

- 1.1 A Senate resolution
1.2 relating to the temporary organization of the 94th Minnesota Senate.
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the GOP and DFL have negotiated an agreement for the temporary organization
1.4 of the Senate for the 2025 legislative session; NOW, THEREFORE,
- 1.5 BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution memorializes the agreement for the temporary
1.6 organization of the Senate, ratifies the agreement, and will be printed in the Journal for January 14,
1.7 2025:
- 1.8 **GOP-DFL Agreement for Temporary Organization of the Senate.**
- 1.9 **I. Duration.**
- 1.10 a. The provisions of this organizational agreement end by an affirmative vote of 34 Senators.
- 1.11 **II. Conflict with Senate Rules or Other Procedural Authorities.**
- 1.12 a. Should a conflict be found with the Temporary Senate Rules, Mason's Manual, custom
1.13 and usage, or other procedural authority during the time this agreement is in place, the agreement
1.14 will prevail.
- 1.15 **III. Process.**
- 1.16 a. The contents of this agreement will be included in a Senate resolution adopted on the first
1.17 day of the 2025 legislative session (January 14).
- 1.18 b. The agreement must be introduced as a resolution by both caucus leaders and ratified by
1.19 roll call. The agreement must be printed in the Senate Journal.
- 1.20 c. The agreement must be signed by all 12 negotiators.

2.1 d. Changes to the agreement must only be made via a Senate resolution, with the mutual
2.2 consent of the two leaders, which must be referred to the Rules and Administration Committee for
2.3 final action.

2.4 **IV. Committee Management.**

2.5 a. Committee Co-Chairs will determine the operations for each committee, including how
2.6 agendas are established and how to share the Chair.

2.7 b. For a bill to pass committee, it must receive a majority vote of all members of the committee.

2.8 **V. Committee Membership.**

2.9 a. COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, VETERANS, BROADBAND, AND RURAL
2.10 DEVELOPMENT (10)

2.11 i. Co-Chairs: Putnam, Westrom

2.12 ii. Vice-Chairs: Dornink, Kupec

2.13 iii. Anderson, Dahms, Gustafson, Kunesh, Seeberger, Wesenberg

2.14 b. COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL INVESTMENT (14)

2.15 i. Co-Chairs: Housley, Pappas

2.16 ii. Vice-Chairs: Kreun, Pha

2.17 iii. Dibble, Frentz, Jasinski, Johnson Stewart, Miller, Mohamed, Nelson, Pratt, Rasmusson,
2.18 Xiong

2.19 c. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (12)

2.20 i. Co-Chairs: Dahms, Klein

2.21 ii. Vice-Chairs: Rasmusson, Seeberger

2.22 iii. Duckworth, Frentz, Green, Howe, Latz, Mathews, Rest, Wiklund

2.23 d. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FINANCE (12)

2.24 i. Co-Chairs: Kunesh, Rarick

2.25 ii. Vice-Chairs: Farnsworth, Gustafson

2.26 iii. Cwodzinski, Housley, Kreun, Lang, Lucero, Maye Quade, Oumou Verbeten, Westlin

2.27 e. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY (12)

