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Introduction

The 2008 Session of the Eighty-Fifth Legislature convened February 12 with the same leadership elected in the 2007 session, and one newly elected Senator.

Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller (DFL), Minneapolis, continued as Majority Leader and Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator David H. Senjem (R), Rochester, continued as Minority Leader.

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

Senator Thomas M. Neuville (R), Northfield, resigned effective January 1, 2008, after being appointed by Governor Tim Pawlenty as a Minnesota District Court judge in the Third Judicial District. Kevin L. Dahle (DFL), Northfield, won a special election on January 3, 2008, to fill the vacancy in Senate District 25. He was sworn in on January 22, 2008.

The political makeup of the 2008 Senate was 45 DFLers, and 22 Republicans.

Patrice M. Dworak, the First Assistant Secretary, retired during the 2008 Session with over 35 years of Senate service.

The Eighty-Fifth Legislature adjourned the session sine die on Sunday evening, May 18, 2008, which was the 119th Legislative Day.

Senator Betsy L. Wergin (R), Princeton, resigned effective August 1, 2008, after being appointed to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission by Governor Pawlenty. A special election was called for November 4, 2008, to fill the vacancy in District 16.

Senator Dan Larson (DFL), Bloomington, resigned effective November 5, 2008, to return to private employment. A special election was called for November 4, 2008, to fill the vacancy in District 63.

Members of the Senate

Anderson, Ellen R. (DFL)*
Bakk, Thomas M. (DFL)
Berglin, Linda (DFL)
Betzold, Don (DFL)
Bonoff, Terri (DFL)
Carlson, Jim (DFL)
Chaudhary, Satveer (DFL)
Clark, Tarryl L. (DFL)
Cohen, Richard J. (DFL)
Dahle, Kevin L. (DFL)
Day, Dick (R)**
Dibble, D. Scott (DFL)
Dille, Steve (R)
Doll, John (DFL)
Erickson Ropes, Sharon (DFL)
Fischbach, Michelle L. (R)
Foley, Leo T. (DFL)
Frederickson, Dennis R. (R)
Gerlach, Chris (R)
Gimse, Joseph R. (R)
Hann, David (R)
Higgins, Linda (DFL)
Ingebrigtsen, Bill (R)
Johnson, Debbie J. (R)
Jungbauer, Michael J. (R)
Koch, Amy T. (R)
Koering, Paul E. (R)
Kubly, Gary W. (DFL)
Langseth, Keith (DFL)
Larson, Daniel G. (DFL)
Latz, Ron (DFL)
Limmer, Warren (R)
Lourey, Tony (DFL)
Lynch, Ann (DFL)

Marty, John (DFL)
Metzen, James P. (DFL)
Michel, Geoff (R)
Moua, Mee (DFL)
Murphy, Steve (DFL)
Olseen, Rick (DFL)
Olson, Gen (R)
Olson, Mary (DFL)
Ortman, Julianne E. (R)
Pappas, Sandra L. (DFL)
Pariseau, Pat (R)
Pogemiller, Lawrence J. (DFL)
Prettner Solon, Yvonne (DFL)
Rest, Ann H. (DFL)
Robling, Claire A. (R)
Rosen, Julie A. (R)
Rummel, Sandy (DFL)
Saltzman, Kathy (DFL)
Saxhaug, Tom (DFL)
Scheid, Linda (DFL)
Senjem, David H. (R)
Sheran, Kathy (DFL)
Sieben, Katie (DFL)
Skoe, Rod (DFL)
Skogen, Dan (DFL)
Sparks, Dan (DFL)
Stumpf, LeRoy A. (DFL)
Tomassoni, David J. (DFL)
Torres Ray, Patricia (DFL)
Vandever, Ray (R)
Vickerman, Jim (DFL)
Wergin, Betsy L. (R)
Wiger, Charles W. (DFL)

*DFL—Democratic-Farmer-Labor
**R—Republican

Senate Leaders

Lawrence J. Pogemiller
Tarryl L. Clark
Ron Latz
Kathy Saltzman
Tom Saxhaug
Kathy Sheran
Dan Skogen
Patricia Torres Ray

David H. Senjem
Betsy L. Wergin
Michelle L. Fischbach
Joseph R. Gimse
David Hann
Amy T. Koch
Geoff Michel

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Assistant Majority Leader
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
Assistant Minority Leader

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