	CC
Edina	Mrs. H. R. Nichols, 4306 Sunnyside Rd., Wa 2-7431	
Edina	Mrs. Elmer Tang, 5400 Oxford	
Minnetonka	Mrs. Olin S. Lutes, 16049 Dawn Drive, Hopkins	Reapportionment
Minnetonka	Mrs. Donald Long, 4801 Barbara Drive, Hopkins, We8-5054	Reapportionment
Minnetonka	Mrs. H. Herman Odt, 3413 Druid Lane, , GR 3-6056	Reap. & CC (See DA)
Minneapolis	Mrs. Theodore Olson, 4752 16 Ave. So., Pa2-6902	Reapportionment
Bloomington	Mrs. Robt McCarthy, 9212 11 Ave. Sol, Tu2908	Reapportionment
G. Valley	Mrs. E. Robert Schwartz, 5201 Olson Hwy, Li5-9037	either
?	Mrs. Ralph Howe, 6000 Osseo Road, Ke7-2398	
<u>Outstate</u>		
Alexandria	Mrs. W. A. Bloom, 1207 Irving, Alexandria	
Brainerd	Mrs. Warren Murphy, 215 A. St., Brainerd	Reapportionment
Alexandria	Mrs. Sidney Buttz, 1101 Douglas, Alexandria Re3-5918	Both
Duluth	Mrs. Arthur Welch, 221 Arrowhead Rd., Duluth, Ra81594	Reapportionment
Duluth	Mrs. John Carney, 602 N. 27 Ave. E., Ra 8-2095	
Duluth	Mrs. John Berdie, 608 Woodland, Duluth, Ra4-2582	
Duluth	Mrs. James W. Smith, 2811 E. Superior St., Duluth, Ra4-8656	
Hibbing	Mrs. J. Neumaier, 2206 E. 9th Hibbing, AM 5-6306	
Hibbing	Mrs. C. N. Andreen, 2411 2nd Ave. W., Hibbing, AM36240	
Virginia	Mrs. Thos C. Huff, 723 Douglas, Eveleth, Minn.	
Moorhead	Mrs. R. S. Lamski, 102 8 Ave. S., Moorhead 5-2521	
Moorhead	Mrs. Stanley Bristol, 1920 5 St. So., Moorhead 3-4412	
	Mrs. John Gletne, 721 5 St. So., Moorhead, 3-0761	
Mark Rapids	Miss Arlie Sutherland, Park Rapids, 741W2	Party Designation
F. Falls	Mrs. R. A. Wicker sham, 234 S. Lakeside Drive, F. Falls 3300	Party Designatio
Worthington	Voters Service cham. ?	
Worthington	Mrs. A. O. Satre, 607 Lake, recommended by others, no there herself	
New Ulm	Mrs. Walter J. Gareis, 912 N. German	
Granite Falls	Mrs. John Lundquist	
Granite Falls	Mrs. Rudolph Ehrenberg, (perhaps	

Moved to Mpls.

10413. *Obesophis*

I will ____ will not ____ be able to attend the banquet, May 20th, Lowry Hotel. Attached is my check for \$4.00 ____; my reservation has been made by my League - yes (____), no (____).

I am ____ am not ____ interested in attending Gov. Committee or Interim Commission meetings.

(signed) _____

We plan to have a special table for the Legislative Observers at the State LWV Convention banquet, May 20, 6:30 p.m., Lowry Hotel, St. Paul. Will you please fill out and return the attached card to address below, by May 13th? You will note there is also a place for you to indicate your wishes about attending Governor's Committees and Interim Commission meetings as observerw during the next two years - if we are able to set up this program.

Mary Mantis, State Legislative Chm.
LWV of Minnesota, 15th & Washington
Aves.S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

February 27, 1959

MEMO: To Legislative Observers
FROM: Mary Mantis, State Legislative Chairman
RE: Next OBSERVERS DAY is THURSDAY, March 12

9:30 Governor's Dining Room
10:30 Senate Gallery
12 To be arranged
1 Lunch, Highway Cafeteria
1:15 Speaker from Legislative Research Council

As Legislative Observers, you have visited House & Senate Committees, have heard Liberal and Conservative leaders, been addressed by legislative & executive appointees. Is it worthwhile? Any suggestions?

Sen. Rosenmeier,

Will you be able to get
away to spend to us at

11:00 ? 11:15 ? 11:30 ?

(in Governor's Dining Room)

Mrs. Guthrie

League of Women Voters

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LEGISLATIVE OBSERVERS

This year we are initiating a new program - that of Legislative Observers. Any League is invited to take an active part in this program, but we are not specifically asking Leagues beyond the suburban areas of the Twin Cities to participate because we know that the expense and bad weather would probably make this impossible.

We have felt for a long time the need for a training program for future lobbyists. Many more women would help out at the Legislature if they could go as observers rather than lobbyists, and this experience would be valuable to the potential lobbyists because it would familiarize them with the ins and outs of lawmaking and lawmakers.

Naturally local Leagues must carry the burden of persuading their particular legislators but in areas where we have no Leagues, this burden falls on state League lobbyists who are few (about twenty) in number but experts in their fields. To train lobbyists for future sessions we are setting up a new group, the Legislative Observers.

How will it work? Each League in the five counties (Ramsey, Hennepin, Anoka, Washington and Dakota) should contribute four observers. Each observer will be assigned to a committee in the Legislature when we have a "School for Observers," probably the second week in January. At "school" the observer will be told about the different committees, when they meet, etc. Each observer can then indicate her committee preference and details on her assignment will be mailed to her later.

Here is an opportunity to try out some of your resource and board members who are interested in legislative procedure. We hope that no observer will be required to spend more than 15 hours during the session.

We would like to have the names, addresses and telephone numbers of your observers by December 10th, if possible. We also hope that you will let us know what you think of this plan and what additional data you feel you will need in order to provide these observers. We need to know the approximate number of people who are interested in being observers in order to arrange for a large enough room and enough supplies of material.

Please return to state office by December 10th.

LEGISLATIVE OBSERVERS

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

LEGISLATIVE OBSERVERS COURSE

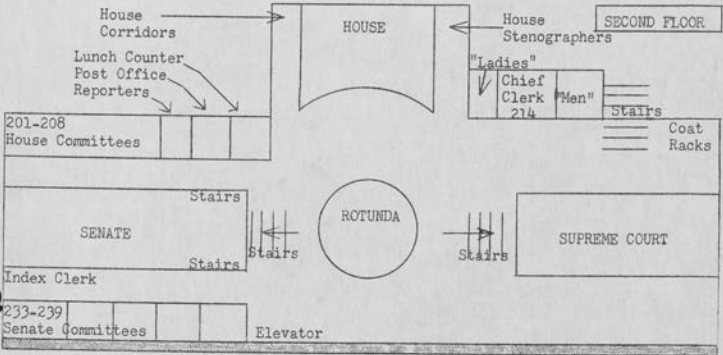
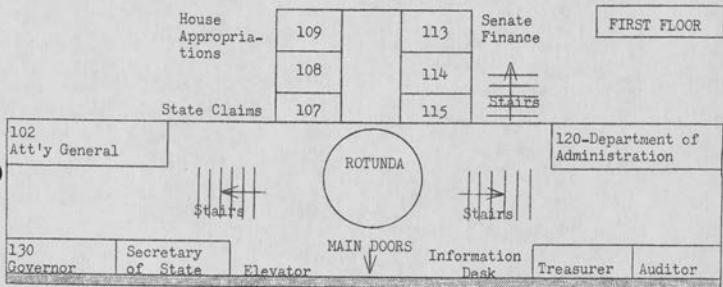
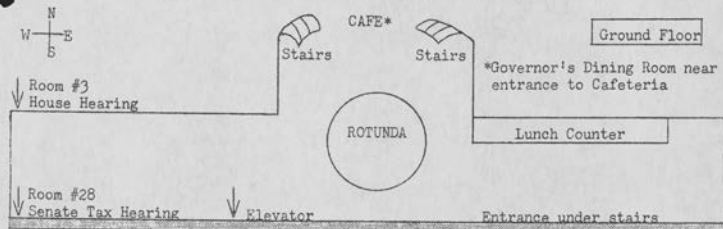
Ninety Days of Lawmaking in Minnesota - A Go-See Tour

Object: To learn legislative procedures
Textbook: Ninety Days of Lawmaking in Minnesota
Material: Lobby by Letter Kit

The general plan will be to meet at 10 A.M. every other Wednesday in the Weyerhaeuser Room of the Historical Society (Cedar St. and Central Avenue, next door to the Capitol) to have a discussion of the subject for the day, then a half hour speech by a legislator, then a Go-See tour to see in action the subject we have just discussed. We plan to spotlight special events such as the joint session of the legislature to elect the University Regents, etc.

- January 14 - Explanation of Observers Course - Lunch hour & place to be announced
Introduction to the Legislature - Representative Sally Luther
Welcome by Governor Orville Freeman
Scheduled Capitol Tour
Governor's Budget Message
Orientation Session for "Freshmen" Legislators - on Drafting and
Processing of Bills, by George Leahy, Chief Clerk of House,
following Governor's Address - League members welcome in gallery
- January 28 - Organization of House and House Committees - George Leahy, Chief Clerk
of the House
- February 11 - Organization of Senate and Senate Committees - Senator John M. Zwach
- February 25 - How a Bill becomes a Law
- March 11 - Legislative Research Committee, Interim Committees and their reports
Speaker, Louis Dorweiler, Director of Research, LRC
- March 28 - Progress report on League legislation
- April 8 - Conference Committees, use of special orders, compromises, and problems
of the jam up in the last two weeks
- April 22 - Last day of the session. Those who wish may come for the final curtain
or clock covering.

SIMPLIFIED MAP OF MINNESOTA CAPITOL, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA



Pick up House Journals in Room 214, Senate Journals in Room 234.

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Legislative Observers attending Banquet

May 20, 1959

Mrs. Clyde L. Anderson

Mrs. Paul Boyer

Lucille O. Buttz

Mrs. Neal Anderson

Mrs. Paul Fischer

Mrs. Elton Johnson

Mrs. Robert Johnson

Bernice Lipove

Mrs. Clyde McDonald

Mrs. D. H. Penn *etius*

Mrs. J. H. P. Pierson

Mrs. Mansell Piper

Mrs. E. C. Roberson

Mrs. Gene Robinson

Mrs. Francis Schneider

Mrs. Frank A. Steldt

Mrs. Joyce Thomforde

Mrs. Hanley M. Thompson

Mrs. U. Tulagin

Mrs. Richard Winchester

M 14

March 4, 1959

Senator Stanley Holmquist
Minnesota Senate
State Capitol
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Senator Holmquist,

I want to thank you, for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, for your efforts in behalf of the Constitutional Convention bill. Your constant support of this measure, which to us seems to be of basic importance, is greatly appreciated by all of us in the League. Someday, perhaps, if we can interest enough other people, we can celebrate a victory.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O. H. Anderson, President

March 4, 1959

Senator A. M. Keith
Minnesota Senate
State Capitol
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Senator Keith,

I want to thank you for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota for taking the time to speak to our group of observers on February 26th. Your description of the problems of law-making, especially as a new member of the minority group in the Senate, was most interesting to all of us. We do want to thank you, too, for your efforts on behalf of bills which are of such great interest to League members.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O. H. Anderson, President

M. Naftalin

Similar letters sent on Feb. 20 to: Fred Cina
Senator Zwach
Arthur Naftalin
John Finnegan
Richard Kleeman
J. Mc Donald

March 4, 1959

Joseph M. Robertson
Commissioner of Taxation
State Capitol
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Robertson,

I want to thank you for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota for taking the time to speak to our group of observers on February 26th. Your lucid explanation of the tax situation - a complicated problem for all of us to understand - was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O. H. Anderson, President

M. Mantis

April 17, 1959

Representative George Wangersteen
State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Wangersteen,

Thank you so much for being so generous with your time in speaking to our Legislative Observers on April 8th. Your comments on the Ethics Bill were most interesting and we were glad to see that the revised bill passed the House Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

Mary
Mrs. Homer Mantis,
Legislative Chairman

Mary Mantis

April 17, 1959

Mr. Joseph Bright
Revisor of Statutes
State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Bright,

Thank you for being so generous with your time in speaking to our
Legislative Observers, on April 3. Your explanation of your duties
and responsibilities as revisor of statutes was most interesting to
all of us.

Sincerely,

M. Mantis

Mrs. Homer Mantis
Legislative Chairman

Mantis

April 17, 1959

Representative Peter Popovich
State Capitol
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Popovich,

I want to thank you for being so generous with your time, in speaking to our group of Legislative Observers on April 8th. We appreciate that you have a strong interest in reapportionment, and know that you have spent a good deal of time and effort in seeking to get a statute passed.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Hoyer Mantis

Legislative Chairman

M. Mantis

April 17, 1959

Senator Donald Fraser
State Capitol
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Senator Fraser,

Thank you so much for being generous with your time, especially in speaking to our group of Legislative Observers recently. Your explanation of the status of the Home Rule bill was most interesting to us, who have been so concerned with this legislation. Your efforts in this field have been wonderful, even though you didn't win all you wanted; it is an improvement over the 60% requirement.

Sincerely,

Mary
Mrs. Homer Mantis,
Legislative Chairman

M. Mantis

April 18, 1959

Prof. Harold W. Chase,
Ford Hall 388
University of Minnesota

Dear Mr. Chase,

Thank you so much for being so generous with your time, especially in speaking to our group of Legislative Observers on March 12. We do appreciate your interest in our League program, your appearance on our EUOM series, and your conversation with the Board at our meeting on March 5th.

Sincerely,

Mary
Mrs. Homer Mantis
Legislative Chairman

MAY 28 1959

DONALD FRASER
SENATOR 29TH DISTRICT
813 7TH ST. S. E.
MINNEAPOLIS 14, MINNESOTA



State of Minnesota
SENATE

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May 25, 1959

Mrs. Homer Mantis,
Legislative Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th and Washington Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Mantis:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 17, 1959.

I am sorry we did not do better on most of the projects in which the League was interested but I am sure you are aware of the feeling of many of us that the League of Women Voters provides one of the most important services for better government that we have functioning at the state level.

I enjoyed talking with the group on the home rule bill and if I can ever be of service in any way, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Fraser", written over a horizontal line.

Donald M. Fraser
State Senator, 29th District

f/l

June 8, 1959

Mrs. Dorothy Jacobson
Administrative Assistant to the Governor
State Capitol
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Jacobson,

I want to thank you so much for speaking at one of our Legislative Observers Days in April. It was interesting and informative and made us feel much better acquainted with the functioning of government. And also you have been helpful many times when we have turned to you by telephone, or in your office, for help or contacts or suggestions when we were making our plans. We expect to be there in force -- as observers -- for many more sessions, and wish the same to you.

Sincerely,

Mary Mantis
Mrs. Homer Mantis,
Legislative Chairman

June 8, 1959

Senator Gordon Rosenmeier
State Senate
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Senator Rosenmeier,

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Marg Mantis
Mrs. Homer Mantis
Legislative Chairman

cc Mantis, office

June 8, 1959

Representative Wm. L. Shovell
Minnesota House of Representatives
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

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Wm. Mantis
Mrs. Homer Mantis
Legislative Chairman

I'm delighted to see so many of you
here to attend our short course in
90 days of Lawmaking.

A quick look at our schedule. Our
object is to learn as much as possible
about how our legislature operates.

In a text book - we will use 90 Days of
Lawmaking. I also hope you'll have
the Lobby by Letter Kit + a subscription
to Capital Letter.

We will meet every other week 2nd +
4th Wed. -

Plan -

No time schedule - details must be planned
later. ^{since we meet every 2 weeks}
_{no examinations}

As you can see ¹ this is truly a
pilot course in political science!

Best there's a chance for
~~Now~~ for the extra credit.

For those of you who like to attend the legislature every week - you may want to attend a committee meetings. You may pick taxes, education, highways - or you may wish to follow reapportionment or party d. or the c.c. bill. This you may choose and attend on your own. We will not formally organize your committee visits, although we will give you all the help possible to help you get started.

At the end of the course you will receive a
Your diploma - for actively participating
in the 1959 Legislative Sessions.

Bipartite Graphs

Bipartisan Committee Members

DFL

Mr. William Carlson
115 University Avenue
St. Paul

Mrs. Williams

Mr. Gerald Dillon
432 Forest Avenue
Minneapolis

FE 2-2583 Fe 6-4231 Betty Green

Mr. Kingsley Holman
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Tu 1-0224

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Mrs. Lucille Blank Hu 9-5900
1170 Eldridge Ave
Roseville

Mrs. Marian Dallera
112 Ridge Road
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Dr. Henry Karda
Pelican Rapids

Mrs. Inez Madsen
416 Lake Street
Worthington

Mr. John Mooty Wa 2-2132
6013 Ewing Ave. S.
Edina

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DFL Exec Secty Kline Olsen
Rep Exec Secty Herbert O. Johnson

DECEMBER 8, 1958 MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
Republican Party League of Women Voters Democratic- Farmer-Labor Party

PRESENT: Mrs. Mantis, Miss Salisbury, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Guthrie, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. O'Connor;
and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Williams (staff) of League
Mrs. Bixby, Miss Anderson, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Heberling, Mr. Mooty(?), of Republicans
Mr. Olson and 4 others from DFL.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To discuss if there are ways in which the 3 groups can work together
on Party Designation, Reapportionment and Constitutional Convention.

AGENDA: Brief review of our cooperation through Bi-Partisan Committee in past - Mrs. Mantis

Reapportionment - what is the situation today? - Miss Salisbury

What problems have we encountered in past in getting our program passed - Group
Discussion

What plans shall we make for this session?

League plans, League publications - Mrs. Mantis, and other Leaguers

Party Plans - Republicans? DFL's? - Is it possible to get party people in each
Legislative District where there are no Leagues? If so, how will they
coordinate their efforts with the League?

