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Minnesota House of Representatives

Kurt Daudt, Speaker

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House Committee structure, chairs named

Committee membership is expected to be named in mid-December

House Republican leadership has announced the committee structure and chairs for the 90th legislative biennium scheduled to convene Jan. 3, 2017.

The plan is for 27 committees, divisions or subcommittees, one more than the 2015-16 biennium. Committee membership is expected to be named in mid-December.

“Our committee chairs are eager to get to work tackling the critical issues facing Minnesota families,” House Speaker Kurt Daudt (R-Crown) said in a statement. “Lowering health care costs, growing good-paying jobs, and reducing the tax burden on middle-class families will be shared priorities of Republicans in Saint Paul, and we look forward to working with the new Senate Republican Majority to build a Minnesota that works.”

“We’re particularly excited about subcommittees that will focus on key issues including making childcare more affordable, caring for our aging loved ones, and ensuring that key industries like mining, forestry, and tourism remain vibrant,” added House Majority Leader Joyce Peppin (R-Rogers).

2017-2018 Committee Names and Chair

Agriculture Finance:	Rod Hamilton (R-Mountain Lake)
Agriculture Policy:	Rep. Paul Anderson (R-Starbuck)
Capital Investment:	Rep. Dean Urdahl (R-Grove City)
Civil Law and Data Practices Policy:	Rep. Peggy Scott (R-Andover)
Commerce and Regulatory Reform:	Rep. Joe Hoppe (R-Chaska)
Education Finance:	Rep. Jenifer Loon (R-Eden Prairie)
Education Innovation Policy:	Rep. Sondra Erickson (R-Princeton)
Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance:	Rep. Dan Fabian (R-Roseau)
• Subcommittee on Mining Forestry and Tourism:	Rep. Chris Swedzinski (R-Ghent)
Ethics:	Rep. Sondra Erickson (R-Princeton)
Government Operations and Elections Policy:	Rep. Tim O’Driscoll (R-Sartell)
Health and Human Services Finance:	Rep. Matt Dean (R-Dellwood)
Health and Human Services Reform:	Rep. Joe Schomacker (R-Luverne)
• Subcommittee on Aging and Long-Term Care:	Rep. Deb Kiel (R-Crookston)
• Subcommittee on Childcare Access and Affordability:	Rep. Mary Franson (R-Alexandria)
Higher Education and Career Readiness Policy and Finance:	Rep. Bud Nornes (R-Fergus Falls)
Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance:	Rep. Pat Garofalo (R-Farmington)
Legacy Funding Finance:	Rep. Bob Gunther (R-Fairmont)
Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance:	Rep. Tony Cornish (R-Vernon Center)
Rules and Legislative Administration:	Rep. Joyce Peppin (R-Rogers)
State Government Finance:	Rep. Sarah Anderson (R-Plymouth)
• Veterans Affairs Division:	Rep. Bob Dettmer (R-Forest Lake)
Taxes:	Rep. Greg Davids (R-Preston)
• Property Tax and Local Government Finance Division:	Rep. Steve Drazkowski (R-Mazeppa)
Transportation Finance:	Rep. Paul Torkelson (R-Hanska)
Transportation and Regional Governance Policy:	Rep. Linda Runbeck (R-Circle Pines)
Ways and Means:	Rep. Jim Knoblach (R-St. Cloud)