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LEGISLATURE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON MINERALS

An Inventory of Its Subject Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

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HISTORY OF THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON MINERALS

In September 1987, the Blandin Foundation convened a Minnesota Minerals Forum composed of a diverse group knowledgeable in all facets of the mining industry. Three further meetings were held in 1987 and 1988. The group determined that Minnesota had sufficient mineral resource potential to sustain an industry that would help economically revitalize many areas of the state. They recommended that a joint Senate/House committee or commission be created to study the potential of mineral resources and determine legislation needed to foster that development.

The Legislative Task Force on Minerals was created by the 1989 legislature [Laws 1989 c335 art1 sec53] to examine issues related to Minnesota's mineral resources and the role of the state in fostering development of those resources. It examined the history of mineral development in Minnesota, studied the mineral potential of the state, held statewide hearings to obtain public input on developing that potential, and visited mining operations in Minnesota and elsewhere. In its January 1993 report, it recommended legislative action in the following areas: focus of state government on the mineral industry, leasing of state-owned and administered mineral rights, environmental review and permitting, taxation, and research, all with the objective to further the environmentally responsible development of Minnesota's vast mineral potential, provide direct jobs in rural Minnesota and indirect jobs throughout the state, increase the tax base for state and local governments, and increase funding for local communities and the state educational system from royalties for state-administered lands.

Members included Senators Ronald R. Dicklich (chair), Dennis Poppenhagen, Dennis R. Frederickson, Jim Gustafson, and Bob Lessard, and Representatives David P. Battaglia, Richard

H. Jefferson, Sidney Pauly, Roger Cooper, and Marcus Marsh. The task force's coordinator was Zora Radosevich.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

These alphabetical subject files include correspondence, news clippings, travel plans, presentations, reports, recommendations, and regulations, and cover such topics as mining waste regulations, tax laws, environmental issues, diversification, and nonferrous metallic mineral mine land reclamation. The task force's final report to the Legislature (January 15, 1993) and materials produced by the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Mining, Iron Mining Association of Minnesota, and Minnesota Exploration Association are also contained in the files.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

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Mineral industries--Waste disposal--Minnesota.
Mineral lands--Minnesota.
Mines and mineral resources--Government ownership--Minnesota.
Mines and mineral resources--Research--Minnesota.
Mines and mineral resources--Taxation--Minnesota.
Nonmetallic minerals industry--Minnesota.

Places:

Minnesota--Economic condition.

Persons:

Battaglia, David P.
Cooper, Roger.
Dicklich, Robert R.
Gustafson, Jim.
Jefferson, Richard H.
Lessard, Bob.
Marsh, Marcus.
Pauly, Sidney.
Poppenhagen, Dennis R.
Radosevich, Zora.

Organizations:

Charles K. Blandin Foundation.
Iron Mining Association of Minnesota.
Minnesota Exploration Association.
Minnesota. Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Mining.

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Location

118.H.9.8F Correspondence, news clippings, travels plans, presentations, 1987-1993.
 "EMN Strawman," Environmental Response to Strawman II,
 Recommendations for a Regulatory Program for Mining Waste and
 Materials..., November 30, 1990.
 Environmental Review Permitting Structure (chart), undated.
 Financial Assurance for Mining, Legislation for 1991.
 Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Mining, Recommendations,
 January 1991.
 Commission to deal with tax laws and their impact on mining.
 Iron Mining Association of Minnesota, Positions on Tax and
 Environmental Issues for 1993, December 16, 1992.
 Legislative Task Force on Minerals, Report to the Legislature, January
 15, 1993.
 Final Report of Recommendations.
 Mineral Diversification Plan for Minnesota, January 1987.
 Minnesota Exploration Association, Recommendations to Task Force on
 Minerals, November 9, 1992.
 Minnesota Mineral Diversification: A Foundation for Economic
 Growth, undated.

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Nonferrous metallic mineral mine land reclamation, 1991-1993. 4 items in 1 folder.

Rules (draft), March 18, 1991; Presentation on Rules Summary, March 11, 1992; Proposed Permanent Rules, The Minnesota State Register, November 2, 1992; and Proposed Permanent Rules, Official Record, February 5, 1993.