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FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

In accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Minnesota, the members-elect of the House of Representatives assembled in the Chamber of the House of Representatives in the Capitol in Saint Paul on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January 2025.

At the hour of twelve o'clock noon and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2024, Section 3.05, the Honorable Steve Simon, Secretary of State, called the members-elect to order and appointed the Honorable Peggy Scott from District 31B as Clerk pro tem.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Ben Mailhot, Youth, Worship and Life Group Pastor, Watermark Church, Stillwater, Minnesota.

The members-elect of the House gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The Clerk pro tem called the roll by legislative district in numerical order, and the following members-elect presented proof of their eligibility to be sworn in and seated as members of the House of Representatives:

1A .....	John Burkel	10A .....	Ron Kresha
1B.....	Steve Gander	10B.....	Isaac Schultz
2A .....	Bidal Duran, Jr.	11A .....	Jeff Dotseth
2B.....	Matt Bliss	11B.....	Nathan Nelson
3A .....	Roger J. Skraba	12A .....	Paul H. Anderson
3B.....	Natalie Zeleznikar	12B.....	Mary Franson
4A .....		13A .....	Lisa Demuth
4B.....	Jim Joy	13B.....	Tim O'Driscoll
5A .....	Krista Knudsen	14A .....	Bernie Perryman
5B.....	Mike Wiener	14B.....	
6A .....	Ben Davis	15A .....	Chris Swedzinski
6B.....	Josh Heintzeman	15B.....	Paul Torkelson
7A .....	Spencer Igo	16A .....	Scott Van Binsbergen
7B.....	Cal Warwas	16B.....	Dave Baker
8A .....		17A .....	Dawn Gillman
8B.....		17B.....	Bobbie Harder
9A .....	Jeff Backer	18A .....	Erica Schwartz
9B.....	Tom Murphy	18B.....	

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19A .....	Keith Allen	43B.....	
19B.....	Thomas J. Sexton	44A .....	
20A .....	Pam Altendorf	44B.....	
20B.....	Steven E. Jacob	45A .....	Andrew Myers
21A .....	Joe Schomacker	45B.....	
21B.....	Marj J. Fogelman	46A .....	
22A .....	Bjorn Olson	46B.....	
22B.....	Terry M. Stier	47A .....	
23A .....	Peggy Bennett	47B.....	
23B.....	Patricia Mueller	48A .....	Jim Nash
24A .....	Duane Quam	48B.....	
24B.....		49A .....	
25A .....		49B.....	
25B.....		50A .....	
26A .....	Aaron Repinski	50B.....	
26B.....	Gregory M. Davids	51A .....	
27A .....	Shane Mekeland	51B.....	
27B.....	Bryan Lawrence	52A .....	
28A .....	James "Jimmy" Gordon	52B.....	
28B.....	Max Rymer	53A .....	
29A .....	Joe McDonald	53B.....	
29B.....	Marion Rarick	54A .....	
30A .....	Walter Hudson	54B.....	Ben Bakeberg
30B.....	Paul Novotny	55A .....	
31A .....	Harry Niska	55B.....	
31B.....	Peggy Scott	56A .....	
32A .....	Nolan West	56B.....	
32B.....		57A .....	Jon Koznick
33A .....	Patti Anderson	57B.....	Jeff Witte
33B.....		58A .....	
34A .....	Danny Nadeau	58B.....	Drew Roach
34B.....		59A .....	
35A .....		59B.....	
35B.....		60A .....	
36A .....	Elliott Engen	60B.....	
36B.....		61A .....	
37A .....	Kristin Robbins	61B.....	
37B.....		62A .....	
38A .....		62B.....	
38B.....		63A .....	
39A .....		63B.....	
39B.....		64A .....	
40A .....		64B.....	
40B.....		65A .....	
41A .....	Wayne A. Johnson	65B.....	
41B.....	Tom Dippel	66A .....	
42A .....		66B.....	
42B.....		67A .....	
43A .....		67B.....	

There were 133 Certificates of Election on file.

