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FIRST DAY

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

In accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Minnesota, the members-elect of the House of Representatives assembled in the Chamber of the House of Representatives in the Capitol in Saint Paul on Tuesday, the fifth day of January 2021.

At the hour of twelve o'clock noon and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2020, Section 3.05, the Honorable Steve Simon, Secretary of State, called the members-elect to order and appointed the Honorable Liz Olson from District 7B as Clerk pro tempore.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Denise Dunbar-Perkins, Presbyterian Church of the Twin Cities.

The members-elect of the House gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The Clerk pro tempore called the roll by legislative district in numerical order, and the following members-elect presented proof of their eligibility to be sworn in and seated as members of the House of Representatives:

1A .....	John Burkel	11A .....	Mike Sundin
1B.....	Debra (Deb) Kiel	11B.....	Nathan Nelson
2A .....		12A .....	Jeffery W. Backer
2B.....	Steve Green	12B.....	Paul H. Anderson
3A .....	Rob Ecklund	13A .....	Lisa Demuth
3B.....	Mary Murphy	13B.....	Tim O'Driscoll
4A .....	Heather Keeler	14A .....	Tama Theis
4B.....	Paul Marquart	14B.....	Dan Wolgamott
5A .....	Matt Bliss	15A .....	Sondra Erickson
5B.....	Spencer Igo	15B.....	Shane Mekeland
6A .....	Julie Sandstede	16A .....	Chris Swedzinski
6B.....	Dave Lislegard	16B.....	Paul Torkelson
7A .....	Jennifer Schultz	17A .....	Tim Miller
7B.....	Liz Olson	17B.....	Dave Baker
8A .....	Jordan Rasmusson	18A .....	Dean Urdahl
8B.....	Mary Franson	18B.....	Glenn Gruenhagen
9A .....	John M. Poston	19A .....	Susan Akland
9B.....	Ron Kresha	19B.....	Luke Frederick
10A .....	Josh Heintzeman	20A .....	Brian Pfarr
10B.....	Dale K. Lueck	20B.....	Todd Lippert

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21A .....	Barb Haley	44B.....	Patty Acomb
21B.....	Steve Drazkowski	45A .....	Cedrick Rommel Frazier
22A .....	Joe Schomacker	45B.....	Mike Freiberg
22B.....	Rod Hamilton	46A .....	Ryan Winkler
23A .....	Bjorn Olson	46B.....	Cheryl Youakim
23B.....	Jeremy Munson	47A .....	Jim Nash
24A .....	John Petersburg	47B.....	Greg Boe
24B.....	Brian Daniels	48A .....	Laurie Pryor
25A .....	Duane Robert Quam	48B.....	Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn
25B.....	Liz Boldon	49A .....	Heather Edelson
26A .....	Tina Liebling	49B.....	Steve Elkins
26B.....	Nels T. Pierson	50A .....	Michael Howard
27A .....	Peggy Bennett	50B.....	Andrew Carlson
27B.....	Patricia Mueller	51A .....	Sandra Masin
28A .....	Gene Pelowski, Jr.	51B.....	Liz Reyer
28B.....	Gregory M. Davids	52A .....	Rick Hansen
29A .....	Joe McDonald	52B.....	Ruth Richardson
29B.....	Marion O'Neill	53A .....	Tou Xiong
30A .....	Paul Novotny	53B.....	Steve Sandell
30B.....	Eric Lucero	54A .....	Keith Franke
31A .....	Kurt Daudt	54B.....	Tony Jurgens
31B.....	Cal K. Bahr	55A .....	Erik Mortensen
32A .....	Brian Johnson	55B.....	Tony Albright
32B.....	Anne Neu Brindley	56A .....	Jessica Hanson
33A .....	Jerry Hertaus	56B.....	Kaela Berg
33B.....	Kelly Morrison	57A .....	Robert Bierman
34A .....	Kristin Robbins	57B.....	John D. Huot
34B.....	Kristin Bahner	58A .....	Jon Koznick
35A .....	John Heinrich	58B.....	Pat Garofalo
35B.....	Peggy Scott	59A .....	Fue Lee
36A .....	Zack Stephenson	59B.....	Esther Agbaje
36B.....	Melissa Hortman	60A .....	Sydney Jordan
37A .....	Erin Koegel	60B.....	Mohamud Noor
37B.....	Nolan West	61A .....	Frank Hornstein
38A .....	Donald Raleigh	61B.....	Jamie Long
38B.....	Ami Wazlawik	62A .....	Hodan Hassan
39A .....	Bob Dettmer	62B.....	Aisha Gomez
39B.....	Shelly Christensen	63A .....	Jim Davnie
40A .....	Michael V. Nelson	63B.....	Emma Greenman
40B.....	Samantha Vang	64A .....	Kaohly Her
41A .....	Connie Bernardy	64B.....	Dave Pinto
41B.....	Sandra Feist	65A .....	Rena Moran
42A .....	Kelly Moller	65B.....	Carlos Mariani
42B.....	Jamie Becker-Finn	66A .....	Alice Hausman
43A .....	Peter M. Fischer	66B.....	Athena Hollins
43B.....	Leon M. Lillie	67A .....	John Thompson
44A .....	Ginny Klevorn	67B.....	Jay Xiong