Bi-Partisan Committee
1/15/58

DFL

Mr. William Carlson
145 University Avenue
St. Paul

Mrs. A. V. Maki
520 7th St.
North St. Paul

Mr. Gerald Dillon
432 Forest Avenue
Minneapolis

Mrs. Robert Green
4377 Wooddale Avenue
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Dr. C. F. McGuigan
400 S. Hill
Marshall M

Republican

Mr. John Mooty
6013 Ewing Avenue S.
Minneapolis

Mrs. H. G. Dillingham
403 Portland Ave
St. Paul

~~Mrs. C. E. Howard~~
~~Excelsior~~

Mr. Otis Godfrey Jr.
444 Minnesota Ca. 2-3162
St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Eldon Pritz
2810 Overlook Drive
Bloomington, Minn

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

15th and Washington Avenue SE, Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Telephone 8-8771

January 6, 1959

(To Member B. P. Corn — and Mrs. M. & H. M. M. M.)

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Mrs. Homer Mantis, Legislative
Chairman, LWV of Minnesota



1 (will - will not) attend Bipartisan Committee Meeting January 13, 11:30.

1 would like a subscription to Capitol Letter, \$1.00 enclosed.

Signed: _____

(name and address)

Mr. George Farr
Executive Secretary
Democratic Farmer-Labor Party
6 East Franklin Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Farr:

At the September meeting to consider the future of the Bi-partisan Committee, the participants seemed very keen about continuing its existence, and it was suggested that the League of Women Voters assume the responsibility of notifying members about upcoming meetings.

We will be happy to do this, and it is our understanding that the following people will serve on the committee for the LWV: Mr. Wm. S. Carlson, Mrs. A. T. Wahl, Mr. Gerald Miller, Mrs. Robert Green, and Mr. McWhiggon. We do not have the full name and address for Mr. McWhiggon, so perhaps you could straighten this out for us.

We are looking forward to future meetings of the Bi-partisan Committee.

Very truly yours,

cc: Mr. S. Carlson
MS/p

Mrs. Homer Martin
Legislative Chairman

April 8, 1958

Mr. William Carlson
145 University Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Carlson:

The Bipartisan Committee will meet for lunch at 12 noon, April 29, Room 355 of Cushman Union. Could you let us know by Friday, April 25th, whether or not you will be able to attend?

You might like to know that the Party Designation talks were very well received at the League's Area Conference. One recurring question seemed to be whether political parties financed individual campaigns at the present time, or whether they would assume more responsibility for financing candidates if there were party designation.

We will look forward to seeing you on the 29th.

Many: Be sure to
add "PS" on Carlson's letter

M/p

Very truly yours,

Mary Mantle
Legislative Chairman

Same letter sent to all members
Bipartisan Committee except John Mooney
& Bill Carlson who were asked
to prepare press statements



April 14, 1958

Mrs. Ernest Williams
South Fourth Street and Highway 12
Stillwater, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Williams:

I was so pleased to learn of your appointment to the Bipartisan Committee. There will be a meeting of that committee on April 29th at 12 noon, Coffman Memorial Union, Room 355, University of Minnesota. We would appreciate your writing or calling the League office before Friday, April 25th, to let us know whether or not you will be able to attend.

The panels on Party Designation at the LNV Area Conferences were very successful. One recurring question was whether parties provided campaign funds for candidates at the present time, and whether the parties would assume more responsibility for financing campaigns if there were Party Designation.

I will look forward to seeing you on the twenty-ninth.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Homer Mantle
Legislative Chairman

HM/p

April 14, 1958

Mr. William Carlson
145 University Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Thursday, May 22nd, Professor J. William Buchta will address the Biennial Council Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota on "The Moral Obligation of the Scientist in Shaping the Political World."

We would be honored if you and other members of the Bipartisan Committee would be our guests for luncheon at that time, 12:30 pm in the Hotel Lowry Ballroom.

Could you let us know by May 19th whether or not you will be able to attend? We will hope to see you.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Homer Mantis
Legislative Chairman

ms/p

cc other members Bipartisan Committee

STATEMENT OF POSITION ON RE-APPORTIONMENT
OF G.C.P. MEMBERS OF BI-PARTISAN COMMITTEE

1. Equitable reapportionment of the State Legislature is imperative.
2. Pending litigation in Federal District Court indicates that the current legislature may have no alternative except to reapportion itself in accord with present constitutional requirements.
3. However, support exists for introducing area as a factor in apportionment of one of the two houses.
4. If the legislature concludes that the supporters of the area factor are sufficiently large in number, we believe the legislature should submit a constitutional amendment to the people proposing an area factor in one of the two houses.
5. Any constitutional amendment should provide for mandatory enforcement procedure.
6. Not all proponents of reapportionment agree on the specific plan that should be adopted.
7. In order that the Bi-Partisan Committee may maximize its effectiveness and may serve as a common vehicle for all proponents of reapportionment, not permitting differences in specific plans to defeat the common objective of its members, we submit that the Committee should promote the over-all cause of reapportionment and refrain from limiting its support to a specific plan or plans.

Party designation Row 302.

STATEMENT OF GOP POSITION

1. At the last meeting of the Bi-Partisan Committee, the GOP members presented a statement of position on reapportionment expressing the basic principles which the two parties and the League of Women Voters might agree to support.
2. The GOP position urged reapportionment authorized area as a factor in one House and insisted upon mandatory enforcement proceedings.
3. The adoption of such a statement of principles could have provided much needed publicity and could have served to enhance the prospects of any reapportionment proposal that satisfied the general principles enunciated.
4. The DFL refused to support this position in a rather obvious attempt to force the Committee to accept a specific proposal favored by the DFL.
5. A bi-partisan committee is dependent for success upon its members stressing areas of agreement rather than constantly endeavoring to promote areas of disagreement.
6. The DFL strategy has been quite simple - either force the GOP to agree or to blast the GOP for non-cooperation.
7. The DFL is trying the same "either agree or else" tactics on us that they have recently used within their own party in firing legislative leaders who dared to differ with the Governor.
8. If the DFL wants to destroy the Bi-Partisan Committee as an expedient to gain some partisan publicity that is their privilege, but we wish to point out that such publicity would provide the opponents of the measures supported by the Bi-Partisan Committee with just exactly the ammunition they need to kill these measures in the closing days of the current session.
9. If the DFL feels that their gain from a partisan press release is more important than the causes supported by the Bi-Partisan Committee, we, of course, have no way to prevent this unfortunate action.
10. The League of Women Voters and many members of both political parties have expended considerable time and money on behalf of the issues supported by the Bi-Partisan Committee. Thanks to the efforts of the League of Women Voters and a group of young lawyers in this State who have sought to obtain a Federal Court Order which would in practical effect require reapportionment, we have the best chance of obtaining reapportionment in this session that we have had in a long time. The Republican party would regret having this opportunity destroyed due to overzealous partisanship by the members of the Bi-Partisan Committee.

File - Mantis

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

Federal 8-8771

January 6, 1959

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Mantis
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Authorized and
League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Signed: _____

(name and address)

Mr. John Mooty
Republican member, Bipartisan Committee
6015 Ewing Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 18, 1958

Dear Mr. Mooty,

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Homer Mantis
Legislative Chairman

P.S. I will be getting in touch with you by phone...perhaps we can meet for lunch on June 26...

Mr. William Carlson
DFL Member Bipartisan Committee (copy to Mrs. Maki)
145 University Ave.
St. Paul, Minnesota

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The Covering Letter to the Candidate would be:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR PARTY OF MINNESOTA REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA
July 22, 1958

Dear Candidate for the Legislature,

There are three basic reforms needed in Minnesota government in the opinion of the two political parties and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota -- constitutional convention, legislative reapportionment and party designation for legislators. Because we feel that citizens of Minnesota are interested in these measures, we are sending a questionnaire to all candidates for the legislature, asking their stands on these three questions.

On receiving the answers we will inform the major newspapers in each legislative district so that they may print this information.

We will consider it a real service to good government if you as a candidate for the legislature will answer the enclosed questionnaire, send one copy to us in the enclosed return envelope by August 1st, and keep the other copy for your own files.

Sincerely,

Mr. _____ Officer DFL Party
Mr. _____ Officer Republican Party
Mrs. O. E. Anderson, President LWV of Minnesota

The Legislative Questionnaire would be:

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR PARTY OF MINNESOTA REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

1958 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME.....AGE.....
ADDRESS.....COUNTY.....
HOUSE OR SENATE.....DISTRICT.....

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

- A. Education
- B. Occupation
- C. What particular training and experience have you had that would qualify you for this office?
-

CANDIDATES STAND ON ISSUES

Please indicate whether you favor, oppose, or are undecided on the following items. Please use empty space for additional comments.

	Favor	Oppose	Undecided
A Constitutional Convention	---	---	---
Legislative Reapportionment	---	---	---
Party Designation for Legislators	---	---	---

Note to Bipartisan Committee: The questionnaire will be spread out, on two sides of one piece of paper. If it is decided to eliminate Biographical Information, it will take just 1 side of a piece of paper.

LEARNING DAY
WORKSHOP

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

Legislative Day, February 18, 1959

State Highway Building, Room 513

9.30 Registration

10 Welcome and Introduction, Mrs. Homer Mantis, State
Legislative Chairman

League Lobbyists Reporting

Home Rule - Anne Green

Reapportionment Amendment - Betty Kane

Reapportionment Statute - Anne Green

Party Designation - Luverne Graham

Constitutional Convention - Wilma Davidson

FEPC - Mrs. Watsch

Election Laws - Louise Kuderling

10:30 League and the Press

Mr. John Finnegan, Editorial Writer, St. Paul Pioneer
Press and Dispatch - How Editorials are Chosen

Mr. John McDonald, Political Reporter, Minneapolis
Tribune - General legislation and League program

Mr. Richard Kleeman, Education Reporter, Minneapolis
Tribune - Education Legislation

11 Open Discussion on League Program

11:30 House Hearing on Reapportionment, Room 3
League members will testify

1 PM Lunch - Highway Building Cafeteria

1:15 Talk on Reorganization of Government - Arthur Naftalin
Commissioner of Administration

Representative Farwell felt that H F 30 was the best effort
so far toward a real compromise

Mr. — Levy testified in behalf of the DFL
party presenting statistics to indicate the severe lack of
representation in some areas.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ST. PAUL

Legislative Day, March 18, 1959

9:30	Welcome and introduction	Mrs. C. John Berg Mrs. Howard Mayne Legislative Chairman
10:00	Review and Status of "League" Bills	Mrs. Homer Mantis - State Legislative Chairman Mrs. Kenneth Green - State Board Member
	How a Lobbyist Lobbies - Mrs. Mantis	
	What an Observer Observes - Mrs. Tulagin	
	What happens on a "Call for Action" - Mrs. Bare	
11:00	Tour of the Capitol, starting from the rotunda	
12:00	Visit the Senate in session, or committees	
1:00	Lunch - Highway Building Cafeteria	
	Luncheon Speaker - State Treasurer, Val Bjornson	
2:00	House Session begins	

(We are requested not to leave anything in the Weyerhauser Room)

831 Wilkie St.
Red Wing, Minn.
Feb. 13, 1959

Dear Mary,

It was a thrill and an honor for the Red Wing League to be chosen as one of ten to have a member testify before the Reapportionment Committee of the Legislature on the 18th.

We believe we may best serve you, and ourselves, by having Mary Miller as our representative. She has a keen interest in reapportionment and the ability to view the subject without prejudice.

I told Mary I would write to you at once, as

she would like to know
how much time she
is to have.

Again our thanks
for this favor - a
number of us will be
on hand for an
exciting day.

Sincerely,
Selma Brinkman

Mrs. W. R. Miller
521 Will St.
Red Wing, Minn.

1920-53 So. So.
Morehead, Minn.
February 13, 1959

Dear Mrs. Mantie

Because Mrs. Lantz is not planning on attending Legislative Day the 18th and because Mrs. John Gletne and I are planning on being there, I'll answer your letter.

Neither Mrs. Gletne nor I have appeared before a committee hearing. We're not quite sure what you expect from us. Instead of making definite commitments, we'd rather observe. But if after we get there next Wednesday morning you could inform us more, we might feel capable of helping.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Stan Bristol

Feb. 13, 1959

Mrs. Homer Mantis
2352 Buford Ave. #
St. Paul 8, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Mantis:

The Duluth League expects to send a carful down to St. Paul on Wed. Feb. 18 for Legislative Day. (this is of course dependent on our weather). We will prepare a statement from the Duluth League, to be presented to the Reapportionment Committee on that day. Our state item chairman is ill at the present moment so I cannot tell you who will give it. I too, cannot be there but Mrs. Kanter(V.Pres.) expects to go down with several from that committee and she will tell you who will do it. They plan to leave here about 6 a.m. so should be there in plenty of time, to meet in the Highway building.

I am enclosing the slip which tells the number we are sending down on Wed. We cannot give a definite number. Will you please report this to whomever should get the information at the State office, please?

Sorry I cannot be there on Wed. but Mrs. Kanter will handle it very well.

Sincerely,

Kay Welch. (Mrs Arthur B.)
Katherine Welch
Pres.-Duluth League.

3730 First Avenue
Hibbing, Minnesota

February 13, 1959

Mrs. Homer Mantis, State Legislative Chairman
2352 Buford Avenue
St. Paul 8, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Mantis:

The letter from the State Legislative Committee to our president, Mrs. Birkeland, asking her to testify on reapportionment will carry our League along in high spirits for many a month to come. At times we feel so far removed from the scene of action, and this request put us right in the front lines. We are sad that we cannot accept.

It is with a great deal of regret that I tell you that neither Mrs. Birkeland nor I, as her alternate, were able to arrange our family affairs in order to go down to the Legislative Day next Wednesday, February 18. Peggy Birkeland's husband has just left for a world tour ending in India, but my excuse is not so exciting. I just have to plan ahead farther in order to leave a family of three boys and a husband, as you well know.

As I wrote earlier, the reapportionment concensus questions sent to us were unopened, unfortunately, until a short time before the deadline, and so we were late in studying them. It is interesting to see that as a whole our group approved the stand that has now been taken by the State Board. Out of 8 units (including 2 Chisholm groups), only one unit was against amending the Constitution.

We have made plans for a legislative tour March 17 and hope that at least 6 of us will go down. We are keeping in touch with our legislators, Senator Peterson, Rep. Rutter and Rep. Pena.

All of our thoughts and best wishes will be with you on February 18!!! It was such a wonderful experience for me to attend your workshop at the Historical Society in October; I just wish that every one in our League could have the opportunity to be Legislative Chairman.

Sincerely,

Connie Hedtke

Connie Hedtke (Mrs. Harlan D.)

League of Women Voters of Austin

Austin, Minnesota



14 February 1959

Mrs. Homer Mantis, State Legislative Chairman
2352 Buford Avenue
St. Paul 8, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Mantis,

The Austin League will have two representatives at the Legislative Day on February 18th. They will be Mrs. Robert Jacobson and myself. We, or at least I, would be happy to reaffirm the League's position on reapportionment by our presence. If any speaking other than yes or no is required however, I'm afraid I would be of no help at all. I'll leave it to your discretion whether you would like one or both of us to attend the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Marian B. Robinson

Marian B. Robinson
(Mrs. R. W. Robinson, Pres.)
League of Women Voters
of Austin

February 15, 1959

Dear Mrs. Phantis,

I am sorry to inform you that our League will not be able to have a representative in St. Paul to testify before the Reapportionment Committee on Wednesday, February 18th.

Lucille Buttz husband is in New Mexico on business so she will be unable to attend and I have a baby sitting problem this year, in as much as I have to drive our youngest to school & back each day and I have been unable to find someone to do this for me.

We feel very frustrated with our inability to have some one down there - but believe me - our every good wish for success will be sitting on

your Shoulders giving moral support.

Best Wishes

Shirley Widner,

L. D. V. Alexandria

February 14, 1959

Mrs. Homer Martin, Leg. Clk.
2352 Buford Avenue
St. Paul 8, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Martin:

I regret that I personally cannot attend the committee meeting on Disappointment, because I teach school in the mornings. However, Mrs. Walter Harris and Mrs. Philip Truick are making plans to attend. If they should be unable to make it, I will try to notify you Monday by telephone. I certainly hope they can. I will see to it that they have our resource materials.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kermit Kane, Pres.
New Ulm, League of Women Voters

Miss Helmi S. Keto
1010 - 17th Street N.
Virginia, Minn.

February 14, 1959

Mrs. Homer Mantis
2352 Buford Avenue
St. Paul 8, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Mantis:

Thank you very much for the honor of being considered as a member of the committee to meet with the Reapportionment Committee; but, because I teach, I will not be able to accept. Mrs. Harrick, our Legislative chairman, will not be able to attend, either. She leaves for Florida on the 21st.

I hope your meeting will prove to be very successful.

Sincerely,

Helmi Keto

New Richmond, Minnesota
February 12, 1959

Mrs. Homer Montes
State Legislative Chairman
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Montes:

I received the letter from Mrs. Watson this morning, and I will be happy to appear before the Reapportionment Committee on behalf of the League next Wednesday.

We in New Richmond, as part of our Local Current Agenda, are sending our Juniors and Seniors to observe the Legislature in session also on that day. Two of our League members had planned to go along on the bus with them. We plan to leave at 7:45 A.M. that day. It is probable that we may not arrive at 10: A.M. sharp. However we will come to the State Highway Building as soon as possible for our instructions. I have thought that perhaps

a 5-minute speech would be appropriate, and will plan on that if not otherwise instructed.

Very truly yours,
Mr. Paul Zinner
President, LWS of New York

Jackson, Minn.
February 12, 1959

Mrs. Homer Mantie
2352 Buford Avenue
St. Paul 8, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Mantie,

I'm so very sorry, but I won't be able to come Feb. 18th. My husband injured his hand in the corn picker and is still unable to use it, so I have to be here to do the farm chore and to take care of our two small children.

Nor do I seem to be able to find ^{an} alternate. Almost everyone either works or has small children with no one to leave them with.

The few who could possibly go can't drive in this kind of weather and the only bus out of Jackson doesn't leave now until 11:00 o'clock in the morning.

I just received your letter today. I hope this reaches you in time.