## OATH OF OFFICE

The members-elect present subscribed to the oath of office as administered to them by the Honorable Jennifer L. Frisch, Chief Judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

## OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office for Representative in the Minnesota Legislature was administered in St. Paul on Friday, January 10, 2025, to Heather Keeler by John P. Lesch, a notary public in the County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 359.04.

## OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office for Representative in the Minnesota Legislature was administered in St. Paul on Sunday, January 12, 2025, by Senior District Court Judge Kevin Burke to the following members-elect:

Patty Acomb	Peter Johnson
Esther Agbaje	Katie Jones
Kristin Bahner	Sydney Jordan
Kaela Berg	Ginny Klevorn
Robert Bierman	Erin Koegel
Ned Carroll	Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn
Ethan Cha	Alicia Kozlowski
Mary Frances Clardy	Larry Kraft
Nathan Coulter	Fue Lee
Brion Curran	Liz Lee
Steve Elkins	Tina Liebling
Alex Falconer	Leon Lillie
Sandra Feist	Jamie Long
Leigh Finke	Anquam Mahamoud
Peter Fischer	Kelly Moller
Cedrick Frazier	Mohamud Noor
Luke Frederick	Matt Norris
Mike Freiberg	María Isa Pérez-Vega
Aisha Gomez	Dave Pinto
Julie Greene	Kristi Pursell
Emma Greenman	Lucy Rehm
Rick Hansen	Kari Rehrauer
Jess Hanson	Liz Reyer
Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Samantha Sencer-Mura
Kaohly Her	Andy Smith
Kim Hicks	Zack Stephenson
Josiah Hill	Brad Tabke
Huldah Hiltzley	Samantha Vang
Athena Hollins	Bianca Virnig
Melissa Hortman	Dan Wolgamott
Michael Howard	Jay Xiong
John Huot	Cheryl Youakim
Samakab Hussein	

The members present took their seats in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Allen	Demuth	Hudson	Murphy	Repinski	Torkelson
Altendorf	Dippel	Igo	Myers	Roach	Van Binsbergen
Anderson, P. E.	Dotseth	Jacob	Nadeau	Robbins	Warwas
Anderson, P. H.	Duran	Johnson, W.	Nash	Rymer	West
Backer	Engen	Joy	Nelson	Schomacker	Wiener
Bakeberg	Fogelman	Knudsen	Niska	Schultz	Witte
Baker	Franson	Koznick	Novotny	Schwartz	Zeleznikar
Bennett	Gander	Kresha	O'Driscoll	Scott	
Bliss	Gillman	Lawrence	Olson	Sexton	
Burkel	Gordon	McDonald	Perryman	Skraba	
Davids	Harder	Mekeland	Quam	Stier	
Davis	Heintzeman	Mueller	Rarick	Swedzinski	

Secretary of State Steve Simon declared there being 67 members present, there was no quorum, pursuant to the Minnesota Constitution and that the House adjourned.

Niska appealed the declaration of no quorum by Secretary of State Steve Simon pursuant to Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, Section 504, paragraph 5, relating to Question of No Quorum.

Niska moved that the Secretary of State be removed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 3.05, and Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Section 15, and that Anderson, P. H., the oldest member present, assume the Chair.

Anderson, P. H., assumed the Chair.

Niska moved to find the prior adjournment out of order and requested a roll call. The motion prevailed.

Niska moved that the Clerk pro tem take the roll for the purpose of establishing a quorum. The motion prevailed.

Anderson, P. H., directed the Clerk pro tem to take the roll for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Allen	Demuth	Hudson	Murphy	Repinski	Torkelson
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Anderson, P. H., declared there being 67 of 133 members of the whole House, a quorum was present.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Anderson, P. H., announced the next order of business to be the election of the Speaker.

The name of Lisa Demuth was placed in nomination by Baker. The nomination was seconded by Igo.

There being no further nominations, Anderson P. H., declared the nominations closed.

The Clerk pro tem called the roll on the election of the Speaker.

