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COMPENSATION COUNCIL

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The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

In accordance with the duties assigned to it by Minnesota Statutes, section 15A.082, the Minnesota Compensation Council held two hearings, received testimony from interested parties, and conducted extended discussions about salaries for Minnesota's elected state officials.

Background

Judges' salaries. There was strong consensus on the Council regarding our recommendation regarding salary increases for the judiciary. Our recommendations, in accordance with our statutory directive, are shown in two sections: those recommendations required of the Council by law, and other recommendations made by the Council as a result of its deliberations.

Legislators' salaries. The Council also had consensus that the salaries for legislators should be increased. However, we did not have a clear agreement about how that should be done. We suggest two alternatives.

Constitutional officers' salaries. The Council did not reach consensus on salary changes for Constitutional Officers. The Council was divided between those who recommend the governor's salary be adjusted by the rate of inflation, those who favored no change, and those who supported an increase of 3% each year. The Council agreed to report the proposals it considered and the support for each.

Agency head salary ranges. The Council had consensus on not recommending changes to the salary ranges for heads of state and metropolitan agencies.

