

Your Legislators
2016 Minnesota Legislative Session

Note: All programs are 60 minutes in length. Discussion topics are determined by questions and comments called or emailed in by viewers.

February 25, 2016

Senator John Hoffman, Senator Jim Abeler, Representative Erin Murphy, Representative Matt Dean

Topics discussed included: session priorities, transportation, early childhood education, caucus model, nursing home funding/long term care, bonding, term limits/constitutional amendments.

March 3, 2016

Senator Sean Nienow, Representative Rick Hansen, Representative Bob Vogel

Topics discussed included: body grip traps, caucus vs. primary election, Appleton prison, bonding, universal pre-K education, Governor's Water Summit, buffer strips, session issues.

March 10, 2016

Senator Lyle Koenen, Senator David Hann, Representative Paul Marquart, Representative Drew Christensen

Topics discussed included: transportation, elimination of taxing on social security and military pensions, parole board reinstatement, nursing home employee wage increase, water quality, Sunday liquor, buffer strips, MNSure, body grip traps, bonding bill, constitutional amendments, pre-K education.

March 17, 2016 – No program

March 24, 2016

Susan Brower – Minnesota State Demographer, Laura Kalambokidis – Minnesota State Economist

Topics discussed included: population loss/growth, revenue forecasting, employment, projections, ag business/Minnesota economy, higher/lower skilled job opportunities, business taxes, infrastructure repair and early childhood education.

March 31, 2016

Senator Kent Eken, Senator Torrey Westrom, Representative Ben Lien, Representative Paul Torkelson

Topics discussed included: body grip traps, bonding, Appleton prison, transportation, temporary health care dwellings bill, buffer strips, Federal real ID Act and ag property taxes.

April 7, 2016

Senator John Marty, Senator David Senjem, Representative Alice Hausman, Representative Tim Miller

Topics discussed included: alimony reform bill, property taxes, water quality/buffer strips, bonding bill, Appleton prison, MNSure property liens, home care provider wages, school support personnel funding, transportation bill, student debt and fireworks legislation.

April 14, 2016

Senator Tom Saxhaug, Representative Phyllis Kahn, Representative Chris Swedzinski

Topics discussed included: welfare system, buffer strips, veteran homes, transportation, budget surplus, bonding bill, wage increases for mental health care workers, Iron Range unemployment benefits, Appleton prison, MN Sure and rural cell phone reception.

April 21, 2016

Senator John Hoffman, Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, Representative Kim Norton, Representative Dave Baker

Topics discussed included: federal REAL ID Act, Destination Medical Center/Rochester, bonding bill, broadband, transportation bill, adoption access bill, Appleton prison and developmentally disabled workers rights.

April 28, 2016

Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen, Commissioner Myron Frans

Topics discussed included: supplemental budget process, bonding bill, buffer strips, budget forecasting, transportation, public employee pensions, LGA, early childhood education, constitutional amendments, long-range planning and regulations vs. economic growth.

May 5, 2016

Senator John Hoffman, Senator Gary Dahms, Representative Lyndon Carlson, Representative Dean Urdahl

Topics discussed included: bonding bill, higher education, Real ID, opioid drug use, Health and Human Services, Sunday liquor sales and legislative learning curve.

May 12, 2016

Senator Ann Rest, Senator David Osmek, Representative Debra Hilstrom, Representative Bud Nornes

Topics discussed included: transportation, bonding bill, Appleton prison, grouse hunting, body grip traps, Iron Range board, tax bill, Real ID, real estate taxes and Highway 12 corridor.

May 19, 2016

Senator Kent Eken, Senator Carla Nelson, Representative David Bly, Representative Duane Quam

Topics discussed included: transportation, bonding bill, Real ID, education related bills, MN Sure property liens, constitutional amendments and session length.

May 26, 2016

Senator Katie Sieben, Senator Eric Pratt, Representative Lyndon Carlson, Representative Tony Albright

Topics discussed included: session outcomes, legislation process, transportation bill, body grip traps, Appleton prison, sentencing guidelines and Real ID.