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

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House leadership in majority caucus will not change for the 2009-2010 biennium

The 87 elected DFL members of the Minnesota House of Representatives met Thursday and nominated Rep. Margaret Anderson Kelliher (DFL-Mpls) as speaker-designate and chose Rep. Tony Sertich (DFL-Chisholm) as their majority leader.

The 47-member House Republican caucus is expected to meet Nov. 15 to name their minority leader and place into nomination their choice for speaker-designate.

When the Legislature convenes on Jan. 6, the speaker will be elected by the full House.

According to House Rules, the speaker has all the powers and duties of a presiding officer. That includes the appointment of committee chairs and members, ruling on parliamentary motions and signing legislation passed by the body.

The majority leader serves as chair of the House Rules and Legislative Administration Committee, schedules legislation for consideration and leads floor debate.