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Introduction

The 2009 Session of the Eighty-Sixth Legislature convened January 6, and the Senate was organized with the same leadership as the Eighty-Fifth Legislature.

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, was re-elected President of the Senate.

The following two special elections were held November 4, 2008, to fill vacancies created by resignations:

Lisa A. Fobbe (DFL), Zimmerman, was elected in District 16 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator Betsy Wergin. Senator Fobbe was sworn in on December 5, 2008.

Ken Kelash (DFL), Richfield, was elected in District 63 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator Dan Larson. Senator Kelash was also sworn in on December 5, 2008.

The political makeup of the 2009 Senate was 46 DFLers and 21 Republicans.

Patrick E. Flahaven, the Secretary of the Senate since 1973, retired on January 5, 2009, after 38 years of dedicated service to the Minnesota Senate. Mr. Flahaven served with eight Senate Presidents and 294 members during his Senate career. On January 6, 2009, the Senate elected Peter S. Wattson, Secretary of the Senate (Legislative) and JoAnne M. Zoff, Secretary of the Senate (Administrative) to fulfill the duties of Secretary of the Senate.

The Eighty-Sixth Legislature will reconvene on February 4, 2010.

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)
Fobbe, Lisa A. (DFL)
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)
Kelash, Ken (DFL)
Koch, Amy T. (R)
Koering, Paul E. (R)
Kubly, Gary W. (DFL)
Langseth, Keith (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)
Vandeveer, Ray (R)
Vickerman, Jim (DFL)
Wiger, Charles W. (DFL)

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

Senate Leaders

Lawrence J. Pogemiller	Majority Leader
Tarryl L. Clark	Assistant Majority Leader
Ron Latz	Majority Whip
Kathy Saltzman	Majority Whip
Tom Saxhaug	Majority Whip
Kathy Sheran	Majority Whip
Dan Skogen	Majority Whip
Patricia Torres Ray	Majority Whip
David H. Senjem	Minority Leader
Michelle L. Fischbach	Deputy Minority Leader
Chris Gerlach	Assistant Minority Leader
Joseph R. Gimse	Assistant Minority Leader
David Hann	Assistant Minority Leader
Amy T. Koch	Assistant Minority Leader
Geoff Michel	Assistant Minority Leader

Officers of the Senate

James P. Metzen	President of the Senate
Petter S. Wattson	Secretary of the Senate (Legislative)
JoAnne M. Zoff	Secretary of the Senate (Administrative)
Colleen J. Pacheco	First Assistant Secretary
Michael R. Linn	Second Assistant Secretary
Jessica Tupper	Third Assistant Secretary
Melissa Mapes	Engrossing Secretary
Sven K. Lindquist	Sergeant at Arms
Marilyn Logan Hall	Assistant Sergeant at Arms
Rev. Kevin McDonough	Chaplain