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SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

The House of Representatives convened at 10:00 a.m. and was called to order by Peggy Bennett, Speaker pro tempore.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Pepe Demarest, The Recovery Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The members of the House gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Acomb	Elkins	Howard	Lillie	Pérez-Vega	Swedzinski
Agbaje	Falconer	Hussein	Long	Perryman	Tabke
Allen	Feist	Igo	Luger-Nikolai	Pinto	Torkelson
Backer	Finke	Johnson, P.	Mahamoud	Pursell	Van Binsbergen
Bahner	Fischer	Jones	McDonald	Rarick	Vang
Bakeberg	Frazier	Jordan	Moller	Rehm	Virmig
Bennett	Frederick	Keeler	Momanyi-Hiltsley	Repinski	Warwas
Berg	Freiberg	Klevorn	Mueller	Reyer	Wiener
Bierman	Gander	Kotyza-Witthuhn	Nadeau	Robbins	Wolgamott
Buck	Gomez	Kozlowski	Nash	Schomacker	Xiong
Carroll	Gottfried	Koznick	Nelson	Schultz	Youakim
Cha	Greene	Kraft	Niska	Schwartz	Zeleznikar
Clardy	Greenman	Kresha	Noor	Scott	Spk. Demuth
Coulter	Hanson, J.	Lawrence	Norris	Sencer-Mura	
Curran	Hicks	Lee, F.	Novotny	Sexton	
Davids	Hill	Lee, K.	O'Driscoll	Smith	
Dotseth	Hollins	Liebling	Olson	Stephenson	

A quorum was present.

Altendorf; Anderson, P. E.; Anderson, P. H.; Baker; Bliss; Burkel; Davis; Dippel; Duran; Engen; Fogelman; Franson; Gillman; Gordon; Hansen, R.; Harder; Heintzeman; Hudson; Huot; Jacob; Johnson, W.; Joy; Knudsen; Koegel; Lee, X.; Mekeland; Murphy; Myers; Quam; Rehrauer; Roach; Rymer; Skraba; Stier; West and Witte were excused.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

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The Chief Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the preceding day. There being no objection, further reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal was approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk.

Prior to adjournment of the 94th Legislative Session sine die, Lisa Demuth, Speaker of the House, called upon retiring members who wished to offer remarks about their service to the Minnesota House of Representatives:

BERNIE PERRYMAN – two terms
 MARIA ISA PÉREZ-VEGA – two terms
 MIKE WIENER - two terms
 BEN BAKEBERG – two terms
 LIZ REYER – three terms
 HEATHER KEELER – three terms
 CEDRICK FRAZIER – three terms
 SANDRA FEIST – three terms
 KAELA BERG – three terms
 DAN WOLGAMOTT – four terms
 KRISTIN ROBBINS – four terms
 PAUL NOVOTNY – four terms
 KELLY MOLLER – four terms
 LISA DEMUTH – four terms
 PEGGY BENNETT – six terms
 RON KRESHA – seven terms
 CHRIS SWEDZINSKI – eight terms
 JOE SCHOMACKER – eight terms
 TIM O'DRISCOLL – eight terms
 PAUL TORKELOSON – nine terms

Buck was excused for the remainder of today's session.

PROTEST AND DISSENT

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 11, of the Minnesota Constitution, we the undersigned members of the Minnesota House of Representatives register our protest and dissent regarding the following action:

On Tuesday, June 9, 2025, during the 1st Special Session 2025, Representative Bjorn Olson was permitted to vote using Article 10 Remote House Operations, specifically:

10.05 Remote House Operations

(e) A member who is ordered to active military service may attend and vote during floor sessions via remote means, if practical. If the member submits a copy of orders compelling the member's military service to the Speaker. If the circumstances of the member's service make it impractical to attend a floor session in real time, the member may submit, in advance, the member's votes, limited to items of business that have been posted for that day's agenda, as practical. Votes submitted in advance must be authenticated and delivered to the Chief Clerk through the member's official House email address, prior to the time the floor session is scheduled to convene, and in a manner that allows the authentication to be verified by all members of the House.

The agreed upon rule is clear on two issues raised by the undersigned members and support our contention that the remote votes were incorrect.

Issue #1 – Calendar for the Day

*If the circumstances of the member's service make it impractical to attend a floor session in real time, the member may submit, in advance, the member's votes, **limited to items of business that have been posted for that day's agenda**, as practical. [emphasis added]*

We the undersigned acknowledge there was a leadership agreement regarding the schedule for the June 9, 2025 Special Session agenda; however, the Minnesota House of Representatives website clearly stated: "There are currently no bills on the Calendar of the Day".