133 eligible persons answered to the call by legislative district.

## OATH OF OFFICE

The members-elect subscribed to the oath of office as administered to them by the Honorable Associate Justice Paul Thissen.

The members took their seats in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Acomb	Davnie	Hanson, J.	Lee	Nelson, N.	Schomacker
Agbaje	Demuth	Hassan	Liebling	Neu Brindley	Schultz
Akland	Dettmer	Hausman	Lillie	Noor	Scott
Albright	Drazkowski	Heinrich	Lippert	Novotny	Stephenson
Anderson	Ecklund	Heintzeman	Lislegard	O'Driscoll	Sundin
Backer	Edelson	Her	Long	Olson, B.	Swedzinski
Bahner	Elkins	Hertaus	Lucero	Olson, L.	Theis
Bahr	Erickson	Hollins	Lueck	O'Neill	Thompson
Baker	Feist	Hornstein	Mariani	Pelowski	Torkelson
Becker-Finn	Fischer	Hortman	Marquart	Petersburg	Urdahl
Bennett	Franke	Howard	Masin	Pfarr	Vang
Berg	Franson	Huot	McDonald	Pierson	Wazlawik
Bernardy	Frazier	Igo	Mekeland	Pinto	West
Bierman	Frederick	Johnson	Miller	Poston	Winkler
Bliss	Freiberg	Jordan	Moller	Pryor	Wolgamott
Boe	Garofalo	Jurgens	Moran	Quam	Xiong, J.
Boldon	Gomez	Keeler	Morrison	Raleigh	Xiong, T.
Burkel	Green	Kiel	Mortensen	Rasmusson	Youakim
Carlson	Greenman	Klevorn	Mueller	Reyer	
Christensen	Gruenhagen	Koegel	Munson	Richardson	
Daniels	Haley	Kotyza-Witthuhn	Murphy	Robbins	
Daudt	Hamilton	Koznick	Nash	Sandell	
Davids	Hansen, R.	Kresha	Nelson, M.	Sandstede	

A quorum was present.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Secretary of State announced the next order of business to be the election of the Speaker.

The name of Melissa Hortman was placed in nomination by Moran. The nomination was seconded by Lillie.

The name of Kurt Daudt was placed in nomination by Torkelson. The nomination was seconded by Demuth.

There being no further nominations, the Secretary of State declared the nominations closed.

The Clerk pro tempore called the roll on the election of a Speaker.

The following members of the House voted for Hortman:

Acomb	Edelson	Hausman	Lee	Murphy	Stephenson
Agbaje	Elkins	Her	Liebling	Nelson, M.	Sundin
Bahner	Feist	Hollins	Lillie	Noor	Thompson
Becker-Finn	Fischer	Hornstein	Lippert	Olson, L.	Vang
Berg	Frazier	Hortman	Lislegard	Pelowski	Wazlawik
Bernardy	Frederick	Howard	Long	Pinto	Winkler
Bierman	Freiberg	Huot	Mariani	Pryor	Wolgamott
Boldon	Gomez	Jordan	Marquart	Reyer	Xiong, J.
Carlson	Greenman	Keeler	Masin	Richardson	Xiong, T.
Christensen	Hansen, R.	Klevorn	Moller	Sandell	Youakim
Davnie	Hanson, J.	Koegel	Moran	Sandstede	
Ecklund	Hassan	Kotyza-Witthuhn	Morrison	Schultz	

Hortman received 70 votes.