The following members of the House voted for Demuth:

Allen	Demuth	Hudson	Murphy	Repinski	Torkelson
Altendorf	Dippel	Igo	Myers	Roach	Van Binsbergen
Anderson, P. E.	Dotseth	Jacob	Nadeau	Robbins	Warwas
Anderson, P. H.	Duran	Johnson, W.	Nash	Rymer	West
Backer	Engen	Joy	Nelson	Schomacker	Wiener
Bakeberg	Fogelman	Knudsen	Niska	Schultz	Witte
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Bliss	Gillman	Lawrence	Olson	Sexton	
Burkel	Gordon	McDonald	Perryman	Skraba	
Davids	Harder	Mekeland	Quam	Stier	
Davis	Heintzeman	Mueller	Rarick	Swedzinski	

Demuth received 67 votes.

Lisa Demuth, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Nash, Knudsen and Backer were appointed to escort the Speaker-elect to the rostrum.

## OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered to Speaker-elect Lisa Demuth by Representative Paul H. Anderson, District 12A. The Speaker expressed her appreciation for the honor bestowed upon her.

## PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Honorable Judge Leonardo Castro, Second Judicial District, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota in the matter of Paul Wikstrom, Contestant, v. Curtis Johnson, Contestee.

Niska offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that the findings of fact and conclusions of law received by the House from the Honorable Judge Leonardo Castro, Second Judicial District, County of Ramsey, in the matter of Paul Wikstrom, Contestant, v. Curtis Johnson, Contestee, be accepted without further review and that a vacancy resulting from a successful election contest be declared for district 40B.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Niska offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Be it Resolved*, that the Temporary Rules of the House for this session, the 94th Regular Session, shall be the same as the Permanent Rules of the House for the last session, the 93rd Regular Session, as they existed on Monday, May 20, 2024, with the following exceptions:

"Rule 3.50 shall read:

3.50 ELECTION CHALLENGES. A challenge to the seating of a member pursuant to a resolution, motion, or court recommendation must be heard as follows.

(1) A resolution, motion, or court recommendation filed with the Chief Clerk must immediately be referred to the Speaker. The referral must be announced to the body. In announcing the referral, the Speaker must appoint a time for the election challenge to be heard. The challenge must be heard as soon as practicable, but no later than 14 calendar days after the referral.

(2) At the appointed time, the House shall resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the election challenge. The Committee of the Whole is a committee of the entire membership of the House. The Speaker, or another member appointed by the Speaker, shall preside over the Committee of the Whole. Each caucus may appoint a member to act as lead member on consideration of the challenge. The Committee of the Whole may receive testimony and other evidence, and shall prepare a report for recommendation to the body.

(3) The House must act on a report made by the Committee of the Whole within two legislative days of its receipt.

(4) No member whose eligibility is challenged may vote on any procedural or substantive question related to the challenge. Only the Speaker or the appointed presiding member may decide whether a vote is procedurally or substantively related to the election challenge. This determination must be announced in advance of each vote.

(5) The Rules of the House shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole so far as may be applicable except that the previous question shall not be forced or speaking limited. Upon demand of 15 members, the yeas and nays shall be called, the question voted on, and the yeas and nays recorded in the Journal of the House. A motion that the Committee arise shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate. The Committee of the Whole may adopt additional procedures to govern its proceedings that are not in conflict with the Rules of the House.

Rule 4.03 shall read:

4.03 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE; BUDGET RESOLUTION; EFFECT ON EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE BILLS. (a) The Committee on Ways and Means must hold hearings as necessary to determine state expenditures and revenues for the fiscal biennium.

(b) Within 25 days after the last state general fund revenue and expenditure forecast for the next fiscal biennium becomes available during the regular session in the odd-numbered year, the Committee on Ways and Means must adopt a budget resolution. The budget resolution: (1) must set the maximum limit on net expenditures for the next fiscal biennium for the general fund, (2) must set an amount or amounts to be set aside as a budget reserve and a cash flow account, (3) must set net spending limits for each budget category represented by the major finance and revenue bills identified in paragraph (e), and (4) may set limits for expenditures from funds other than the general fund. The budget resolution must not specify, limit, or prescribe revenues or expenditures by any category other than those specified in clauses (1), (2), (3), and (4). After the Committee adopts the budget resolution, the limits in the resolution are effective during the regular session in the year in which the resolution is adopted, unless a different or amended resolution is adopted.