2.28 i. Co-Chairs: Coleman, Cwodzinski

2.29 ii. Vice-Chairs: Duckworth, Maye Quade

2.30 iii. Abeler, Boldon, Eichorn, Hauschild, Kunesh, Mann, Miller, Wesenberg

- 3.1 f. COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS (12)
- 3.2 i. Co-Chairs: Carlson, Koran
- 3.3 ii. Vice-Chairs: Bahr, Westlin
- 3.4 iii. Boldon, Cwodzinski, Limmer, Lucero, Marty, Mathews, Port, Weber
- 3.5 g. COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES, ENVIRONMENT, AND CLIMATE (14)
- 3.6 i. Co-Chairs: Frentz, Mathews
- 3.7 ii. Vice-Chairs: Green, Xiong
- 3.8 iii. Dibble, Drazkowski, Gruenhagen, Hoffman, Klein, Lucero, McEwen, Port, Rarick, Weber
- 3.9 h. COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE, AND LEGACY (12)
- 3.10 i. Co-Chairs: Eichorn, Hawj
- 3.11 ii. Vice-Chairs: McEwen, Wesenberg
- 3.12 iii. Drazkowski, Green, Hauschild, Hoffman, Johnson Stewart, Kunesh, Lang, Westrom
- 3.13 i. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE (14)
- 3.14 i. Co-Chairs: Marty, Pratt
- 3.15 ii. Vice-Chairs: Dahms, Frentz
- 3.16 iii. Champion, Draheim, Eichorn, Howe, Jasinski, Mohamed, Murphy, Pappas, Westrom,
- 3.17 Wiklund
- 3.18 j. COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (12)
- 3.19 i. Co-Chairs: Utke, Wiklund
- 3.20 ii. Vice-Chairs: Lieske, Mann
- 3.21 iii. Abeler, Boldon, Gruenhagen, Hoffman, Koran, Kupec, Port, Rasmusson
- 3.22 k. COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION (8)
- 3.23 i. Co-Chairs: Duckworth, Fateh
- 3.24 ii. Vice-Chairs: Putnam, Rarick
- 3.25 iii. Farnsworth, Kupec, Oumou Verbeten, Utke
- 3.26 l. COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION (10)
- 3.27 i. Co-Chairs: Lucero, Port
- 3.28 ii. Vice-Chairs: Boldon, Draheim
- 3.29 iii. Abeler, Coleman, Dornink, Mohamed, Pha, Putnam

- 4.1 m. COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES (10)
- 4.2 i. Co-Chairs: Hoffman, Rasmusson
- 4.3 ii. Vice-Chairs: Abeler, Fateh
- 4.4 iii. Coleman, Gruenhagen, Maye Quade, Mohamed, Utke, Wiklund
- 4.5 n. COMMITTEE ON JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (10)
- 4.6 i. Co-Chairs: Champion, Draheim
- 4.7 ii. Vice-Chairs: Mohamed, Nelson
- 4.8 iii. Dornink, Gustafson, Hawj, Housley, Pha, Pratt
- 4.9 o. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY (12)
- 4.10 i. Co-Chairs: Latz, Limmer
- 4.11 ii. Vice-Chairs: Kreun, Oumou Verbeten
- 4.12 iii. Anderson, Carlson, Howe, Lieske, Pappas, Seeberger, Westlin, Westrom
- 4.13 p. COMMITTEE ON LABOR (12)
- 4.14 i. Co-Chairs: Dornink, McEwen
- 4.15 ii. Vice-Chairs: Gruenhagen, Hauschild
- 4.16 iii. Kupec, Lieske, Marty, Oumou Verbeten, Pappas, Pratt, Rarick, Wesenberg
- 4.17 q. COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION (12)
- 4.18 i. Co-Chairs: Johnson, Murphy
- 4.19 ii. Vice-Chairs: Limmer, Rest
- 4.20 iii. Coleman, Champion, Dahms, Eichorn, Frentz, Marty, Miller, Pappas
- 4.21 r. COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (14)
- 4.22 i. Co-Chairs: Lang, Xiong
- 4.23 ii. Vice-Chairs: Gustafson, Koran, Maye Quade
- 4.24 iii. Bahr, Carlson, Cwodzinski, Drazkowski, Eichorn, Fateh, Johnson, Johnson Stewart, Kreun
- 4.25 s. COMMITTEE ON TAXES (10)
- 4.26 i. Co-Chairs: Rest, Weber
- 4.27 ii. Vice-Chairs: Drazkowski, Klein
- 4.28 iii. Bahr, Dibble, Hauschild, Miller, Nelson, Putnam
- 4.29 t. COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (12)

