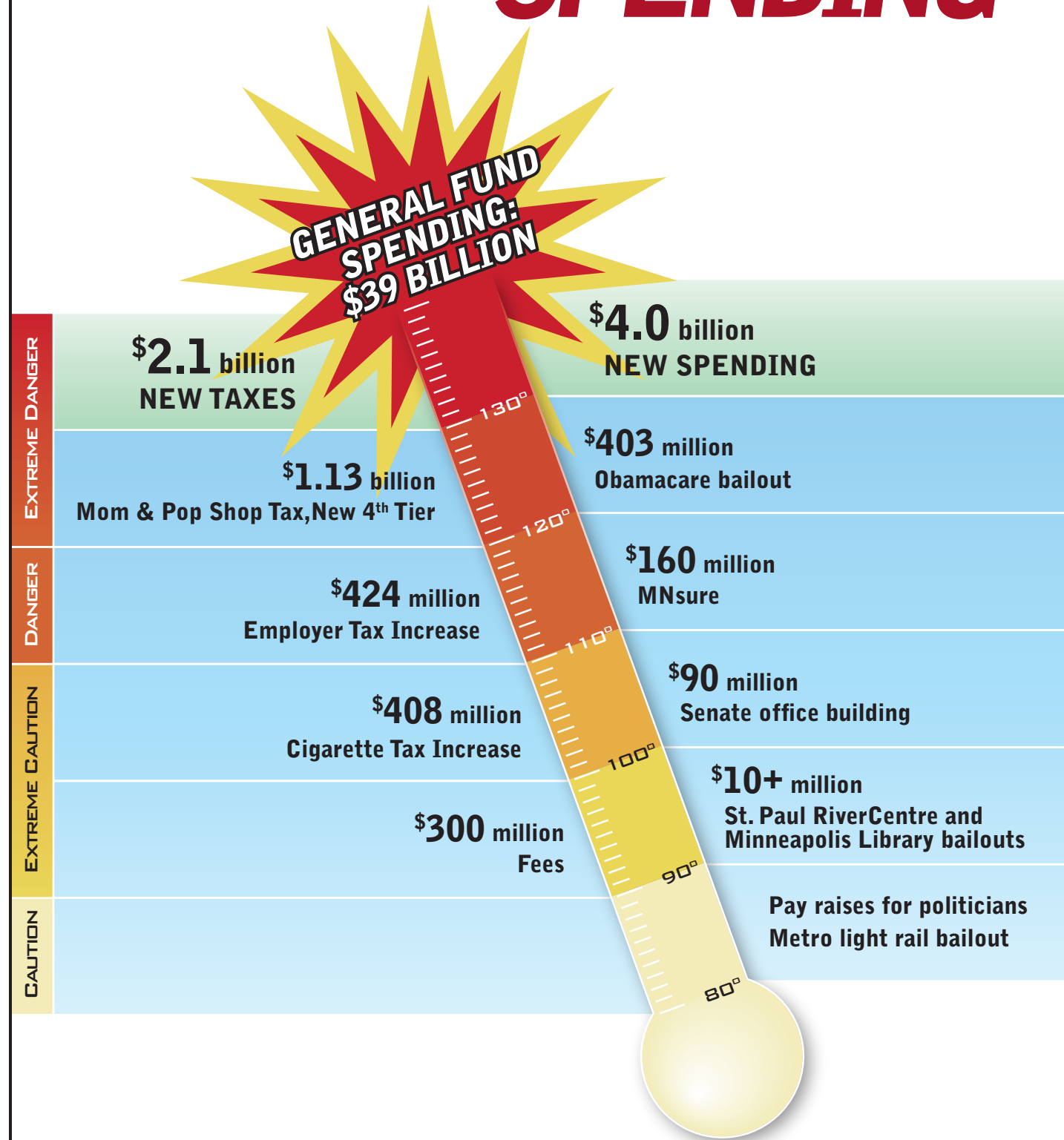


# ONE PARTY = OUT OF CONTROL SPENDING



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## The GOP Rural Caucus worked to...

- Secure 5% rate increases for long-term and disability care providers
- Repeal job-killing business-to-business taxes
- Protect our nursing homes, group homes and hospitals
- Keep water and energy rates low
- Preserve local control for our schools, city and county governments

## Why are Rural Minnesotans Paying More for Big City Spending?

Rural Minnesota families are paying more taxes for historic spending increases that go to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

- \$90 million Senate office complex
- \$403 million Obamacare bailout
- \$160 million for the troubled MNsure website and agency
- Pay raises for Governor and constitutional officers
- Tens of millions of dollars to bail out entertainment venues in Minneapolis/St. Paul

**\$90 million palace for politicians**

## Government Overreach Burdens Our Quality of Life

Metro legislators proposed overreaching legislation that burdens our enviable way of life.