Sincerely,
Agnes Olson
(Mrs. Obed T. Olson)

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15th & Washington S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.
091758CCC September 1958

LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 8, 1958, 9:30 to 3 p.m., Weyerhaeuser Room, Historical Building,
Cedar Street and Central Avenue, next door to State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

CHAIRMEN OF THE MEETING: Mrs. Homer Mantis, State Legislative Chairman
Mrs. Donald Guthrie, State Legislative Committee

Two from each local League are invited to attend - make reservations by returning
form at end of this sheet by October 2, to state office.

Fee \$2.50 - payable in advance - covers lunch, kit, luncheon guests, room rent.

A G E N D A

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 Purpose of Workshop

10:30 Arguments against Constitutional Convention - Senator Donald Wright

11:00 Arguments against Party Designation - Senator Daniel Feidt

11:30 Arguments against Reapportionment - Representative Carl Jensen

12:00 Introduction of Historical Museum Director

12:15 Buffet Lunch

1:30 Summary of morning's arguments, and answers to points raised by
Mrs. Kenneth Green, Mrs. William Graham, Mrs. Stanley Kane;
up-to-date information on Election Laws by Mrs. Edgar Kuderling and
Fair Employment legislation by Mrs. Mantis.

Discussion and questions from the floor.

3:00 p.m. Adjourn

Please fill out and return to League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15th & Washington,
S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minnesota by October 2 - enclose check.

Please make ____ reservation(s) for the Legislative Workshop, for October 8, 1958,
at Historical Building in St. Paul. Enclosed find \$ ____ (\$2.50 apiece) for the
following persons.

NAME

ADDRESS

LEAGUE

LWV JOB

REGISTRATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP - October 8, 1958

PAID - \$2.50 - in advance

GUESTS

Mr. Brown, Historical Society
Mr. Jenson, Legislature
Mr. Feidt "
Mr. Wright "
Miss Polsin, Newspaper

STATE BOARD

Mrs. Anderson
Mrs. Janski
Mrs. Whiting
Mrs. Olson
A. LAKELAND

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Mrs. Myers

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Mrs. Kenyon

Mrs. Winchester

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Mrs. Wash

Mrs. Hawkinson

FALCON HEIGHTS

Mrs. Meehan

Mrs. Ernst Jr.

GOLDEN VALLEY

Mrs. Storlie

Mrs. Lazarus

GRANITE FALLS

Mrs. Holt

Mrs. Sandberg

HIBLING

Mrs. Hedtke

HOPKINS

Mrs. Rhein

Mrs. Kornfuehrer

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Mrs. Fredrikson

Mrs. Hall

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Mrs. Schuck

Mrs. Olson

NO. ST. PAUL

Mrs. Robert Thompson

Mrs. Blanchard

RED WING

Mrs. Ode

Mrs. Brinkman

RICHFIELD

Mrs. Fischer

Mrs. Grunditz

ROBBINSDALE

Mrs. McGeorge

Mrs. Ruth

ROCHESTER

Mrs. Faucett

ROSEVILLE

Mrs. Rohleder

Mrs. Johnson

ST. ANTHONY

Mrs. Gooden

Mrs. Krawczyk

ST. CLOUD

Mrs. Harper

Mrs. Lohrman

ST. LOUIS PARK

Mrs. Davidson

Mrs. Thompson

ST. PAUL

Mrs. Mayne

Mrs. Berg

SOUTH ST. PAUL

Mrs. Little

Mrs. Grim

WATZATA

Mrs. Stemmer

Mrs. Rhodes

WEST ST. PAUL

Mrs. Ingleston

TOTAL PAID AT DOOR - \$2.50

STATE BOARD & STAFF & COMMITTEES

Mrs. Anarist

Mrs. Mantis

Mrs. Green

Mrs. Carlson

Mrs. McGarrugh

Mrs. Watson

Mrs. Kuderling

Mrs. Wilson

Mrs. Williams

Mrs. O'Connor

Mrs. Guthrie

Mrs. Graham

Mrs. Kane

Mrs. Straus

Mrs. McCarthy

LOCAL LEAGUES

MINNEAPOLIS

Mrs. Kubanis

MOUND

Mrs. Wachal

75 attended Workshop, from 20 Leagues

Income - \$185.

Expenditures

Luncheon \$112.50

Tip? 20.

Room rent 20.

Refund

So. St. Paul 2.50

Refund

7 Committee

members? 17.50

12 State Bd.

and staff 12.00

Total - \$184.50

This is not final
until bill for
lunch arrives, &
refunds are app-
proved by President.

NOV 5 1958

EVALUATION OF LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

DORIS GUTHRIE

A Legislative Workshop was held on Oct. 8 for League members throughout the state. The object of the meeting was to give the opponents of our legislative program a hearing. In doing this, we admitted that there were are two sides to every question. We asked these speakers to present their side. We hoped to take their cases and build counter cases for our use in the legislature. We were very disappointed for not one of the speakers presented a valid case for his point of view. We must conclude that he did not have one, or possibly had not taken the time to prepare a coherent case to present to us.

Sen. Wright was asked to speak on the advantages of the amendment procedure over a constitutional convention. His only point was that the amendment procedure was safe. He spent most of his time expounding the cause of freedom in this country, thereby inferring that we would give up all of these freedoms if a constitutional convention were called.

He did not say that amendments could be better prepared by the legislature than the convention.

Sen. Feidt was asked to give his case for the non-partisan legislature. This he had done in a pamphlet distributed to legislators last session. This same pamphlet received a half page reprint and an editorial in the Tribune last session. Instead of giving us this case, he rambled on about unrelated experiences he has had. His one point was that legislators should remain free of party bosses.

Rep. Jensen was asked to give the case for a constitutional amendment in preference to a statute. He did not do this. He rambled on about letters he had written to the Tribune and newspaper clippings of the compromise problem. He seemed shocked that League members would consider statutory reapportionment. He seemed to feel that the legislature could ignore the courts decision. (At the Republican State Convention, McGraw and Farrel gave convincing arguments for statutory reapportionment. Then Mr. Jensen gave the case for adopting a constitutional amendment to give the rural legislators a bigger voice in government. He convinced the convention and their resolution was adopted containing the compromise provision. This proves only that he was convincing once at a time when votes were taken and he won his point.)

Our opponents have spoken. They presented a weak case. Our case is strong, but our problem still is how to convince the majority of the people that we badly need a constitutional convention, party designation for legislators and reapportionment.

To: Mary Mantis
From: Pat O'Connor
Re: Notes on Legislative Workshop , 10/8/58 (Agenda Attached)

I Speakers

Senator Donald Wright, 30th District, in opposition to Constitutional Conventions:

Mr. Wright is opposed to a convention but not to amendment of the present constitution which he regards as a "living document". Mr. Wright expressed general fears and ultimately dealt with three specific fears that he considers relevant to the Minnesota situation. These were 1) fear of socialism--use of taxpayers money to engage in business, competition between state "industry" and private industry; 2) fear of a new tax system--all classes of property and people now taxed equally and uniformly but under new constitution legislature would have right to determine system of taxation from time to time; 3) fear for compromise of basic fundamental rights of people--agitators and promoters at the convention would so pressure the delegates that the rights of the people would be ~~grossly~~ compromised, and the compromises entailed in the basic document (because of political trading) would be no good, rights of people vs government.

Mr. Wright approves of revision by amendment because: 1) no compromise is involved in an amendment because the people must accept or reject; 2) the amendment method has been successful; 3) in those states where they rewrote by convention method, there were so many mistakes that they had to have a multitude of amendments anyway.

During the question period Mr. Wright indicated that there were people who wanted to change the form, the principal of equality of taxation and he illustrated his point with a North Dakota amendment for taxing land. He does not believe that a tax rate should be spelled out in the constitution. Regarding Railroads, if an amendment were offered to take their rate out of the constitution, he "would not stand in the way".

Senator Daniel Feidt, 34th District, in opposition to Party Designation:

Senator Feidt feels that without party designation Minnesota has done as good a job legislatively as any other state. He feels that because of the lack of party designation, a higher type of individual runs for political office, there are no political bosses, and no pressure group can at present sell a piece of legislation just to party bosses and be assured that it will go through. Because there is no party designation, people are re-elected regardless of the political misfortunes of their particular party. Mr. Feidt just can't understand where the League got the push for party designation.

Representative Carl Jensen, 11th Legislative District, in opposition to Reapportionment:

Mr. Jensen supports reapportionment, he says, but by amendment, "redistricting on area as well as population basis". Mr. Jensen feels that the rural point of view is not given adequate coverage in the city newspapers, and that one must protect minorities as much as majorities. Mr. Jensen says that he offers his amendment measure sincerely and that the League does not give adequate attention to his point of view.

II Summary of morning's arguments plus League views, Mrs. Kenneth Green, Mrs. William Graham, Mrs. Stanley Kane; Mrs. Edgar Ruderling:

Without detailing the afternoon session, suffice it to say that Betty Kane detailed the contents of the Jensen-Iverson amendment and why it was unsatisfactory to the League. With the aid of questions from the floor she also sketched some of the possible compromises that might come up, the likelihood of some area-population compromise, the possibility of using census tracts as a basis for periodic reapportionment. Mrs. Green warily discussed the constitutional convention issue and Lavonne Graham gave a spirited pitch for party designation. Mr. Ruderling had only a few seconds to squeeze in her hopes and fears for election law.

III Appraisal

On the whole the workshop was well received, I think, by those who attended. If they felt a bit insulted at the lack of concrete information presented in the morning session, at least they found it stimulating to hear real live opposition. If the League should do the same sort of thing again, perhaps more direct questions could be put to the speakers for their guidance in preparing a talk for these women. I think that the League might also bear in mind that these men come as guests of the League and it is most important that we should create an atmosphere of friendliness and cordiality.

So far as the Agenda is concerned, it has been suggested that it might be better to give the opposition speakers all of the morning time, and let the legislative chairman speak in the afternoon along with the resource chairman so that she can detail her program. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ This would eliminate the hazard of "sitting-in" legislators, and permit the local legislative chairman to ask questions. On the other hand there is the time factor with so much crowded into a short afternoon. How about using the Winnipeg Conference technique in the morning. Have your three anti-speakers plus your League experts and then open to floor. To take an example, Mr. Wright would have spoken a shorter length of time, preferably there would be a pro speaker in here too, and then a panel of League experts (your afternoon gals in the October show) would interrogate both Mr. Pro and Mr. Con, followed by questions from the floor. If you gave speakers only 5 minutes for a prepared speech and the rest of the time for this sort of questioning, it might work.

Mr. X, the Historical Museum Director, was very entertaining in his talk.

St Paul Pioneer Press
Sept 19th

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS

Constitutional Parley Called Threat In State

STILLWATER, MINN. —A constitutional convention in Minnesota would pose a threat to industrial expansion and investment, Otto F. Christenson, executive secretary of the Minnesota Employers association said Wednesday.

Commerce here, he said labor has waged a 10-year campaign to redraft the Constitution for "selfish reasons."

"The average citizen would not have the time or money to finance a campaign or attend such a convention," he



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C O P Y

260 Stonebridge
St. Paul 5, Minn.
Sept 2., 1957

3517 Elmwood Place
Wayzata, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Angrist:

I am enclosing an article from the St. Paul paper which I feel requires a firm answer. I personally would like to see an officer of the League reply by giving a statement to the paper which, we could hope, would rate small headlines.

We could point out the inaccuracy of the contention that labor or any group could control a constitutional convention by reminding the readers that a convention will be composed in the same way as our present legislature. The heart of the matter would be reached by accusing those of Mr. Christenson's opinion of fearing the reapportionment which revision will bring---of fearing a fair and equal vote. We might safely say that we cannot bring ourselves to believe that most of industry fears the rules of fair play upon which our prosperous democracy has been built. And we could also show that reapportionment will not give a decisive advantage to the cities, which are not in any event labor controlled in all districts. We should probably add that the League is not pro-labor, it is pro-democracy.

I did not intend to write at such length, but, as usual on this subject, I tried to write a regular volume.

Mrs. Antis and committee and State Item committee will discuss this Monday. She feels a definite procedure should be set for replying to this man's statements.

Sincerely

Mrs. B. F. Fuller

MAR 31 1958

Dear Mrs. Mantie,

You may recall a discussion at the Virginia workshop about an individual wanting to speak to the Virginia LNV Constitutional Revision. It may or may not be of value to know that he called himself "Mr. Nestorok" (Nestorok). It was the opinion of the LNV members that that was not the name he used there when he sought information about Virginia leaders.

Thank you again for your part in the workshop.

Sincerely,
Florence Rybicki

March 26, 1958

FEB 23 1959



State of Minnesota
SENATE

February 20, 1959

Mrs. E. C. Davidson
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
15th and Washington Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota


Dear Mrs. Davidson: Re: Senate File No. 86

As you undoubtedly know, this matter came up in the Judiciary Committee of the Senate this morning. I sat as a member of that committee and listened to the arguments of those in favor of submitting the question of a constitutional revision to the voters.

For your information, I will state I voted for this bill and against the motion of Senator Root to indefinitely postpone the same. However, the motion of Senator Root to indefinitely postpone was carried by a vote of twelve to eight.

I am afraid this disposes of the matter for this session of the legislature, but I wish you to know that I did support the bill.

Sincerely,


HAROLD S. NELSON
Senator, 16th District

HSN:dm

FEB 23 1959

KARL F. ROLVAAG,
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



H. Y. TORREY,
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

State of Minnesota
SENATE

February 20, 1959

Mrs. E. C. Davidson
% League of Women Voters
15th & Washington Ave. S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Davidson:

Re: Senate File 86 - A BILL FOR
AN ACT PROPOSING A CONVENTION
TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
of February 19, 1959, with reference to the
above matter.

When this bill comes up for consideration,
I shall keep your letter in mind. You can
rest assured that I am going to consider
the whole problem most thoroughly.

Sincerely yours,

C. J. BENSON
Senator, 48th District

CJB:mv

FFR 24 1959



State of Minnesota

SENATE

February 23, 1959

Mrs. E. C. Davidson
League of Women Voters
15th & Washington Avenue S. E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Davidson:

The bill having for its purpose the submission of the question of whether a constitutional convention should be presented to the people of Minnesota at the next election was killed in the Senate Judiciary Committee last Friday.

As a member of the committee, I voted against the motion that the bill be indefinitely postponed, or in favor of the bill going upon the floor of the Senate for further discussion and debate. Eight of us voted in favor of the bill for constitutional convention, and twelve opposed. I am sorry it turned out this way, as I believe the question should be submitted to the vote of our people.

Yours very truly,

Claude H. Allen
Claude H. Allen
Senator
Forty-second District

CHA:lj

Senator Holmquist suggests that the following
be asked to testify for Constitutional Convention:

Leslie Amer (Webb Publishing Co. - on first
Constitutional Commission)

Elmer L. Anderson

Prof. Short

Republican Party

D.F.L. Party

League of Women Voters

A.A.U.W.

Farm Grange



State of Minnesota
SENATE

February 23, 1959

*put in Mayo's
file folder*

Mrs. Homer Mantis
2352 Buford Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Mantis:

Just a letter of gratitude for your good work in behalf of Constitutional Convention.

We were unsuccessful in getting committee approval, which is always disheartening, but I feel that you folks did a good job and that another legislative session may feel more kindly to the legislation.

In view of the remarks of Senator Lauerman when he explained his vote, two years from now we are going to have a real crowd at the committee hearing. This is the first time that the significance of numbers was ever brought out as an influential part in arriving at the decision.

Please extend my thanks to Mrs. Davidson and the rest of the folks who worked so hard in behalf of S.F. No. 86.

Sincerely yours,

S. W. Holmquist
SENATOR STANLEY HOLMQUIST

SH:ms

Many - A copy of this letter plus list of who
received is in the State Legis Com correspondence
file

November 11, 1957

Professor Philip Jordan
History Department
University of Minnesota

Dear Professor Jordan:

The League of Women Voters feels that objections raised
by some elements in the state to revision of the Minnesota Con-
stitution demand attention.

We have therefore arranged a luncheon at which Mayor
P. K. Peterson of Minneapolis and Commissioner William E. Carlson
of Ramsey County will give a reply to these objections from the
practical points of view of their respective political parties.

We hope that you will be able to attend this meeting at
12 noon, November 26, in Room 351 of Coffman Union. The price of
the luncheon will be \$1.35. We would appreciate your making a
reservation by Friday, November 22--a postcard to the above address,
or phone Federal 8-8791.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Homer Mantis
Legislative Chairman

MM/p

(COPY)

A BILL

FOR AN ACT PROPOSING A CONVENTION TO
REVISE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE
OF MINNESOTA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. There shall be submitted to the electors, at the general election to be held in November, 1960, the question:

"Shall there be a convention to revise the Constitution of the State of Minnesota"

Sec. 2. The electors may vote by ballot for or against a convention. The election shall be conducted and the returns thereof made, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided by law for general elections. The form of the ballot shall be:

Shall there be a convention to revise the Yes _____
Constitution of the State of Minnesota? No _____

The voter shall designate his choice by a cross mark opposite the word "Yes" or the word "No" in the space provided therefor. If a majority of the voters voting at the election shall have voted for a convention, the legislature at its session next succeeding this election shall provide for calling such convention.

A BILL

FOR AN ACT PROPOSING A CONVENTION TO
REVISE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE
OF MINNESOTA; PROVIDING FOR A
REFERENDUM THEREON.

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"Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution of the state of Minnesota?"

Yes _____

No _____

If the majority of the voters voting at the election shall have voted for a convention, the legislature shall, at its next succeeding session, provide for calling such a convention.

S.F. No. _____

(Printed for the Senate)

S.F. No. _____

A BILL FOR AN ACT ~~PROPOSING A~~
**CONVENTION TO REVISE THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF
MINNESOTA; PROVIDING FOR A
REFERENDUM THEREON.**

Introduced } _____ 19____
and Read First Time }

By Mr. _____

Ref. to Com. on _____

Reported Back _____

Read Second Time _____

Com. of Whole _____

Read Third Time _____

Passed _____

Transmitted to House _____

Secretary of Senate.

Read First Time _____

Ref. to Com. on _____

Reported Back _____

Read Second Time _____

Com. of Whole _____

Read Third Time _____

Passed _____

Returned to Senate _____

Chief Clerk H. of R.

