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Introduction

The 2006 Session of the Eighty-Fourth Legislature convened on March 1 with the same leadership elected in the 2005 Session.

Senator Dean E. Johnson (DFL), Willmar, continued as Majority Leader and Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Dick Day (R), Owatonna, continued as Minority Leader.

Senator James P. Metzen (DFL), South St. Paul, continued as President of the Senate.

Senator David Gaither (R), Plymouth, resigned September 21, 2005, to become Governor Tim Pawlenty's Chief of Staff. Terri Bonoff (DFL), Minnetonka, won a special election on November 22, 2005, to fill the vacancy in Senate District 43. She was sworn in on December 7, 2005.

Senator Mark Ourada (R), Buffalo, resigned effective December 31, 2005, for private sector employment. Amy Koch (R), Buffalo, won a special election on November 22, 2005, to fill the vacancy in Senate District 19. She was sworn in on January 5, 2006.

Senator Dave Kleis (R), St. Cloud, resigned November 20, 2005, after being elected Mayor of St. Cloud. Tarryl Clark (DFL), St. Cloud, won a special election on December 27, 2005, to fill the vacancy in Senate District 15. She was sworn in on January 6, 2006.

Senator Sheila M. Kiscaden left the Independence Party and joined the DFL caucus for the 2006 session.

The political makeup of the 2006 Senate was 38 DFLers and 29 Republicans.

Nine Senators announced they would not seek reelection in 2006. They were Michele M. Bachmann (R), Stillwater; John C. Hottinger (DFL), Mankato; Steve P. Kelley (DFL), Hopkins; Bob Kierlin (R), Winona; Sheila M. Kiscaden (DFL), Rochester; Becky Lourey (DFL), Kerrick; Sharon Marko (DFL), Cottage Grove; Jane B. Ranum (DFL), Minneapolis and Wesley J. Skoglund (DFL), Minneapolis.

The 2006 Session of the Eighty-Fourth Legislature adjourned sine die on Sunday evening, May 21, 2006.

Members of the Senate

Anderson, Ellen R. (DFL)*
Bachmann, Michele M. (R)**
Bakk, Thomas M. (DFL)
Belanger Jr., William V. (R)
Berglin, Linda (DFL)
Betzold, Don (DFL)
Bonoff, Terri (DFL)
Chaudhary, Satveer (DFL)
Clark, Tarryl (DFL)
Cohen, Richard J. (DFL)
Day, Dick (R)
Dibble, D. Scott (DFL)
Dille, Steve (R)
Fischbach, Michelle L. (R)
Foley, Leo T. (DFL)
Frederickson, Dennis R. (R)
Gerlach, Chris (R)
Hann, David (R)
Higgins, Linda (DFL)
Hottinger, John C. (DFL)
Johnson, Dean E. (DFL)
Johnson, Debbie J. (R)
Jungbauer, Michael J. (R)
Kelley, Steve P. (DFL)
Kierlin, Bob (R)
Kiscaden, Sheila M. (DFL)
Koch, Amy (R)
Koering, Paul (R)
Kubly, Gary W. (DFL)
Langseth, Keith (DFL)
Larson, Cal (R)
LeClair, Brian (R)
Limmer, Warren (R)
Lourey, Becky (DFL)
Marko, Sharon (DFL)
Marty, John (DFL)
McGinn, Mike (R)
Metzen, James P. (DFL)
Michel, Geoff (R)
Moua, Mee (DFL)
Murphy, Steve (DFL)
Neuville, Thomas M. (R)
Nienow, Sean (R)
Olson, Gen (R)
Ortman, Julianne E. (R)
Pappas, Sandra L. (DFL)
Pariseau, Pat (R)
Pogemiller, Lawrence J. (DFL)
Ranum, Jane B. (DFL)
Reiter, Mady (R)
Rest, Ann H. (DFL)
Robling, Claire A. (R)
Rosen, Julie A. (R)
Ruud, Carrie (R)
Sams, Dallas C. (DFL)
Saxhaug, Tom (DFL)
Scheid, Linda (DFL)
Senjem, David H. (R)
Skoe, Rod (DFL)
Skoglund, Wesley J. (DFL)
Solon, Yvonne Prettner (DFL)
Sparks, Dan (DFL)
Stumpf, LeRoy A. (DFL)
Tomassoni, David J. (DFL)
Vickerman, Jim (DFL)
Wergin, Betsy (R)
Wiger, Charles W. (DFL)

*DFL—Democratic-Farmer-Labor

**R—Republican

Senate Leaders

Dean E. Johnson
Ann H. Rest
Satveer Chaudhary
Linda Higgins
Steve P. Kelley
Mee Moua
Steve Murphy
David J. Tomassoni
Jim Vickerman
Dick Day
Thomas M. Neuville
Warren Limmer
Mike McGinn
Geoff Michel
Pat Pariseau
Claire A. Robling
Majority Leader
Assistant Majority Leader
Majority Whip
Majority Whip
Majority Whip
Majority Whip
Majority Whip
Majority Whip
Majority Whip
Minority Leader
Deputy Minority Leader
Assistant Minority Leader
Assistant Minority Leader
Assistant Minority Leader
Assistant Minority Leader

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