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Minnesota House of Representatives

Kurt Daudt, Speaker

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You're invited to speak your mind Talk with legislators, be the House speaker, voice your opinion

Fairgoers are invited to weigh in on hot political topics and meet with legislators during their visit to the House of Representatives' booth at the Minnesota State Fair.

Record your visit on social media with a photo as you stand behind of a replica of the House speaker's desk. Complete with flags and the Abraham Lincoln portrait, the display gives you a feel for what it is like to stand in this position of power. Be sure to find out the fascinating history behind the portrait.

The annual House opinion poll draws the attention of around 10,000 participants and will, once again, be available. Fairgoers can let their opinions be known on a number of issues including this fall's ballot question on who should set legislators' salaries; a requirement for individuals to use restroom and locker room facilities in schools and businesses based on biological sex, as defined at birth; and criminal background checks for all gun purchases.

Poll results should be available on the House website Sept. 6, the day after the fair closes.

The House of Representatives exhibit is located in the Education Building on Cosgrove Street, just north of Dan Patch Avenue.

The following is a list of representatives planning to attend (as of noon, Aug. 22):

Thursday, Aug. 25

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Rick Hansen (DFL-South St. Paul), Rep. Mike Sundin (DFL-Esko)

Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Rick Hansen (DFL-South St. Paul)

Friday, Aug. 26

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Rick Hansen (DFL-South St. Paul), Rep. Paul Torkelson (R-Hanska)

Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Kathy Lohmer (R-Stillwater), Rep. Melissa Hortman (DFL-Brooklyn Park)

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Rep. Duane Quam (R-Byron), Rep. Abigail Whelan (R-Anoka)

Saturday, Aug. 27

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Jennifer Schultz (DFL-Duluth), Rep. Duane Quam (R-Byron)

Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. John Persell (DFL-Bemidji)

Sunday, Aug. 28

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Jerry Newton (DFL-Coon Rapids)

Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Linda Runbeck (R-Circle Pines)

Monday, Aug. 29

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. John Lesch (DFL-St. Paul), Rep. Barb Yarusso (DFL-Shoreview)

Tuesday, Aug. 30

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Mike Freiberg (DFL-Golden Valley)

Thursday, Sept. 1

Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Drew Christensen (R-Burnsville), Rep. Diane Loeffler (DFL-Mpls)

Saturday, Sept. 3

Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Pat Garofalo (R-Farmington)

Sunday, Sept. 4

Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Steve Drazkowski (R-Mazeppa)