41st District

Maplewood
Vadnais Heights
White Bear Township
St. Paul 2nd Ward
St. Paul 3rd Ward
White Bear City
North St. Paul
Little Canada
North Oaks



NEWSLETTER

from the desk of SENATOR LESLIE E. WESTIN

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Home:
2160 Edgerton
St. Paul 17, Minn.

Office:
1122 Minnesota Bldg.
St. Paul 1, Minn.

VOLUME III NO. 13

Week of June 11, 1959

REAPPORTIONMENT A REALITY For the first time in 46 years the Legislature has passed a bill to redistrict its Legislative Districts. Never have I been prouder of legislative accomplishment or experienced a more satisfying reward for the 3 legislative sessions that I have battled for reapportionment. I was the #2 author in the Senate of the reapportionment bill that makes history. Readers of my Newsletter recall early in this session I set this measure as the most important piece of legislation for this session. Our 41st District will be cut in half for the '62 election and the '63 legislative session. Minnehaha Ave., will become the southern boundary line with the district line then running north on Johnson Pkwy to present City Limits. The entire Village of Maplewood including the one mile strip will continue in the district. The Dist. number will be changed to the 48th dist. The portion of the dist. south of Minnehaha and west of Wheelock will be added to the dist. now served by Senator Harold Schultz. An entire new Senatorial dist. will be created from the south half of the present 42nd dist. with 2 additional Rep. districts added to Ramsey County giving us a total of 7 Senators and 14 Representatives. The new 48th Senate dist. will have 2 representatives one for the portion of the dist. in rural Ramsey and the other for the portion of the dist. in the City of St. Paul. Rep. William Shovell, who has done an outstanding job as Chairman of the House Appropriation Committee will no longer be in the same district with me but will be in the dist. with Senator Schultz. To those who are not familiar with the legislative process and the complete rural domination of the legislature they may wonder why this has not been accomplished in 46 years when the constitution says it must be done every 10 years. We in the metropolitan areas did not win complete proportionate representation with this bill but we made substantial progress and the metropolitan area will have 35 % of the Senate and a bit over 40% of the House. Along with passage of this reapportionment bill, but not in anyway tied to it, the Legislature passed a proposed Constitutional Amendment that you will vote on in Nov. of '60. This proposes to put the House on population and freeze the Senate to its '62 area. I opposed passage of this Amendment and I will discuss this at the '60 election. I could write a book about the maneuverings that went on to get the reapportionment bill passed. You may recall that my Ramsey Legislative Sub-Committee studied the Ramsey County situation and adopted the plan for the redistricting of all of the Ramsey County districts. Well, in spite of the straight boundary lines we drew in the last minute a couple of silly gerrymandering switches had to be compromised to take care of certain legislators pet areas or friends. However, as a whole while it is far from perfect it is a great victory for the metropolitan areas with 5 additional Senate seats and 10 more Representatives. I am proud to have played a part in this victory.

D.S.T. CONFUSION ENDS with the passage this week of my Statewide DST bill, not everyone may like the compromise dates of the 4th Sunday in May to the day following Labor Day and while I completely concur with those who would have liked to have started the 4th Sunday of April I can honestly tell you it just wasn't possible. One may not like things the way they are but one has to work within the framework that exists. The rural dominated legislature reluctantly compromised on DST for 3 months DST. In conference the Senates position prevailed and the House receded from its referendum on DST. There is no provision in our States' constitution for submitting a referendum so this would have been declared unconstitutional. As long as the majority of the people are not represented by a majority of the Legislators a referendum would only confuse the issue again in the '61 session.

THE WITHHOLDING TAX ISSUE still remains the key to ending this special session.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

Federal 8-8791

February 9, 1959

STATEMENT OF THE LWV ON REAPPORTIONMENT

Today the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, representing 5500 women throughout the state, announced that it will support a Constitutional Amendment on Reapportionment, and at the same time reaffirmed its position that, until changed, the Constitutional provisions on Reapportionment be carried out.

The 56 local Leagues, including 26 Leagues outside the metropolitan area, 27 suburban Leagues, and 3 Leagues in the major cities, have just gone through an intensive discussion period on this vital question and reported their members' attitudes toward reapportionment in Minnesota as of 1959. This climaxes five years of study and action on this problem.

Acting on these reports the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota approved the following stand as representing a consensus of its members:

- I. The LWV of Minnesota will support a Constitutional Amendment on Reapportionment which will do the following things:
 - a. provide enforcement machinery which will insure reapportionment promptly after each federal census;
 - b. provide that population be the sole basis for representation in one house, but modify the population requirement in the other house in favor of the less populous counties;
 - c. limit the legislature to its present size.
- II. The LWV of Minnesota reaffirms its position that, until changed, the Constitutional provisions on Reapportionment be carried out.

Explanation of League Stand

There is a strong minority opinion, especially from Leagues in grossly under-represented districts, not only in Hennepin and Ramsey, but elsewhere in the state, which opposes changing the constitutional provisions on reapportionment.

However, the League in Minnesota as a whole is willing to support such a constitutional amendment because we believe it to be a necessary and workable compromise. It will not only improve the present situation, but it will, through enforcement machinery, provide a longterm solution by providing regular legislative reapportionment.

Specific Recommendations on Amendments

To date (February 9), 5 amendments to provide statewide reapportionment have been introduced in the Senate and 6 such amendments have been introduced in the House.



An Amendment popularly known as the County Representation Plan, embodying recommendations of the Citizen-Legislator Commission on Reapportionment, has been introduced into the House of Representatives as H.F.30 (Iverson) and H.F.60 (Luther). The League supports this plan because it fulfills the above criteria and is a compromise which we believe will be acceptable to voters throughout the state.

The other amendments in the House and the amendments so far introduced in the Senate either (1) fail to provide adequate enforcement machinery; (2) do not guarantee population in one chamber; (3) fail to specify the means of providing area in the other chamber; or (4) provide a completely inflexible area factor.

We realize that any factor which favors the less populated counties will necessarily mean underrepresentation of large centers of population. This we are prepared to accept. We do not, however, feel that the disproportions throughout the rest of the state should be preserved by the device of frozen districts, as was recommended in the Senate last session.

Specific Recommendations on a Statute

The League must urge that, until changed, our present constitutional provisions on reapportionment be implemented. We therefore reaffirm our approval of the statute which passed the House in 1955 and 1957 and which has been reintroduced this session, with some modifications (S.F.261, Bergerud; H.F.492, Popovich)

We also support the statute introduced into the House by Rep. Klaus (H.F.251).

A BILL

FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF MINNESOTA RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHANGING SECTION 2 IN ARTICLE IV,
AND REPEALING SECTIONS 23 AND 24 OF ARTICLE IV.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. There is hereby proposed to the people of the State for their approval or rejection an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota repealing Sections 23 and 24 of Article IV and changing Section 2 in Article IV to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. The number of members who comprise the Senate shall not exceed sixty-seven and the number of members who comprise the House of Representatives shall not exceed one hundred thirty-one.

Before July 1, 1962, the Senate and House of Representatives shall be reapportioned. The basis for this reapportionment shall be equality of representation according to population, but no representative district shall be divided in the formation of a senatorial district. If the Senate and the House of Representatives fail to reapportion before July 1, 1962, the representation in the ensuing Senate and House of Representatives shall be apportioned to the congressional districts then existing as follows: each congressional district shall have the same number of senators and representatives as the total number of senatorial or representative districts wholly or partially within such congressional district according to the last apportionment; and each senator and representative shall be elected at large in the congressional district of his residence, and shall continue to be so elected until reapportionment by the Senate or the House of Representatives as above provided has been accomplished.

The Senate may be reapportioned after 1972 except no county shall have more than 20% and no two contiguous counties shall have more than 30% of the total number of the members of the Senate; and except no county having more than 20% of the population of the state and no two contiguous counties having together more than 30% of the population of the state shall have a lesser proportion of senators than exists at the time of the general election of 1962. The senators shall be chosen by single districts of convenient, contiguous territory.

In every tenth year after 1962 the House of Representatives shall be reapportioned on the basis of equality of representation according to population but no senatorial district shall be divided in the formation of a representative district. If the House of Representatives fails to reapportion at least 90 days before the election in which representatives will be elected in that tenth year, the representation in the ensuing House of Representatives shall be apportioned to the congressional districts then existing as follows: each congressional district shall have the same number of representatives as the total number of representative districts wholly or partially within such congressional district according to the last apportionment; and each representative shall be elected at large in the congressional district of his residence, and shall continue to be so elected until reapportionment by the House of Representatives as hereinbefore provided has been accomplished.

Representatives shall be elected for a term of two years and senators for a term of four years. Reapportionment shall be by law, but the concurrence of one house of the legislature shall not be required for the enactment of a bill which reapportions the other."

Sections 23 and 24 of Article IV are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state for their approval or rejection at the general election in the year 1960 in the manner provided for submission of amendments to the Constitution, and the votes

thereon shall be counted, canvassed, and the result thereof proclaimed as provided by law. The ballots used at such election shall have printed thereon the following:

"Shall Article IV, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota be changed and Sections 23 and 24 of that article repealed to provide for reapportionment of representation in the Senate and house of Representatives in the legislature on the basis of population prior to the general election in 1962, and further to provide that the House of Representatives shall be reapportioned decennially on the basis of population after 1962 and that the Senate may be reapportioned after 1962?"

Yes

No"

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 15th & Washington S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.
March 5, 1959 030559LX

TIME FOR ACTION ON REAPPORTIONMENT

The League supported amendment on reapportionment commonly known as the County Representation Plan has been made a committee bill, re-numbered from H.F. 30 & 60 to H.F. 947, and is soon to be up for debate on the floor of the House -- probably Monday, March 9th. Will you contact your representative this weekend and ask for his support. Enclosed is some explanatory material on the bill which you may want to use in talking to him.

This Time for Action is going only to Local League Presidents.

RICHARD E. FERRARIO
SENATOR 58TH DISTRICT
DULUTH, MINNESOTA



State of Minnesota
SENATE

COMMITTEES
ELECTIONS AND REAPPORTIONMENT
GAME AND FISH
GENERAL LEGISLATION

March 20, 1959

Mrs. D. H. Myers
306 Leicester Avenue
Duluth 3, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Myers:

Thank you for your letter of March 16th
with regard to Senate File 614.

I am certainly interested in reapportionment and will give this bill my utmost thought and consideration. I feel there are two or three bills now pending before committees which are equitable and fair to all the people of the State of Minnesota.

Thanks again for your letter. If I can help you in any way kindly feel free to write me at any time.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard E. Ferrario".

RICHARD E. FERRARIO
Senator 58th District

REF:s

HOMER M. CARR
SENATOR 50TH DISTRICT
25 5TH ST.
PROCTOR, MINNESOTA
MARKET 4-1833



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CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
ELECTIONS AND REAPPORTIONMENT

March 24, 1959

Mrs. D. H. Myers
306 Leicester Avenue
Duluth 3, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Myers:

I believe your membership is fully aware of my views on the reapportionment legislation now before us, because I was interested in this problem twenty-five years ago. I have been a member of the reapportionment committee that long. I learned many years ago that the rural bloc~~x~~ would not support reapportionment on a population basis only, and I am not one to bump my head against a concrete wall.

Therefore, feeling the rural bloc~~x~~ had a good reason for their objection, I introduced legislation over many years calling for a constitutional amendment to permit including "area" in any reapportionment bill to be considered by the Legislature.

After many years of no support to my suggestion, I now find that "area" is a popular item in our thinking. Your organization has joined in this idea.

I have stated publicly many times that I would not vote for any reapportionment bill that used "area" as part of the formula until such time as the constitution would permit it, because I do not propose to vote for any bill that violates the constitution.

All reapportionment bills have been referred to the sub-committee and the chairman has asked me to serve on that committee representing northern Minnesota. I have agreed to serve regardless of the fact that I am over worked with some fourteen legislative committee problems. I shall support the Bergerud bill because it seems to me reapportionment has been worked out quite fairly without considering "area" as a part of the plan used in preparing the bill.

Mrs. D. H. Myers
306 Leicester Avenue
Duluth, Minnesota

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I appreciate discussing this problem with your organization's representatives but I believe I am as fully informed on the problem as anyone because of my twenty-five years experience as a member of the committee considering this matter. I will be happy to discuss this with your representatives if you feel you have information I may not have in my ~~position~~ *position*.

Very respectfully yours,



H. M. CARR
Senator 59th District

HMC:s

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April 1, 1959

Realizing that compromise was necessary, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota gave its support to the Bergerud Bill in the sessions of 1955 and 1957. On the basis of the 1950 census it was a fair and workable compromise of the population provisions of the constitution.

Now because the Bergerud-Popovich Bill will not go into effect until after the 1960 census figures are available, the population-area balance aimed at previously will be further weighted in favor of the now over-represented districts. Nevertheless the League of Women Voters is still willing to accept the Bergerud-Popovich Bill as introduced.

Last week the bill was reported favorably out of committee with the addition of four rural seats. This not only increases the size of an already large House, but departs so far from the present constitutional requirements that it is no longer a fair compromise. We urge that the bill be returned to its original form.



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

Federal 8-8791

April 3, 1959

TO: Senator Bergerud, Representatives Battles, Chilgren, Cina, Popovich
FROM: Mrs. O. H. Anderson, President, League of Women Voters of Minnesota

On April 2, some remarks were made on the floor of the House of Representatives about the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and its activities in connection with reapportionment of the Legislature. These remarks were subsequently reported in the press. Reference was made to an "anonymous statement," released to members of the Legislature and to the press on April 1.

This was not an anonymous statement. It was an official statement from the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, on its own letterhead. It was not a letter and therefore carried no signature. The statement was a recapitulation of a League position of long standing -- that the League supports the Bergerud-Popovich Bill as a fair and workable compromise of the population provisions of the Constitution, and that it does not condone increasing the size of the Legislature. League representatives had testified to this effect in a subcommittee meeting on March 23 and had received permission to testify at the full Reapportionment Committee meeting on March 25. At this meeting, the League representative was prepared to testify but was not called upon. The Bergerud-Popovich Bill was amended in committee to add four rural seats. The Executive Committee of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota then met to consider the bill as amended. It was decided to issue a public statement.

The League statement of April 1 was made to reaffirm a position of long standing on reapportionment. Its purpose was neither to embarrass nor to support legislators, but to restate a stand on an issue -- the only kind of a stand the League of Women Voters ever takes.

Copies to the press.



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December 26, 1958

Senator Stanley Holquist
Grove City, Minn.

Dear Senator Holquist:

Happy New 1959 Legislative Year!

We in the League of Women Voters will, of course, be back in the legislature to work for our program.

We are wondering if you plan to introduce the constitutional convention bill again? Also, do you have plans for party designation?

We are anxious to get off to an early start this time. If you have any suggestions for strategy or selection of authors, we would be happy to hear from you. We are going ahead under the premise that an early introduction of the bills will facilitate committee action and will improve the chances for both bills to be debated on the floor. We are hopeful of moving ahead a few more steps each session.

Sincerely yours,

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

December 26, 1980

Representative Sally Luther
1937 Kenwood Parkway
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sally,

Happy New 1989 Legislative Year!

Again we are asking your help with our legislative work. We are starting a legislative Observers program in the legislature. The program is planned for league members to learn the legislative procedures. They will not do lobbying now, but we hope some will want to later on. Observers Day will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. The first one will be on Jan. 14 at 10:00 in the Weyerhaeuser Room of the Historical Society.

Would you give the opening keynote pep talk? It can be a general introduction to the legislature. I'd like you to tell of some of the excitement and drama that goes on in the legislature. We will deal with the mechanics of organization and set up of committees on later days. This first day we want to arouse the interest of the Observers so they will want to come back to see first hand all these exciting happenings. The group will be small and the meeting informal.

I know next week will be busy so I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope so you can send me a quick note in reply.

Sincerely,

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

PS Could you come from 10:15-10:30?

November 14, 1958

Senator Leslie E. Westin
Minnesota Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear ^{Mr.}Mr. Westin:

We are so grateful that you can spare the time to meet with us on November 24th at 10:30. Our office is in room 115, Bldg. TSMc, on the corner of 15th and Washington Avenues S.E. There is a parking lot across Washington Avenue from our building.

Enclosed are a few publications about our program - the small white sheet giving our program in brief.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Homer Mantis
Legislative Chairman

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

Following are seven legislative committees which, on the basis of previous legislative experience, will be concerned with League bills this session. On the next page is a list of all legislative committees, their chairmen and time and place of meeting.

SENATE ELECTIONS AND REAPPORTIONMENT

Erickson, Chrmn.	Ferrario	Larson, L.	Salmore
Kroehler, V-Chrmn.	George	Larson, N.	Sinclair
Bergerud	Harren	O'Loughlin	Welch
Carr	Holand	Root	Zwach
Feidt	Keller	Rosenmeier	

SENATE JUDICIARY

Welch, Chrmn.	Dunlap	Keith	Root
O'Loughlin, V-Chrmn.	Erickson	Lauerman	Rosenmeier
Allen	Feidt	McGuire	Schultz
Benson	Fraser	Mitchell	Thuet
Bergerud	Hanson, R.	Nelson	Wright
Dosland	Kalina	Novak	

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

George, Chrmn.	Davies	Johnson, R.W.	Rosenmeier
Hanson, R., V-Chrmn.	Dosland	Josefson	Salmore
Anderson, E. J.	Franz	Larson, L.	Thuet
Bergerud	Fraser	Peterson, E.	Wiseth
Carr	Holmquist	Popp	

HOUSE ELECTIONS

Otto, Chrmn.	Dunn	Jensen	Maruska
Fudro, V-Chrmn.	Enebo	Klaus	Parish
Christie	Fitzgerald	Kucera	Wangensteen
Conn	Grussing	Luther	

HOUSE GENERAL LEGISLATION

Hagland, Chrmn.	Jensen	Kucera	Otto
Enebo, V-Chrmn.	Jungclaus	Lovik	Thompson, H.
Adams	Kaercher	McKenzie	
Enestvedt	Karvonen	Murk	
Iverson	Klaus	Nelson, H.	