- 5.1 i. Co-Chairs: Dibble, Jasinski
- 5.2 ii. Vice-Chairs: Howe, Johnson Stewart
- 5.3 iii. Bahr, Carlson, Farnsworth, Hawj, Lang, McEwen, Nelson, Pha
- 5.4 **VI. Committee Schedule.**
- 5.5 a. Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development: Monday, Wednesday; 1150
- 5.6 MSB; 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- 5.7 b. Capital Investment: Tuesday, Thursday; 1100 MSB; 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- 5.8 c. Commerce and Consumer Protection: Tuesday, Thursday; G-15 Capitol; 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- 5.9 d. Education Finance: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 1150 MSB; 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- 5.10 e. Education Policy: Monday, Wednesday; 1200 MSB; 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- 5.11 f. Elections: Tuesday, Thursday; 1200 MSB; 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- 5.12 g. Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate: Monday, Wednesday; 1150 MSB; 12:30-2:30
- 5.13 p.m.
- 5.14 h. Environment, Climate, and Legacy: Tuesday, Thursday; 1150 MSB; 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- 5.15 i. Finance: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 1200 MSB; 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- 5.16 j. Health and Human Services: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 1100 MSB; 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- 5.17 k. Higher Education: Tuesday, Thursday; G-15 Capitol; 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- 5.18 l. Housing and Homelessness Prevention: Tuesday, Thursday; 1150 MSB; 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- 5.19 m. Human Services: Monday, Wednesday; 1200 MSB; 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- 5.20 n. Jobs and Economic Development: Monday, Wednesday; 1100 MSB; 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- 5.21 o. Judiciary and Public Safety: Monday, Wednesday; G-15 Capitol; 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- 5.22 p. Labor: Tuesday, Thursday; 1100 MSB; 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- 5.23 q. Rules and Administration: On-Call; 123 Capitol
- 5.24 r. State and Local Government: Tuesday, Thursday; 1200 MSB; 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- 5.25 s. Taxes: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; G-15 Capitol; 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- 5.26 t. Transportation: Monday, Wednesday; 1100 MSB; 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- 5.27 **VII. Staff.**
- 5.28 a. The GOP caucus may temporarily reassign current staff. Each GOP Co-Chair may designate
- 5.29 one staff member to assist in committee work for the duration of the agreement. The staff member
- 5.30 will receive a temporary stipend commensurate with their responsibilities.

6.1 b. The Co-Chairs will work with the current Committee Administrator to support the work
6.2 of the committee.

6.3 c. Current staff will be retained. Current vacancies may be filled.

6.4 **VIII. Opening Day: January 14, 2025.**

6.5 a. The body must elect two co-presiding officers, one from each caucus.

6.6 b. All other Senate officers will be elected:

6.7 i. Secretary of the Senate - Tom Bottern.

6.8 ii. 1st Assistant Secretary - Mike Linn.

6.9 iii. 2nd Assistant Secretary - Jessica Tupper.

6.10 iv. Engrossing Secretary - Melissa Mapes.

6.11 v. Sergeant-at-Arms - Sven Lindquist.

6.12 vi. Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms - Bryan Pierick.

6.13 c. Leaders will be elected as GOP and DFL leader rather than Majority or Minority Leader.

6.14 d. Rev. Kirsten Fryer will be elected Senate Chaplain.

6.15 **IX. Floor Operations.**

6.16 a. There will be two floor sessions per week, unless additional sessions are agreed to by the
6.17 caucus leaders.

6.18 b. A bill or confirmation must not be taken up on the floor without written agreement of the
6.19 caucus leaders. The following actions are still available to all Senators:

6.20 i. Resolutions.

6.21 ii. Amendments to bills.

6.22 iii. Other motions.

6.23 c. Prior to the start of each floor session, the caucus leaders will jointly decide which
6.24 co-presiding officer will preside during that floor session.

6.25 d. The co-presiding officers have the powers of the Office of the President. The co-presiding
6.26 officers will consult with one another and Secretary Bottern on all points of order with the goal of
6.27 reaching consensus. In the event the co-presiding officers remain split following consultation with
6.28 the Secretary, the Senate must immediately recess. During this recess, the co-presiding officers and
6.29 the Secretary must meet with the caucus leaders. If, after this meeting, no consensus can be reached,
6.30 the opinion of the Secretary must be the ruling of the President.

6.31 **X. Appointments.**

7.1 a. Where a statute requires the Majority or Minority Leader to make an appointment to a
7.2 board, commission, or other body, the appointment may be made by mutual agreement of the caucus
7.3 leaders.

7.4 **XI. Senate Rules.**

7.5 a. The Temporary Rules of the Senate for the 93rd session of the Legislature are adopted as
7.6 the Temporary Rules for the 94th session, to be effective until the adoption of Permanent Rules by
7.7 a majority vote of the Senate, subject to the following conditions:

7.8 i. A bill may not be introduced on the first day.