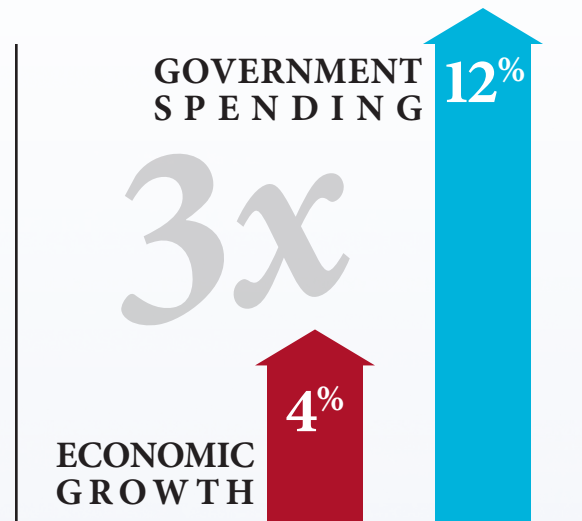
- Unfunded, one-size-fits all metro mandates imposed on our schools take away local control, like the controversial bullying bill
- Forced unionization of independent childcare providers
- Anti-gun, anti-Second Amendment proposals



## Taxes & Spending

### EVERYONE PAYS MORE TAXES FOR WASTEFUL SPENDING

- \$2.4 billion in new taxes and fees
- \$4 billion in new spending
- \$1,500 more overall spending for every man, woman and child



## Health Care

### CAREGIVERS COUNT

- The GOP Rural Caucus worked hard to ensure nursing home, long-term care and disability care givers received a 5% rate increase

### HEALTH CARE COSTS GO UP

- MNsure, Minnesota's extension of Obamacare, has resulted in higher costs, fewer choices and headaches for families buying health insurance
- \$403 million Obamacare bailout
- Democrats' spending shifts and gimmicks set us up for billions in future deficits

## Transportation

- The GOP Rural Caucus worked for balanced funding for our roads and bridges

### RURAL MINNESOTANS PAY MORE FOR METRO PROJECTS

- \$37 million cash for Metro Light Rail life support
- \$106 million bailout for Metro Transit subsidies
- Driver's license fee increased
- Wheelage tax doubled

## Environment, Natural Resources & Energy

### RURAL MINNESOTANS PAY MORE

- \$20+ million to buy more land for the DNR
- Energy bills will increase due to new solar power mandates
- More jobs and power for bureaucrats at DNR and MPCA

### NO PROGRESS ON MINING, PERMITTING REFORM

- Democrats refused to prioritize copper-nickel mining in northeast Minnesota, halting job growth and funding increases for our schools
- Minimal effort went toward cutting red tape to incentivize businesses to grow and expand here

## Local Government Aid

- Democrats changed the Local Government Aid (LGA) formula to send more money to the metro

## Jobs and the Economy

### AT RISK: JOBS & ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- Government spending grew **3 times** faster than the economy
- Historic new tax increases reduce our state's competitiveness



### ATTACK ON SMALL BUSINESS

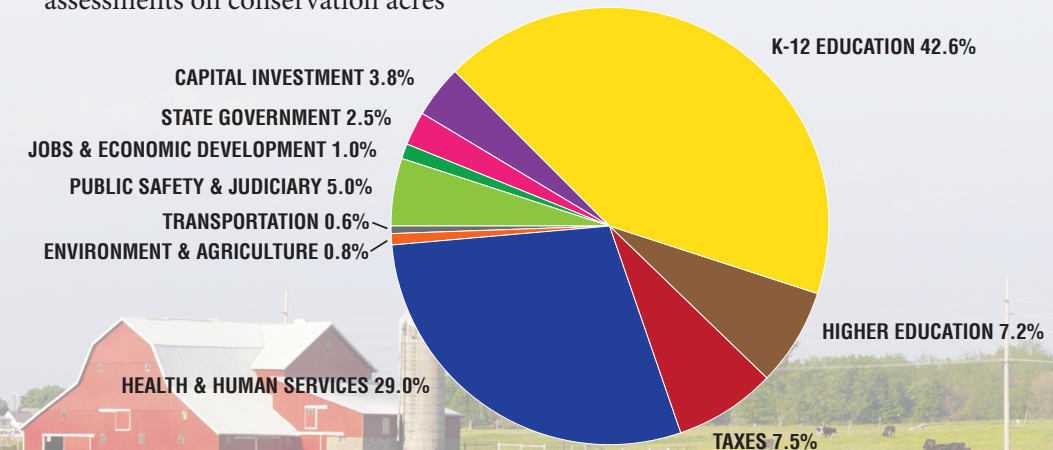
- Regulations and taxes bumped Minnesota's business tax climate to fourth worst in the nation
- Minimum wage hike makes Minnesota highest in the region, 4<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation by 2016, and could cost thousands of jobs

## Property Taxes

- GOP Rural Caucus members voted to increase the homestead credit refund and the renter's credit

### RURAL MINNESOTANS PAY FOR THE HIGHEST PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN STATE HISTORY

- Property taxes increased \$125 million statewide, especially on ag land
- Democrats mandated higher property tax assessments on conservation acres



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## How Your Tax Dollars Are Spent

General Fund Spending  
FY 2014-15  
\$39.1 billion

## Agriculture

### FARMERS PAY MORE

- DNR imposes restrictions on irrigation system permits
- Property tax burden shifted to private landowners as state buys more land
- No reimbursement for repealed sales taxes
- Rural voices shut out—House Ag Finance committee chair from Minneapolis

## Education

- The GOP Rural Caucus voted to increase K-12 education funding

### MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL PRIORITIZED OVER RURAL SCHOOLS

- Mpls/St. Paul schools: \$14,000 per student
- Rural schools: \$10,000 per student

### MANDATES CANCEL FUNDING INCREASES

- Obamacare mandates cost schools \$200 million over the next three years—that's enough to employ 3,000 teachers
- Underfunded special education
- New bullying policy takes away local control and costs schools \$20-\$25 million per year