HOUSE JUDICIARY

Yetka, Chrmn.	Duxbury	Latz	Popovich
Wetzel, V-Chrmn.	Fena	Mosier	Swenson, G.
Anderson, H. J.	Fitzgerald	Nelson, R.N.	Wangensteen
Anderson, W.	Franke	Noreen	Wozniak
Angstman	French	Parks	Wright
Beedle	Jensen	Parish	

HOUSE REAPPORTIONMENT

Iverson, Chrmn.	Bergeson	Jensen	Peterson, C.D.
Parish, V-Chrmn.	Enestvedt	Mosier	Popovich
Anderson, J.T.	Fitzgerald	Nordin	Searle
Angstman	Fuller	Noreen	Wright
Battles	Hofstad	Parks	

Room Time of Meeting

232 T 8:00, F 2:00
 327 at call
 328 T & Th 2:00
 331 M 2:00
 331 at call
 329 T & F 9:00
 237 M 8:00
 113 Daily 3:00
 237 T 9:00
 231 W 8:00
 238 Th 9:00, F 8:00
 330 W 9:00
 231 T 8:00
 327 W 8:00
 329 W 9:00
 330 M & W 2:00
 236 M 9:00, Th 8:00
 301 at call
 331&29 Daily 3:00
 232 M 9:00

SENATE COMMITTEE

Agriculture
 Cities of the First Class
 Civil Administration
 Commerce
 Committee on Committees
 Education
 Elections & Reapportionment
 Finance
 Game & Fish
 General Legislation
 Judiciary
 Labor
 Liquor Control
 Local Government
 Public Domain
 Public Highways
 Public Welfare
 Rules & Legislative Expense
 Taxes
 Transportation

Chairman

Sinclair
 Westin
 Rosenmeier
 Feidt
 Wright
 Dunlap
 Erickson
 Imm
 Lofvegren
 Keller
 Welch
 Root
 Child
 George
 Mitchell
 Larson, N.
 Wahlstrand
 Zwach
 Wright
 Butler

HOUSE COMMITTEE

205 T 10:30
 306 W 8:30
 109 Daily 8:30
 305 Th 11:30
 408 F 11:30
 203 M & F 9:30
 402 at call
 306 T 9:30
 205 M 10:30
 305 W 12:30
 303 T 10:30
 307 T 9:30
 304 Th 9:30
 302 Th 11:30
 302 T 11:30
 4 at call
 307 Th 12:30
 303 M 9:30
 304 M 8:30
 305 F 8:30
 204 W 9:30
 309 F 10:30
 202 T, W, Th 12:30
 302 M 11:30
 306 M 9:30
 204 T & Th 11:30
 303 F 9:30
 309 T 12:30
 307 Th 8:30
 308 F 11:30
 304 W 11:30
 265 at call
 406 Th 10:30
 202 T & Th 8:30
 308 Th 10:30
 308 W 10:30
 309 W 8:30
 204 F 12:30
 203 W 11:30

Agriculture
 Aircraft & Airways
 Appropriations
 Banking
 Cities of the First & Second Class
 Civil Administration
 Claims
 Commerce, Manufacturing & Retail Trade
 Commercial Transportation & Communications
 Cooperatives & Marketing
 Dairy Products & Livestock
 Drainage & Soil Conservation
 Education
 Elections
 Employees' Compensation
 Engrossment & Enrollment
 Forestry
 Game & Fish
 General Legislation
 Health
 Highways
 Insurance
 Judiciary
 Labor
 Law Enforcement & Crime Prevention
 Motor Vehicles
 Municipal Affairs
 Penal Institutions
 Public Domain
 Public Institutions
 Reapportionment
 Rules
 State & County Fairs
 Taxes
 Towns & Counties
 Temperance & Liquor Control
 University
 Veterans & Military Affairs
 Welfare

Enestvedt
 Wichterman
 Shovell
 McGill
 Mosier
 Luther
 Skeate
 O'Dea
 Podgorski
 Bergeson
 Hofstad
 Franz
 Reed
 Otto
 Priifrel
 Conroy
 LaBrosse
 Basford
 Hagland
 Battles
 Halsted
 Day
 Yetka
 Murk
 Wee
 Popovich
 Rutter
 Munger
 Wanvick
 Volstad
 Iverson
 Cina
 Adams
 Wozniak
 Tiemann
 Tomczyk
 Fugina
 Berglund
 Knudsen

SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES

NAME	POST OFFICE	COUNTY	SESSION ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
1. Allen, Claude H.	St. Paul	Rensay	909 Lakeview, NW 9-1195
2. Anderson, Ernest J.	Frost	Paribault	Capri Hotel, CA 2-0393
3. Benson, Clifford J.	Ortonville	Big Stone	
		Grant, Stevens	
4. Bergerud, Alf	Edina	Traverse	Hotel St. Paul, CA 2-4114
5. Butler, Gordon H.	Duluth	Hennepin	5100 Ridge Road, WE 8-4142
		St. Louis	
6. Carr, Homer M.	Proctor	Cook, Lake	Athletic Club, CA 2-3661
7. Child, Fay George	Maynard	St. Louis	2216 Salby, MI 4-5904
		Chippewa	
8. Davies, John T.	Minneapolis	Las Qui Parle	1168 James, MI 9-3485
9. Donland, William B.	Moorhead	Hennepin	130-21st Ave. So., FE 5-0764
10. Dunlap, Robert R.	Plainview	Clay, Wilkin	Hotel St. Paul, CA 2-4114
11. Erickson, Chris L.	Fairmont	Wabasha	Hotel St. Paul, CA 2-4114
		Martin	
12. Feidt, Daniel S.	Minneapolis	Watson	Hotel St. Paul, CA 2-4114
13. Ferrario, Richard E.	Duluth	Hennepin	1715 W. Franklin, FR 4-3850
14. Franz, Walter J.	Mountain Lake	St. Louis	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
15. Fraser, Donald M.	Minneapolis 14	Cottonwood	Hotel St. Paul, CA 2-4114
16. George, Grover C.	Goodhue	Hennepin	813-7th St. S.E. FR 1-2615
17. Goodin, H. P.	Minneapolis	Goodhue	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
18. Grittnar, Earl F.	St. Paul	Hennepin	Capri Hotel, CA 2-0393
19. Hanson, Norman W.	Crowell	Ramsay	824 Cherokee, CA 6-6011
		Carlson	
20. Hanson, Rudolph	Albert Lea	Aitkin	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
21. Harren, Henry M.	Albany	Freeborn	Hotel Lowry, CA 2-6611
22. Heuer, Wm. C. F.	Bertha	Stearns	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
23. Holland, Peter, J.	Austin	Tood, Wadena	1466 Fairmount, MI 9-0115
24. Holmquist, Stanley W.	Grove City	Mower, Dodge	341 St. Peter, CA 4-1791
25. Ima, Val	Mankato	Meeker	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
26. Johnson, C. Elmer	Almelund	Blue Earth	Ryan Hotel, CA 2-6301
27. Johnson, Ralph W.	Isanti	Chisago, Pine	Glendale Hotel, CA 2-9830
28. Josephson, Joseph A.	Minnetonka	Isanti, Anoka	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
		Iyon, Yellow	
29. Kelina, Harold	Minneapolis	Medicine	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
30. Keith, Alexander M.	Rochester	Hennepin	115-36th Ave. N.W. ST 1-1747
31. Keller, J. R.	Winona	Olumet	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
32. Kording, Herman J.	Minneapolis	Winona	Ryan Hotel, CA 2-6301
33. Kroehler, Franklin P.	Henderson	Hennepin	3533-36th Ave. So., PA 2-4169
		Sibley	
34. Larson, Llewellyn W.	Mabel	McClint	799 Cedar, CA 4-1622
		Houston	
35. Larson, Norman	Ada	Fillmore	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
		Norman	
36. Lauerman, Leo J.	Olivia	Mahnomen	Hotel Lowry, CA 2-6611
37. Lofvegren, Clifford	Alexandria	Renville	5421 Dupont Ave. So., TA 4-3875
38. McGuire, Michael E.	Montgomery	Douglas, Pope	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
39. McKee, John H.	Bemidji	Le Sueur	
		Beltrami	
		Koochiching	
		Lake of the Woods	Commodore Hotel, CA 6-1061
40. Metcalf, John A.	Shakopee	Scott, Carver	534 Holmes, SK 1-1211

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SENATORS cont.

41. Mitchell, C. C.	Princeton	Mille Lacs, Kenosha, Sherburne	Hotel Lowry, CA 2-6611
42. Murray, Louis A.	East Grand Forks	Polk	136 W. 4th St. CA 4-3896
43. Nelson, Harold S.	Owatonna	Steele, Waseca	Hotel St. Paul, CA 2-4114
44. Novak, Edward G.	St. Paul	Ramsey	1424 Arundel, HU 9-5116
45. O'Loughlin, Harold J.	St. Paul	Ramsey	1137 Portland Ave., CA 5-7415 CA 4-3886
46. Olson, John L.	Worthington	Hobbs, Rock	Hotel Lowry, CA 2-6611
47. Peterson, Elmer	Hibbing	St. Louis	Hotel Lowry, CA 2-6611
48. Popp, Harold R.	Hutchinson	Melrod	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
49. Richardson, John L.	St. Cloud	Stearns, Benton	
50. Root, Chas. W.	Minneapolis	Sherburne	113 Summit, CA 4-9795
51. Rosenmeier, Gordon	Little Falls	Hennepin Morrisson	5104 Colfax So., TA 2-3314
52. Salmore, Raphael F.	Stillwater	Crow Wing	Hotel St. Paul, CA 2-4114
53. Schultz, Harold W.	St. Paul	Washington	718 W. Pine, HE 9-1546
54. Shipka, Vladimir	Grand Rapids	Ramsey	1176 Hawthorne E., PR 1-4834
55. Sinclair, Donald	Stephen	Cass, Itasca Marshall, Kittson, Rice	Commodore Hotel, CA 6-1061
56. Sundet, Armin O.	Faribault	Rice	Hotel St. Paul, CA 2-4114
57. Thust, Paul A.	So. St. Paul	Dakota	Hotel Lowry, CA 2-6611
58. Uckelberg, Clifford	Clitherall	Otter Tail	210 Schult Bldg., GL 1-1811
59. Vedheim, Joseph	Tyler	Lincoln, Pipe- stone, Murray	Ryan Hotel, CA 2-6301
60. Vukelich, Thomas D.	Gilbert	St. Louis	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
61. Wahlstrand, Harry I.	Willmar	Kandiyohti, Swift	Lowry Hotel, CA 2-6611
62. Wals, Norman J.	Detriot Lakes,	Becker, Hubbard	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
63. Welch, Thos. P.	Buffalo	Wright	Capitol Apts., CA 4-3411
64. Westin, Leslie, E.	St. Paul	Ramsey	CA 2-9502
65. Wiseth, Roy E.	Goodridge	Fennington, Red Lake, Clearwater	Ryan Hotel, CA 2-6301
66. Wright, Donald O.	Minneapolis	Hennepin	2160 Edgerton Rd., PR 4-2463
67. Zwach, John M.	Walnut Grove	Redwood, Brown	Hotel Capri, CA 2-0393
			1112 Washburn So., FR 7-4081
			Lowry Hotel, CA 2-6611

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1. Adams, James L.	Minneapolis	Hennepin	616 E. 19th St., Fe 861229
2. Anderson, Delbert F.	Sterbuck	Pope	Lowry Hotel, Ca 2-6611
3. Anderson, Harold J.	Minneapolis	Hennepin	4919 Colfax Ave. So., Ta 7-1892
4. Anderson, Harold R.	Mo. Menkato	Nicollet	1120 Grand Ave., Ca 5-9377
5. Anderson, John Tracy	St. Paul	Ramsey, No.	1048 VanSlyke Ave., Hu. 8-4482
6. Anderson, Moppy	Proston	Fillmore- Houston	
7. Anderson, Wendell R.	St. Paul	At Large	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
8. Angstrom, George L.	Mora	Ramsey, No. Mills Lacs, Kenosha Sherburne	852 E. Wheelock Plaz., Pr 1-0903
			1166 Juliet, MI 9-4438

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9. Basford, Harry	Wolf Lake	Becker	Capitol Apts., Ca 2-8164
10. Bassett, Wayne R.	Worthington	Nobles	Capitol Apts., Ca 2-2152
11. Battles, Everett	Warroad	Roseau	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393
12. Beedle, Ernest	St. Paul	Ramsey	508 E. Belvidere, Ca 6-2150
13. Bergeson, Burnett J.	Twin Valley	Norman	1457 W. Minnehaha Ave., MI 4-5880
14. Berglund, Elmer E.	Bedford	Mohrman	193 Shoreline, Ca 4-1743
15. Chilgren, E. J.	Littlefork	Beltrami-Lake	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393
16. Christie, Thomas H.	Minneapolis	of the Woods	1219 Lakeview Ave., Fr 7-7304
17. Cline, Fred A.	Aurora	Koochiching	Lowry Hotel, Ca 2-6611
18. Conn, Edmond F.	Alden	Hennepin	Lowry Hotel, Ca 2-6611
19. Conroy, Dan	Dumont	St. Louis	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393
20. Cummings, Roy H.	Luverne	Freeborn	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393
21. Cunningham, Laurence P.	Pipestone	Traverse	1360 Hewitt, MI 4-0154
22. Day, Walter E.	Bagley	Rock	
		Pipestone	
		Fennington,	
		Red Lake, Clear-	
		water	
23. Dirlam, Aubrey W.	Redwood Falls	Willard Apts., Ca 4-5988	
24. Dunn, Roy E.	Pelican Rapids	303 Warwick St., MI 9-0112	
25. Duxbury, Lloyd L., Jr.	Caledonia	2089 Village Lane, MI 9-0209	
26. Enebo, Stanley A.	Minneapolis	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301	
27. Ernestvedt, Odean	Sacred Heart	3304 E 25th St., Pa 9-5445	
28. Erdahl, L. D.	Frost	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393	
29. Evenson, Clarence	Moorhead	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393	
30. Fens, Jack	Hibbing	Lowry Hotel, Ca 2-6611	
31. Fitzgerald, John M.	New Prague	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301	
32. Fitzsimons, Richard W.	Argyle	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301	
33. Franke, Donald T.	Rochester	932 Goodrich Ave., Ca 5-0497	
34. Frans, Sam	Mountain Lake	77 Sherburne Ave., Ca 4-5915	
35. French, George A.	Minneapolis	Capitol Apts., Ca 2-2152	
36. Pudro, Stanley J.	Minneapolis	5140 Penn Ave. So., Wa-6-2214	
37. Fugina, Peter X.	Virginia	2322-2nd St. NE St 9-7761	
38. Fuller, Graham	Ivanhoe	1146 Randolph, MI 9-2521	
39. Furat, Frank	Lake City	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301	
40. Gamba, Cliff	Sebeka	5301 Woodlawn Blvd., Pa 4-2958	
41. Grant, George E.	Millaca	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393	
		Wadena	
		Millie Lakes,	
		Manabec,	
		Sherburne	
42. Grunning, George P.	Clara City	Capitol Apts., Ca 2-9502	
43. Hagland, Carl G.	Minneapolis	1399 Portland Ave., MI 4-8078	
44. Halsted, Charles L.	Brainerd	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393	
45. Hartle, John A.	Owatonna	Capitol Apts., Ca 6-4782	
46. Hegstrom, M. R.	St. James	Lowry Hotel, Ca 2-6611	
47. Henning, H. J.	Pelican Rapids	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393	
48. Hofstad, Alvin G.	Madison	203 Stewart Ave., Ca 9-9014	
49. House, William H.	Two Harbors	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393	
50. Huebner, Fred H.	Donnelly	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393	
51. Iverson, Carl M.	Ashty	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301	
52. Jensen, Carl A.	Sleepy Eye	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301	
53. Johnson, Victor L.	Lake Bronson	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393	
54. Jude, Victor H.	Maple Lake,	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301	
55. Jungolaus, Walter C.	Glencoe	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301	
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56. Kaercher, Lem	Ortonville	Big Stone	Curtis Hotel, Fe 3-5144
57. Karvonen, George W.	Deer Creek	Otter Tail	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
58. Kelly, Dr. J. J.	Marshall	Iyon	St. Paul Hotel, Ca 2-4114
59. Kinser, John J.	Cold Spring	Stearns	
		2nd Division	Euelid Hotel, Ca 2-5925
60. Klaus, Walter K.	Farmington	Dakota	Hotel Lowry, Ca 2-6611
61. Knudsen, Eugene P.	Kandiyohi	Kandiyohi	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393
62. Krenik, George B.	Le Center	Le Sueur	Lowry Hotel, Ca 2-6611
63. Kucera, Robert C.	Northfield	Rice	Lowry Hotel, Ca 2-6611
64. LaBrosse, Francis	Duluth	St. Louis	Lowry Hotel, Ca 2-6611
65. Langley, Clarence, G.	Red Wing	Goodhue	
		2nd Division	Capitol Apts., Ca 2-2152
66. Larson, Alf	Hayfield	Dodge	Frederic Hotel, Ca 2-1701
67. Lets, Robert	Minneapolis	Hennepin	1220 Morgan Ave. N. Ja 2-0148
68. Lovik, A. W.	Park Rapids	Hubbard	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
69. Luther, Sally (Mrs. G. H.)	Minneapolis	Hennepin	1937 Kenwood Pkwy, Fr 7-8308
70. McGarty, Glenn D.	Minneapolis	Hennepin	2221 Humboldt Ave. S., Fr 7-0044
71. McGill, John D.	Winona	Winona 1st Div	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
72. McGowan, Martin J., Jr.	Appleton	Swift	Lowry Hotel, Ca 2-6611
73. McKenzie, William B.	No. St. Paul	Ramsey, No	45 Tazewell Ave., Sp 7-2418
74. McLeod, Donald	Lewiston	Winona 2nd Div	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
75. Mann, George	Winona	Jackson	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
76. Maruska, Harveydale	Angus	Fulk	1258 Beech St., Fr 4-4684
77. Mosier, Leo D.	Minneapolis	Hennepin	4340 Washburn Ave. N., Ja 2-1906
78. Mueller, August B.	Arlington	Sibley	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
79. Munger, Willard H.	Duluth	St. Louis	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393
80. Murk, George E.	Minneapolis	Hennepin	3357 Lincoln St., St 9-5770
81. Nelson, Howard I.	Lindstrom	Chicago	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
82. Nelson, R. H.	Breckenridge	Wilkin	St. Paul Hotel, Ca 2-4114
83. Newhouse, Julian O.	Alexandria	Douglas	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393
84. Nordin, John H.	East Bethel	Anoka-Isanti	East Bethel Village, Su 8-1661
	Village		
85. Nordlie, O. G.	Litchfield	Meeker	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
86. Noroan, Roger F.	Duluth	St. Louis	1022 Earl St., Fr 6-5279
87. Nurminen, Birger	Rt. 1 Aitkin	Aitkin	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393
88. O'Dea, Richard V.	Mankato	Washington	92 Wildwood Beach Rd., Ca 6-3737
89. Ottinger, Howard	Chaska	Carver	Chaska, Hi 8-2971
90. Otto, Alfred J.	St. Paul	Ramsey	
		Ward 4	194 Summit Ave., Ca 2-4555
91. Parks, Clifton	St. Paul	Ramsey, So.	1678 Beechwood, Hi 8-6658
92. Parish, Richard J.	Golden Valley	Hennepin, No.	3826 W. Broadway, Ke 7-3629
93. Paulson, Harvey H.	Sleepy Eye	Redwood, Brown	
		At Large	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
94. Peterson, C. Donald	Minneapolis	Hennepin, No.	4809 Wilford Way, Wa 2-8426
95. Peterson, Jack M.	Duluth	St. Louis	1989 E. Kenwood Dr. Pr 1-2433
96. Podgorski, Anthony	St. Paul	Ramsey, So.	642 Van Buren, Ca 6-5616
97. Popovich, Peter, S.	St. Paul	Ramsey	
		Ward 7	470 Summit, Ca 5-8559
98. Prifrel, Joseph, Jr.	St. Paul	Ramsey, No.	1031 Woodbridge St. Hqs 1191
99. Reed, Dewey	St. Cloud	Stearns	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
100. Renner, Robert G.	Walker	Cass	149 So. St. Albans, Ca 5-1804
101. Richie, Richard W.	St. Paul	Ramsey So.	509 Fred St., Pr 1-8529
102. Rutter, Loren S.	Kinney	St. Louis	Lowry Hotel, Ca 2-6611
103. Schaffer, Emil	Austin	Hoyer	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
104. Schwank, Fred W.	Deerwood	Crow Wing	
		Morrison-At	
		Large	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
105. Schulz, Roy	Mankato	Blue Earth	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
		Benton, Sher-	

