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**Minnesota
House of
Representatives**
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New members elected to the House of Representatives

DFL claims majority

For the first time since 1998, Democrats will hold a majority of seats in the Minnesota House of Representatives when the 85th Legislature convenes, which is scheduled for Jan. 3, 2007. While final numbers have not been certified by the Office of the Secretary of State, it appears that Democrats will hold 85 seats to the Republicans' 49.

All totaled, the House will see 35 new members — 29 Democrats and six Republicans. Four races are subject to recount, according to secretary of state numbers.

The new members are:

Sarah Anderson (R-Plymouth)	Carolyn Laine (DFL-Columbia Heights)
Tom Anzelc (DFL-Balsam Township)	Shelley Madore (DFL-Apple Valley)
John Benson (DFL-Minnetonka)	Sandra Masin (DFL-Eagan)*
John Berns (R-Wayzata)	Carol McFarlane (R-White Bear Lake)
Karla Bigham (DFL-Cottage Grove)	Will Morgan (DFL-Burnsville)
David Bly (DFL-Northfield)*	Terry Morrow (DFL-St. Peter)
Robin Brown (DFL-Austin)	Erin Murphy (DFL-St. Paul)
Kathy Brynaert (DFL-Mankato)	Kim Norton (DFL-Rochester)
Julie Bunn (DFL-Lake Elmo)	Dave Olin (DFL-Thief River Falls)
Bob Dettmer (R-Forest Lake)	Ron Shimanski (R-Silver Lake)
Augustine Willie Dominguez (DFL- Mpls)	Linda Slocum (DFL-Richfield)
Al Doty (DFL-Royalton)	Marsha Swails (DFL-Woodbury)
Tim Faust (DFL-Mora)	Tom Tillberry (DFL-Fridley)
Paul Gardner (DFL-Shoreview)*	Ken Tschumper (DFL-La Crescent)*
Steve Gottwalt (R-St. Cloud)	John Ward (DFL-Brainerd)
Jeremy Kalin (DFL-Lindstrom)	Ryan Winkler (DFL-Golden Valley)
Kate Knuth (DFL-New Brighton)	Sandy Wollschlager (DFL-Cannon Falls)
Scott Kranz (DFL-Blaine)	

Election results show that 89.2 percent of House incumbents were re-elected, with 12 Republican incumbents losing their races, while all DFL incumbents held onto their seats. Twenty-three House seats were open at the time of the election.

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For a guide to the members of the House of Representatives, based on unofficial results compiled by the Office of the Secretary of State, go to the House Web site at www.house.mn and click on “2006 Election Directory”.

The State Canvassing Board is scheduled to meet Nov. 21 to certify the votes received by each candidate. A certificate of election will then be issued to the winning candidates.

*Subject to recount based on Secretary of State numbers.