(c) During the regular session in the even-numbered year, before the Committee on Ways and Means reports a bill containing net increases or decreases in expenditures as compared to general fund expenditures in the current fiscal biennium estimated by the most recent state budget forecast, the Committee may adopt a budget resolution. If adopted, the resolution must account for the net changes in expenditures. The resolution may also (1) set limits for changes in net expenditures for each budget category represented by the major finance and revenue bills identified in paragraph (e), and (2) set limits for expenditures from funds other than the general fund.

If the Committee adopts a budget resolution, it is effective during the regular session that year, unless a different or amended resolution is adopted.

(d) The major finance or revenue bills may be combined or separated by a majority vote of either the Committee on Ways and Means or the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. Combined or separated bills must conform to the limits in the resolution as those limits apply to the accounts in those bills.

(e) Major finance and revenue bills are:

~~the agriculture finance bill;~~

~~the capital investment bill;~~

~~the climate and energy finance bill;~~

~~the commerce finance bill;~~

~~the children and families finance bill;~~

~~the economic development finance bill;~~

~~the elections finance bill;~~

~~the environment and natural resources finance bill;~~

~~the health finance bill;~~

~~the higher education finance bill;~~

~~the housing finance bill;~~  
~~the human services finance bill;~~  
~~the judiciary finance bill;~~  
~~the education finance bill;~~  
~~the labor and industry finance bill;~~  
~~the legacy finance bill;~~  
~~the public safety finance bill;~~  
~~the state and local government finance bill;~~  
~~the tax bill;~~  
~~the transportation finance bill;~~  
~~the veterans and military affairs finance bill; and~~  
~~the workforce development finance bill.~~

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the environment and natural resources finance bill;  
the health finance bill;  
the higher education finance bill;  
the housing finance bill;  
the human services finance bill;  
the judiciary finance bill;  
the legacy finance bill;



the public safety finance bill;

the state government finance bill;

the tax bill;

the transportation finance bill; and

the workforce, labor, and economic development finance bill.

(f) After the adoption of a resolution by the Committee on Ways and Means, each finance committee, and the Committee on Taxes must reconcile each bill described in Rule 4.10 with the resolution. When reporting a finance or revenue bill, each committee or division must provide to the Committee on Ways and Means a fiscal statement reconciling the bill with the resolution.

(g) After the adoption of a resolution by the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Ways and Means must reconcile finance and revenue bills with the resolution. When reporting a bill, the chair of the Committee must certify to the House that the Committee has reconciled the bill with the resolution.

(h) After the adoption of a resolution by the Committee on Ways and Means, an amendment to a bill is out of order if it would cause any of the limits specified in the resolution to be exceeded. Whether an amendment is out of order under this Rule is a question to be decided on the Floor by the Speaker or other presiding officer and in Committee or Division by the person chairing the Committee or Division meeting. In making the determination, the Speaker or other presiding officer or the Committee or Division chair may consider: (1) the limits in a resolution; (2) the effect of existing laws on revenues and expenditures; (3) the effect of amendments previously adopted to the bill under consideration; (4) the effect of bills previously recommended by a Committee or Division or bills previously passed in the legislative session by the House or by the legislature; (5) whether expenditure increases or revenue decreases that would result from the amendment are offset by decreases in other expenditures or increases in other revenue specified by the amendment; and (6) other information reasonably related to expenditure and revenue amounts.