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100. Schumann, Marvin C.	Rice	Benton	1255 Hewitt Ave., MI 6-3862
107. Searle, Rodney H.	Waseca	Sherburne	668 E. Central Park, Ca 4-3862
108. Shovel, William L.	St. Paul	Waseca	466 Johnson Play. Pr 6-4011
109. Skeate, John P.	Minneapolis	Ramsey, Mo.	1324 Buchanan St. NE St 9-3470
110. Svenson, Donald E.	Mankato	Hennepin	Lowry Hotel, Ca 2-6611
111. Swanson, Edwin T.	Stillwater	Blue Earth	418 W. Wilkin St. He 8-4828
112. Swanson, Glen W.	Buffalo	Washington	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
113. Thompson, Helmer	Staples	Wright	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
114. Thompson Tamm	Lanesboro	Todd	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
115. Tiemann, Edmund C.	Melrose	Fillmore	Lowry Hotel, Ca 2-6611
116. Tomczyk, Edward J.	Minneapolis	Stearns 1st Div	1614 California St. NE, St 9-5764
117. Truesdell, Glenn	Pine City	Hennepin	391 Selby, Ca 6-2019
118. VanDe Riet, G. J.	Fairmont	Pine	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
119. Volstad, Edward J.	Minneapolis	Martin	3327 25th Ave So., Pa 2-5686
120. Voxland, Roy L.	Kenyon	Hennepin	Goodhue 1st Div Lowry, Hotel, Ca 2-6611
121. Wangensteen, George	Bovey	Itasca	Commodore Hotel, Ca 6-1061
122. Warwick, Arno, C.	Duluth	St. Louis	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393
123. Warnke, Curtis B.	Wood Lake	Yellow Medicine	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-0393
124. Wee, Reuben	Palaton	Murray	Capitol Apts., Ca 2-2152
125. Wetzel, George P.	Little Falls	Morrison	Ryan Hotel, Ca 2-6301
126. Wichterman, B. H.	Plummer	Pennington	
		Red Lake	
		Clearwater	1146 Randolph, MI 9-2521
127. Wilder, Harvey A.	Crookston	Polk	Hotel Capri, Ca 2-6303
128. Windmiller, E. J.	Fergus Falls	Otter Tail	511 Sherburne, Ca 6-1242
129. Wozniak, D. D.	St. Paul	Ramsey Ward 5	1216 Bayard, MI 9-8336
130. Wright, F. Gordon	Minneapolis	Hennepin	2912 Chown Ave. Sol, Wa 6-0524
131. Yetka, Lawrence	Cloquet	Carlton	2334 E. County I. L. D., Sp 7-2723

Legislative Committee Meeting
9/2/57

PARTY DESIGNATION: Mrs. Graham would like to have access to all available information that the League has on Party Designation to see whether new material couldn't be found to give more weight to this continuing responsibility. Mrs. Kane feels that we could make a real contribution in this area if we could put together new material for wide distribution to the political parties. Mrs. Phyllis Richter who was not able to attend this meeting but worked with this item last year, sent word that she was willing to make up material for a popular folder but that she questioned the availability of new material.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: Mrs. Greene wondered what the League should do about upcoming amendments and whether we were caught in a philosophical "bind" by supporting amendments when in principal we feel that this procedure is too expensive, piecemeal, etc. The committee felt that an amendment which measures up to League standards and improves the situation probably must be supported since the goal is to improve the constitution.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: It was suggested that we contact the Public Relations Chairman on the State Board to set up some procedure with local Leagues for replying to editorial and critical criticism of constitutional revision. A letter from Mrs. B. F. Fuller, public relations chairman of the St. Paul League, was read pointing out that Mr. Christianson reiterates the same arguments in his criticism of constitutional revision and she feels that these arguments should be promptly dealt with whenever and wherever they appear. If the Bi-partisan Committee could be persuaded to reactivate for the purpose of answering Christianson, it was felt that a good story release could be hung on this peg. ✓ It was felt that our success in the legislature next session depended to a large degree on our ability to engage other organizations and prominent citizens in the battle for a new constitution.

P. S. FROM THE CHAIRMAN: If you do not have a copy of the 1957 Legislative Report, please obtain one from the state office and read it before the next meeting.

Legislative Committee
October 8, 1957

Chairman:	Mrs. Homer Mantis 2352 Buford Ave. St. Paul 8	MI 4-1156	
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LIST OF LWM LOBBYISTS WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR 1959 LEGISLATIVE SESSION - April 25, 1958
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St. Louis Pk.	Mrs. M. D. Himmelman, 3209 Jersey S., We9-2422	Reapportionment
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Minnetonka	Mrs. H. Herman Ott, 3413 Druid Lane, GR 3-6056	Reap. & CC (See Dk)
Minneapolis	Mrs. Theodore Olson, 4752 16 Ave. So., Pa2-5902	Reapportionment
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Alexandria	Mrs. Sidney Buttz, 1101 Douglas, Alexandria Re3-5918	Both
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Duluth	Mrs. John Berdie, 608 Woodland, Duluth, Ea4-2582	
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Worthington	Voters Service cham. ?	
Worthington	Mrs. A. G. Satre, 607 Lake, recommended by others, no there herself	
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Granite Falls	Mrs. John Lundquist	
Granite Falls	Mrs. Rudolph Ehrenberg, (perhaps	

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1957 Legislative Report.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

Federal 8-8791

September 12, 1957

Dear Legislator:

The 1957 Legislative Report of the League of Women Voters is available to you upon request. This report contains an analysis of the legislative progress of the four items that were supported by the League during the last session:

Constitutional Convention
Party Designation for Legislators
Reapportionment
Fair Employment Practices Commission

We hope this informative report will be of value to you. If you would like a copy, please fill out and return the enclosed card.

The delegates at the last State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota voted to continue to work and support the above items and the convention body also voted unanimously to study the Minnesota Election Laws. Material on this subject will be ready next spring.

Mrs. O. H. Anderson, our new president, and the state board take this opportunity to say that we will make every effort to keep you informed about the League's program during the next two years.

Sincerely yours,

Sandy Anderson
Mrs. O. H. Anderson
President

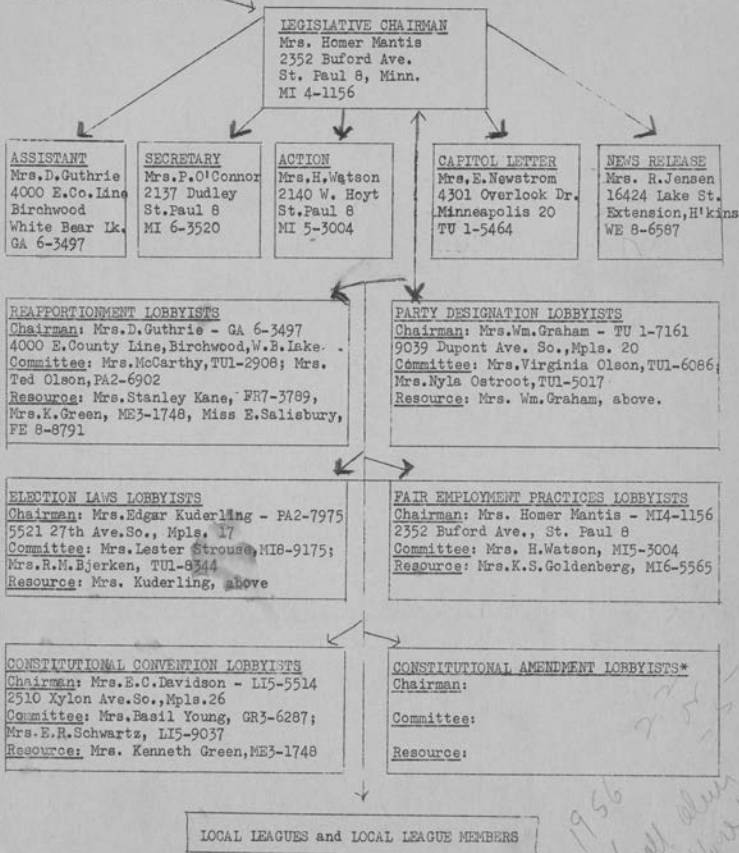
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LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

The State Convention votes Program, the State Board implements the program in the Legislature through its



THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF LOBBYING

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

LEGISLATIVE ETIQUETTE

League Legislative Etiquette is determined by the fact that the League's contact with public officials is a continuing contact with the purpose of building up a permanent friendly relationship. Bear in mind that the State Legislature has a majority of rural members - that a League member who is conservative in dress and action (including smoking) is more effective than the opposite.

I. For attendance at committee meetings:

1. Use good judgment in attending committee meetings. Be natural and make every effort to behave in a dignified manner.
2. Refrain from remarks and comments until after the meeting. The least a visitor can do is not to add to the confusion. In smaller meetings it is often possible for the members to guess the kind of thing that is being said.
3. Exchange, discuss, and share your experience with other League members. Congregate away from busy halls.
4. Reserve judgment of any legislative body until after more than one visit. A better understanding of methods of work is always obtained through further study.

II. For interviews with Legislators:

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

LOBBY

by letter...



Dear League Member:

Nobody means quite so much to a legislator as his own constituents. If their voices are many and persuasive - and they are yours and your friends' voices - YOU may turn the tide for the League.

The folders in this Lobby by Letter kit contain the latest program material in capsule form. There is also additional information for League members (on matching fact sheets) to help in writing informed, provocative letters to legislators.

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Let's make 1959 the big year for LOBBYING BY LETTER.

Mrs. Homer Mantis
Legislative Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minnesota

P.S. Some correct salutations:

The Honorable John Doe Governor _____:
Governor of Minnesota Sir:
St. Paul, Minnesota Dear Sir:

The Honorable Carl Smith Dear Senator _____:
Senate Chambers My dear Senator _____:
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WHY HAS MINNESOTA LAGGED BEHIND?

Constitutional conventions aren't new-fangled; they are the American way of making the machinery of government responsive to the needs of the times. Some 200 conventions have been held in 48 states since the first one in Massachusetts in 1779.

When Minnesota's constitution was hastily written 100 years ago by 10 men in 10 days so Minnesota could get into the Union, it was expected that improvements and systematic review of the constitution would be needed. The Bill of Rights declares our right to make changes in our government; another section spells out the machinery for holding a constitutional convention.

MINNESOTA HAS NOT HAD AN ORDERLY REVIEW OF ITS CONSTITUTION IN 100 YEARS

WHAT NEEDS CHANGING?

Many changes are needed. For instance, the Constitution says...

- * the legislature may meet for only 90 days every two years, yet it must raise and spend over ~~\$3,000,000~~ and deal with over 3,000 bills affecting Minnesota citizens. \$300,000,000
- * reapportionment of legislative districts should take place every 10 years, yet the legislature has successfully evaded this constitutional duty for 38 years.
- * special funds, taking up 79% of the state's income, may not be used for general purposes, making for an inefficient and rigid financial structure.
- * the state debt should not exceed \$250,000, yet it actually is over \$1,000,000.

MINNESOTA'S CONSTITUTION IS RIDDLED WITH OBSOLETE, BY-PASSED,
RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS

WHO SAYS IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED?

- * the LEGISLATURE in 1947, when it appointed a Constitutional Commission which recommended 34 major changes, 6 new sections, and 78 corrections, plus a Constitutional Convention to accomplish them.
- * the "LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION," which in 1950 recommended changes covering our entire governmental structure and procedure.
- * President Eisenhower's COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS which in 1954 reported: "The Commission finds a very real and pressing need for states to improve..constitutions."
- * The DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR and REPUBLICAN parties and the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA, who are on record as favoring a constitutional convention for Minnesota.
- * These, and other responsible citizens believe...

AN OUTDATED STATE CONSTITUTION LIMITS THE SCOPE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF STATE AND LOCAL ACTION

WHY NOT AMEND THE CONSTITUTION?

Amendments have been tried - some 83 times since 1858. The result - a confusing, cumbersome patchwork.

Amendments are the expensive way to remodel the Constitution.

Passing the three amendments in 1956 cost the taxpayer \$ 204,168

At this rate, getting only 30 needed changes in the Constitution by

voting on three amendments at each election would take 20 years and . . \$2,041,680

New Jersey's Constitutional Convention in 1947 cost only \$ 350,000

The 1957 Minnesota legislative session cost \$1,431,414

Amending the Constitution over the years would cost more than one regular session of the legislature.

FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF - A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION GIVES YOU MORE FOR YOUR MONEY

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TOWARD A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION?

1. The legislature must submit the question of calling a convention to the people. Since 1949 it has refused to implement this right of the people to decide on review of the Constitution.
2. Voters would elect 131 delegates in the same manner as members of the House of Representatives. These people, legislators and civic-minded citizens of their districts, would convene for the sole purpose of reviewing and revising the Constitution.
3. The resulting document would be referred to the voters for approval at the next general election.

A CONSTITUTION REVISED BY CONVENTION WOULD BE A BASIC CHARTER THAT MINNESOTANS COULD UNDERSTAND - AND BE PROUD OF

WHAT COULD A REVISED CONSTITUTION DO FOR MINNESOTA?

IT COULD:

1. Allow our three branches of government and citizens to use the efficient methods of 1958, not 1858, in running the state's business.

IT COULD:

2. Enable the state to make the best use of its tax money.

IT COULD:

3. Cope with today's problems and help eliminate constant pleas for federal assistance.

ONLY A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CAN PRODUCE A COHERENT AND WORKABLE CONSTITUTION FOR MINNESOTA

WHAT CAN WE DO TO GET A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR MINNESOTA?

We can KNOW the facts

We can CARE enough to tell others

We can ACT by writing our legislators and voting for men and measures favoring a Constitutional Convention.

If you want more information on any of the above points, send for "The State You're In," available for 85¢ from

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MINNESOTA NEEDS
PARTY DESIGNATION
FOR LEGISLATORS

M INNESOTA'S GOVERNORS ARE ELECTED ON PARTY DESIGNATION AS ARE THE OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE STATE

Minnesota's governor campaigns on a political party platform. The people show their approval of the candidate's program by electing him. Then, they hold him to the program he has pledged. But the governor frequently finds his program blocked to a standstill by legislators who do not commit themselves to the party platform.

M INNESOTA'S NONPARTISAN POLICY FOR LEGISLATORS SHORT CIRCUITS THE OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT

M INNESOTA CITIZENS ARE DENIED A DIRECT VOICE IN THEIR OWN MINNESOTA STATE GOVERNMENT BY THE NONPARTISAN POLICY OF ELECTING LEGISLATORS

There is a basic cynicism in a law which denies the people this right. The legislators who favor the present method claim that they know what their people need and want. The critics assert that the party platform springs from the people and that legislators who commit themselves to it are more likely to be truly representative of the whole state.

M INNESOTA'S NONPARTISAN METHOD THWARTS THE GOVERNOR, THE PARTY AND THE CITIZEN

M INNESOTA NEEDS PARTY DESIGNATION FOR LEGISLATORS. SO SAY THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR PARTIES AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

If you think so too, you can do something about it:

- 1) Join the party of your choice, work steadily to improve it.
- 2) Have a voice in your party's platform beginning at the precinct caucus.
- 3) Endorse and elect candidates who are for PARTY DESIGNATION.

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MINNESOTA CITIZENS NOW ELECT THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE WITHOUT PARTY DESIGNATION

In other words, on a nonpartisan basis. Yet a body of 198 members finds it cannot function effectively without the machinery of party disciplines. Therefore, the Minnesota legislature organizes itself into 2 factions, corresponding roughly to the 2 political parties.

