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Introduction

The Ninety-Second Legislature reconvened January 31, 2022, with new caucus leadership and a new presiding officer.

Senator Jeremy R. Miller (R-Winona) was named Majority Leader and Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Melisa López Franzen (DFL-Edina) was named Minority Leader.

Senator David J. Osmek (R-Mound) was elected President of the Senate.

The political makeup of the 2022 Senate remained 34 Republican, 31 DFL, and 2 Independent senators.

Marilyn Logan, the Assistant Sergeant at Arms since 2005, retired in November 2021, after 30 years of dedicated service to the Senate.

Bryan Pierick was elected January 31, 2022, as the new Assistant Sergeant at Arms.

With the COVID-19 pandemic declining, seating in the chamber returned to the normal arrangement. The Senate continued to allow members to be counted as present and cast their votes from remote locations during floor sessions. Committee meetings were held using a hybrid of in-person and a video conferencing platform that allowed remote participation and voting. A hybrid telework policy remained in place allowing staff to work from remote locations, with most staff returning to in-office work at least 3 days a week during the 2022 session.

The Senate adjourned sine die on the 115th legislative day, Sunday, May 22, 2022. The House of Representatives adjourned sine die on the 116th legislative day, Monday, May 23, 2022.

Colleen Pacheco, the First Assistant Secretary of the Senate since 2009, retired in June 2022, after 45 years of dedicated service to the Senate.

Senator David J. Tomassoni (I-Chisholm) announced that the 2022 session would be his last, as he was battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Senator Tomassoni passed away on August 11, 2022, having served 22 years in the Senate and 8 years in the House. The vacancy will be filled in the November general election.

Twenty-two other Senators announced they would not seek reelection to the Senate in 2022: Thomas M. Bakk (I-Cook), Michelle R. Benson (R-Ham Lake), Karla Bigham (DFL-Cottage Grove), Gregory D. Clausen (DFL-Apple Valley), Chris A. Eaton (DFL-Brooklyn Center), Kent Eken (DFL-Audubon), Paul E. Gazelka (R-East Gull Lake), Michael P. Goggin (R-Red Wing), Bill Ingebrigtsen (R-Alexandria), Jason Isaacson (DFL-Shoreview), Ann M. Johnson Stewart (DFL-Minnetonka), Susan Kent (DFL-Woodbury), Mary Kiffmeyer (R-Big Lake), Melisa Lopez Franzen (DFL-Edina), Scott J. Newman (R-Hutchinson), Jerry Newton (DFL-Coon Rapids), David J. Osmek (R-Mound), Julie A. Rosen (R-Fairmont), Carrie Ruud (R-Breezy Point), David H. Senjem (R-Rochester), Patricia Torres Ray (DFL-Minneapolis), and Charles W. Wiger (DFL-Maplewood).

Members of the Senate

Abeler, Jim (R)* Anderson, Bruce D. (R) Bakk, Thomas M. (I)** Benson, Michelle R. (R) Bigham, Karla (DFL)*** Carlson, Jim (DFL) Chamberlain, Roger C. (R) Champion, Bobby Joe (DFL) Clausen, Gregory D. (DFL) Coleman, Julia E. (R) Cwodzinski, Steve A. (DFL) Dahms, Gary H. (R) Dibble, D. Scott (DFL) Dornink, Gene (R) Draheim, Rich (R) Duckworth, Zach (R) Dziedzic, Kari (DFL) Eaton, Chris A. (DFL) Eichorn, Justin D. (R) Eken, Kent (DFL) Fateh, Omar (DFL) Frentz, Nick A. (DFL) Gazelka, Paul E. (R) Goggin, Michael P. (R) Hawj, Foung (DFL) Hoffman, John A. (DFL) Housley, Karin (R) Howe, Jeff R. (R) Ingebrigtsen, Bill (R) Isaacson, Jason (DFL) Jasinski, John R. (R) Johnson, Mark (R) Johnson Stewart, Ann M. (DFL) Kent, Susan (DFL) *R--Republican ***DFL--Democratic-Farmer-Labor Kiffmeyer, Mary (R) Klein, Matt D. (DFL) Koran, Mark W. (R) Kunesh, Mary K. (DFL) Lang, Andrew R. (R) Latz, Ron (DFL) Limmer, Warren, (R) López Franzen, Melisa (DFL) Marty, John (DFL) Mathews, Andrew (R) McEwen, Jennifer A. (DFL) Miller, Jeremy R. (R) Murphy, Erin P. (DFL) Nelson, Carla J. (R) Newman, Scott J. (R) Newton, Jerry (DFL) Osmek, David J. (R) Pappas, Sandra L. (DFL) Port, Lindsey (DFL) Pratt, Eric R. (R) Putnam, Aric (DFL) Rarick, Jason (R) Rest, Ann H. (DFL) Rosen, Julie A. (R) Rudd, Carrie (R) Senjem, David H. (R) Tomassoni, David J. (I) Torres Ray, Patricia (DFL) Utke, Paul J. (R) Weber, Bill (R) Westrom, Torrey N. (R) Wiger, Charles W. (DFL) Wiklund, Melissa H. (DFL)

**I--Independent

Senate Leaders

Jeremy R. Miller Karin Housley Mark Johnson Roger C. Chamberlain Zack Duckworth John R. Jasinski Bill Weber John R. Jasinski Bill Weber Melisa López Franzen Nick A. Frentz Foung Hawj Mary K. Kunesh Karla Bigham Kent Eken Majority Leader Deputy Majority Leader Deputy Majority Leader Assistant Majority Leader Assistant Majority Leader Assistant Majority Leader Majority Whip Majority Whip Minority Leader Assistant Minority Leader Assistant Minority Leader Minority Leader Minority Whip Minority Whip

Officers of the Senate

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