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**Minnesota
House of
Representatives**
Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker

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New members elected to the House of Representatives

Democrats increased their numbers by two seats in the Minnesota House of Representatives; however, Republicans retained enough seats to ensure against a veto-override majority.

Final numbers will not be certified until the State Canvassing Board meets later this month, but it appears that Democrats will hold 87 seats to the Republicans 47 when the 86th legislative session begins Jan. 6, 2009. The split was 85-48-1 entering Election Day. Ninety votes are needed for a gubernatorial override.

All totaled, the House will see 23 new members — 12 Republicans and 11 DFLers. According to the Office of the Secretary of State, two races may be subject to recount. They are District 12B, where incumbent Al Doty (DFL-Royalton) leads Mike Lemieur by 76 votes, and District 16A where incumbent Sondra Erickson (R-Princeton) trails Gail Kulick Jackson by 99 votes.

New members-elect are:

Paul Anderson (R-Starbuck)
Bobby Joe Champion (DFL-Minneapolis)
Greg Davids (R-Preston)
Connie Doepke (R-Wayzata)
Keith Downey (R-Edina)
Andrew Falk (DFL-Murdock)
Jeff Hayden (DFL-Minneapolis)
Kory Kath (DFL-Owatonna)
Tim Kelly (R-Red Wing)
Mary Kiffmeyer (R-Big Lake)
Gail Kulick Jackson (DFL-Milaca)*
Jenifer Loon (R-Eden Prairie)

Tara Mack (R-Apple Valley)
Mark Murdock (R-Ottertail)
Jerry Newton (DFL-Coon Rapids)
Mike Obermueller (DFL-Eagan)
John Persell (DFL-Bemidji)
Roger Reinert (DFL-Duluth)
Paul Rosenthal (DFL-Edina)
Tim Sanders (R-Blaine)
Peggy Scott (R-Andover)
Phil Sterner (DFL-Rosemount)
Paul Torkelson (R-St. James)

For a guide to the members-elect of the House of Representatives, based on unofficial results compiled by the Office of the Secretary of State, go to www.house.mn and click on "2008 Election Directory."

*Subject to recount based on Secretary of State numbers.