7.9 ii. The limitation in section XIII of this agreement.

7.10 iii. The rules referred to above are amended as follows:

7.11 **4. BILL REFERRAL**

7.12 4.1 The President shall refer each bill without motion to the proper standing committee unless
7.13 otherwise referred by the Senate.

7.14 4.2 A bill or resolution may not be referred to committee or amended until it has been given
7.15 its first reading.

7.16 4.3 A member may not object to a bill or resolution on its introduction.

7.17 4.4 All bills appropriating money, or obligating the state to pay or expend money, or
7.18 establishing a policy which to be effective will require expenditure of money, when referred to and
7.19 reported by any other than the Committee on Finance, must be referred before passage to the
7.20 Committee on Finance.

7.21 4.5 All bills delegating rulemaking to a department or agency of state government and all
7.22 bills exempting a department or agency of state government from rulemaking, when referred to
7.23 and reported by any other than the Committee on State and Local Government ~~and Veterans~~, must
7.24 be referred before passage to the Committee on State and Local Government ~~and Veterans~~.

7.25 4.6 All bills creating a new commission, council, task force, board, or other body to which
7.26 a member of the legislature will be appointed must be referred before passage both to the Committee
7.27 on State and Local Government ~~and Veterans~~ and to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

7.28 4.7 All bills authorizing or increasing a sentence of imprisonment to a state correctional
7.29 institution must be referred before passage to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

7.30 4.8 All resolutions required to follow the same procedure as bills must be referred before
7.31 passage to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

7.32 4.9 A bill introduced by a committee need not be referred to a standing committee unless a
7.33 question arises. It must lie over one day before being given its second reading.

8.1 4.10 A member may question the reference of a bill during the order of business of first
 8.2 reading on the day of introduction. When a member questions the reference of a bill, the bill must
 8.3 be referred without debate to the Committee on Rules and Administration to report the proper
 8.4 reference. Upon adoption of the report of the Committee on Rules and Administration, the bill must
 8.5 be referred accordingly.

8.6 **9. STANDING COMMITTEES**

8.7 The standing committees of the Senate are as follows:

8.8 Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development

8.9 Capital Investment

8.10 Commerce and Consumer Protection

8.11 Education Finance

8.12 Education Policy

8.13 Elections

8.14 Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate

8.15 Environment, Climate, and Legacy

8.16 Finance

8.17 Health and Human Services

8.18 Higher Education

8.19 Housing and Homelessness Prevention

8.20 Human Services

8.21 Jobs and Economic Development

8.22 Judiciary and Public Safety

8.23 Labor

8.24 Rules and Administration

8.25 State and Local Government ~~and Veterans~~

8.26 Taxes

8.27 Transportation

8.28 **XII. Miscellaneous.**

8.29 a. Member offices and floor desks will remain as currently assigned.

9.1 b. Bill referrals will be made jointly by the Executive Assistant to the President and a staff
9.2 member appointed by the GOP. If there is a dispute, the caucus leaders will determine referral.

9.3 **XIII. Future Agreements.**

9.4 a. The GOP and DFL agree that the items in this section will remain in effect beyond the
9.5 termination of this agreement.

9.6 b. With the exception of the Temporary Rules in this agreement, the body will not amend
9.7 the Temporary Senate Rules or adopt Permanent Senate Rules during calendar year 2025 without
9.8 written agreement of the two caucus leaders.

9.9 c. Under the committee structure that is implemented following the termination of this
9.10 agreement for the 2025-2026 biennium, the Majority party must only have a one-vote margin on
9.11 all committees except the following committees may have a two-vote margin:

9.12 i. Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

9.13 ii. Finance.

9.14 iii. Health and Human Services.

9.15 iv. Judiciary and Public Safety.

9.16 v. Labor.

9.17 vi. State and Local Government.

9.18 vii. Rules and Administration.

9.19 d. For the 2025-2026 biennium, a Subcommittee on Veterans will be formed under the
9.20 Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee.

9.21 e. For the 2025-2026 biennium, the GOP will control Capitol Conference Room 206.