Each bill taken up on Tuesday, June 9, 2025 required a Declaration of Urgency, pursuant to Article IV, Section 19 of the Constitution of the state of Minnesota and the rules suspended to take up the bills one-by-one. It was up to the body, each member holding their own election certificate, to vote to determine the business of the day, after convening of the House.

Issue #2 – Use House Email, Prior to Convening

*Votes submitted in advance must be authenticated and delivered to the Chief Clerk **through the member's official House email address, prior to the time the floor session is scheduled to convene, ...**" [emphasis added]*

Following the Declaration of Urgency regarding H. F. 1, Sencer-Mura moved to amend H. F. 1. A roll call was requested and properly seconded. After the conclusion of the H. F. 1 Sencer-Mura amendment vote, we learned the rule was violated in two ways:

- (a) the vote was submitted by an email address that was not the member's official House email address; and
- (b) the voice recording was received after the commencement of the Floor Session on Tuesday, June 9, 2025.

On the basis of the foregoing reasons, we the undersigned Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives demand repeal of Article 10.05 (e) to protect the legislative process and integrity of the House.

Further, pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 of the Minnesota Constitution, we direct that our protest and dissent be entered into the Journal of the House of Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,	GINNY KLEVORN SAMANTHA SENCER-MURA PATTY ACOMB KRISTIN BAHNER LUKE FREDERICK AISHA GOMEZ JULIE GREENE HEATHER KEELER JESSICA HANSON TINA LIEBLING JAMIE LONG KRISTI PURSELL BRAD TABKE	ZACH STEPHENSON ATHENA HOLLINS LIZ LEE ESTHER AGBAJE LARRY KRAFT KIM HICKS
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PROTEST AND DISSENT

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 of the Minnesota Constitution, we the undersigned members of the Minnesota House of Representatives register our protest and dissent against Speaker Demuth, GOP Floor Leader Niska, and Speaker pro tempore Bjorn Olson for direct violation of the Supplemental Agreement for House Organization for the 94th Regular Legislative Session (ratified April 3, 2025), and subsequent repeat violation of House Rule 3.21 on germaneness.

House Rule 3.21 states:

"3.21 MOTIONS AND PROPOSITIONS MUST BE GERMANE. (a) A motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration must not be admitted under guise of its being an amendment. A motion, amendment, or other proposition offered to the House is out of order if it is not germane to the matter under consideration. Whether a proposition is germane to the matter under consideration is a question to be decided by the presiding officer, who may put the question to the House.

(b) An amendment to an amendment on the House floor must relate only to the primary amendment, without introducing any new subject."

The Supplemental Agreement for House Organization for the 94th Regular Legislative Session states:

"If a question of germaneness is raised under House Rule 3.21 and the question is put to the body, or if a decision of the presiding officer under House Rule 3.21 is appealed, the affirmative vote of at least one member of each caucus is required to find the motion or proposition germane." (Section 13.3, Lines 1.20 through 2.2)

The affirmative vote of at least one member of each caucus is required to find a motion or proposition germane upon appeal. The Supplemental Agreement was signed and ratified by Speaker Lisa Demuth, Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman, Republican Floor Leader Harry Niska, and DFL Floor Leader Jamie Long on April 3rd, 2025.

On April 25, 2025, House File 2432 (Novotny) *Judiciary, public safety, and corrections policy and finance bill* was reported to the House for passage on the Calendar for the Day. Representative Rymer moved an amendment related to immigration, which introduced a new chapter of law (Chapter 388) that was not referenced in the underlying bill.

DFL Floor Leader Long raised a point of order pursuant to rule 3.21 that the Rymer amendment was not in order. Speaker pro tempore Olson ruled the point of order not well taken and the Rymer amendment in order.

Long then appealed the decision of Speaker pro tempore Olson and a roll call was requested. There were 67 yeas and 67 nays on the question to appeal the decision of the Speaker. There was not an affirmative vote of at least one member of each caucus to find the Rymer amendment germane.

At that moment, pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement, the appeal of the ruling of Speaker pro tempore Olson should have been successful and the ruling found not well taken and the amendment out of order.

Floor Leader Long raised a point of order pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement for House Organization Rule 13.3 on germaneness, that the decision of Speaker pro tempore Olson should not stand and that the Rymer amendment was not in order.