The following members of the House voted for Daudt:

Akland	Daudt	Haley	Kresha	Olson, B.	Schomacker
Albright	Davids	Hamilton	Lueck	O'Neill	Scott
Anderson	Demuth	Heinrich	McDonald	Petersburg	Swedzinski
Backer	Dettmer	Heintzeman	Mekeland	Pfarr	Theis
Baker	Erickson	Hertaus	Mueller	Pierson	Torkelson
Bennett	Franke	Igo	Nash	Poston	Urdahl
Bliss	Franson	Johnson	Nelson, N.	Quam	West
Boe	Garofalo	Jurgens	Neu Brindley	Raleigh	
Burkel	Green	Kiel	Novotny	Rasmusson	
Daniels	Gruenhagen	Koznick	O'Driscoll	Robbins	

Daudt received 57 votes.

Melissa Hortman, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered to Speaker-elect Melissa Hortman by the Honorable Associate Justice Paul Thissen. The Speaker expressed her appreciation for the honor bestowed upon her.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following members of the House to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration:

Winkler, Chair; Agbaje, Vice Chair; Her; Jordan; Lillie; Long; Moran; Pelowski; Pryor; Wolgamott; Daudt; Haley; Nash; Neu Brindley; Olson, B.; and Bahr.

The Speaker announced the next order of business to be the election of the Chief Clerk.

The name of Patrick D. Murphy was placed in nomination by Moran. The nomination was seconded by Daudt.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared the nominations closed.

The Clerk pro tempore called the roll on the election of the Chief Clerk and the following voted for Murphy:

Acomb	Davnie	Hanson, J.	Liebling	Neu Brindley	Schultz
Agbaje	Demuth	Hassan	Lillie	Noor	Scott
Akland	Dettmer	Hausman	Lippert	Novotny	Stephenson
Albright	Drazkowski	Heinrich	Lislegard	O'Driscoll	Sundin
Anderson	Ecklund	Heintzeman	Long	Olson, B.	Swedzinski
Backer	Edelson	Her	Lucero	Olson, L.	Theis
Bahner	Elkins	Hertaus	Lueck	O'Neill	Thompson
Bahr	Erickson	Hollins	Mariani	Pelowski	Torkelson
Baker	Feist	Hornstein	Marquart	Petersburg	Urdahl
Becker-Finn	Fischer	Howard	Masin	Pfarr	Vang
Bennett	Franke	Huot	McDonald	Pierson	Wazlawik
Berg	Franson	Igo	Mekeland	Pinto	West
Bernardy	Frazier	Johnson	Miller	Poston	Winkler
Bierman	Frederick	Jordan	Moller	Pryor	Wolgamott
Bliss	Freiberg	Jurgens	Moran	Quam	Xiong, J.
Boe	Garofalo	Keeler	Morrison	Raleigh	Xiong, T.
Boldon	Gomez	Kiel	Mortensen	Rasmusson	Youakim
Burkel	Green	Klevorn	Mueller	Reyer	Spk. Hortman
Carlson	Greenman	Koegel	Munson	Richardson	
Christensen	Gruenhagen	Kotzya-Witthuhn	Murphy	Robbins	
Daniels	Haley	Koznick	Nash	Sandell	
Daudt	Hamilton	Kresha	Nelson, M.	Sandstede	
Davids	Hansen, R.	Lee	Nelson, N.	Schomacker	

Patrick D. Murphy, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered to the Chief Clerk-elect by the Speaker.

The Speaker announced the next order of business to be the election of other elected officers of the House of Representatives.

Winkler offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that the election of other officers, with the exception of the Chief Sergeant at Arms, be made on one roll call unless there should be more than one nomination for any one office.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Winkler placed the following names in nomination for elected officers of the Minnesota House of Representatives:

The name of Timothy M. Johnson for First Assistant Chief Clerk.

The name of Gail C. Romanowski for Second Assistant Chief Clerk.