MINNESOTA'S LEGISLATURE THUS IS NOT NONPARTISAN EXCEPT IN NAME

MINNESOTA VOTERS DO NOT KNOW THE POLITICAL PARTY OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Yet, each legislator may choose the faction that he favors, Conservative if he is a Republican, Liberal if he is a Democrat-Farmer-Labor, without accounting for his choice in any way to the people who have elected him, and, the choice is generally for keeps.

MINNESOTA LEGISLATORS DO FORM "PARTIES" AND SO HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF PARTISANSHIP WITHOUT RESPONSIBILITY

MINNESOTA VOTERS BELIEVE THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE FUNCTIONS ON A NON PARTISAN BASIS

Yet, the two factions caucus before each session convenes to decide upon the men who will hold important positions, such as the speaker of the House and the president pro tem of the Senate. They also decide what position their faction will take on the controversial legislation which will be introduced during the coming session.

MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE LEADERS ARE NOT SELECTED ON A NONPARTISAN BASIS

MINNESOTANS GENERALLY THINK THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ARE SET UP IN A NONPARTISAN WAY

Yet, the faction which holds the majority in either house always fills all chairmanships and vice chairmanships of all 39 standing committees and appoints a controlling number of members of these committees from its faction, regardless of the ability or experience of the members of the minority faction.

MINNESOTA'S METHOD OF ORGANIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES IS NOT NONPARTISAN

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MINNESOTA NEEDS
LEGISLATIVE
REAPPORTIONMENT

MINNESOTA HAS SOME RURAL LEGISLATORS WHO CLAIM THAT REAPPORTIONMENT WOULD CAUSE
URBAN CONTROL OVER RURAL PEOPLE

Total population of the five-county area containing Minneapolis and St. Paul is only 39% of population (1950 census). Yet even if in the next 50 years, urban areas should gain control, there is little need for fear. Studies have shown that in the few states where the cities control the legislature under a true population apportionment, there is no evidence that rural interests have suffered.

Cities seldom vote as a bloc. More often, conservative suburban legislators vote with conservative rural legislators, and liberals with liberals.

MINNESOTA CITIZENS SHOULD BE GUARANTEED PARTICIPATION ON AN EQUAL BASIS
IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE STATE

MINNESOTA'S REAPPORTIONMENT PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED IN TWO WAYS

1. A statute under our present constitution is needed for an immediate, though temporary, solution to an urgent situation. Legislative districts with severe under-representation must be granted relief and an adequate voice in the government given to all areas in the state.
2. A constitutional amendment is needed for a permanent solution that will enforce periodic reapportionment and perhaps include a fair area consideration in one house of the legislature.

MINNESOTA NEEDS BOTH A STATUTE AND AN AMENDMENT TO ACHIEVE FAIR REAPPORTIONMENT

MINNESOTA VOTERS

DO YOU KNOW WHETHER YOU ARE FAIRLY REPRESENTED IN OUR STATE LEGISLATURE?

If you are under-represented, let your legislators know you favor reapportionment.

If you are over-represented, consider whether it is fair that you have a vote several times stronger than someone in another district. Let your legislators know you favor reapportionment.

FIND OUT if you have your fair share of representation. Write for "Democracy Denied" (25¢) available from...THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA, 15th and Washington Avenues S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

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MINNESOTA CITIZENS ARE NOT BEING GRANTED A FAIR AND EQUAL VOICE
IN THEIR STATE GOVERNMENT

Rapid, uneven population growth of many sections of the state has made the need for reapportionment urgent. Look at the contrast between a House district in St. Paul with only 7,290 people, and a rural Hennepin district with a population of 107,246. Each has one representative. Or consider the Olmsted County representative who speaks for 48,228 people, while the legislator in neighboring Dodge County represents only 12,624 people.

MINNESOTA HAS A LEGISLATURE IN WHICH OVER 50% OF THE LEGISLATORS
ARE CHOSEN BY LESS THAN 35% OF THE PEOPLE

MINNESOTA LEGISLATORS HAVE NOT REAPPORTIONED SINCE 1913, EVEN THOUGH
THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDES FOR REAPPORTIONMENT EVERY 10 YEARS

Article IV, Section 2, provides for redistricting after each federal census on the basis of equal numbers of people. No method of enforcement is written into the constitution.

The present apportionment is based on the 1910 census, and only four out of 87 counties have their rightful share of representation in both houses of the state legislature.

MINNESOTA RANKS SECOND ONLY TO ALABAMA IN FAILURE TO REAPPORTION
AS THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES

MINNESOTA'S PRESENT APPORTIONMENT LAW HAS BEEN DECLARED UNFAIR
BY FEDERAL COURT DECISION

The right of the equal vote under the 14th amendment to the United States Constitution is being denied by the 1913 Minnesota Law.

The three Federal Court Judges' ruling indicates that if the 1959 legislature fails to perform its constitutional duty to redistrict the state, the Federal Court will have to take action.

MINNESOTA'S LEGISLATURE IS BEING GIVEN ONE MORE CHANCE TO REAPPORTION

MINNESOTA CITIZENS LIVING IN HEAVILY POPULATED SECTIONS ARE JUSTIFIED IN RAISING THE CRY
"TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION"

Voting discrimination based on geography is just as bad as that based on race,
color or creed.

MINNESOTA LEGISLATORS ARE DENYING THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES OF TRULY
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MINNESOTA NEEDS A NEW CONSTITUTION BECAUSE:

1. The Constitution restricts the executive by not giving it adequate authority equal to the responsibility it bears for doing its job.
2. It limits the legislature by imposing 19th century procedures for a 20th century job.
3. It hinders speedy and equal justice by the courts (two amendments relating to the judiciary, submitted to the voters in 1954 and 1956 point to the need for overall examination of this part of the Constitution).
4. It prevents local government from being truly local by making cities, towns, villages and counties come to the legislature for management of many of their affairs. Amendment #1, submitted to the voters in 1958, is an effort to improve this situation.
5. It imposes obstacles in the way of an efficient and economic fiscal policy for the state by its outmoded and restrictive provisions.
6. It instills in the people a disrespect for the Constitution and law by the example of the legislature's refusal to carry out its constitutional duty to reapportion itself.

MINNESOTA'S CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE REVISED BY A CONVENTION BECAUSE:

1. In the United States the citizen is the constitution-maker. This job cannot rightly, therefore, be done by the legislature, but must be done by Convention. Self-government rests upon a) the power to prescribe the basic law; b) the power to elect representatives to put it into effect. Loss or diminution of either of these prerogatives weakens self-government. The fact is that:
 - a. The people have not had an opportunity to review the Constitution since it was drafted in 1857.
 - b. As early as 1871, Governor Austin declared it outmoded, inconsistent, inadequate, and asked for a convention to rewrite it.
 - c. The last three governors (two Republican and one DFL) have supported a constitutional convention bill, but the legislature has not passed one.
2. A convention attracts outstanding citizens to serve as delegates. A convention is traditionally conservative and is less susceptible than a legislature to pressure groups. Its delegates will not be standing for re-election; they are aware that what they do will become history.

3. The Minnesota Constitutional Commission (composed of 18 legislators, a member of the executive department, a Supreme Court Justice, and three citizens) agreed unanimously upon the desirability of a convention, as opposed to the amendment process, for the comprehensive consideration of our complicated document.
4. The study, research and recommendations made by the Minnesota Constitutional Commission have laid the groundwork for a convention; this will lessen the work and time, and therefore, expense of a convention.
5. Amendments are slow, costly, cumbersome, compromising, and difficult to understand in relation to the Constitution as a whole. There have been 83 amendments in 100 years.

New Jersey's recent convention cost was paid for almost immediately by resultant court reorganization. Missouri officials estimate that reform in the new Department of Revenue only, brought about by its recent convention, saves more than \$1,000,000 annually.

6. Constitutional conventions, attended by widespread public interest in the constitution, convention proceedings and results, have increased the understanding of governmental problems in other states. Because of an awakened and informed citizenry, constitutions produced by conventions have a higher record of voter approval than amendments have had in Minnesota.

THE LEAGUE RECORD

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has endorsed the convention principle since 1948, in addition to studying various phases of revision such as home rule, reapportionment, the executive department and legislative reorganization.

In 1954 the League of Women Voters worked hard for Amendment #3 which provided that legislators may serve as delegates to a convention and that the resulting document must be submitted to the people for approval. The passage of the amendment by a large vote was considered by the League to be a mandate to the legislature from the people of Minnesota to submit the convention question to the voters. This mandate was not carried out in the 1955 legislative session, and succeeded only in the House in 1957.

During the 1959 session the League will again support a bill submitting to the voters the question of calling a constitutional convention.

What every Leaguer should know about....

REAPPORTIONMENT

THE THREE ROADS TO REAPPORTIONMENT

1. A constitutional convention could rewrite the reapportionment article. However, at the State Council in 1954, the League decided that more immediate legislative action was needed.
2. A constitutional amendment could be submitted to the people which would
 - (a) change the present basis to give some consideration to area, and (b) include provisions which would guarantee future reapportionment.
 - (a) An "area" amendment received League of Women Voters sanction in 1954 as a long-range solution to the rural-urban split. We agreed that the urban centers could receive somewhat less than full population representation because of cohesiveness and closeness to the capitol. In the 1955 session the League of Women Voters testified for an area compromise amendment, but could not support the Iverson-Jenson amendment because of its several differences with our standards of fair and enforceable. In 1957 and 1958 we have studied more closely the specific methods of putting area into our reapportionment provisions.
 - (b) The re-enforcement provision most likely to be considered at the next legislative session is one which calls for a special session for reapportioning if the legislature fails in its duty after each Federal census, followed by administrative or judicial commission action if the special session cannot agree. At the 1958 Council, the LWF accepted this re-enforcement principle.
3. A statute could be passed by any session of the legislature to carry out the present provision. In 1954 the LWF decided that while it would support fair changes in the Constitution by amendment or convention, it must continue to support the statutory approach until the Constitution is changed and because reapportionment is long overdue. Accordingly, in both the 1955 and 1957 sessions, the LWF advocated passage of the "Bergerud Bill" as a fair, workable, and realistic reapportionment law. The recent Federal Court decision vindicates the League position and calls for the 1959 session to carry out its constitutional duty to reapportion.

For more detail see "Will An Area Amendment Settle Reapportionment?" LWF 1957.

WHERE DOES MINNESOTA STAND IN THE NATIONAL PICTURE?

The majority of states have taken action on reapportionment.

25	states	have	reapportioned	since	1950
9	"	"	"	"	1940
5	"	"	"	"	1930
3	"	"	"	"	1920
2	"	"	"	"	1910 - this includes Minnesota

Recently Illinois, Michigan, South Dakota and Wisconsin have reapportioned.

THE REAPPORTIONMENT DEBATE

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Reapportionment would disrupt present districts and unseat capable, well-thought-of legislators.

The cities would control the legislature if population reapportionment took place now.

The whole problem would be solved if Hennepin and Ramsey would do some re-districting within their boundaries.

Labor interests will dominate the legislature if the cities get more representation.

Under-representation of city voters is compensated for by their closeness to their legislators and the capitol.

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Federal Court quote: "It is the unmistakable duty of the State Legislature to reapportion itself periodically in accordance with recent population changes."

The 5-county area including Minneapolis and St. Paul have only 39% of the State's population. If the legislature had been reapportioned on the basis of the 1950 Census, Minneapolis and St. Paul would elect 28% of the legislators. Hennepin and Ramsey would elect 34%, Duluth 3%; other areas would control 62% of the Legislature.

A quick look at population figures shows that inequalities are state-wide. One example: Otter Tail County - 51,320 people and 4 rep. Olmsted County - 48,228 people and 1 rep.

In suburban areas, which have the most to gain from reapportionment, labor is not a dominant factor. In Illinois, it was found that suburban representatives rarely voted with downtown Chicago. In Massachusetts, studies show that even with the majority of the legislature coming from the metropolitan center, rural interests have not suffered. The President's Commission on Intergovernmental Relations said in 1954 that rural-dominated legislatures, unsympathetic to urban and suburban problems, have forced these areas to deal directly with the Federal government in such fields as housing, urban development, and air and defense facilities. The result has been to weaken the state's proper control over its own policies. Which is worse - rule by the majority to the possible detriment of the minority, or the present minority rule to the proven disadvantage of the majority?

This may be true to some extent, but city people probably have less contact with their representatives than do rural people. It is easier to know and talk with a man in a district with only 16,000 people, than it is in a district with over 100,000. A legislator is as near as the nearest mail box.

CONCLUSION: The question is not now "whether to" but "how to" - how to protect the democratic principle of the equal vote and assure all sections of the state an adequate voice in the government. The Governor's Committee on Legislative Apportionment and the next Legislature may come up with an answer if the League of Women Voters and other interested citizens make themselves heard.

INGREDIENTS FOR A DO-IT-YOURSELF REAPPORTIONMENT MAP

Under-represented House districts (over 26,182 people per representative)

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>County</u>
4	Olmsted	34	Minneapolis (part)	44	Anoka and Isanti
5	Mower	35	Minneapolis (part)	45	Stearns (east)
6	Freeborn	36	North rural Hennepin	49	Clay
18	Rice	36	South rural Hennepin	52	Itasca
20	Dakota	40	St. Paul Ward 7	57	St. Louis (SE)
25	Kandiyohi	41	Ramsey (part)	59	St. Louis (SW)
29	Minneapolis (part)	42	North Ramsey	62	Beltrami and
33	Minneapolis (part)	42	South Ramsey		Lake of the Woods

Equitable House districts (between 19,352 and 26,182)

2	City of Winona	23	Renville	47	Douglas
7	Faribault	31	Minneapolis (part)	51	Todd
8	Blue Earth	37	St. Paul (north)	52	Cass
9	Martin	38	St. Paul (north)	53	Crow Wing
11	Nobles	38	St. Paul (south)	54	Carlton
13	Lyon	39	St. Paul Ward 5	60	St. Louis (NW)
15	Nicollet	39	St. Paul Ward 6	63	Becker
16	Steele	46	Stearns (central)	64	Mahnomon and
22	McLeod				Norman

The other 62 House districts are over-represented

Under-represented Senate Districts (over 51,192 people per senator)

5	Dodge, Mower	36	Rural Hennepin	53	Crow Wing,
29	Minneapolis (part)	41	Ramsey (part)		Morrison
32	Minneapolis (part)	42	Ramsey (part)	57	Cook and Lake
33	Minneapolis (part)	45	Benton & Sherburne (part)		St. Louis (SE)
34	Minneapolis (part)			59	St. Louis (SW)
35	Minneapolis (part)	52	Cass and Itasca		

Equitable Senate districts (between 37,838 and 51,192)

1	Fillmore, Houston	25	Kandiyohi, Swift	49	Clay, Wilkin
2	Winona	30	Minneapolis (part)	50	Otter Tail (approx)
4	Olmsted	31	Minneapolis (part)	51	Todd, Wadena
8	Blue Earth	38	St. Paul (part)	54	Aitkin, Carlton
9	Martin, Watonwan	39	St. Paul (part)	60	St. Louis (NW)
12	Lincoln, Murray, Pipestone	40	St. Paul (part)	62	Beltrami & Lake
13	Lyon, Yellow Medicine	44	Anoka and Isanti		of the Woods,
14	Brown, Redwood	48	Big Stone, Grant,		Koochiching
20	Dakota		Stevens, Traverse	67	Kittson, Marshall,
					Roseau

The other 29 Senate districts are over-represented

These figures are taken from Democracy Denied, League of Women Voters 1954

What every Leaguer should know about....

PARTY DESIGNATION

A ripple of laughter ran over the legislature that day in 1913 when Minnesota's nonpartisan law was passed. A search back into the newspapers of that day reveals that the original Haycraft Bill sought to remove county officials from party designation and that the opponents of the bill planned to defeat it by a time honored technic of lawmakers - that of tacking on a crippling amendment. They felt certain that adding legislators to the nonpartisan bill would insure its defeat. The bill passed without one word of debate on its merits. Some legislators predicted that the first action of the next legislature would be to repeal the law that nobody wanted. Now, 45 years later, the law is firmly entrenched, and its benefits to the legislators who should repeal it are well known by them.

The two party system is the bone structure of American democracy. The nonpartisan law, which by implication holds political parties in contempt, therefore weakens the structure of representative government. No other instrument exists by which the citizen can so effectively make known his political needs and wishes, yet the "independent" legislator condemns political parties as evil things fraught with corruption.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota first studied party designation for legislators in 1951, voted in 1952 for repeal of the law, and has been working ever since toward that goal. In 1958-59, the League will keep in mind three goals which will help to clarify the present situation and to point the direction of work for the coming session:

1. To understand among ourselves and to make known to others that the Minnesota legislature is not now, nor has it ever been, nonpartisan.

It is as strongly partisan as any among the 48 and it would not be able to conduct the business of government if it were not. The term "nonpartisan" ought to be publicly revealed as a misnomer; we should work for some identification of legislative candidates on the ballot. Many legislators, newspaper editors and political scientists state flatly that there is no truly independent legislator in Minnesota. For example; during the 1957 session one legislator talked at length to a League of Women Voters member about the idealism of Minnesota's independent legislators. Later in reviewing his long voting record he said that for 26 years he had voted with the conservatives.

2. To make every effort to see that the Party Designation bill has an early hearing on the floor of the Senate.

Last session the House acted on the bill as soon as the session opened and passed it by an unheard-of majority, 95 to 32. It was sent to the Senate for early action, where it was buried in committee until after April 1 when a 2/3 vote became necessary. Watchers of the bill felt confident of a simple majority but knew they could never get 2/3. It is an abuse of Senate power to prevent its coming to open debate and a roll call vote so that the individual attitudes of Senators can be known. Opponents who spoke with pride of the high-principled non-partisan law fought a roll call vote in the 1957 session.

3. To challenge the cynicism of opposition forces, who claim that political parties are riddled with corruption.

The two-party system provides the most effective machinery by which interested people can influence their government. The opposition claims that people must be saved from the evils of their own political parties and that legislators are in a position to save them; that government cannot properly spring from the people who are governed, expressed by themselves in party platforms, but can only with safety be imposed on them by legislators who assume they know what is good for the people. There is a basic cynicism in an attitude which discounts and belittles the citizen's role in government. The benefits of the nonpartisan law are all on the side of the legislator and the indifference of too many voters works for the perpetuation of the law.

