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Introduction

The 2019 Session of the Ninety-First Legislature convened January 8, 2019, and was organized with the same caucus leadership and a new presiding officer.

Senator Paul E. Gazelka (R-Nisswa) continued as Majority Leader and Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Thomas M. Bakk (DFL-Cook) continued as Minority Leader.

Senator Jeremy R. Miller (R-Winona) was elected President of the Senate.

Jeff R. Howe (R-Rockville) won a special election in District 13 on November 6, 2018, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator Michelle Fischbach. Senator Howe subscribed to the oath of office on December 11, 2018.

Senator Tony Lourey (DFL-Kerrick) resigned effective January 3, 2019, after being appointed Commissioner of the Department of Human Services by Governor Tim Walz. Jason Rarick (R-Pine City) won a special election on February 5, 2019, to fill the vacancy in District 11. Senator Rarick subscribed to the oath of office on February 13, 2019.

After the special elections, the political makeup of the 2019 Senate was 35 Republican and 32 DFL senators.

The 2019 session adjourned on the 59th legislative day, Monday, May 20, without the enactment of major appropriation bills needed to finance the operation of state government. Governor Tim Walz called a Special Session for May 24, and in a 21 hour, one day session 13 bills were passed and signed into law providing a balanced budget and funding for the operation of state government.

The Ninety-First Legislature will reconvene on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

Members of the Senate

Abeler, Jim (R)*
Anderson, Bruce D. (R)
Anderson, Paul T. (R)
Bakk, Thomas M. (DFL)**
Benson, Michelle R. (R)
Bigham, Karla (DFL)
Carlson, Jim (DFL)
Chamberlain, Roger C. (R)
Champion, Bobby Joe (DFL)
Clausen, Greg D. (DFL)
Cohen, Richard J. (DFL)
Cwodzinski, Steve A. (DFL)
Dahms, Gary H. (R)
Dibble, D. Scott (DFL)
Draheim, Rich (R)
Dziedzic, Kari (DFL)
Eaton, Chris A. (DFL)
Eichorn, Justin D. (R)
Eken, Kent (DFL)
Franzen, Melisa (DFL)
Frentz, Nick A. (DFL)
Gazelka, Paul E. (R)
Goggin, Michael P. (R)
Hall, Dan D. (R)
Hawj, Foung (DFL)
Hayden, Jeff (DFL)
Hoffman, John A. (DFL)
Housley, Karin (R)
Howe, Jeff R. (R)
Ingebrigtsen, Bill (R)
Isaacson, Jason (DFL)
Jasinski, John R. (R)
Jensen, Scott M. (R)
Johnson, Mark (R)
Kent, Susan (DFL)
Kiffmeyer, Mary (R)
Klein, Matt D. (DFL)
Koran, Mark W. (R)
Laine, Carolyn (DFL)
Lang, Andrew R. (R)
Latz, Ron (DFL)
Limmer, Warren, (R)
Little, Matt (DFL)
Marty, John (DFL)
Mathews, Andrew (R)
Miller, Jeremy R. (R)
Nelson, Carla J. (R)
Newman, Scott J. (R)
Newton, Jerry (DFL)
Osmek, David J. (R)
Pappas, Sandra L. (DFL)
Pratt, Eric R. (R)
Rarick, Jason (R)
Relph, Jerry (R)
Rest, Ann H. (DFL)
Rosen, Julie A. (R)
Rudd, Carrie (R)
Senjem, David H. (R)
Simonson, Erik (DFL)
Sparks, Dan (DFL)
Tomassoni, David J. (DFL)
Torres Ray, Patricia (DFL)
Utke, Paul J. (R)
Weber, Bill (R)
Westrom, Torrey N. (R)
Wiger, Charles W. (DFL)
Wiklund, Melissa H. (DFL)

*R--Republican
**DFL--Democratic-Farmer-Labor

Senate Leaders

Paul E. Gazelka	Majority Leader
Michelle R. Benson	Deputy Majority Leader
Warren Limmer	Assistant Majority Leader
Gary H. Dahms	Assistant Majority Leader
Eric R. Pratt	Assistant Majority Leader
Karin Housley	Assistant Majority Leader
John R. Jasinski	Assistant Majority Leader
Eric R. Pratt	Majority Whip
John R. Jasinski	Majority Whip
Thomas M. Bakk	Minority Leader
Jeff Hayden	Assistant Minority Leader
Susan Kent	Assistant Minority Leader
Carolyn Laine	Assistant Minority Leader
Ann H. Rest	Minority Whip
Kent Eken	Minority Whip
John A. Hoffman	Minority Whip

Officers of the Senate

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