The name of Erica Brynildson for Assistant Sergeant at Arms.

The name of Andrew Olson for Assistant Sergeant at Arms.

The name of Carl Hamre for Index Clerk.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared the nominations closed.

The Chief Clerk called the roll on the election of the other officers and the following members voted for the other officers:

Acomb	Davnie	Hanson, J.	Liebling	Neu Brindley	Schultz
Agbaje	Demuth	Hassan	Lillie	Noor	Scott
Akland	Dettmer	Hausman	Lippert	Novotny	Stephenson
Albright	Drazkowski	Heinrich	Lislegard	O'Driscoll	Sundin
Anderson	Ecklund	Heintzeman	Long	Olson, B.	Swedzinski
Backer	Edelson	Her	Lucero	Olson, L.	Theis
Bahner	Elkins	Hertaus	Lueck	O'Neill	Thompson
Bahr	Erickson	Hollins	Mariani	Pelowski	Torkelson
Baker	Feist	Hornstein	Marquart	Petersburg	Urdahl
Becker-Finn	Fischer	Howard	Masin	Pfarr	Vang
Bennett	Franke	Huot	McDonald	Pierson	Wazlawik
Berg	Franson	Igo	Mekeland	Pinto	West
Bernardy	Frazier	Johnson	Miller	Poston	Winkler
Bierman	Frederick	Jordan	Moller	Pryor	Wolgamott
Bliss	Freiberg	Jurgens	Moran	Quam	Xiong, J.
Boe	Garofalo	Keeler	Morrison	Raleigh	Xiong, T.
Boldon	Gomez	Kiel	Mortensen	Rasmusson	Youakim
Burkel	Green	Klevorn	Mueller	Reyer	Spk. Hortman
Carlson	Greenman	Koegel	Munson	Richardson	
Christensen	Gruenhagen	Kotzya-Witthuhn	Murphy	Robbins	
Daniels	Haley	Koznick	Nash	Sandell	
Daudt	Hamilton	Kresha	Nelson, M.	Sandstede	
Davids	Hansen, R.	Lee	Nelson, N.	Schomacker	

The nominees, having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected to their respective offices.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered by the Speaker to those elected to the above offices.



The Speaker announced the next order of business to be the election of the Chief Sergeant at Arms.

The name of Robert Meyerson was placed in nomination by Ecklund. The nomination was seconded by Daudt.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared the nominations closed.

The Chief Clerk called the roll on the election of the Chief Sergeant at Arms and the following voted for Meyerson:

Acomb	Davnie	Hanson, J.	Liebling	Neu Brindley	Schultz
Agbaje	Demuth	Hassan	Lillie	Noor	Scott
Akland	Dettmer	Hausman	Lippert	Novotny	Stephenson
Albright	Drazkowski	Heinrich	Lislegard	O'Driscoll	Sundin
Anderson	Ecklund	Heintzeman	Long	Olson, B.	Swedzinski
Backer	Edelson	Her	Lucero	Olson, L.	Theis
Bahner	Elkins	Hertaus	Lueck	O'Neill	Thompson
Bahr	Erickson	Hollins	Mariani	Pelowski	Torkelson
Baker	Feist	Hornstein	Marquart	Petersburg	Urdahl
Becker-Finn	Fischer	Howard	Masin	Pfarr	Vang
Bennett	Franke	Huot	McDonald	Pierson	Wazlawik
Berg	Franson	Igo	Mekeland	Pinto	West
Bernardy	Frazier	Johnson	Miller	Poston	Winkler
Bierman	Frederick	Jordan	Moller	Pryor	Wolgamott
Bliss	Freiberg	Jurgens	Moran	Quam	Xiong, J.
Boe	Garofalo	Keeler	Morrison	Raleigh	Xiong, T.
Boldon	Gomez	Kiel	Mortensen	Rasmusson	Youakim
Burkel	Green	Klevorn	Mueller	Reyer	Spk. Hortman
Carlson	Greenman	Koegel	Munson	Richardson	
Christensen	Gruenhagen	Kotyza-Witthuhn	Murphy	Robbins	
Daniels	Haley	Koznick	Nash	Sandell	
Daudt	Hamilton	Kresha	Nelson, M.	Sandstede	
Davids	Hansen, R.	Lee	Nelson, N.	Schomacker	

Robert Meyerson, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Chief Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered to the Chief Sergeant at Arms-elect by the Speaker.

