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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 205

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Minnesota Zoo;  
1.3 authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.5 Section 1. MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. \$34,280,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds  
1.7 fund to the Minnesota Zoological Board for the purposes specified in this section.

1.8 Subd. 2. Heart of the Zoo. \$17,780,000 is appropriated to complete the Heart of the  
1.9 Zoo 2 project, to renovate the snow monkey exhibit and surrounding public spaces; construct  
1.10 a meerkat exhibit; and renovate the lobby, restrooms, and retail space.

1.11 Subd. 3. Asset preservation and exhibit renewal. \$11,500,000 is appropriated for  
1.12 capital asset preservation improvements and betterments to infrastructure and exhibits at  
1.13 the Minnesota Zoo, to be spent in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.307.  
1.14 Notwithstanding the specified uses of money under Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.307,  
1.15 the board may use this appropriation to replace buildings that are poor in condition, outdated,  
1.16 and no longer support the work of the Minnesota Zoo and to construct and renovate trails  
1.17 and roads on the Minnesota Zoo site.

1.18 Subd. 4. Buildings and facilities renovation. \$5,000,000 is appropriated to design,  
1.19 renovate, furnish, and equip buildings, exhibits, and related spaces, including to renovate  
1.20 the animal hospital; design and construct a new greenhouse; design and construct a new  
1.21 centralized trash and recycling center; predesign and design a vehicle maintenance and

2.1 storage building; predesign and design of the Tropics Trail and nocturnal exhibit; and  
2.2 predesign an Africa exhibit.

2.3 Subd. 5. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond  
2.4 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of  
2.5 the state in an amount up to \$34,280,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect  
2.6 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota  
2.7 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.