

Monday, 1/13/25 DFL Offer:

1. Amend power-sharing agreement to change how the House operates for the 1st three weeks of session until House returns to 67-67 with the swearing-in of a 67th DFL member.
2. On the first day, first order of business would be to adopt amended power-sharing agreement, signed by all members prior to session, and entered into the Journal. The amended power-sharing agreement would provide that the next order of business is to elect Demuth Speaker. The amended power-sharing agreement would also provide:
 - the first three weeks until House returns to 67-67, Demuth is Speaker, Republicans chair all committee hearings, retain existing committees, retain “majority of all appointed members of a committee” required for committee action but one DFL member will be non-voting
 - first three weeks during Republican control no rule changes, no policy changes unless jointly agreed by Leader Demuth and Leader Hortman
 - already-negotiated terms of power-sharing agreement kick in on Feb 3 if Dems return to 67, co-speaker, co-chairs, alternating gavels, silent DFL member would begin voting again
3. Retain staffing agreement for all of 2025-2026 regardless of special election outcome
4. Election contests must be referred to the Ethics committee, which has equal voting membership divided by Democrats and Republicans, regardless of court decision as court decisions are advisory. In conformity with Minnesota Constitution Art IV, Sec 7, committee must first “prescribe” manner “for taking evidence,” then must take evidence in a proceeding with appropriate notice and time for consideration; 68 votes on House floor required to adopt committee report recommending the rejection of election returns and creating a vacancy
5. Create Oversight Committee, Republicans control for two years, solely chair and Republicans retain a permanent one-seat majority