Winkler offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that the Chief Clerk be instructed to inform the Senate by message that the House is duly organized pursuant to law.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Winkler offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that the Chief Clerk be instructed to inform the Governor by message that the House of Representatives is now duly organized pursuant to law and ready to receive any message he may desire to give them.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Winkler offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that necessary employees as directed by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration be authorized by the House effective today, Tuesday, January 5, 2021, to better expedite the business of the House.

The question was taken on the Winkler motion and the roll was called. There were 132 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Acomb	Davids	Hamilton	Koznick	Nash	Robbins
Agbaje	Davnie	Hansen, R.	Kresha	Nelson, M.	Sandell
Akland	Demuth	Hanson, J.	Lee	Nelson, N.	Sandstede
Albright	Dettmer	Hassan	Liebling	Neu Brindley	Schomacker
Anderson	Drazkowski	Hausman	Lillie	Noor	Schultz
Backer	Ecklund	Heinrich	Lippert	Novotny	Scott
Bahner	Edelson	Heintzeman	Lislegard	O'Driscoll	Stephenson
Bahr	Elkins	Her	Long	Olson, B.	Sundin
Baker	Erickson	Hertaus	Lucero	Olson, L.	Swedzinski
Becker-Finn	Feist	Hollins	Lueck	O'Neill	Theis
Bennett	Fischer	Hornstein	Mariani	Pelowski	Thompson
Berg	Franke	Howard	Marquart	Petersburg	Torkelson
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Christensen	Greenman	Klevorn	Mueller	Rasmusson	Xiong, T.
Daniels	Gruenhagen	Koegel	Munson	Reyer	Youakim
Daudt	Haley	Kotzya-Witthuhn	Murphy	Richardson	Spk. Hortman

The motion prevailed and the resolution relating to employees was adopted.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker announced the appointment of Representative Olson as Speaker pro tempore, and Representatives Richardson, Moller, Vang, Davids and Carlson as deputy Speakers pro tempore for the 2021-2022 session.

Winkler offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that the selection of permanent desks shall be as directed by the Speaker as follows:

(1) that the DFL majority caucus shall occupy section 3, seats 67 and 68; section 4, seats 70 to 97; section 5, seats 99 to 119; and section 6, seats 120 to 138. All members of the majority caucus shall be seated in the manner prescribed by the DFL majority caucus.

(2) that the Republican minority caucus shall occupy section 1, seats 1 to 19; section 2, seats 22 to 40; and section 3, seats 42 to 62. All members of the minority caucus shall be seated in the manner prescribed by the Republican minority caucus.

(3) that the New House Republican caucus shall occupy section 2, seat 41; and section 3, seats 63 and 66. All members of the New House Republican caucus shall be seated in the manner prescribed by the New House Republican caucus.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages were received from the Senate:

Madam Speaker:

This is to notify you that the Senate is now duly organized pursuant to the Minnesota Constitution and Minnesota Statutes.

CAL R. LUDEMAN, Secretary of the Senate

Madam Speaker:

I have the honor to announce that the Senate of the State of Minnesota is now duly organized pursuant to law with the election of the following officers:

Cal R. Ludeman, Secretary of the Senate

Colleen J. Pacheco, First Assistant Secretary of the Senate

Michael R. Linn, Second Assistant Secretary of the Senate

Melissa G. Mapes, Engrossing Secretary

Sven K. Lindquist, Sergeant at Arms

Marilyn Logan, Assistant Sergeant at Arms

Pastor Mike Smith, Chaplain

CAL R. LUDEMAN, Secretary of the Senate

## POINT OF ORDER

Mortensen raised a point of order pursuant to rule 1.11, relating to First Reading and Reference of Bills. The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken.

Daudt appealed the decision of the Speaker.

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

The vote was taken on the question "Shall the decision of the Speaker stand as the judgment of the House?" and the roll was called. There were 70 yeas and 63 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Acomb	Edelson	Hausman	Liebling	Nelson, M.	Sundin
Agbaje	Elkins	Her	Lillie	Noor	Thompson
Bahner	Feist	Hollins	Lippert	Olson, L.	Vang
Becker-Finn	Fischer	Hornstein	Lislegard	Pelowski	Wazlawik
Berg	Frazier	Howard	Long	Pinto	Winkler
Bernardy	Frederick	Huot	Mariani	Pryor	Wolgamott
Bierman	Freiberg	Jordan	Marquart	Reyer	Xiong, J.
Boldon	Gomez	Keeler	Masin	Richardson	Xiong, T.
Carlson	Greenman	Klevorn	Moller	Sandell	Youakim
Christensen	Hansen, R.	Koegel	Moran	Sandstede	Spk. Hortman
Davnie	Hanson, J.	Kotyza-Witthuhn	Morrison	Schultz	
Ecklund	Hassan	Lee	Murphy	Stephenson	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Akland	Daudt	Haley	Lucero	Novotny	Robbins
Albright	Davids	Hamilton	Lueck	O'Driscoll	Schomacker
Anderson	Demuth	Heinrich	McDonald	Olson, B.	Scott
Backer	Dettmer	Heintzeman	Mekeland	O'Neill	Swedzinski
Bahr	Drazkowski	Hertaus	Miller	Petersburg	Theis
Baker	Erickson	Igo	Mortensen	Pfarr	Torkelson
Bennett	Franke	Johnson	Mueller	Pierson	Urdahl
Bliss	Franson	Jurgens	Munson	Poston	West
Boe	Garofalo	Kiel	Nash	Quam	
Burkel	Green	Koznick	Nelson, N.	Raleigh	
Daniels	Gruenhagen	Kresha	Neu Brindley	Rasmusson	

So it was the judgment of the House that the decision of the Speaker should stand.

## PROTEST AND DISSENT

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 of the Minnesota Constitution, we the undersigned members of the Minnesota House of Representatives register our protest and dissent against eight members of the Minnesota House of Representatives for their endorsement of a seditious, unfounded, and divisive lawsuit brought by the State of Texas in a vain attempt to nullify the fair, lawful, and appropriate election of President-elect Joseph Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris.

On December 10, 2020, the below mentioned members caused to be sent to the Honorable Ken Paxton, Attorney General of the State of Texas, a letter endorsing the lawsuit brought by that State, and in this letter impugned both the State of Minnesota and its duly elected Secretary of State. The letter said:

*"Considering the totality of the circumstances, we believe that Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon knowingly and deliberately conducted an illegal election by virtue of his manipulation of the law. As legislators, we were dismissed and our authority was overruled by an individual that was not interested in following the law."*

This statement was made without evidence, was incorrect either as a statement of fact or of law, and brought dishonor upon the members who made this statement.

The 2020 election in Minnesota was conducted with the highest probity, skill, and accuracy. This is a statement of fact. To deny this statement is itself a moment of dishonor in the career of these elected officials.

These members were:

Representative Steve Drazkowski  
Representative Jeremy Munson  
Representative Tim Miller  
Representative Cal Bahr  
Representative Eric Lucero  
Representative Mary Franson  
Representative Glenn Gruenhagen  
Representative Shane Mekeland

We the undersigned find the behavior of these members reprehensible, and their endorsement of a lawsuit rejected by the entirety of the Supreme Court of the United States of America as a sad and divisive moment that was harmful to the sound workings of the American polity. We urge these members and their supporters to repent of their foolish statements, acquaint themselves with the basic facts of fair elections, and to apologize in the total fullness of the knowledge of their graceless lack of honest, comity, and wisdom.

RICK HANSEN  
JAMIE BECKER-FINN  
FUE LEE  
SYDNEY JORDAN

TINA LIEBLING  
PETER FISCHER  
JENNIFER SCHULTZ  
RUTH RICHARDSON

#### ADJOURNMENT

Winkler moved that when the House adjourns today it adjourn until 12:00 noon, Thursday, January 7, 2021. The motion prevailed.

Winkler moved that the House adjourn. The motion prevailed, and the Speaker declared the House stands adjourned until 12:00 noon, Thursday, January 7, 2021.

PATRICK D. MURPHY, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