*A realistic picture of how the Minnesota legislature is
organized and how it functions as a lawmaking body*

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Minnesota Legislative Districts

How to find your legislators. Locate your county on the map. The area within which it falls is your legislative district, properly numbered. Find this number on the next page. The group of names following constitute your state senators and representatives. These are your legislators.

Note: If you live in Ramsey or Hennepin County, you'll find that your district is located within your county. In this case, identify your proper district by the area in which you live. Then follow the same procedure for contacting your legislators as mentioned above.



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

15th and Washington Ave. S.E. TSMc Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Minn. No. 14-9/56-35c

The following will testify on Monday Feb. 8th

Senate elections on Party Designations

Mrs. William Graham Jr. Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters

Mr. Kinsley Holman Bipartisan Committee

Prof. Harold Chase, Political Science Dept. Univ. of Minn.

Marge Galbraith, Vice Chairman, Republican Party

Mr. Levy, Bipartisan Committee

Possibly Stafford King

Subject: Legislative Committee Meeting (L)

Date: 9/23/57

MEMBERSHIP: The following people have agreed to serve on this committee:

Chairman: Mrs. Homer Mantis (Mary)
2752 Buford
St. Paul 8 HI 4-1156

VP: Mrs. William Jones (Mary Ann)
2308 Lake Place
Minneapolis 5 Fr 2-2066

Party Designation: Mrs. Wm. J. Graham Jr. (Lavonne)
9039 Dupont Avenue S
Minneapolis 20 Ta 1-7272

Const. Revision: Mrs. Kenneth Greene (Ann)
3025 Simpson
St. Paul 13 Me 3-1748

Advisory: Mrs. John Danohue (Muri)
711 Fairmont Ave
St. Paul Ca 6-6211

Advisory: Mrs. Donald Guthrie (Doris)
1000 E. County Line Road
Brookwood Ca 6-3497

Reappointment: Unappointed (Ann Greene will
try to find appointee)

Office Help: Mrs. Paul O'Connor (Pat)
2173 Dudley Ave
St. Paul 8 HI 6-3520

We will try to keep Mrs. Edgar Enderling (Election Law) and
Mrs. Stanley Kane posted so that they can offer advice in their
areas when necessary.

BI-PARTISAN COMMITTEE: It was agreed that this committee had been particularly helpful
during the legislative session in providing prominent citizens to testify, and it was
suggested that we find out whether there are plans to reactivate it and whether the
League can be of any assistance. We wondered whether the bi-partisan committee would
be a possible group to answer Otto Christianson's (and others) statements, perhaps
through an MIA release. We also felt that it might be wise to ask for their help in
preparing party designation material. *Jan*

CIVILIAN COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: It was pointed out that this very fine
committee stands on the brink of collapse unless the League can find a "spark plug".
We felt that Mrs. Malcolm Hargreaves or Mrs. Basil Young should be suggested to the
State Board for this "role".

FERG: Mrs. Jones was unable to attend this meeting, but it was felt that probably
legislation to be presented in the next session will center around housing, and we
will have to wait to see what contribution the League can make.

Registering: Mrs. Wm. Fletcher
10350 Miss Blvd
Coon Rapids, Minn

February 5, 1959

The Honorable Chris L. Erickson
Senate Chambers
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Senator Erickson:

We have been asked to inform you that spokesmen from the Democratic Farmer Labor party, the Republican party and the League of Women Voters would like to have the opportunity to testify in behalf of party designation before the Senate Elections Committee.

Their decision to testify was made at a recent meeting of the Bipartisan Committee which is composed of representatives from these three groups.

It is our understanding that proponents for this measure will be heard Monday morning, February 9th. Would it be possible to let us know if you are not planning to take testimony on party designation that day?

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Homer Mantis
Legislative Chairman

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ON ELECTIONS AND REAPPORTIONMENT

Met February 9, 1959, 8:00 A.M., Room 237
Following members were present:

Erickson
Kroehler
Bergerud
Carr
Feldt

Ferrario
Harren
Holand
Larson, L.
O'Loughlin

Root
Rosenmeier
Salmore
Sinclair
Welch

Zwach

The committee considered:

S.F. 120, relating to elections, providing for party designation of candidates for the State Legislature; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 202.02.

Senator Grittner, co-author of the bill, gave an explanation of the bill, pointing out that presently the non-partisan designated offices are those of county and municipal offices, state legislature, and judiciary. This bill would remove the state legislative offices from this list. Other points he brought out were: it is an advantage to the men themselves to run with party designation; state executive offices are party designated and consequently the party in office has no group designated as such to support their policy in the legislature; primary ballot people would have a better choice of candidates; at election the people have nothing to guide them when voting for state legislators so either cast a confused vote or no vote at all.

The following proponents of the bill were heard:

1. Mrs. Wm. Graham, League of Women Voters
2. Mr. Chase, Associate Professor of Political Science, U. of M.
3. Mrs. Robert Rose, National Council of Jewish Women, Minn. Comm.
4. Mrs. H. R. Gallraith, Minn. State Republican Party, 2nd V. Chrwoman
5. Mr. James Levy, Attorney, representing D.F.L.
6. Mr. Nystrom, V. Pres., Minnesota Farmers Union
7. Mr. Kinsey Holman, Bipartisan Committee on Legislation
8. Senator Fraser, co-author

The main points brought out by these speakers were:

1. No base of reference in studying local government.
2. With party designation the candidates would have a platform as set up by the party and voters would have a clearly defined knowledge of how the candidate stood on issues.
3. No party designation helps the incumbent.
4. Minnesota is the only state with such a law. If it is so good why don't others follow?
5. The candidate is probably active in one of the two major political parties and yet will not identify himself as such.
6. Most weigh which is more important: the advantage the legislator might have at the polls by not identifying himself; or the advantage the public has when casting their vote to know where the candidate stands.
7. Last summer State Republican Party unanimously passed a resolution favoring party designation.
8. Bipartisan Committee in favor of party designation after studying it.
9. State platform of DFL supports party designation and will not endorse anyone who does not identify himself.
10. With party designation there is less possibility for hidden pressure and unknown backing.

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11. Legislator can be called to account for his actions if his platform is clearly defined at the time of his election.
12. Felt that at present there is disinterest in and fewer votes cast for the state legislative offices than party designated offices.
13. Problem of financing campaign without party designation.
14. Problem arises because of long ballots.
15. Minnesota Farmers Union passed resolution favoring party designation
16. If candidate has party designation then he has that backing without "higher ups" in the organization making the final decision on him.

Hearing on S.F. 120 will be continued at the next meeting, Monday, February 16, at 8:00 a.m., Room 237. Opponents will be given a chance to be heard at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman

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Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

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CALL TO ACTION

Mrs. Axel Erickson, Pres.
League of Women Voters
Cass Lake, Minnesota

March 8, 1959

Dear Mrs. Erickson,

House File 61, pertaining to party designation, has been sent to the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. Your representative, George Wangensteen, is a member of this committee. The Capitol Letter shows that he voted (yes, no, no information) on this issue in past legislative sessions.

As you know, HF 61 was discussed on the floor of the House earlier this session, and opponents of the bill were successful in having it returned to the Elections Committee for possible amendment. It has now been sent to committee (this time to the Judiciary Committee in an attempt to salvage the bill) three times. Because of the discouraging course of action thus far, it is possible that it may not even come up for discussion in committee and will be killed.

We would like to see the bill passed out of committee again and onto the floor where it can at least be argued by the whole body. To that end, we wish to poll the members of the committee.

Will you please write to your representative asking him how he feels about this bill and whether he would be willing to vote it back to the floor for House consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marion Watson
State Legislative Committee
League of Women Voters.

*Mr. Wangensteen is not our Representative.
Robert Green of Walden is ^{the} Representative
from Cass County.*

TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE
February 8, 1959

I am Harold Chase, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota. I come before you as an interested citizen speaking for no one but himself. It is with some misgivings that I proceed, for I have lived in the state for only two years and I am well aware of the fact that you all know far more about Minnesota politics than I do. But, on the theory that sometimes there is virtue in getting the perspective of an "outsider" on local problems, I have asked to impose upon you long enough to give you some views on the question of party designation. In this connection, I believe it is pertinent to mention that I have lived for a year or more in seven states, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, California, Delaware and Minnesota and have had professional reasons for observing closely the operation of the governments of those states.

In view of some of the things I'm about to say, I want to make it clear that like George Gurn, "I like it here." I only regret that I didn't have the opportunity to come here sooner.

One more prefatory remark, I do not want to repeat the fine arguments which have been presented on behalf of party designation. I shall confine myself to stressing several points that have not been given much attention.

The first point I should like to stress grows out of my own brief experience in Minnesota. When I first came here, for professional reasons, I wanted to read myself into the local situation as fast as possible. I asked many questions of many people about our state legislators. I was amazed how few folks knew much about their legislators. This is undoubtedly a consequence of no-party designation. Busy citizens cannot devote much time to following legislative activities. This is not to imply that party designation is a sure index to any particular legislator's views. But it does serve to provide reference points for the public. Once a voters knows that a man is a DFLer or a Republican, he can learn relatively

attempting to get a line on a legislator needs base points just as the artillery man needs a few base points as guide lines to his targets. Nor do the labels "conservative" or "liberal" serve the purpose. I am convinced on the basis of questioning many people here in Minnesota that these designations have far less meaning in respect to issues than DFL and Republican.

My second point is that the concept of no-party designation stems from very faulty political theory. It grew out of the idea that the Progressives of yesteryear had that you must take politics out of politics. On its face, this is impossible. Electing a legislature is a political process. There is no virtue in making it more difficult for the voter to know what he is voting for. This puts a premium on pressure-group politics, for it makes it easier for single-purposed special interest groups to get their man in office when the general voters are duped or confused.

Test the theory another way. If there is virtue in having legislators elected on their own merits without regard to party platforms--wouldn't the same concept suggest that they should operate independently in the legislature, too? Yet, to accomplish legislative business, there are "party" caucuses in the legislature after the legislators are elected. In the same way, experience has indicated that the voters in a democracy must have organization to accomplish their business, i.e. telling the legislators what they want. History amply demonstrates that democracy works best where there are two virgorous, indistinguishable parties. ~~Independence of the legislator does not~~

Now, obviously, there must be some practical reasons for supporting non-party designation, otherwise there would be no problem about getting a party designation bill passed. Let's call a spade a spade. The practical reasons are not in the public interest however much they may serve some legislators' interests or other private interests. To be sure a legislator gets a kind of independence from election without a party label--independence from the voter. It is more difficult for the voter to keep track of his representative and to hold him accountable. What does the independent legislator stand for before

election? Since he does not have to stand with a party for a party platform, he can stand for anything he wants. He can talk out of both sides of his mouth when making the coffee-party circuit. Consequently, he can pretend--as more than a few candidates did in the past election--that he is both conservative and liberal, DFL and Republican.

Another practical reason for favoring no-party designation is that it tends to favor the incumbent. At least this is suggested by Professor Adrian's very fine study. Although this may be desirable from the point of view of one already in the legislature, it is stacking the cards.

Further, the legislator who would serve private rather than the public interest stands a better chance of pursuing that private interest, where there is no party designation. It is with some reluctance that I proceed along these lines because what I am about to say is distasteful. But I believe, with all due respect, it must be said.

Last year, I read with a great deal of interest the very serious charges leveled at members of this legislature by John McDonald in the Minneapolis Tribune, March 24-29. On the basis of my study of government, I thought, "This will really blow the lid off the capital." I don't pretend to know or want to argue about the validity of these charges. The point I would like to make is that such serious charges warranted the healthy interest of the citizenry of the state. I was literally amazed that no public furor followed. Undoubtedly, the problem of conflict of interest is common to all state legislatures, but the publicizing of such serious charges in any other state I know about would not have been received with such apathy. I am not suggesting that anybody should be unfairly crucified, but, in a healthy body politic, the citizenry would insist on thorough airing of such charges. Why were Minnesotans so apathetic? My own hunch is that lack of party designation was the biggest contributing factor. We all more or less identify ourselves with one of the two major parties. We would have felt a greater involvement if the allegations were aimed at identifiable

Republicans or DFLers. Also, members of each party would be quick to insist that representatives of the other party be exposed. This kind of vigilance, if kept in civilized bounds, is all to the good. Further, the parties themselves would be more watchful of the activities of legislators wearing their label knowing that wrong-doing by one might reflect on the party as a whole.

One last thought. It has been urged by some of my friends that the Minnesota legislature is envied among sister states for the independence of its non-party designated legislature. Curiously, I have never heard the statement anywhere except here in Minnesota; nor have I ever seen it asserted in a solid study of state government; nor, more importantly, has any sister state--Nebraska is not an exception--seen fit in 10 these many years to emulate our example.

(Testimony by Harold W. Chase, Associate Professor of political science, U of M, as reconstructed by him from his notes.)

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Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

CALL TO ACTION

March 4, 1959

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Will you please write to your representative asking him how he feels about this bill and whether he would be willing to vote it back to the floor for House consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marion Watson
State Legislative Committee
League of Women Voters

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Mrs. Georgiana Darling, Box 254, Brainerd (Wetzel)
Mrs. Arthur Welch, 221 Arrowhead Road, Duluth 3 (Noreen)
Mrs. Lionel Birkeland, 2719 4th Ave. E., Hibbing (Fena)
Mrs. R. Drew Miller, 439 16th Ave., S. W., Rochester. (Franke)
Mrs. Kermit Kleene, 518 S. Franklin, New Ulm. (Jensen)
Mrs. W. G. Streiff, Buffalo. (G. Swenson)
Mrs. Axel Erickson, Cass Lake (Wangensteen)

Phone calls to Mpls., St. Paul, and Golden Valley

Letters to 4 remaining legislators.

GEORGE L. ANGSTMAN
55TH DISTRICT
MORA, MINNESOTA



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E. J. CHILGREN, Speaker

March 11, 1959

Marion Watson
State Legislative Committee
League of Women Voters
15th and Washington Ave. S. E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

I appreciate your letter of March 8th, and I am glad to know that the League of Women Voters are taking the right stand on one piece of legislation pending before the legislature, that is party designation.

Little did I realize that the returning of this bill, being H. F. 61, to Judiciary Committee for the purpose of taking care of some amendment, would have the effect of killing the bill. Representative Clifton Parks and myself, at every meeting of the Judiciary Committee since the bill was returned to that Committee, have tried to get the bill passed on to the floor of the House where it could be voted upon, but so far we have had no success.

I am definitely in favor of party designation and wish it was possible to get this bill out where it could be voted on, but, frankly, it looks hopeless. I wish you women would see if you could put on some pressure to get the bill out on the floor of the House.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George L. Angstman", written over a horizontal line.

George L. Angstman
State Representative
55th District

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Mr. Mark informed the committee H.F. 61 would be taken up and the principal author of the bill, Mrs. Sally Luther would again speak.

She again talked as a proponent on the bill, and then called on Mr. Iverson who spoke opposing the bill.

Mrs. Luther: I think this bill has very good merits, and therefore I would rather relinquish my time so that we can come to a final action on this bill.

Mr. Iverson: I am not criticizing the bill at all. In spite of the fact that the people as a whole are opposed to this legislation, (this information taken from a poll conducted by the Minneapolis Star) and the legislators themselves indicated they were opposed by a vote of 40 to 75 to re-refer the bill to the committee; the proponents of the bill still want to "choke" it through the legislature.

This legislation has been considered in the legislature for many sessions. In 1913 it was voted down 94 to 17. Because ~~some~~ conditions had become so intolerable the Liberals decided that they were going to restore the government to the people of Minnesota. In those days it was the progressives and liberals who sought to dispense with this kind of legislation. I don't think, if this were passed, it would be going ahead in good government; I feel it is going a step backwards.

The pressures do not come from the grass roots; ~~in~~ they come from the politicians. Frankly, and I think no one knows better than Mrs. Luther, the appointments of committees/by people who were not elected to the Legislature than by people who were elected to the Legislature. were made

Mrs. S. H. Butts and Mrs. Mantis representing the League of Women Voters both spoke for the party designation bill. Mr. Heaney, Representing the Democratic National Committee also spoke in favor of the bill.

A roll call vote was taken on whether to adjourn and it was decided to adjourn at 10:45 A.M. because another commitment was made for that time for that committee room.

The Chairman decided to hold the bill until the next meeting which he called for February 18th at 9:30 A. M.

Mr. John Fitzgerald also spoke against the bill.

I was a tie vote so Mr. Otto voted

<i>Yes to adjourn</i>	<i>Kucera</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Christie</i>	<i>Marucka</i>	<i>Fiedra</i>
<i>Dunn</i>		<i>Enbo</i>
<i>Fitzgerald</i>		<i>Klaus</i>
<i>Hussing</i>		<i>Bridson</i>
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
15th and Washington Avenues S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minnesota FE 8-8791

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DATE: March 3, 1959

TO: Mrs. Irwin Schwartz, President, IWV of Olivia

FROM: Mary Mantle, State Legislative Chairman

SUBJECT: Enclosed is a copy of the Capitol Letter, just going to press. I am having a copy sent to you posthaste, because I want to ask Olivia League to answer a very special call to action on this Constitutional Convention bill. As you see by the letter, Senator Lauerman voted against it, because there was no urging he thought from Renville county that he do otherwise. Now if we and you could persuade him -- that he had misjudged the feeling of the League, and League husbands and others in Olivia, then he, as one who voted no, could move to reconsider.

I will telephone you Friday evening around dinner time, to ask what you in Olivia IWV can do about this. I suggest that you see the Senator this weekend, perhaps have a reception for him, or a delegation call upon him, and try to persuade him to offer a motion to reconsider, so that the matter can be considered by the Senate as a whole. Other League members will be reaching their Senators on the Committee. Then, we hope to arrange a public hearing, and we would think it would be wonderful if a husband would come down from Olivia at that hearing, to testify.

Enclosed are some folders and fact sheets on Constitutional Convention.