(i) After a resolution is adopted by the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee must make available a summary of the estimated fiscal effect on the general fund of each bill that has been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by a finance committee or a division of a finance committee, or the Committee on Taxes and of each bill that has been reported by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rule 6.01 shall read:

6.01 COMMITTEES AND DIVISIONS. Standing committees and divisions of the House must be appointed by the Speaker as follows:

~~Agriculture Finance and Policy~~

~~Capital Investment~~

~~Children and Families Finance and Policy~~

~~Climate and Energy Finance and Policy~~

~~Commerce Finance and Policy~~

~~Economic Development Finance and Policy~~

~~Education Finance~~

~~Education Policy~~

~~Elections Finance and Policy~~

~~Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy~~

~~Ethics~~

~~Health Finance and Policy~~

~~Higher Education Finance and Policy~~

~~Housing Finance and Policy~~

~~Human Services Finance~~

~~Human Services Policy~~

~~Judiciary Finance and Civil Law~~

~~Labor and Industry Finance and Policy~~

~~Legacy Finance~~

~~Public Safety Finance and Policy~~

~~Rules and Legislative Administration~~

~~State and Local Government Finance and Policy~~

~~Sustainable Infrastructure Policy~~

~~Taxes~~

~~Property Tax Division~~

~~Transportation Finance and Policy~~

~~Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy~~

~~Ways and Means~~

~~Workforce Development Finance and Policy~~

Agriculture Finance and Policy;

Capital Investment;

Children and Families Finance and Policy;

Commerce Finance and Policy;

Education Finance;

Education Policy;

Elections Finance and Government Operations;

Energy Finance and Policy;

Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy;

Ethics;

Fraud Prevention and State Agency Oversight Policy;

Health Finance and Policy;

Higher Education Finance and Policy;

Housing Finance and Policy;

Human Services Finance and Policy;

Judiciary Finance and Civil Law;

Legacy Finance;

Public Safety Finance and Policy;

Rules and Legislative Administration;

State Government Finance and Policy;

Veterans and Military Affairs Division;

Taxes;

Transportation Finance and Policy;

Ways and Means; and

Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy."

These temporary rules shall apply until the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, to be appointed by the Speaker, shall have made its report and the new Permanent Rules have been adopted.

The question was taken on the adoption of the proposed Temporary Rules of the House for the 94th Session and the roll was called. There were 67 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Allen	Demuth	Hudson	Murphy	Repinski	Torkelson
Altendorf	Dippel	Igo	Myers	Roach	Van Binsbergen
Anderson, P. E.	Dotseth	Jacob	Nadeau	Robbins	Warwas
Anderson, P. H.	Duran	Johnson, W.	Nash	Rymer	West
Backer	Engen	Joy	Nelson	Schomacker	Wiener
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Davids	Harder	Mekeland	Quam	Stier	
Davis	Heintzeman	Mueller	Rarick	Swedzinski	

The motion prevailed and the resolution relating to the Temporary Rules of the House for the 94th Session was adopted.

Niska offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that necessary employees as directed by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration be authorized by the House effective today, Tuesday, January 14, 2025, to better expedite the business of the House.

The question was taken on the Niska motion and the roll was called. There were 67 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Allen	Demuth	Hudson	Murphy	Repinski	Torkelson
Altendorf	Dippel	Igo	Myers	Roach	Van Binsbergen
Anderson, P. E.	Dotseth	Jacob	Nadeau	Robbins	Warwas
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The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker announced the appointment of Representative Olson as Speaker pro tempore; and Representative Schultz as deputy Speaker pro tempore for the 2025-2026 session.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following members of the House to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration:

Niska, Chair; Engen, Vice Chair; Jacob; Nash; Schultz; Scott; Stier; Torkelson; and Zeleznikar.

Swedzinski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that the selection of permanent desks shall be as directed by the Speaker as follows:

(1) that the Republican caucus shall occupy section 1, seats 1 to 19; section 2, seats 22 to 41; and section 3, seats 42 to 69. All members of the Republican caucus shall be seated in the manner prescribed by the Republican caucus; and

(2) that the DFL caucus shall occupy section 4, seats 70 to 97; section 5, seats 99 to 119; and section 6, seats 120 to 138. All members of the DFL caucus shall be seated in the manner prescribed by the DFL caucus.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Niska moved that when the House adjourns today it adjourn until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, January 15, 2025. The motion prevailed.

Niska moved that the House adjourn. The motion prevailed, and the Speaker declared the House stands adjourned until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

PEGGY SCOTT, Clerk Pro Tem, House of Representatives