However, Speaker pro tempore Olson then directly violated the terms of the Supplemental Agreement. He ruled the point of order pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement not well taken and the decision of Speaker pro tempore Olson should stand. An appeal of the ruling of the Speaker pro tempore was unsuccessful, and the Rymer amendment was permitted to be put before the body for a vote.

This moment was a major test of the fragile, bipartisan agreement to co-govern in the tied House, and Speaker Demuth, Floor Leader Niska, and the GOP caucus failed to live up to their signed agreements.

Notably, the Republican Speaker and caucus proved they could follow the correct application of the rule on Monday, May 12, 2025. On a Scott amendment to a Zeleznikar amendment to House File 2435, a point of order pursuant to rule 3.21 on germaneness was raised, and Speaker pro tempore Olson ruled the point of order well taken.

Scott appealed the decision of the Speaker pro tempore Olson. On the appeal of the decision of Speaker pro tempore Olson, there was not an affirmative vote of one member of each caucus to find the amendment germane, so the ruling of the Speaker pro tempore Olson was upheld and the amendment was ruled out of order.

The Supplemental Agreement was tested again on Monday, April 20, 2026, when Speaker Demuth had another opportunity to abide by the agreement on germaneness rulings. On a Niska amendment to House File 3621, Floor Leader Long raised a point of order pursuant to House Rule 3.21 on germaneness.

Speaker Demuth ruled the point of order not well taken and the Niska amendment in order. Floor Leader Long appealed Speaker Demuth's ruling. When put before the body, there was not an affirmative vote of at least one member of each caucus to find the amendment germane.

Floor Leader Long raised a point of order pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement for House Organization, Rule 13.3 on germaneness. Floor Leader Niska gave advice to the Speaker to find the amendment germane and cited the incorrect ruling on April 25, 2025 as precedent. Speaker Demuth ruled the point of order not well taken and the amendment in order, thereby violating the plain language of the Supplemental Agreement yet again.

This legislative body cannot function if we cannot trust that when an elected representative signs their name to a written agreement, they will uphold the terms of that agreement. Further, it undermines the trust in the institution for the Speaker or Speaker pro tempore to pick and choose when to follow the rules.

We strongly protest the disregard demonstrated by Speaker Demuth and Republican caucus leadership for the institution of the Minnesota House, for the rules by which we govern ourselves as a legislative body, and for their own promises. We the undersigned register our protest and dissent to ensure that such a direct violation of our agreements written in plain language does not occur again.

Further, pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 of the Minnesota Constitution, we direct that our protest and dissent be entered into the Journal of the House of Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,	ZACH STEPHENSON	JAMIE LONG
	ATHENA HOLLINS	AISHA GOMEZ
	KELLY MOLLER	SAMANTHA SENCER-MURA
	SAMANTHA VANG	DAN WOLGAMOTT
	KRISTIN BAHNER	CARLIE KOTYZA-WITTUHN
	JESS HANSON	KAELA BERG
	DAVID GOTTFRIED	MARY FRANCES CLARDY
	XP LEE	STEVE ELKINS
	DAVE PINTO	MEG LUGER-NIKOLAI
	KARI REHRAUER	CHERYL YOUAKIM
	SHELLEY BUCK	LUCY REHM
	TINA LIEBLING	LEIGH FINKE
	KRISTI PURSELL	LARRY KRAFT
	JULIE GREENE	ALEX FALCONER
	KATIE JONES	MIKE HOWARD
	EMMA GREENMAN	ANDY SMITH
	KAOZOUAPA LIZ LEE	BRION CURRAN
	NATHAN COULTER	ROBERT BIERMAN
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	KIM HICKS	BIANCA VIRNIG
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HEATHER KEELER
ETHAN CHA
PETER JOHNSON
LIISH KOZLOWSKI
BRAD TABKE
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LEON LILLIE
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LUKE FREDERICK
GINNY KLEVORN
JOHN HUOT
RICK HANSEN
PETER FISCHER
MIKE FREIBERG
SYDNEY JORDAN
HULDAH MOMANYI-HILTSLEY

Niska moved that the Chief Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to inform the Senate and the Governor by message that the House of Representatives is about to adjourn this 94th Session sine die. The motion prevailed.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE NINETY-FOURTH SESSION SINE DIE

Kresha moved that the House adjourn sine die. The motion prevailed and the Speaker declared the House adjourned sine die.

PATRICK DUFFY MURPHY, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives